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F, f /ef/ **n 1** Mirang (*English*) cafang a paruknak: 'Fabric' starts with an 'F'/F. **2** (*music*) C major scale sungih a palinak aw, lole, *note*.

F **abbr 1** Fahrenheit dikari, a saa le dai tahnak a tawizawng ngan daan: *Water freezes at 32°F*. Cf **C** **abbr 2**. **2** thiamnak Degree ah 'fellow' timi a tawizawng ngan daan: *FRCM*, ie Fellow of the Royal College of Music. Cf **A** **abbr 3**. **3** (of lead in pencils) khedan (hriam zet *fine* tinak).

FA /ef'eɪ/ **abbr** (*Brit*) Football Association: *the FA Cup*.

fa (also **fah**) /fɑ:/ **n** (*music*) sol-fa hlasak aw a palinak.

fab /fæb/ **adj** (*dated Brit sl*) mangbangza.

Fabian /'feɪbiən/ **n, adj 1** (person) raal khi thin saunak thawn nuam tete in neh a tumtu: *Fabian tactics*. **2** (*Brit*) (person) nuam tete ih thleng awmi socialism daan hman ding tumtahtu: *The Fabian Society*.

table /'feɪbl/ **n 1** (a) [C] a taktak si loin ramsa le rannung pawl minung vekih cantermi ziaza langternak ih nganmi thuanthu tawi: *Aesop's fable*. (b) [U] cuti vek thuanthu a buur ih ngankhawm mi: *a land famous in fable*. **2** [C, U] thu ngaingai a si lomi, a cang taktak lomi: *distinguish fact from fable*.

▷ **fabled** /'feɪblɪd/ **adj** thu ngaingai a si lomi thuanthu hminthang: *legendary*.

fabric /'fæbrɪk/ **n 1** [C, U] puanthan: *woollen, silk, cotton, etc fabrics*. **2** [sing] ~ the ~ (of sth) (a) inn pakhat ih zial, phar le a khuh pawl: *The entire fabric of the church needs renovation*. (b) (fig) sak daan (pungsan): *the fabric of society*.

fabricate /'fæbrɪkət/ **v** [Tn] **1** thu phuah, phuahcop; percop: *fabricate an excuse, an accusation, etc* ○ *The reason he gave for his absence was obviously fabricated*. **2** tuahcop (thu kamnak ca); hmin fir, hminthut fir (thu kamnak ca tuahmi thukam vek thuphan ih tuah).

▷ **fabrication** /'fæbrɪ'keɪʃn/ **n 1** [U] phuahcopmi, percopmi: *That's pure fabrication!* **2** [C] phuahcopmi thuhla: *Her story was nothing but a series of fabrications*.

fabulous /'fæbjʊləs/ **adj 1** zum um lo tiangih tuum, lian: *fabulous wealth*. **2** (*infml*) mangbangza maktak: *a fabulous performance*. **3** [attrib] (*infml*) a taktak si loin thuanthu vek deuh a simi (legendary): *fabulous heroes, monsters, etc*.

▷ **fabulously** **adv** zum um lo tiang in: *fabulously rich*.

façade /fə'sɑ:d/ **n 1** (inn) a hmai lam. **2** a leenglam hmel (bum thei hmuimel): *façade of*

indifference. ○ *Squalor and poverty lay behind the city's glittering façade*.

face¹ /feɪs/ **n 1** hmai: a pretty, handsome, etc face
○ *Go and wash your face*. ○ *He was so ashamed that he hid his face in his hands*. ○ *I saw many familiar/strange faces*, ie people whom I recognized/did not recognize. **2** thinlung ih cangmi mithmai ih lang: a sad face ○ a smiling face ○ *She had a face like thunder*, ie She looked very angry. ○ *You are a good judge of faces*, ie You can judge a person's character by (the expression on) his face. **3** (a) hmuh theimi hmai, a kap: *A cut diamond has many faces*. ○ *They disappeared from/off the face of the earth*, ie totally disappeared. ○ *The team climbed the north face of the mountain*. (b) a hmailam pi bik: *the face of a clock* ○ *He put the cards face down on the table*. (c) = COAL-FACE (COAL). (d) tuhmui, hrei, phaihlai tivek ih a hmai; thil thawinak le hnañuannak ih hmanmi thil a hmai lam. **4** = TRYPEFACE (TYPE²). **5** (idm) **be staring sb in the face** ⇒ STARE. **cut off one's nose to spite one's face** ⇒ NOSE¹. **one's face falls** mithmai sia: *Her face fell when she heard the news*. **face to face** (with sb/sth) hmailto in, naih aw zet in zoh: *His ambition was to meet his favourite pop star face to face*. ○ *The burglar turned the corner and found himself face to face with a policeman*. ○ *The two rival politicians came/were brought face to face in a TV interview*. **fall flat on one's face** ⇒ FLAT³. **fly in the face of sth** ⇒ FLY². **grind the faces of the poor** ⇒ GRIND. **have, etc egg on/all over one's face** ⇒ EGG¹. **have the face (to do sth)** (*infml*) raaltha le ngam zet in: *How can you have the face to ask for more money when you do so little work?* **have one's face lifted** mithmai thatter. **in the face of sth** (a) khalsehla, sina cingin: *succeed in the face of danger* ○ *continue in the face of criticism*. (b) rak khamtu hmai ah, lole pakhat khat a um tikah: *We are powerless in the face of such forces*. **keep a straight face** ⇒ STRAIGHT¹. **laugh in sb's face** ⇒ LAUGH. **laugh on the other side of one's face** ⇒ LAUGH. **a long face** ⇒ LONG¹. **look sb in the eye/face** ⇒ EYE¹. **lose face** ⇒ LOSE. **make/pull faces/a face (at sb)** mithmai hmuh, thinheng, thinnuamlo, lungawi mithmai ah langter: *the schoolboy made a face at his teacher's back*. ○ *The clowns pulled funny faces*. **not just a pretty face** ⇒ PRETTY. **on the face of it** (*infml*) a hmai zoh ahcun; a lenglam men ahcun: *On the face of it, he seems to be telling the truth though I suspect he's hiding something*. **plain as the nose on one's face** ⇒ PLAIN¹. **put a bold, brave, good, etc face on sth**

thusia theih tikah ral̄tha zet ih tuar thiam: *Her exam results were disappointing but she tried to put a brave face on it.* **put one's face on** (infml joc) mawinak sii hmai ah thuh. **save face** ⇒ SAVE¹. **set one's face against sb/sth** pakhat khat dodal tum: *You shouldn't set your face against all forms of progress.* **show one's face** ⇒ SHOW². **shut/slam the door in sb's face** ⇒ DOOR. **shut one's mouth/face** ⇒ SHUT. **a slap in the face** ⇒ SLAP *n*. **till one is blue in the face** ⇒ BLUE¹. **to sb's face** lang fiang in: *I am so angry that I'll tell him to his face what I think of him.* ○ *They called their teacher 'Fatty' but never to his face.* Cf BEHIND SB'S BACK (BACK¹). **wipe sth off the face of the earth** ⇒ WIPE.

▷ **faceless** *adj* hmin theih lo mi; ziangvek a si ti theih hliah lo mi. *faceless civil servants.*

□ **face-card** = COURT-CARD (COURT).

face-cloth (Brit also **face-flannel**, **flannel**; US also **wash-cloth**) *n* hmai hnulnak ih hmanmi puan fate.

face-cream *n* [U] hmai thuh sii.

face-lift *n* 1 (also **face-lifting**) hmai mawideuh le noter deuh dingin hricu le a dang a bomi pawl lak thluh. 2 inn hmailam a thar vekin si hnih ih remsal: *The town centre certainly needs a face-lift.*

face-pack *n* hmaivun faiter ding le vun noter deuhnak ih hnih sii.

face-saver *n* mithmai sia lo dingih runtu. **face-saving** *adj* hminsiat ding khamsak mi.

face-value 1 milu, paisa tivek parih a man ngan mi. 2 (idm) **take sth/sb at (its, his, ect) face value** a mithmai umdan zoh in ziang a si ti ruahmi: *She seems friendly enough but I shouldn't take her at (her) face value.*

face² /feɪs/ *v* 1 [Tn] hmaihoih, hmaiton: *Turn round and face me.* ○ *The window faces the street.* ○ *The picture faces page 10.* ○ *'Which way does your house face?'* 'It faces sout.' 2 [Tn] hmaiton ngam, hmaiton ih salh ngam: *He turned to face his attackers.* ○ (fig) *face dangers* ○ *face one's responsibilities* ○ *face facts*, ie accept the situation that exists. 3 [Tn] ruah um za, tong: *the problems that face the Government.* 4 [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sth (with sth)** pakhat khat thildang pakhat ih khuh: *face a wall (with plaster).* 5 (idm) **about/left/right face** (US) = ABOUT/LEFT/RIGHT TURN (TURN¹). **face a charge** thuthen zung ih mawhpurh ton: *face serious charges, a charge of shoplifting.* **face the music** (infml) mai tuahmi ruangih a suakmi soiselnak le thu harsa a tuar ngam, hmaiton ngam: *You've been caught cheating — now you must face the music.* **let's face it** (infml) theih ciami: *Let's face it, we won't win whatever we do.* 6 (phr v) **face up to sth** sinak hmaiton ngam: *He must face up to the fact that he is no longer young.* ○ *She's finding it difficult to face up to the possibility of an early*

death.

▷ **-faced** (forming compound *adjs*) hmai umdan: *red-faced* ○ *baby-faced*.

facet /fæsit/ *n* 1 lungvar tivek lungto mankhung pawl a hmai tampi nei ih ah-mi. 2 thuhla pakhat ah a si thei dingmi lamzin tampi a neimi: *There are many facets to this question.*

▷ **-faceted** (forming compound *adjs*) a hmai (a kap) cuzat um seh ti mi: *many-faceted/multi-faceted*.

facetious /fə'si:ʃəs/ *adj* (usu derog) zoh mawi lemlo, nomnak men ih tongmi, capoh: *a facetious young man* ○ *She kept interrupting our discussion with facetious remarks.*

▷ **facetiously** *adv*. **facetiousness** *n* [U].

facia (also **fascia**) /feɪʃə/ *n* 1 = DASHBOARD (DASH¹). 2 thingpheeng; dawr saangka tlun ih taar mi hmin ngan um thingpheeng.

facial /feɪʃl/ *adj* hmai thawn a pehpar mi: *a facial expression* ○ *a facial massage.*

▷ **facial** *n* hmai mawiter nak: *I've made an appointment for a facial next week.*

facially /feɪʃəli/ *adv* hmai thawn pehpar in: *She may resemble her father facially, but in other respects she's not at all like him.*

facile /fæsaɪl; US 'fæsl/ *adj* 1 (usu derog) (a) [attrib] ol te-ih ngah theimi/ti theimi: *a facile success, victory, etc.* (b) (of speech or writing) tong le nganmi ca-ah olte in a tuah na'n a thatuk ve lomi: *a facile remark.* 2 [attrib] (of a person) tongka naal zetmi, ol te'n thil a tuahtu: *a facile speaker.*

facilitate /fə'sɪlɪteɪt/ *v* [Tn] (fml) olter; bawm: *It would facilitate matters if you were more co-operative.*

▷ **facilitation** /fə'sɪlɪteɪʃn/ *n* [U].

facility /fə'sɪləti/ *n* 1 [U, sing] olte ih tuah/zir thei dingih bawmtu thil: *have (a) great facility for (learning) languages* ○ *He plays the piano with surprising facility.* 2 **facilities** [pl] thil pakhat tuahsuak theinak dingah kiangkap um tudan le tulmi thilri pawl ruangih olter mi: *sports facilities*, eg running tracks, swimming pools ○ *washing, postal, shopping, banking, etc facilities* ○ *facilities for study*, eg libraries.

facing /feɪsɪŋ/ *n* 1 a hmai lengta bik thuah (phar si thuh tivek ah). 2 hnipuan ih hmuh theinak zawn: *a blue jacket with black facings.*

facsimile /fæk'sɪməli/ *n* [U, C] a bangaw cekci ih ngansal/zuk sal mi (meiktu-pungtu kuumi): *reproduced in facsimile*, ie exactly ○ [attrib] a *facsimile edition*.

fact /fækt/ *n* 1 [C] a si taktak mi thuhla; a cang taktak zomi: *No one can deny the fact that fire burns.* ○ *Poverty and crime are facts.* ○ *He's resigned: I know it for a fact*, ie I know that it is really true. ○ (infml) *He came here yesterday, and that's a fact!* Cf FICTION. 2 [C] a ngaingai; a taktak a si, ti ih ruahmi: *I disagree with the facts*

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on which your argument is based. **3** [U] a ngaingai, a taktak: *The story is founded on fact.* ○ *It's important to distinguish fact from fiction.*

4 (idm) **accessory before/after the fact** ⇒ ACCESSORY. **an accomplished fact** ⇒ ACCOMPLISH.

blink the fact ⇒ BLINK. **as a matter of fact** ⇒ MATTER **1. a fact of life** ti lo cang lomi; si lo theih lo: *We must all die some time: that's just a fact of life. the fact (of the matter) is (that) ...; the fact remains that...* ziang ti-in sim hmansehla, a taktak cu ...: *A holiday would be wonderful but the fact of the matter is (that) we can't afford one.* ○ *I agree that he tried hard but the fact remains that he has not finished the job in time.* **facts and figures** (infml) a tawi le famkimmi thuhla: *Before we make detailed plans, we need some more facts and figures.* **the facts of life** (euph) nauhak hnen ih nupa pawl-awk daan simmi.

the facts speak for themselves a thu a hla in a mahte a fiangter ko; a thuhla sim nawn lo-in, a cangzomi in neta ziang a si leh ding ti a sim cia. **hard facts** ⇒ HARD¹. **in fact** thungai te'n: *For eight years she was in fact spying for the enemy.* **in point of fact** ⇒ POINT¹.

□ **fact-finding** n [U] thuhla hram hawlnak (tumtah mi, or thuharsa ziangtin relsuak sehla a tha pei tiih a thuhla umdan zingzoi hmaisa mi): [attrib] *a fact-finding mission, expedition, etc.*

faction /'fæksɪn/ n [C] (usu derog) Pawlpi pakhat sung pawl fatete ah a thenmi: *rival factions within the party.*

▷ **factious** /'fæksɪəs/ adj **1** a then, then in a um duhtu. **2** then-awk a duh zetmi, hau-awk a duh zetmi: *a factious individual.*

factitious /'fæktɪʃəs/ adj (fml) a tak ngai silomi, phuah copmi: *factitious enthusiasm* ○ *a factitious enthusiasm* ○ *a factitious demand for goods*, ie one created artificially by wedspread advertising, etc.

factor /'fæktə(r)/ n **1** a suahtertu, a cangtertu: *environmental factors* ○ *the factors that influenced my decision* ○ *an unknown factor*, ie sth unknown that is likely to influence a result. **2** (mathematics) kanaan tuat tikah a cekci ih a ei theitu nambat: *2, 3, 4 and 6 are factors of 12.* **3** sum dawnnak ih aiawh a tuantu. **4** (Scot) loram tawlrel saktu.

▷ **factorize, -ise** /'fæktəraɪz/ v [Tn] (mathematics) kanaan zirnakh ih hman mi tong.

factorization, -isation /'fæktəraɪzɪʃn; US -rɪz-/ n [U].

factorial /'fæktɔːrɪəl/ adj, n kanaan zirnakh ih hman mi: *factorial 5 (represented as 5!)*, ie the product of $5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$.

factory /'fæktəri/ n thiltuahnakh cet zung/inn: [attrib] *factory workers.*

□ **factory farm** caw, vok, ar pawl tampi zuatnak ih tuahmi lo kaupi.

factory farming.

factory ship nga kaihnakh lawng pawl ih kaihmi nga pawl reipi ret thei dingih tuahnakh cet phunkim a um cih mi tangphawlawng.

NOTE ON USAGE: **Factory**, **mill**, **plant** and **works** all refer to industrial buildings or places but they indicate different products or processes. **Factory** is the most common word for the buildings where products are manufactured or assembled: *a car, shoe, bottle, etc factory* ○ *factory workers*. **Works** suggests a larger group of buildings and machinery, generally not producing finished goods: *a gasworks, ironworks*. **Plant** is more common in US English and relates especially to industrial processes: *a power, chemical plant*. **Mill** has the most limited meaning, relating to the processing of certain raw materials: *a paper/cotton/woollen/steel mill*.

factotum /'fæktətəm/ n (fml or joc) duhduh fialmi hnatuantu, tirhfunng: *a general factotum.*

factual /'fæktʃʊəl/ adj a ngaingai: *a factual account.*

▷ **factually** /-tʃʊəli/ adv: *factually correct.*

faculty /'fæklti/ n **1** [C] taksa asilole, thinlung ih titheinakh huham: *the faculty of sight.* ○ *the mental faculties*, ie the power of reason ○ *be in possession of all one's faculties*, ie be able to see, hear, speak, understand, etc. **2** [sing] ~ **of/for doing sth** phundang cuangih titheinakh: *have a great faculty for learning languages.* **3** (a) [C] University phunsang tlawng ih zirmitu hnam khat: *The faculty of Law/Science, etc.* (b) [CGp] phunsang tlawng ih zirhtu hmuahhmuah: [attrib] *a faculty meeting.* (c) [CGp] (US) phunsang tlawngih cazirhtu hmuahhmuah.

fad /fæd/ n thilri, tong tivek can tawite sung mi ih duh zet mi: *Will Tom continue to collect stamps or is it only a passing fad?*

▷ **faddish** adj (derog) phundang zetih duhnakh le duhlonakh nei.

faddy adj (infml derog) rawlduh daan phundang zetih a neimi.

faddiness n [U].

fade /feɪd/ v **1** [I, Tn] hlo, thaduai, uai: *the fading light of evening* ○ *Will (the colour in) this material fade?* ○ *Flowers soon fade when cut.* ○ *She is fading fast*, ie rapidly losing strength. ○ *The strong sunlight had faded the curtains.* ○ *faded denims*, ie ones that have lost their original colour. **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (**away**) (hmuah theinakh, theih theinakh) nuamtete in hlo vivo: *As evening came, the coastline faded into darkness.* ○ *The sound of the cheering faded (away) in the distance.* ○ *All memory of her childhood had faded from her mind.* ○ *His hopes faded.* **3** (phr v) **fade away** (of people) theh darh, tlaan hlo,

thi: *The crowd just faded away.* ○ *She's fading away*, ie dying. **fade (sth) in/out** mipi umnak ah au awthawng thang vivo/dai vivo: *As the programme ended, their conversation was faded out.*

□ **fade-in** *n* (cinema or broadcasting) (aw, lemnung radio, TV tivek) ah nuam tete ih rinter vivomi.

fade-out *n* (cinema or broadcasting) a tlun ih thil nuam tete ih daiter vivo mi.

faeces (US **feces**) /'fi:si:z/ *n* [pl] (fml) eek.

▷ **faecal** (US **fecal**) /'fi:kl/ *adj* [usu attrib] (fml) eek; mi-eek thawhmi.

fag /fæg/ *n* 1 [sing, U] (infml) paih lo, huam lo: *I've got to tidy my room. What a fag!* ○ *It's too much (of a) fag.* 2 [C] (Brit infml) cigarette — kuak. 3 [C] (Brit) (Formerly) hlan deuh ah Mirang ram Private tlawng ah, tlawngta thar in tlawngta hlan pawl hnañuan ñansakmi. 4 [C] (esp US) = FAGGOT 3.

▷ **fag** /fæg/ *v* (-gg-) 1 [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (away) (at sth/ at doing sth) (infml) paih/huam lo zet, lole baang zet ih ñuan: *fagging (away) in the office, at her work.* 2 [I, Ipr] ~ (for sb) huam lomi ñuan sak. 3 (phr v) **fag sb/sth out** (infml) bangzet ko ñuanter/titer: *Running soon fags me out.* ○ *He was completely fagged out*, ie exhausted.

□ **fag-end** *n* 1 (Brit infml) kuak tawbul. 2 (fig) a taangmi, hman tlak nawn lo thil: *He only heard the fag-end of their conversation.*

faggot (US **fagot**) /'fægət/ *n* 1 zanthing tom. 2 satlang, sitii ih kio, a silole, rawhmi. 3 (also esp US **fag**) (infml derog) mipa le mipa nu-pa vekih pawl-awk hmanngmi; zahmawh bangaw nei ihpitu mipa.

fah = FA.

Fahrenheit /'færənhart/ *adj* a sa le a dai tahnak: *The temperature today is seventy degrees Fahrenheit.* Cf CENTIGRADE.

faience /'fa:ʔns/ *n* [U] zuk thawn mawizet ih nalhmi kep thilri, leibeel.

fail /feil/ *v* 1 (a) [I, Ipr, Tn, Tt] ~ (in sth) sung, tlak: *If you don't work hard, you may fail.* ○ *I passed in maths but failed in French.* ○ *He failed his driving-tst.* ○ *She failed to reach the semi-finals.* (b) [Tn] sungter: *The examiners failed half the candidate.* Cf SUCCEED 1. 2 [It] hngilh, ziangsiar lo, ti thei lo: *He never fails to write* (ie always writes) *to his mother every week.* ○ *She did not fail to keep her word.* ○ *Your promises have failed to* (ie did not) *materialize.* 3 [I, Tn] a daih lo; a kim lo: *The crops failed because of drought.* ○ *Our water supply has failed (us).* ○ *Words fail me*, ie I cannot find words (to describe my feelings, etc). 4 [I] (a) (of health, eyesight, etc) derthawm: *His eyesight is failing.* ○ *He has suffered from failing health/has been failing in health for the last two years.* (b) cawl; ñuan thei lo: *The brakes failed.* 5 [I] baan (bank) hnañuan

sung: *Several banks failed during the depression.*

▷ **fail** *n* 1 camibuai sun: *I had three passes and one fail.* 2 (idm) **without fail** rori ding pelh loin: *I'll be there at two o'clock without fail.*

□ **fail-safe** *adj* [attrib] (of equipment, machinery, etc) cet, machine tivek pawlah a siat pang asile, ai-awhtu cang lohli thei dingih tuahmi ðelhbwah: *the fail-safe mechanism.*

failing¹ /'feilɪŋ/ *n* (nuncan ah) famkim lonak, santlaih lonak: *We all have our little failings.*

failing² /'feilɪŋ/ *prep* 1 pelh, tlohl: *failing this*, ie if this does not happen ○ *failing an answer*, ie if no answer if reveived. 2 pakhat a cang thei lole: *Failing Smith, try Jones.*

failure /'feiljə(r)/ *n* 1 (a) [U] sunnak (camibuai sunnak): *Failure in one examination should not stop you trying again.* ○ *The enterprise was doomed to failure.* ○ *All my efforts ended in failure*, ie were unsuccessful. (b) [C] sunnak: *Success came after many failures.* (c) [C] tum mi colo (ngahlo): *He was a failure as a teacher.* ○ *Our new radio is an utter failure.* 2 (a) [U] tling lo, tha tlohl, hlawsam: *a case of heart failure* ○ *Failure of crops often results in famine.* (b) [C] tlohl, hlawsam: *engine failures* ○ *another crop failure.* 3 (a) [U] ~ **to do sth** tisuak thei lo, tlohl: *failure to comply with the regulations.* (b) [C] ~ **to do sth** tlohl, ñansuak lo: *repeated failures to appear in court.*

faint¹ /feint/ *adj* (-er, -est) 1 fiangfai lo: *The sounds of music grew fainter in the distance.* ○ *Only faint traces of the tiger's tracks could be seen.* 2 (of ideas, etc) fiang lomi, derthawmmi: *There is a faint hope that she may be cured.* 3 (a) (of physical abilities) tha nei lo: *in a faint voice* ○ *His breathing became faint.* (b) [pred] (of people) luri, luziing: *She looks/feels faint.* (c) [pred] (of people) thacem, derthawm: *The explorers were faint from hunger and cold.* 4 (of actions, etc) cangvaih lamah derthawm, ti thei tuk lo: *a faint show of resistance* ○ *make a faint attempt to do sth.* 5 (idm) **damn sb/sth with faint praise** ⇨ DAMN¹. **not have the faintest/foggiest (idea)** (infml) thei lo rori; thei lo lawlaw: *'Do you know where she is?'* 'Sorry, I haven't the faintest.'

▷ **faintly** *adv.* **faintness** *n* [U].

□ **faint-hearted** *adj* ðihhrut, ralhrut.

faint-heartedly *adv.*

faint heartedness *n* [U].

faint² /feint/ *v* [I, Ipr] thawsa-thinphan, thi tamtuk suak ruangih lungmit: *He fainted (from hunger).*

▷ **faint** *n* 1 [sing] lungmit, cau. 2 (idm) **in a (dead) faint** ziang hman theinawn lo ih lungmit: *She fell to the ground in a dead faint.*

fair¹ /feə(r)/ *adj* 1 (a) ~ (to/on sb) zoh mawi tawk, tawkfang: *Our teacher isn't fair: he always gives the hightes marks to his favourites.* ○ *She deserves a fair trial.* ○ *The punishment was quite fair.* ○ *The ruling was not fair to everyone.* (b)

a dik zawngin, a dan vekin: *a fair share, wage, price* ○ *It was a fair fight*, ie The rules of boxing were observed. ○ *It's not fair to give him the prize/not fair that he should be given the prize.* **2** (a) zaran, buaktlak: *There's a fair chance that we might win this time.* ○ *His knowledge of French is fair, but ought to be better.* (b) [attrib] (infml) tawkfang: *A fair number of people came along.* **3** (a) (of the weather) nikhua tha: *hoping for fair weather.* (b) (of winds) thli napi in a hraang lo: *They set sail with the first fair wind.* **4** (of the skin or the hair) a ngo, a vunsam a tleu (zoh mawi tawk zet): *a fair complexion* ○ *fair hair.* **5** (arch) a mawi zet: *a fair maiden.* ⇒ Usage at BEAUTIFUL. **6** (idm) **by fair means or foul** ziang vek tla le (neh ding kha siat lam in siseh, that lam in siseh ziang vek lam in a si tla le): *She's determined to win, by fair means or foul.* **by one's own fair hand** (joc) mah rori in: *I hope you'll appreciate this: it's all done by my/mine own fair hand.* **a fair cop** (sl) palik in sual tuah laifang hmuh ih kaihi mi. **a fair crack of the whip** (infml) thil pakhat tisauk theinak dingih a lamzin a tha zetmi: *give him a fair crack of the whip.* **a fair/square deal** ⇒ DEAL⁴. **fair do/dos/do's** (Brit) (used esp as an interj) a dikmi hlawn awknak: *Come on, fair dos — you've had a long go on the computer and now it's my turn.* **fair game** kaww/thawi/dawi dingah a sinak thuhla in a pek zetmi: *The younger teachers were fair game for playing tricks on.* (give sb/get) **a fair hearing** thu zingzoi tikah khatlam le khatlam felte ih zingzoi hlih, thutheitu hmuah a thuhla umdan kim te'n suhfelnak. **fair play** dikte-ih tuah: *determined to see fair play*, ie to see that no injustice is done. **a fair question** suh awmzet mi: *'If the proposals are obviously sensible, why do you oppose them?'* *'That's a fair question.'* **fair's fair** (infml) mi pakhat a tawkwawn te-in nungcang dingih ralrin peknak: *'Come on, Sarah. 'Give me a bit more — fair's fair!'* **a fair shake** (US infml) remcaang, a tha ih tawltrelnak. **have, etc (more than) one's fair share of sth** ruah hnakihi (tam deuh) ngah: *We got more than our fair share of rain on holiday.* **in a fair way to do sth** thil pakhat ti zik: *in a fair way to succeed.* **in a fair way of business** a thango zetmi sumtuahnak tumpi nei. **set fair** (of the weather) ni khua tha — a tha peh tum laimi. ▷ **fairness** *n* [U].

□ **fair copy** fel le mawi te in nganmi ca: *Please make a fair copy of this letter.*

fair-haired *adj* sen tleu nawnmi sam (Mirang sam ah, sam mawi a si).

fair-minded *adj* tanmi nei lo ding zetih thu then hman.

the fair sex (dated or joc) nunau.

fair-to-middling (infml) *adj* zaraan hnakin malte thadeuh.

fair-weather friend harsat ton tikihi tlansan hman rualpi; rual phat hman.

fair² /feə(r)/ *adv* **1** zoh mawi in. **2** (idm) **fair and square** (a) tumnak vek cekci. (b) palh le theisualnak um loin: *The blame rests fair and square on my shoulders.* **fair enough** (used esp as an interj) (infml) (duh lemlo ih lungkim) thako, ka lungkim. **play fair** rem le dik zet ih tuah/lek: *Come on, you're not playing fair.*

fair³ /feə(r)/ *n* **1** caw, vok, ar ramsa phunphun le hman, lo suak tihang/hanghnah/hangraha phunphun zuar khawmnak hmunpi (bazaar). **2** hmunkaupi sung ah thilri tuahmi pawl hmuhnak hmun: *a world fair* ○ *a trade fair.* ⇒ Usage at DEMONSTRATION.

□ **fairground** *n* puai tuahnak ih hman theumi hmun lawng kaupi.

fairly /feəli/ *adv* **1** thatein, dikte'n: *You're not treating us fairly.* **2** (before adjs and advs) tawkfang in: *This is a fairly easy book.* ○ *We must leave fairly soon*, ie before very long. **3** a zate'n; a taktak in: *Her suggestion fairly took me by surprise.* ○ *I fairly jumped for joy.* ○ *The time fairly raced by.* **4** (idm) **fairly and squarely** = FAIR AND SQUARE (FAIR²).

NOTE ON USAGE: The adverbs **fairly**, **quite**, **rather** and **pretty** can all mean 'moderately', 'to some extent' or 'not very' and are used to alter the strength of adjectives and adverbs. **Fairly** is the weakest and **pretty** the strongest and most informal, but their effect is very much influenced by intonation. Generally, the more any of these adverbs is stressed, the more negative the sentence sounds. **1** When **rather** or **pretty** is used with a positive quality, it can sound enthusiastic: *a rather/pretty good play*. With a negative or variable quality they express disapproval: *rather/pretty poor work* ○ *I'm rather/pretty warm.* ○ *It's rather/pretty small/big.* **2** **Fairly** is mostly used with positive qualities: *fairly tidy, spacious, friendly, etc* (compare: *rather untidy, cramped, unfriendly, etc*). **3** Only **rather** can be used with comparative expressions and **too**: *The house is rather bigger than we thought.* ○ *These shoes are rather too small.* **4** **Rather** and **quite** can precede the indefinite article when followed by an adjective + noun: *rather/quite a nice day* ○ *a rather/quite/fairly/pretty nice day*. See also note on usage at QUITE.

fairway /feəweɪ/ *n* **1** golf bawhlung thawinak ziintluan leilung. Cf ROUGH³ **1**. **2** tiffinriat kelkawi hmun tangphawlawng feh theinak zin.

fairy /feəri/ *n* **1** khuavang fate pawl, lasi. **2** mipa le mipa, nupa vek pawlawk hmanmi: [attrib] *fairy voices, footsteps.* **2** (sl derog) mipa le mipa pawlawtu.

□ **fairy godmother** ruahlopi ih mi bawmtu.
fairyland /-lənd/ *n* **1** khuavang fate lasi pawl ih umnak hmun. **2** nuam zet/mawi zet: *The toy-shop is a fairland for young children.*
fairy lights electric mei fate, rong phun kim in a mawinak ih vaanmi.
fairy story, fairy-tale **1** khuavang fate pawl ih thuanthu (a bik in nauhak hrang ih nganmi): [attrib] *Her marriage to the prince seemed like a fairy-tale romance.* **2** phuahcop thu: *'Now tell me the truth: I don't want any more of your fairy stories.'*
fait accompli /fɛit ə'kɒmpli/; *US* ə'kɒm'pli/ (*pl* **faits accomplis**) (*French*) tuah lo theih lo ruangih tuahmi: *She married the man her parents disapproved of and presented them with a fait accompli.*
faith /feɪθ/ *n* **1** [U] rinnak, zumnak: *put one's faith in God* ○ *Have you any faith in what he say?* ○ *I haven't much faith in this medicine.* ○ *I've lost faith in that fellow*, ie I can no longer trust him. **2** [U, sing] hmuhthei lomi zumfeknak; eg Pathian zumnak: *a strong faith* ○ *lose one's faith* ○ *Faith is stronger than reason.* **3** [C] biaknak: *the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths.* **4** (idm) **break/keep faith with sb** thukam hnget/hnget lo; rin-um/um lo. **in good faith** thinlung ruahnak tluang tein: *She signed the letter in good faith, not realizing its implications.* ○ *He bought the painting in good faith*, eg not realizing that it had been stolen.
□ **faith-cure** *n* [C]. **faith-healing** *n* [U] damnak dingah sii hnakin zumnak a ring deuhtu, zum ih damnak. **faith-healer** *n* zumnak ih damtertu.
faithful /feɪθfl/ *adj* **1** ~ (to sb/sth) zumtlak a simi: *a faithful friend* ○ *faithful to his beliefs* ○ *She was always faithful to her husband*, ie never had a sexual relationship with anyone else. **2** rin-um: *a faithful worker.* ○ *a faithful correspondent*, ie one who writes regularly. **3** a si cekci mi, a dik zetmi: *a faithful copy, description, account, etc.*
▷ **the faithful** *n* [pl v] biaknak ah a taktak ih a zumtu.
faithfully /-fəli/ *adv* **1** zumtlak tein: *The old nurse had served the family faithfully for thirty years.* ○ *He followed the instructions faithfully.* **2** (idm) **yours faithfully** ⇒ YOURS (YOUR). ⇒ Usage at YOUR. **faithfulness** *n* [U].
faithless /feɪθlis/ *adj* zumtlak lo: *a faithless friend, wife, ally, etc.*
▷ **faithlessly** *adv.*
faithlessness *n* [U].
fake /feɪk/ *n* (a) a lem; a ngaingai a si lomi, a ngaingai a bangmi thil: *That's not a diamond ring, it's just a fake!* Cf COUNTERFEIT, FORGERY (FORGE²). (b) a siter-aw mi: *He looked like a postman but he was really a fake.*
▷ **fake** *adj* a tak lomi; a lem: *fake furs, jewellery,*

etc ○ *a fake policeman.*

fake *v* [Tn] **1** a lem tuah: *He faked his father's signature.* ○ *her whole story had been faked*, ie was completely untrue. **2** titer aw: *fake surprise, grief, illness.* **faker** *n.*

fakir /'feɪkɪə(r); *US* fə'k-/ *n* **1** Hindu biaknak ah, biaknak ruangah rawl dil in a vakmi mithianghlim ti ih ruahmi. **2** Muslim biaknak ah, cuvekih nungmi.

falcon /'fɔːlkən; *US* 'fælkən/ *n* mu, khaute phun.
▷ **falconer** *n* (a) mu zuattu. (b) mu zuat ih sa deh dan a zirhtu.

falconry /-rɪ/ *n* [U] (a) mukhau thawn sadawi thiamnak. (b) mu-khau pawl zuatnak le zirhnak.

fall ¹ /fɔːl/ *v* (pt **fell** /fel/, pp **fallen** /'fɔːlən/) **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] tla (a sannak in a niamnak ah tla): *The rain was falling steadily.* ○ *The leaves fall in autumn.* ○ *He slipped and fell ten feet.* ○ *That parcel contains glass — don't let it fall.* ○ *The book fell off the table onto the floor.* ○ *He fell into the river.* ○ *I need a new bicycle lamp — my old one fell off and broke.* **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (on/upon sb/sth) tlaak, tum; ra thleng sutsi: *A sudden silence fell.* ○ *Darkness falls quickly in the tropics.* ○ *Fear fell upon them.* **3** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (down/over) tlu: *Many trees fall in the storm.* ○ *He fell on his knees* (ie knelt down) *and begged for mercy.* ○ *The toddler tried to walk but kept falling down.* ○ *She fell over and broke her leg.* ○ (fig) *Six wickets fell* (ie Six batsmen in cricket were dismissed) *before lunch.* **4** tlaai: *Her hair fell over her shoulders in a mass of curls.* ○ *His beard fell to his chest.* **5** [I] tum (thil man tum): *Prices fell on the stock market.* ○ *Her spirits fell* (ie She became sad) *at the bad news.* ○ *Her voice fell as they entered the room.* ○ *The temperature fell sharply in the night.* **6** [I, Ipr] ~ (away/off) niam vivo (tlaak): *Beyond the hill, the land falls (away) sharply towards the river.* **7** [I] (a) sung, tla: *The government fell after the revolution.* (b) raldonak ih thi: *Half the regiment fell before the enemy onslaught.* ○ *Six tigers fell to his rifle.* (c) (of a fortress, city, etc) ral kut sung ih thleng: *Troy finally fell (to the Greeks).* **8** [I] (dated) tha lo tuah, sual: *Eve tempted Adam and he fell.* **9** [Ipr] ~ on/over sth hmun luah: *Which syllable does the stress of this word fall on?* ○ *My eye shadow fell over the room.* **10** [La, Ln, Ipr] ~ (into sth) a cang: *fall asleep* ○ *The horse fell lame.* ○ *He fell silent.* ○ *Has she fallen ill again?* ○ *When does the rent fall due?* ie Whan must it be paid? ○ *She fell an easy prey to his charm.* ○ *He fell into a doze*, ie began to doze. ○ *The house fell into decay.* **11** [I, Ipr] cang, rungsuak: *Easter falls early this year.* ○ *Christmas Day falls on a Monday.* **12** [I, Ipr] tong, sim: *I guessed what was happening from a few words she let fall*, ie from what she said. ○ *Not a word fell from his*

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lips. **13** (For idioms containing fall, see entries for *ns, adjs*, etc, eg **fall in love (with sb)** ⇨ LOVE¹; **fall flat** ⇨ FLAT²).

14 (phr v) **fall about** (infml) hni le kheek: *We all fell about (laughing/with laughter) when he did his imitation of the tea-lady.* **fall apart** kuai seksek; phel theh: *My car is falling apart.* ○ *Their marriage finally fell apart.*

fall away (a) taanta, tlansan: *His supporters fell away as his popularity declined.* (b) hlo, hloralta: *In a crisis, old prejudices fall away and every one works together.*

fall back dungsii, kirsal: *The enemy fell back as our troops advanced.* **fall back on sb/sth** tanpi, bawm, hmang: *At least we can fall back on candles if the electricity fails.* ○ *She's completely homeless — at least I have my parents to fall back on.*

fall behind (sb/sth) mi dung ih tang: *The major world powers are afraid of falling behind in the arms race.* ○ *France has fallen behind (Germany) in coal production.* **fall behind with sth** tikcu khiahmi sungah tuah thei lo, pe (lei ba) suak thei lo ih tlolhmi: *Don't fall behind with the rent, or you'll be evicted.* ○ *I've fallen behind with my correspondence.*

fall down tlu, sawn: *The plan fell down because it proved to be too expensive.* **fall down on sth** (infml) felte leh hmante ih tuah ding tlolh: *fall down on one's promises* ○ *He fell down on the job.*

fall for sb (infml) mi pakhat duh, pakhat thawn duh-aw: *They met, fell for each other and got married six weeks later.* **fall for sth** (infml) fimkhur loin lemsiahnak tuar ngah: *The salesman said the car was in good condition, and I was foolish enough to fall for it.*

fall in tpuurp; cimsiat: *The roof of the tunnel fell in (rill).* **fall (sb) in** a tlar ih ding, ralkap pawl ralthuang tuah ding ding: *The sergeant ordered his men to fall in.* **fall in with sb/sth** (a) ruah lo pi in tel, tong: *He fell in with bad company.* (b) lungkimpi colh: *She fell in with my idea at once.* **fall into sth** (a) then: *The lecture series falls naturally into three parts.* (b) ngah, co: *fall into bad habit.* (c) awk ngah, kharhkhun ngah: *We played a trick on them and they fell right into it.*

fall off a tum: *Attendance at my lectures has fallen off considerably.* ○ *It used to be my favourite restaurant's standard of cooking has fallen off recently.*

fall on/upon sb/sth (a) tihnung zet ih do/nam/siim: *Bandits fell on the village and robbed many inhabitants.* ○ (fig) *The children fell on the food and ate it greedily.* (b) tuar, liamsak: *The full cost of the wedding fell on me.*

fall out a cangmi, a tlakmi thu: *We were pleased with the way things fell out.* **fall (sb) out**

ralthuang tuahnak in baang: *The men fell out quickly after their march.* **fall out (with sb)** mi thawn hau, mi va to: *They fell out with each other just before their marriage.*

fall over sb/sth bah, palsual ih bah; lam feh lai ah ke in pakhat khat sitsual ih bah. **fall over oneself** ti hnuamhni: *He was an awkward child, always falling over himself and breaking things.*

fall over oneself to do sth (infml) hiar zet; duh tep tep: *People were falling over themselves to be introduced to the visiting film star.* **fall through** theh thei suak lo, ngah thei suak lo: *Our holiday plans fell through because of transport strikes.*

fall to (doing sth) tuah thok, ti hram thok: *They fell to (eating) with great gusto.* ○ *She fell to brooding about what had happened to her.* **fall to sb (to do sth)** tuanvo um, tuanvo nei: *It fell to me to inform her of her son's death.*

fall under sth (ziangmi) then sungah a um: *What heading to these items fall under?*

▷ **the fallen** n [pl v] (dated or fml) ral ih a thimi, do-awknak ih a thimi.

□ **fall-out** n [U] atom bomb a puak tikah thli lakih a zuangmi hmuh thei lo daatkhu pawl.

falling star = SHOOTING STAR (SHOOT¹).

fall² /fɔ:l/ n **1** [C] tla: *I had a fall from a horse and broke my arm.* ○ *That was a nasty fall.* **2** ~ (of sth) (a) [C] a tlami, a surmi thil: *a heavy fall of snow/rain.* ○ *a fall of rock(s).* (b) [C esp sing] tlaknak a san le niam zat: *a fall of twenty feet.* ○ *a twenty-foot full.* **3** [C] thil man, zat, a nasatnak tivek tum: *a fall in the numbers attending.* **4** [sing] ~ (of sth) (esp political) sung, tlaniam: *the fall of the Roman Empire* ○ *The fall of the Government resulted in civil war.* **5** [C] (US) = AUTUMN: *in the fall of 1970* ○ *several falls ago* ○ [attrib] *fall fashions.* **6** (a) [C] ~ (from sth) thatnak (khaisannak) ihsin tla: *a fall from grace.* (b) **the Fall** (sing) tluksiatnak hrampi; Adam le Eve cu Pathian thu an ngai lo ruangih, miphun sualnak sungih tlaknak. **7** [C] (usu pl, esp in geographical names) titla, tlaser: *The falls upstream are full of salmon* ○ *Niagara Falls.* **8** (idm) **pride comes/goes before a fall** ⇨ PRIDE. **ride fir a fall** ⇨ RIDE.

fallacy /fæləsi/ n **1** [C] zumnak diklo ruahnak sual: *It's a fallacy to suppose that wealth brings happiness.* **2** [U] thu lakdan dik lo, lole, thu el dan diklo: *a statement based on fallacy.*

▷ **fallacious** /fə'leɪʃəs/ adj feh sualmi, hrui sual, a dik lo sirhsanmi: *fallacious reasoning.*

fallaciously adv.

fallen pp of FALL¹.

fall guy /fɔ:l gaɪ/ (esp US) (a) = SCAPEGOAT. (b) olte ih bum theih mi.

fallible /fæləbl/ adj a sual theimi: *We are fallible beings.*

▷ **fallibility** /fælə'bɪləti/ n [U].

Fallopian tube /fə'ləʊpiən 'tju:b; US 'tu:b/

(anatomy) nau-inn le tititnak (ovary) pehtu hri-
ong.

fallow /fæləʊ/ *adj* (of land) thlo lo in zuah hrihmi,
thlawh leh dingmi: *allow land to live fallow*.

▷ **fallow** *n* [U] thlawh hrih lomi loram.

fallow deer /fæləʊ diə(r)/ (*pl* unchanged) Europe
ram ih um a hmul sen le a raang tial sakhi.

false /fə:ls/ *adj* **1** a sualmi, dik lomi: *sing a fake
note* 'A whale is a fish. True or false? **2** (a) a deu,
tuah cop: *false hair, false teeth, etc.* (b) ti-awter
mi, takngai lo: *false modesty* ○ *false tears*. (c)
[usu attrib] si lo pi zum dingin tuah, hruai sual,
a si lo lam ih hruai: *a false sense of security*, ie
feeling safe when one is really in danger ○ *false
economy* ○ *give a false impression of great
wealth* ○ *hounds following a false scent*. (d) bum
duh ruangah dik loin tuahhrim: *false weights,
scales, dice, etc* ○ *a false passport* ○ *a false
bottom*, ie the disguised bottom of a suitcase, etc
concealing a secret compartment. **3** bum ve
hrim, thuphan sim: *false evidence* ○ *present
false claims to an insurance company*. **4** ~ (to
sb) rintlak lo: *a false friend/lover*. **5** [attrib] a si
lo sim/rel. **6** (idm) **a false alarm** ralrinnak pek,
lauter; a si taktak lomi si ding vekih sim: *The
rumours of a petrol shortage turned out to be a
false alarm*. (make) **a false move** khamnak tong
(eg caang hlah, na caang le kan lo thawi ding
tievek): *'One false move and you're a dead man,'
snarled the robber*. (make) **a false start** (a) (in
athletics) lek, tlan zuam awknak vek ah midang
caang hlan ih caangsual. (b) a thok, a pek in
sual: *After several false starts, she become a
successful journalist*. (take) **a false step**
cangsual: *A false step could have cost the climbers
their lives*. in **a false position** theihusual le harsa
dinhmun. on/under **false pretences** siter aw:
obtaining money on false pretences. **strike/sound
a false note** a dik lomi tong/tuah: *He struck a
false note when he arrived for the wedding in old
clothes*. (sail) **under false colours** (a) (of a ship)
tangphawlawng ah mah ih thantar (alaan) a
silomi tar ih khual tlawng. (b) a taktak hnakin
phundang deuh ih umter aw.

▷ **false** *adv* (idm) **play sb false** mi va bum.

falsely *adv*.

falsehood *n* [U].

falsehood /fə:lsəʊd/ *n* (fml) **1** [C] thuphan: *How
can you utter such falsehoods?* **2** [U] thuphan
sim (per): *guilty of falsehood*.

falseetto /fə:l'setəʊ/ *n* (*pl* ~ s) [C, U] aw saang zetmi:
sing falseetto ○ [attrib] in *a falseetto tone*.

falsies /fə:lsɪz/ *n* [pl] (infml) hnawi tumdeuh in
lang dingih tuammi puan neemte; hnawi deu.

falsify /fə:lsɪfaɪ/ *v* (*pt, pp -fied*) [Tn] **1** a dik lomi
in thleng (eg phun hra onnak lethmat vek ah
suahni a dik loin thleng): *falsify records,
accounts, etc*. **2** dik lo pi in suah pi: *falsify an
issue, facts, etc*. **3** a dik lo si ti in kawhhmuh:

falsify a theory.

▷ **falsification** /fə:lsɪfɪ'keɪʃn/ *n* (a) [U] a dik lomi
tuahnak. (b) [C] bum duh ruangah dik loih tuah
hrimmi.

falsity /fə:lsəti/ *n* (a) [U] a dik lomi, thuphan. (b)
[C] thuphan per.

falter /fɔ:ltə(r)/ *v* [I] **1** hup-hurh ruanghih bah zik
cuapco; harhdam lo ruangah maw, tih (ning tih)
ruang ahmaw, ziangti'n ka ti pei ti ruatsuak thei
lo ruangah maw, kal suan thelh rero, lamfeh kel
tein lam a feh thiam lo: *Jane walked boldly up
to the platform without faltering*. **2** (a) (of the
voice) aw thir: *His voice faltered as he tried to
speak*. (b) tong hak; tong aa: *The lecturer
faltered after dropping his notes*.

▷ **falteringly** /fɔ:ltərɪŋli/ *adv*.

fame /feɪm/ *n* [U] hminthannak: *achieve fame and
fortune* ○ *The young musician rose quickly to
fame*.

▷ **famed** *adj* [pred] ~ (for sth): *famed for their
courage*.

familiar /fə'miliə(r)/ *adj* **1** [pred] ~ with sth theih
theumi, theih thangmi: *facts with which every
schoolboy is familiar* ○ *I am not very familiar
with botanical names*. **2** ~ (to sb) mi
hmuahhmuah ih theihmi, tu le tu hmuh le
theihmi: *facts that are familiar to every schoolboy*
○ *the familiar scenes of one's childhood* ○ *the
familiar voices of one's friends*. **3** ~ (with sb)
rualpi tha le theithiam aw ringringmi: *She
greeted them by their first names in a familiar
way* ○ *I'm on familiar terms with my bank
manager*. **4** ~ (with sb) siding hnakih rualpi aw
deuh: *The children are too familiar with their
teacher*.

▷ **familiar** *n* rualpi thazet, lole, thlarau: *a witch's
familiar*.

familiarly *adv* rualpi aw zet in, thei thiam aw
zet in: *William, familiarly known as Billy*.

familiarity /fə'milɪə'reti/ *n* **1** [U] ~ with sth naal
zetnak, theihthiam zetnak: *His familiarity with
the local languages surprised me*. **2** (a) [U] ~ (to/
towards sb) (esp excessively) rualpi tha ih
theihthiam awk zetnak: *You should not address
your teacher with such familiarity*. (b) [C usu pl]
rualpi tha theithiam aw zet ih umnak: *Try to
discourage such familiarities from your
subordinates*. **3** (idm) **familiarity breeds
contempt** (saying) theithiam awktuknak in upat
lonak le tihnak a thlen thei.

familiarize, -ise /fə'milɪəraɪz/ *v* [Tn.pr] ~ sb/
oneself with sth pakhat ih thu hla a terek tiang
theisak thluh: *familiarizing oneself with a
foreign language, the use of a new tool, the rules
of a game*.

▷ **familiarization, -isation** /fə,milɪəraɪ'zeɪʃn; US
-rɪ'z-/ *n* [U].

family /fæməli/ *n* **1** (a) [CGp] innsungsang;
innsang: *Almost every family in the village owns*

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a television. ○ *All my family enjoy skiing.* ○ *He's a friend of the family*, ie known and liked by the parents and their children. (b) [CGp] sungte/sungza (innsungsang pakhat ih sung nai zetmi pawl rel cihmi): *the Royal Family*, ie the children and close relatives of the Sovereign ○ *All our family came to our grandfather's eightieth birthday party.* (c) [attrib] sungza: a family film ○ family entertainment. 2 [CGp, U] pakhat ih innsungsang: *Give my regards to Mr and Mrs Jones and family.* ○ *They have a large family.* 3 (a) [CGp] mi pakhat cithlah hmuhmuah: *Some families have farmed in this area for hundreds of years* ○ *She comes from a famous family.* ○ [attrib] *the family estate* ○ *the family jewels.* (b) [U] suahkehnak: a man of good family. 4 [C] (a) ramsa le thingkung pawlih phunhnam: *Lions belong to the cat family.* Cf PHYLUM, CLASS 7, ORDER 9, GENUS 1, SPECIES 1. (b) tong nai deuh, tong fehdaan phunkhat deuh pawl: *the Germanic family of languages.* 5 (idm) put sb in the family way (infml) nau vonter; naukengter. run in the family pianzia zonawk: *Red hair runs in his family.* start a family ⇨ START².

□ family circle sungkhat rual, hrinkhat rual; family doctor sung pakhat ih hmanmi sibawi, innsang sibawi;

family likeness sungkhat hmel bang awknak: *This must be your brother.* ○ *I can see a family likeness.*

family man nupi faate thawn innsungsang neitu pa bik, nupi nei.

family name phun/hnam hmin, Mirang dan aheun an hmin neihmi lakih neta bik cu an phun hmin (surname) a si; eg **Robert George Johnson** timi ah **Johnson** timi cu an miphun/hnam hmin a si; A pu, a pa ihsin hmancihmi hmin a si; **Robert** ti mile **George** timi hmin pawl cu sungkhat, duhdawtu pawlih a suah tikih sakcopmi hmin an si; Hmaisa bik ih nganmi Robert cu Christian name an ti ih a suah pek ah Pathian hnenih a aptu pastor pa ih pekmi hmin a si theu. ⇨ Usage at NAME.

family planning faate neih zat ding tumtahnak. family tree theih ban tawp pupa bik ihsin, mah tiang san relnak, ci le kuang.

famine /'fæmɪn/ n [C, U] paam, mangtam: a famine in Ethiopia ○ *The long drought was followed by months of famine.*

famished /'fæmɪʃt/ adj [usu pred] (infml) rilrawng zet: *When's lunch? I'm finished!*

famous /'feɪməs/ adj 1 ~ (for sth) hminthang: *Paris is a famous city.* ○ *New York is famous for its skyscrapers.* ○ *She is famous as a writer.* 2 (dated infml) tha bik: *We've won a famous victory.* 3 (idm) **famous last words** (joc catchphrase) hmailam hrang thupi zet ih simmi thu a dik sal lo ruangih rehhsia zet.

▷ **famously** adv (infml) (hmin) thang zet in: *The two children got on famously.*

fan¹ /'fæn/ n 1 (a) thlanzahnak (cahnah ih tuahmi kut ih thlanzapnak). (b) thlan zahnak vek pungsan a neimi (eg Uh-dawng mei pharhmi vek). 2 electric ih hertermi thlanzahnak: *It's so hot — please turn the fan on.*

□ **fan belt** mawtaw pangka hertertu hridai.

fan heater electric ih hermi innsung hlumnak petu cet.

fan² /'fæn/ v (-nn-) 1 [Tn] thlidai ngah ding in zaap, seem: *cool one's face by fanning it with a newspaper* ○ *fan a fire*, ie to make it burn more strongly. 2 [Tn] thlizil in seem: *The breeze fanned our faces.* 3 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (out) (esp playing-cards) pharh: *He fanned (out) the cards in his hand before playing.* 4 (idm) **fan the flames (of sth)** cak sinter, nasater sin: *Her wild behavior merely fanned the flames of his jealousy.* 5 (phr v) **fan out** (esp of soldiers) ralkap tivek pawl hmunkhat ihsin zaidarhter thluh: *The troops fanned out as they advanced.*

fan³ /'fæn/ n a uarzettu (lehnak, lemnung tivek ih a cangvaitu uarzet): *football, jazz, cinema fans.*

□ **fan club** uartu pawl ih pawlkhawm.

fan mail uartu pawl in uarmi hnenih kuatmi ca.

fanatic /'fænætɪk/ n biaknak, ram uk-awknak thuhla vekah a luarkai ih thintho hiarzettu: a religious, political fanatic ○ model train fanatics.

▷ **fanatic** (also **fanatical** /-kl/) adj ~ (about sth) hleifuan ih zuam/hiar: a fanatic jogger ○ *She's fanatical about keeping fit.*

fanatically /-klɪ/ adv.

fanaticism /-tɪzɪzəm/ n [U, C] nasa zet le a luan ih huam/hiartu.

fancier /'fænsiə(r)/ n (esp in compounds) paih-zawng (ti paih zawng) uico zuat, ar zuat, pangpar cin tivek pawl paih zettu; a hleice ih thil pakhat khat parah duhnak a neitu milai, duhtu: a dog-fancier ○ a 'pigeon-fancier'.

fanciful /'fænsɪfl/ adj 1 (of people) a thuhla ngai ruat loin mah ih ruahnak hman thei (esp unreal things): *Children are very fanciful.* 2 (of things) phundang zet ih tuahmi.

▷ **fancifully** adv.

fancy¹ /'fænsɪ/ n 1 [U] a um hrih lomi mit thlaam ih hmuh: *the novelist's fancy.* 2 thinlung ih hmuhmi: *Did I really hear someone come in, or was it only a fancy?* ○ *I have a fancy* (ie a vague idea) *that he will be late.* 3 [sing] ~ (for sth) hiar, duh: *I have a fancy for some wine tonight.* 4 [C usu pl] mawizet ih tuahmi (khekhmuk) sang: *fancies served with coffee.* 5 (idm) **catch/take sb's fancy** thinlung nuamter, thinlung hiip: *She saw a dress in the shop window and it caught her fancy immediately.* a flight of fancy ⇨ FLIGHT¹. take a fancy to sb/sth pakhat khat thuhla um lemlo in duhzet mai: *I've suddenly taken a fancy*

to detective stories.

□ **fancy free** *adj* [usu pred] **1** duh lo, duh bulmi nei lo. **2** (idm) **footloose and fancy free** ⇒ FOOTLOOSE (FOOT¹).

fancy² /fænsɪ/ *adj* **1** [attrib] (esp of small things) a rong a laar zetmi, mit la zet dingih tuahmi: *fancy cakes/goods*. **2** a menmen a sawhsawh a si lomi, a lamdang deuhmi: *That's a very fancy pair of shoes!* **3** duh tawh ih hmang (paisea neimi hnakihi tam hmangmi), hleifuan deuh ih rel/sim hmangmi; *fancy ideas, prices*. **4** (esp US) (of food, etc) zaran hnakihi a tha deuhmi: *fancy vegetables*. **5** [attrib] mawinak ih zuatmi: *fancy dogs, pigeons, etc*.

□ **fancy dress** phundang zet hnipuan (puai feh tikihi hmanmi): [attrib] a *fancy dress ball*.

fancy man, fancy woman (derog or joc infml) duhzetmi, ngaihzawng, duhnungza.

fancy³ /fænsɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **fancied**) **1** [Tf] ruat, zum: *I fancy (that) it's going to rain today.* ○ *He fancies she likes him.* ○ *He fancied he heard footsteps behind him.* **2** [Tn] (infml) hiar: *I fancy a cup of tea.* ○ *What do you fancy for supper?* **3** [Tn] (Brit infml) duhnungza ih hmu: *He rather fancies her.* **4** [I, Tn, Tg, Tsg] (usu imperative, expressing surprise, disbelief, shock, etc) tuah lo theih lo, khawruah harnak, mangbangnak, ruahban lonak tivek pawl a um tikihi hmanmi tɔng: *Fancy that!* ○ *Just fancy!* ○ *Fancy her being so rude!* ○ *Fancy never having seen the sea!* **5** (idm) **fancy oneself (as sth)** (infml) amah le amah sang zetihi a hmu awmi, a uar aw zetmi: *She rather fancies herself as a singer.*

fandango /fændæŋɡəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ **es**) **1** Spain mi, lole, America thlanglam ramih um pawlih laamnak awzai. **2** thulolak: *Politics before an election can be quite a fandango.*

fanfare /fænfeə(r)/ *n* puai onnak tivek ah tawtawrawt ih tummi hla awnmawi tawite: *A fanfare was played as the queen entered.*

fang /fæŋ/ *n* **1** ho (haa lak ih a hriam bik le a sau bikmi): *The dog growled and showed its fangs.* **2** ruul ih ho, cumi in a tur luhnak ding a vih sak. **3** (idm) **draw sb's/sth's teeth/fangs** ⇒ DRAW².

fanlight /fænlaɪt/ *n* tukvirh, lole sangka tlunih bun mi thli luhnak tukvirh fate.

fanny /fæni/ *n* **1** (Brit & sl) nunau zahmawh. **2** (sl esp US) tawbor, tawtit, tawcor.

fantasia /fæn'teɪziə; US -'teɪzə/ *n* (also **fantasy**) umzia diktak nei lemlo thinlung ih ruahmi awnmawi.

fantasize, -ies /fæntəsaɪz/ *v* [Ipr, Tf] ~ (about sth) duhthusaam; saduhthat: *He liked to fantasize that he had won a gold medal.*

fantastic /fæn'tæstɪk/ *adj* **1** (a) phundang zet, lamdang zet: *fantastic dreams*. (b) a cang thei lomi; ti theih lomi: *fantastic schemes, proposals, etc*. **2** (infml) mangbang thlak, tha tuk: *She's a fantastic swimmer.* ○ *You passed your test?*

Fantastic! **3** (infml) tumpi, tam nasa, nasa bik miangmo: *Their wedding cost a fantastic amount of money.*

▷ **fantastically** /-kli/ *adv*: *You did fantastically well in the exam.*

fantasy (also **phantasy**) /fæntəsi/ *n* **1** [U] duhthusaam, a si taktak lomi thinlung lawng ih ruahmi: [attrib] *live in a fantasy world*. **2** a si taktak lomi ruahnak menmen: *sexual fantasies* ○ *Stop looking for the perfect job — it's just a fantasy.* **3** [C] = FANTASIA.

FAO /,ef eɪ 'əʊ/ *abbr* Food and Agriculture Organization (of the United Nations).

far¹ /fɑ:(r)/ *adj* (**farther** /fɑ:(r)/ or **further** /fɜ:(r)/) **farthest** /fɑ:(r)/ or **furthest** /fɜ:(r)/ [attrib] **1** (dated or fml) a hlaat: *a far country* ○ *to journey into far regions*. **2** hlaat deuh: *at the far end of the street* ○ *on the far bank of the river* ○ *She's on the far right*, ie holds extreme right-wing views. **3** (idm) **a far cry from sth/doing sth** (infml) a lamdang zetmi hmuhtonnak: *Life on a farm is a far cry from what I've been used to.*

□ **the Far East** China, Japan le Asia ram nisuaahnak le nisuaahnak thlanglam, rampawl kawhnak.

the Far West (US) USA ram nitlaknak lam Pacific tipi thuanthum kap pawl.

far² /fɑ:(r)/ *adv* (**farther** /fɑ:(r)/ or **further** /fɜ:(r)/, **farthest** /fɑ:(r)/ or **furthest** /fɜ:(r)/) **1** (usu in question and negative sentences) (of space) ziang can a hlat ti: *How far is it to London from here?* (Cf *London's a long way from here.*) ○ *How far we walked?* (Cf *We've walked only a short way.*) ○ *We didn't go far.* **2** (preceding particles and preps) (a) (of space) a hla zet: *far above the clouds* ○ *not far from here* ○ *far beyond the bridge* ○ *Call me if you need me; I won't be far away/off.* (b) (of time) a hlaatpi, reipi: *far back in history* ○ *as far back as 1902* ○ *events that will happen far in the future* ○ *We danced far into the night.* (c) (used within idioms) tiang, dunglam pi: *to live far beyond one's means* ○ *He's fallen far behind in his work.* **3** (preceding comparative *adjs* and *advs*) tampi in, sim cawlk loin: *a far better solution* ○ *He runs far faster than his brother.* **4** (idm) **as far as** tiang lawng: *I've read as far as the third chapter.* ○ *I'll walk with you as far as the post office.* ○ *We'll go by train as far as London, and then take a coach.* **as/so far as** (a) can tiang: *We didn't go so far as the others.* (b) ban tawp, thei tawp: *So far as I know/As far as I can see, that is highly unlikely.* ○ *His parents supported him as far as they could.* (c) (of progress) tiang, ban tawk: *We've got as far as collecting our data but we haven't analysed it yet.* **as/so far as in me lies** (fml) ka ti thei zat in. **as/so far as it, etc goes** tiang ahcun: *Your plan is a good one as far as it goes, but there are several points you've forgotten*

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to consider. **as/so far as sb/sth is concerned** pehpar in: *The rise in interest rates will be disastrous as far as small firms are concerned.* ○ *The car is fine as far as the engine is concerned but the bodywork needs a lot of attention.* ○ *As far as I'm concerned you can do what you like.* **as far as the eye can see** hmuh ban tawp vandum kulh: *The prairies stretch on all sides as far as the eye can see.* **by far** (following comparative or superlative adjs or advs, preceding or following comparative or superlative expressions with *the* or *a*) tampi in: *It is quicker by far to go by train.* ○ *She is the best by far/She is by far the best.* **carry/take sth too, etc far** hleifuan/mawi lopi tiang tuah: *Don't be such a prude — you can carry modesty too far!* ○ *It's time to be serious; you've carried this joke far enough.* **far/farther/further afield** ⇒ **AFIELD**. **far and away** tampi in: *She's far and away the best actress I've seen.* **far and near/wide** khua zakip ah, hmunkip ah: *They searched far and for the missing child.* ○ *People came from far and near to hear the famous violinist.* **far be it from me to do sth (but ...)** (infml) hvek tuah dingah i ruat hlah aw: *Far be it from me to interfere in your affairs but I would like to give you just one piece of advice.* **far from doing sth** tuah lamlam loin: *Far from enjoying dancing, he loathes it.* **far from sth/from doing sth** si lamlam lo: *The problem is far from easy, ie is in fact very difficult.* ○ *Your account is far from the truth.* **far from it** (infml) a har ding, a si ban lo ding: *'Are you happy here?' 'No, far from it; I've never been so miserable in my life.* **few and far between** ⇒ **FEW**. **go as/so far as to do sth/as that, etc** a hleifuan tiang; cu tiangtiang cu: *I won't go so far as to say that he is dishonest, ie I won't actually accuse him of dishonesty, even though I might suspect him of it.* **go far (a)** (of money) thil tampi lei: *A pound doesn't go very far* (ie You can't buy very much for a pound) *nowadays.* **(b)** (of food, supplies, etc) a daih, a tawk: *Four bottles of wine won't go far among twenty people.* **go far/a long way** (of people) ti suak, hlawhtling zet: *Someone as intelligent as you should go far.* **go far/a long way towards sth/doing sth** pakhat khat tuahsuak ding napi'n bawm: *Their promises don't go very far towards solving our present problems.* **go too far** a hleifuan tuk: *He's always been rather rude but this time he's gone too far.* **in so far as** theihnak vek, theih tawp tiang: *This is the truth in so far as I know it.* **not far off/out/wrong** (infml) a dik, a dik thluh leuleu: *Your guess wasn't far out.* **so far** tiang, tutiang: *So far the work has been easy but things may change.* **so far** (infml) cu tiang: *I trust you only so far (and no further).* **so far, so good** (saying) tu tiang cu a tha. □ **far-away** adj [attrib] **1** a hlat mi: *far away*

places. **2** lamdang pi rak ruat, mangman rero mi: *You have a faraway look in your eyes.* **far-fetched** adj (usu derog) **1** (of a comparison) ruahnak kim lomi, a si ngaingai lomi, a keel lo. **2** (infml) (thuanthu, thuhla ah) hleifuan deuh ih sim, zum um lo: *It's an interesting book but rather far-fetched.* **far-flung** adj [usu attrib] **1** a kaupi: *a far flung network of contacts.* **2** hlatpi: *Her fame has reached the most far-flung corners of the globe.* **far gone** (infml) **1** a roh, a besia, dam lo zet: *The injured man was fairly far gone by the time the ambulance arrived.* **2** zuri tuk: *You mustn't drive, you're too far gone!* **far-off** adj [attrib] a hlatpi: *a far-off country.* **far-reaching** adj mi a khuh-neh thei zet mi: *far-reaching proposals.* **far-seeing** adj (approv) hmailam saupi/thukpi hmu thei. **far-sighted** adj **1** (approv) **(a)** = **FAR-SEEING**. **(b)** (of ideas, etc) hmailam ih tuldung hmu cia: *far-sighted changes in the organization.* **2** (esp US) = **LONG-SIGHTED** (**LONG¹**). **farce** /fɑ:s/ **n** **1** **(a)** aatthlaknak, hnihsuak tuah. **(b)** [U] cuvek lemcawn: *I prefer farce to tragedy.* **2** [C] sullam nei lo tuahmi, thu lolak tuahmi: *The prisoner's trial was a farce.* ▷ **farfical** /fɑ:sɪkl/ adj aatthlak, hnihsuakza: **farfically** /-klɪ/ adv. **fare¹** /feə(r)/ **n** **1** (khualtlawn tikah lawng, mawtawka, vanzam tivek) toman: *What is the bus fare to London?* ○ *travel at half/full/reduced fare* ○ *economy fares.* **2** a man pek ih taxi hmangtu/totu. □ **fare-stage** **n** toman zat bangrep bus lamzin teek khat. **fare²** /feə(r)/ **n** [U] rawl (ei laimi thawn pehpar in) man zet, ol zet, mawitawk zet ti ih simnak (used esp with the adjs shown): *fine, simple, wholesome fare.* **fare³** /feə(r)/ **v** [I] (fml) nungcang: *How did you fare* (ie What were your experiences) *while you were abroad?* **farewell** /fə'wel/ intj (arch or fml) **1** dam te-in, mangtha: *Farewell until we meet again!* **2** (idm) **(bid/say) farewell to sb/sth** minung maw/ziang maw cibai buk/thlah, hmu nawn lo: *You can say farewell to seaside holidays as we once knew them.* ▷ **fare-well** **n** then zik zawng, thlahnak ih hmanmi tong, then-awknak: *make one's last farewells* ○ [attrib] *a farewell party, gift, speech.* **farinaceous** /færi'neɪs/ adj a seengmi, a beekmi, a vutmi: *farinaceous foods*, sang, aalu tivek pawl. **farm¹** /fɑ:m/ **n** **1** lo, loram, a sungah umnak inn sak cih ih lo le sumhnam zuat cih theinak hmun: *We've lived on this farm for twenty years.* ○ [attrib] *farm produce* ○ *farm machinery.* **2** lo

sungih sakmi, milai umnak inn le ramsa zuatnak inn pawl: *get some eggs at the farm.* **3** nga le ramsa pawl zuatnak hmun: *a trout-/milk-/pig-farm.*

□ **farm-hand** *n* lo hnaŋuantu.

farmhouse *n* lo sungih lothlo/lo neitu ih inn, thlam.

farmstead /fɑ:msted/ *n* lo sung ih loneitu inn le a kiangkap ih um inn pawl.

farmyard *n* thlam kiangkap hmunlawng.

farm² /fɑ:m/ *v* **1** (a) [I] thlai-rawl cing, lole, ŋilva zuat: *He is farming in Africa.* (b) lo thlo: *She farms 200 acres.* (c) [Tn] ŋilva zuat: *farm beef cattle.* **2** (phr v) **farm sb out (to sb)** fingshaw dingah aap: *The children were farmed out to nannies at an early age.* **farm sth out (to sb)** hnaŋuan ding pawl midang ŋuanve dingin pek/zem: *We're so busy we have to farm out a lot of work.*

▷ **farmer** *n* lothlo.

farming *n* [U] lo thlawh: *take up farming* ○ *pig farming* ○ [attrib] *farming subsidies, equipment.*

farrago /fə'rɑ:gəu/ *n* (pl ~s; US ~es) a phunphun cokrawi: *a farrago of useless bits of knowledge.*

farrier /fæ'rɪə(r)/ *n* rang le laak thir kedan tuahtu.

farrow /fæ'rəu/ *vt* vok faate hring: *When will the sow farrow?*

▷ **farrow** *n* **1** vokpi in veikhat ih a hrinmi a faate pawl. **2** vok faate hring: *Our sow had 15 at one farrow.*

fart /fɑ:t/ *v* (Δ) **1** [I] voih thawh. **2** (phr v) **fart about/around** (sl) aatthlak tuah, aat tuah: *Stop farting around and behave yourself!*

▷ **fart** *n* (Δ) voih. **2** (sl derog) duh lomi, huatmi, nautatmi.

farther /fɑ:ðə(r)/ *adj* (comparative of FAR²) hlat deuh: *on the farther bank of the river* ○ *The cinema was farther down the road than I thought.* ○ *Rome is farther from London than Paris is.*

▷ **farther** *adv* (comparative of FAR²) **1** (hi hnakihi) hlat, hlatdeuh: *We can't go any farther without resting.* ○ *Looking farther forward to the end of the century.* **2** (idm) **far/farther/further afield** ⇒ AFIELD.

NOTE ON USAGE: **Further** is now more common than **farther** in British English. They can both be used in relation to distance: *I can throw much further/farther than you.* ○ *Bristol is further/farther than Oxford.* In US English **farther** is usually used in relation to distance. In British and US English only **further** can be used to indicate addition: *Are there any further questions?* ○ *a College of further Education.*

farthest /fɑ:ðɪst/ *adj* (superlative of FAR¹) **1** a hla bik: *Go to the farthest house in the village and I'll meet you there.* **2** a hla bik, saubik: *The farthest distance I've run is ten miles.*

▷ **farthest** *adv* (superlative of FAR²) **1** a hlat bik: *Who ran (the) farthest?* ○ *It's ten miles away, at the farthest.* **2** sang bik, ŋha bik: *She is the farthest advanced of all my students.*

farthing /fɑ:ðɪŋ/ *n* **1** Mirang (British) tangka phunkhat. **2** (idm) **not care/give a farthing** zianghman siar lo.

fascia = FACIA.

fascinate /fæsɪneɪt/ *v* [Tn] **1** zeel, ai zeel, duh lutuk, na tuk ih duh: *The children were fascinated by the toys in the shop window.* **2** meitleu in caang thiam lo ko ih tuah: *The rabbit sat without, moving fascinated by the glare of our headlights.*

▷ **fascinating** *adj* duhnungza, thinlung khoih thei zet, hiip thei: *a fascinating voice, story, glimpse.*

fascinatingly *adv.*

fascination /fæsɪ'neɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U, C] thinlung khoihnak: *Stamp collecting holds a certain fascination for me.* ○ *The fascinations of the circus are endless.* **2** [U, sing] hiipnak, thinlung khoihnak: *a fascination for Chinese pottery.*

fascism (also **Fascism**) /fæ'sɪzəm/ *n* [U] a voi hnihnak Leitlun Ralpi thawh lai ih Germany, Italy, Japan ram pawl ih ram uk daan (*nai-ngan-zi vua-dah*), mah ram mah phun duhtu pawl, esp (**Fascism**) as originally seen in Italy between 1922 and 1943.

▷ **fascist** (also **Fascist**) /fæ'sɪst/ *n* (*usu derog*) Facism duhtu, bawmtu. — *adj* (*usu derog*) phunhnam hleifuan zetih ŋan hmanmi ram hruaitu pawl khat: *a fascist state* ○ *fascist opinions.*

fashion /fæʃn/ *n* **1** [sing] umtuzia, cawlcang daan: *He walks in a peculiar fashion.* **2** [C, U] hrukmi hnipuan pawl a hmun le a tikcu rel in mi tampi uar daan: *dressed in the latest fashion* ○ *Fashions in art and literature are changing constantly.* ○ [attrib] *a fashion show* ○ *fashion magazines.* **3** (idm) **after a fashion** tawkfang tiang (thiam zet a si lona'n tawkfang tiang a thiam): *I can play the piano after a fashion.* **after/in the fashion of sb** (fml) cawng, tuah veki tuah ve: *She paints in the fashion of Picasso.* (**be**) **all the fashion/rage** sanman bik/neta bik thil mawi tuah daan: *Suddenly, collecting antiques is all the fashion.* **come into/be in fashion** mi tampi uar zetmi, sunsak zetmi: *Long skirts have come into fashion again. Faded jeans are still in fashion too.* **go/be out of fashion** uar nawn lomi, sunsak nawn lomi.

▷ **fashion** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **A from B/B into A** pakhat ihsin a dang pakhat ih tuah: *fashion a doll (from a piece of wood)* ○ *fashion a lump of clay into a bowl.*

fashionable /fæʃnəbl/ *adj* **1** mi ih uar laifangmi: *fashionable clothes, furniture, ideas, ladies* ○ *It is fashionable to have short hair nowadays.* **2** tu

laifang ih uar bikmi: *a fashionable hotel, resort, etc.*

▷ **fashionably** /-əbli/ *adv* duhzawng in, uar zawng in: *fashionably dressed.*

fast¹ /fɑːst; US fæst/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** (a) khulrang zet, khulrang: *a fast car; horse, runner*, ie one that can move at high speed. (b) rangzet ih caang: *a fast journey, trip, etc.* **2** (of a surface) a zuanzangter: *a fast road, pitch.* **3** (of a watch or clock) a rang: *I'm early — my watch must be fast.* ○ *That clock's ten minutes fast.* **4** (of photographic film) khawtleu zamrangzet in a hiip theimi. **5** (dated) (of a person) thazaang le caan tikcu nomnak le santlai lemlo ih hmangtu, daithlang: *lead a fast life.* **6** (idm) **fast and furious** (of games, parties, shows, etc) paih zet le thatho zet. **pull a fast one** ⇒ PULL².

▷ **fast** *adv* **1** khulrang in: *Can't you run any faster than that?* ○ *Night was fast approaching.* **2** (idm) **run, etc as fast as one's legs can carry one** rang thei tawp in.

□ **fast food** rawl dawr pawl ih zuarmi asina'n, rawlpi a si lo, olte ih suan, olte ih zuar theihmi ti-rawl: [attrib] *a fast food counter, restaurant.*

fast time (US *infml*) = SUMMER TIME (SUMMER).

fast² /fɑːst; US fæst/ *adj* **1** (a) [pred] a khoh, a hnget: *The post is fast in the ground.* ○ *make a boat fast*, ie moor it securely. (b) [attrib] (dated) rin-um, fekfuan: *a fast friend/friendship.* **2** (of colours) a pian a rong olte ih hlo lo dingmi. **3** (idm) **hard and fast** ⇒ HARD¹.

▷ **fast** *adv* **1** fek zetin, hnget zetin, nasa zetin: *be fast asleep*, ie sleeping deeply ○ *The boat was stuck fast in the mud.* **2** (idm) **hold fast to sth** zumfek, kaihnget. **play fast and loose (with sb/sth)** thilri/mi parih ruahnak neihmi a thleng dualdotu: *Stop playing fast and loose with that girl's feelings — can't you see you're upsetting her?* **stand fast/firm** dungsip loin, hmuh dan thleng loin. **thick and fast** ⇒ THICK.

fast³ /fɑːst; US fæst/ *v* [I] rawl ul: *Muslims fast during Ramadan.*

▷ **fast** *n* rawl ulh: *a fast of three days.* ○ *break one's fast* ○ [attrib] *fast days.*

fasten /fɑːsn; US 'fæsn/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-p] (a) ~ **sth** (down) fek tein, hnget zetin tem: *fasten (down) the lid of a box* ○ *Please fasten your seat-belts.* ○ *Have you fastened all the doors and windows?* (b) ~ **sth** (up) sih, hren: *Fasten up your coat* ○ *The tent flaps should be tightly fastened.* (c) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (on/to sth); ~ **A and B** (together) kopter, ben: *fasten a lock on/to the door* ○ *fasten a brooch on a blouse* ○ *fasten two sheets of paper (together) with a pin* ○ (fig) *He fastened his eyes on me.* ○ *They're trying to fasten the blame on others.* **2** [I, Ip] kalh, hren: *The door fastens with a latch* ○ *This dress fastens (up) (ie has buttons, a zip, etc) at the back.* **3** (phr v) **fasten on sb/sth** tumtah mi hrangah mi/

thil pakhat hmang, lak: *fasten on an idea* ○ *He was looking for someone to blame and fastened on me.*

▷ **fastener** /'fɑːsnə(r); US 'fæs-/ *n* a komtertu, hrengtu, angki sih, zip tivek: *a zip fastener.*

fastidious /fə'stɪdiəs, fæ-/ *adj* **1** menmen duh lo, hrilmi nei, duh ce: **2** (sometimes derog) duh lomi nei ciamco, rehssia olzet: *She is so fastidious about her food that I never invite her for dinner.*

▷ **fastidiously** *adv.* **fastidiousness** *n* [U].

fastness¹ /'fɑːstnis; US 'fæs-/ *n* a rong (pianzia) a thleng lomi; a fek, a hnget; rin-um: *We guarantee the fastness of these dyes.*

fastness² /'fɑːstnis; US 'fæs-/ *n* ralkhamnak hruang: *a mountain fastness.*

fat¹ /fæt/ *adj* (-tter, -ttest) **1** thau (sathau): *fat meat.* **2** (of the body) a thau: *If you eat too much chocolate you'll get fat.* ⇒ Usage. Cf THIN **2.** **3** thau tuk ruangah a hlum ih hlummi: *a big fat apple.* **4** a khat: *a fat wallet*, ie one stuffed with banknotes. **5** lian, ramtha: *fat lands.* **6** (*infml*) a zat tampi: *a fat price, sum, profit, income, etc* ○ *He gave me a nice fat cheque*, ie one for a lot of money. **7** (idm) **a fat lot (of good, etc)** (*infml ironic*) malte: *A fat lot you care*, ie You don't care at all. ○ *A fat lot of good that did me*, ie It didn't help me at all.

▷ **fatness** *n* [U].

fatted /'fætid/ *adj* (idm) **kill the fatted calf** ⇒ KILL.

fattish *adj* a thau nawnmi.

□ **fat cat** (*infml esp US*) a lianzet ih thil ti thei zetmi.

fat-head *n* (*infml*) mi-aa.

fatstock *n* [U] a thau tikah thah leh dingih zuatmi sañil.

NOTE ON USAGE: **Fat** is the most usual and direct adjective to describe people with excess flesh, but it is not polite: *That suit's too tight — it makes you look really fat.* More insulting are **flabby**, which suggests loose flesh, and **podgy**, used especially of fingers and hands. To be polite we can use **plump**, suggesting slight or attractive fatness, or **stout**, indicating overall heaviness of the body. **Tubby** is often used in a friendly way of people who are also short, and **chubby** indicates pleasant roundness in babies and cheeks. The most neutral term is **overweight**, while doctors use **obese** to describe people who are so overweight that they are unhealthy.

fat² /fæt/ *n* **1** [U] (a) sa thau/hriak a rang, lole, aihre: *This has too much fat on it.* (b) thlaici, thing thei mu sungih um a thau, pe siti, sibung siti. **2** [C, U] ramsa, hramkung le thlaici ihsin ngah theimi hriak: *Vegetable fats are healthier*

than animal fats. ○ *Fried potatoes are cooked in deep fat.* **3** (idm) **chew the fat/rag** ⇒ CHEW. **the fat is in the fire** (infml) tu le tu hnaihnoknak a suak thlang ding. **live off/on the fat of the land** ⇒ LIVE². **run to fat** (of persons) a thau vivo.

fatal /'feɪtl/ adj ~ (to sb/sth) **1** thih tlak, thi thei (mi thihtheinak): a fatal accident ○ fatal injuries. **2** vanduai thlak, tlasiatier thei: *His illness was fatal to our plans*, ie caused them to fail. ○ a fatal mistake. **3** (fml) a hliahiangmi; a thupimi, a raphlakmi: *The fatal day/hour.*

▷ **fatally** adv thih tlak in, thi thei-in (thi ko in): *Many people were fatally wounded during the bomb attacks.*

fatalism /'fætlɪzəm/ n [U] a cangmi poh hi khaukhih ciami a si ti ih zumnak; vansi vantha ti zumnak.

▷ **fatalist** /'fætlɪst/ n a cangmi poh hi khaukhih ciami a si ti ih zuntu; vansi vanthat zuntu.

fatalistic /'fætlɪstɪk/ adj van, bawng, khaukhih cia a si ti zumnak a neimi: a fatalistic person, attitude, outlook.

fatality /'fætləti/ n [C] **1** sar thih: *There have been ten swimming fatalities* (ie ten people have lost their lives while swimming) *this summer.* **2** [U] van, bawng ruangah a cang a si ti ih zumnak: *There was a strange fatality about their both losing their jobs on the same day.* **3** [U] thihtheinak; thithe ti ih zumnak: *The fatality of certain diseases.*

fate /feɪt/ n **1** [U] van, bawng; ziang hmuahhmuah vanbawng thu a si ti ih zumnak: *I wanted to go to India in June, but fate decided otherwise.* **2** [C] (a) mi pakhat ih hmailam a cang dingmi: *The court met to decide our fate(s).* ○ *I am resigned to my fate.* (b) thih, lole, siatralnak: *He met his fate* (ie died) *bravely.* **3** (idm) **a fate worse than death** (joc) nuamlo zet, duhum lozet mi cang (tong): *Having to watch their home movies all evening was a fate worse than death!* **tempt fate/providence** ⇒ TEMPT.

▷ **fate** v [only passive; Tf, Cn-t] canvo, co, khaukhih: *It was fated* (ie fate decided) *that we would fail.* ○ *He was fated to die in poverty.*

fateful /'feɪfl/ adj [usu attrib] **1** a thupimi le a thuhla fiangtertut: *fateful events, moments* ○ a *fateful decision.* **2** duh lo zetmi a cangtertut: *His heart sank as he listened to the judge uttering the fateful words.*

▷ **fatefully** /-fəli/ adv.

father¹ /'fa:ðə(r)/ n **1** pa: *That baby looks just like her father!* ○ *You've been (like) a father to me.* **2** (usu pl) suahkehnak: *the land of our fathers.* **3** a thoktu (tuah thoktu): *city fathers* ○ *the Pilgrim Fathers*, ie English Puritans among the first European settlers in the USA. **4** **Father** Pathian: *Our (Heavenly) Father* ○ *God the Father.* **5** Roman Catholic Church ih Puithiam (Pastor) pawlkhat 'Father' an ti. **6** (idm) **be**

gathered to one's fathers ⇒ GATHER. **the child is father of the man** ⇒ CHILD. **from father to son** innsang sankhat hnu sankhat: *The farm has been handed down from father to son since 1800.* **like father, like son** (saying) fa in a pa a zon. **old enough to be sb's mother/father** ⇒ OLD. **the wish is father to the thought** ⇒ WISH n.

▷ **fatherhood** n [U] pa sinak: *The responsibilities of fatherhood are many.* **fatherly** adj pa vek, pa dinhmun ih diktak ih dingtu: *fatherly advice.*

□ **Father Christmas** Khrimas puai caanah puansen hruk ih khahmul raang pi thawn putar pakhat Khrimas pa cantermi.

father-figure n mi hmuahhmuah hrangah pa vekin a ding theitu.

father-in-law /'fa:ðər ɪn lɔ:/ pu, pu zon.

fatherland n /-lənd/ suahnak ram.

Father Time putar pakhat, nam saupi pakhat le nazi siarnak thlalang bawm kaiter in Tikcu Pa can termi.

father² /'fa:də(r)/ v [Tn] **1** pa a cang: *father a child.* **2** tuah thok, zo hmanih tuahdah hrih lomi tuah thok: *father a plan, an idea, a project etc.* **3** (phr v) **father sb/sth on sp** mi pakhat kha thilthar tuah thoktu a si ti in sim: *It's not my scheme try fathering it on somebody else.*

fathom /'fæðəm/ n tidai a thuklam, Fathom pakhat cu pi 6, lole, 1.8 metre: *The harbour is four fathoms deep.* ○ *The ship sank in twenty fathoms.*

▷ **fathom** v [Tn] **1** ti thuk tah. **2** thazet ih ruat: *I cannot fathom his remarks.* **3** (phr v) **fathom sth out** pakhat a cangmi kha ziangruangah a si ti ih hawl: *Can you fathom it out?*

fathomless adj (rhet) tah ban lo, a thuk tuk: *The fathomless ocean.*

fatigue /'fæti:g/ n **1** [U] baangtuk (pakhat khat tuah ruangih baang tuk): *We were all suffering from fatigue at the end of our journey.* **2** [U] (esp in metals) hman tam tuk ruangah a siadeuh thlangmi thir/ngen: *The aeroplane wing showed signs of metal fatigue.* **3** [C] do awknak thawn a pehpar lomi ralkap hnaŋuan (hmunphiat, puansawp, rawlsuang tivek pawl): *Instead of training the men were put on fatigues/fatigue duty.* **4** **fatigues** [pl] (US) American ralkap pawl ih ral do tiki hruh ding ralthuam le menmen hnaŋuan tik ih hrukding thuam.

▷ **fatigue** vt baangzet, tha baang: *feeling fatigued* ○ *fatiguing work.*

fatted ⇒ FAT¹.

fatten /'fætn/ v (a) [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sb/sth** (up) thauter: *fatten cattle for the market.* (b) [I, Ip] ~ (up) thau sinsin: *They're fattening up nicely.*

fatty /'fæti/ adj (-ier, -iest) (a) thau zet. (b) a thau lawngte: *fatty bacon.*

▷ **fatty** /'fæti/ n (infml derog) mi thau.

fatuous /'fætʃʊəs/ adj mi-aa: a fatuous person, smile, remark.

▷ **fatuity** /'fætʃu:əti/ n **1** [U] aat, aat

thu. **2** [C] aat tɔŋg.

fatuously *adv.*

fatuousness *n* [U].

faucet /fəʊsɪt/ *n* **1** timerhnak hmur, peep lu. **2** (esp US) timerh onnak le phihnak hmur.

fault /fɔːlt/ *n* **1** [C] a samnak, a kim lonak: *I like him despite his faults.* ○ *There is a fault in the electrical system.* Usage at MISTAKE¹. **2** [U] mawhnak, palhnak: *'Whose fault is this?' 'Mine, I'm afraid'.* **3** [C] tennis lehnak ah thawi thawhnak pekdan diklo. **4** [C] leilung kuai, leikak. **5** (idm) **at fault** palh/mawh phurtu: *My memory was at fault.* **find fault** ⇒ FIND¹. **to a fault** hleifuan zet in: *She is generous to a fault.*

▷ **fault** *v* [Tn] a palhnak hmu: *No one could fault his performance.*

faultless *adj.* **faultlessly** *adv.*

faulty *adj* (-ier, -iest) palh/mawh/famkim lo: *a faulty switch* ○ *a faulty argument.*

faultily *adv* mawhnak nei vekin, sambau zet in. □ **faultfinding** *n* [U] (usu derog) midang sualnak hawl, mawh hawl.

faun /fəʊn/ *n* Roman thuanthu ih lo le tupi uktu pathian.

fauna /fəʊnə/ *n* [C, U] (pl ~ s) ram pakhat ah, lole, tikcu caan pakhat sungih ummi ramsa hmuahhmuah: *the fauna of East Africa.* Cf FLORA.

faux pas /fəʊ'pɑː/ (pl **faux pas** /fəʊ'pɑːz/) (French) ningzakza tipalhnak, ralring za tɔŋg.

favour¹ (US **favor**) /feɪvə(r)/ *n* **1** [U] duhnak, tɔŋpinak, rualnak: *win sb's favour* ○ *look on a plan with favour*, ie approve of it. **2** [U] mi pakhat maw, mi pawlkhat maw, midang hnakin thadeuh ih zoh/tuamhlawm: *He obtained his position more by favour than by merit or ability.* **3** [C] mi pakhat parah amah covo hnakh tam deuh co dingin tuahsak/bawm: *May I ask a favour of you* (ie ask you to do sth for me)? ○ *Do me a favour and turn the radio down while I'm on the phone, will you?* **4** [C] kan lo (bawm) a si tinak tacik pakhat khat bun aw: *Everyone at the rally wore red ribbons as favours.* **5 favours** [pl] (used of a woman offering herself freely to a man) nunau in mipa pakhat hnenah a duh bangih hman ding ti ih pumpek aw; mipa nunau pawlawk ih nomnak: *bestow one's favours on sb* ○ *be (too) free with one's favours.* **6** (idm) **be/stand high in sb's favour** ⇒ HIGH³. **be in/out of favour** (with sb); **be in/out of sb's favour** mi pakhat ih mithmai tha ngah/ngah lo. **curry favour** ⇒ CURRY². **find, lose, etc favour with sb/in sb's eyes** pakhat ih lungkim pinak ngah/ngah lo. **in favour of sb/sth** (a) pakhat deuh bawm/tan: *Was he in favour of the death penalty?* (b) midang hnenih paisa suahsak dingin cheques cahnah parah hminkhen/hminthu: *Cheques should be written in favour of Oxfam.* **in sb's favour** pakhat ih thatpi (thathnem)nak

ah: *The exchange rate is in our favour today*, ie will benefit us when we change money. ○ *The decision went in his favour.* **without fear or favour** ⇒ FEAR¹.

favour² (US **favor**) /feɪvə(r)/ *v* [Tn] **1** bawm (dinpi), hrildeuh (duhdeuh): *Of the two possible plans I favour the first.* **2** hril deuhmi langter, thleidanmi nei: *She always favours her youngest child (more than the others).* **3** (of events or circumstances) thil pakhat khat cang theiding (ol deuh ding) ih tuah: *The wind favoured their sailing at dawn.* **4** (dated) a zon, a bang: *You can see that she favours her father.* **5** (phr v) **favour sb with sth** (dated or fml) tuahsak, bawm: *I should be grateful if you would favour me with an early reply.*

favourable (US **favor-**) /feɪvərəbl/ *adj* **1** (a) lung kimmi, duhzawng: *It's encouraging to receive a favourable report on one's work.* (b) ~ (to/toward sb/sth) bom tummi: *Is he favourable to the proposal?* (c) bom ding a tlakmi: *You made a favourable impression on the examiners.* ○ *We formed a very favourable impression of her.* **2** ~ (for sth) thathnempi, remcang: *favourable winds* ○ *conditions favourable for skiing.*

▷ **favourably** (US **favor-**) /-əbli/ *adv* lungkimpi zetin: *speak favourably of a plan* ○ *look favourably on sb.*

favourite (US **favor-**) /feɪvərɪt/ *n* **1** (milai maw thilri maw) duh bikmi: *These books are great favourites of mine.* ○ *He is a favourite with his uncle/a favourite of his uncle's/his uncle's favourite.* **2 the favourite** (tlan zuam awknak ah) nehtu dingih zummi: *The favourite come in third.*

▷ **favourite** (US **favor-**) *adj* [attrib] duh bikmi, sunsak bikmi: *my favourite occupation, hobby, restaurant, aunt* ○ *Who is your favourite writer?*

favouritism (US **-vor-**) /-ɪzəm/ *n* [U] (derog) thleidan hmang, duhhiril hmang: *Our teacher is guilty of blatant favouritism.*

fawn¹ /fəʊn/ *n* **1** [C] sakhi fa. Cf DOE, STAG 1. **2** [U] aihre tleu deuh pianrong: *a raincoat in fawn.*

▷ **fawn** *adj* a tleu deuhmi aihre pianrong: *a fawn raincoat.*

fawn² /fəʊn/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (on sb) **1** uico in a duhdawtnak a meiphau in le a lei ih liaknak in a hmuh. **2** (derog) in duhdawt seh tiuh mi va porh ciamco: *fawning behaviour*, looks.

faze /feɪz/ *v* [Tn] (infml esp US) cokbuai; hnaihnok: *She's so calm; nothing seems to faze her.*

FBI /ef bi: 'aɪ/ *abbr* (US) Federal Bureau of Investigation: *head of the FBI* ○ *an FBI agent*, US ih ramsung thubuai, thusia zingzoitu.

FC *abbr* (Brit) Football Club: *Leeds United FC.*

FCO /ef si: 'əʊ/ *abbr* Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Mirang ram ih ramdang vuanzi zungpi: *an official from the FCO.* Cf FO.

FD /ef 'di:/ (also **Fid Def**) *abbr* (on British coins) Defender of the Faith (Latin *Fidei Defensor*),

Mirang paisa parih an nganmi tong thufim.

fealty /'fi:əlti/ *n* [C, U] (arch) (oath of) bawi upa te le pute par ih rin-um dingfelnak: *take an oath of fealty.*

fear¹ /fiə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) [U] tihphan, tihnak: *unable to speak from fear* ○ *overcome by fear* ○ *feel, show no fear.* (b) [C] pakhat khat ruangih tihphannak: *a fear of heights* ○ *The doctor's report confirmed our worst fears.* ○ *overcome/dispel/allay sb's fears.* **2** (idm) **for fear of sth/of doing sth; for fear (that/lest) ...** siatnak pakhat khat cang pang ding phannak: *We spoke in whispers for fear of waking the baby/for fear (that) we might wake the baby.* **hold no fears/terrors for sb** tih lo dingin pakhat khat kai fel: *Hang-gliding holds no fears for her.* **in fear and trembling** tih le khur in: *They went to the teacher in fear and trembling to tell her that they'd broken a window.* **in fear of sb/sth** tih cingin, tih phah in: *The thief went in constant fear of discovery.* **in fear of one's life** luatnak ding hrangah donhar zetih umtu. **no fear** (infml) si himhrim hlah; lamlam: *'Are you coming climbing?' 'No fear!'* **put the fear of God into sb** (infml) thinphang, thlaphang ih tuah. **there's not much fear of sth/that ...** a cang dingah zum um lemlo: *There's not much fear of an enemy attack (taking place).* **without fear or favour** (fml) dingte ih nungcang, dik te ih thu then.

▷ **fearful** /-fl/ *adj* **1** ~ (of sth/of doing sth); ~ (that/lest...) tihzet, thinphang zet: *fearful of waking the baby/fearful that we might wake the baby.* **2** tihnungzet: *a fearful railway accident.* **3** (infml) tihnungza: *What a fearful mess!*

fearfully /-fəli/ *adv.* **fearfulness** *n* [U].

fearless *adj* ~ (of sth) tihphan nei lo: *a fearless mountaineer* ○ *fearless of the consequences.*

fearlessly *adv.* **fearlessness** *n* [U].

fearsome /'fiəsəm/ *adj* tih-nungza: *The battlefield was a fearsome sight.* ○ (fig) *a fearsome task*, ie one that frightens by being difficult.

fear² /fiə(r)/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn] tih, phang: *fear death, illness* ○ *The plague was greatly feared in the Middle Ages.* (b) [I, Tt] thlaphang: *Never fear* (ie Don't worry), *everything will be all right.* ○ *She feared to speak in his presence.* **2** [Tn, Tf] tih phang, pakhat khat cang pang ding phang: *They feared the worst*, ie thought that the worst had happened or would happen. ○ *'Are we going to be late?' 'I fear so.'* ○ *I fear (that) he is going to die.* **3** [Tn] (arch or fml) tih: *fear God.* **4** (phr v) **fear for sb/sth** pakhat hrang thinphang ih um: *I fear for her safety in this weather.*

feasible /'fi:zəbl/ *adj* tuah theihmi thil: *a feasible idea, suggestion, scheme, etc* ○ *It's feasible to follow your proposals.*

▷ **feasibility** /'fi:zəbiliti/ *n* [U]: [attrib] *We should do a feasibility study before adopting the new*

proposals.

feasibly /-əbli/ *adv.*

feast /fi:st/ *n* **1** (a) rawl-ei puaipi, conlaam, khuangcawi tivek. (b) (fig) thinlung nomtutu: *a feast of colours, sounds, etc.* **2** biaknak lam ih tuahmi puai: *the feast of Christmas.*

▷ **feast** *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr] ~ (on sth) puainak ih va nuam aw: *They celebrated by feasting all day.*

(b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (with sth) puai tuahsak, rawl do: *They feasted their guests with delicacies.*

2 (idm) **feast one's eyes** (on sb/sth) mi/thil pakhatkhat ih mawinak ruangah a nuam aw zetmi: *She feasted her eyes on the beauty of the valley.*

feat /fi:t/ *n* thiamnak, cahnak, lole, ralthatnak thawn thil tumpi tuahsuak theinak: *brilliant feats of engineering* ○ *perform feats of daring.*

⇒ Usage at ACT¹.

feather¹ /feðə(r)/ *n* **1** vate hmul, ar hmul. **2** (idm) **birds of a feather** ⇒ BIRD. (be) **a feather in one's cap** hngalpi tlakih tuansuakmi: *Winning the gold medal was yet another feather in her cap.* **light as air/as a feather** ⇒ LIGHT³ **1. ruffle sb's feathers** ⇒ RUFFLE. **show the white feather** ⇒ SHOW². **smooth sb's ruffled feathers** ⇒ SMOOTH². **you could have knocked me down with a feather** ⇒ KNOCK².

▷ **feathery** /'feðəri/ *adj* **1** vate hmulvek nem ih neem: *feathery snowflakes.* **2** vate hmul in a khuh, vate hmul thawn ceimawi: *a feathery hat.*

□ **feather bed** vate hmul ih tuahmi ihphah.

feather-bed *v* (-dd-) [Tn] duhnak thlun; zawn zulh; pakhat khat ol deuh dingin paisa tivek bawm: *They have been so feather-bedded in the past that they can't cope with hardship now.*

feather-brained *adj* (derog) aat thu; mi aa vek a simi.

featherweight *n* **1** boksing lehnak ih kilogram 53.4 le 57 karlak a ritmi milek. **2** (a) (infml) minung, lole thil a rit lemlomi. (b) (infml derog) thilri, lole minung thatnak malte lawng a neimi, lole a thupi lemlomi.

feather² /feðə(r)/ *v* **1** [Tn] thil pakhat khat vate hmul thawn tuah, vate hmul bun: *feather an arrow.* **2** [I, Tn] vokkuang lawng zaapnak her (colh zik ah amahte nuamte in cawl dingin a zaapnak her): *The crew feathered (their oars) for the last few yards of the race.* **3** (idm) **feather one's (own) nest** (usu derog) mi neihmi ring in neinung deuh le nuamdeuh ih tuah aw. **tar and feather sb** ⇒ TAR¹ v.

feature /'fi:tʃə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) [C] hmui hmel; pianhmag: *His eyes are his most striking feature.* (b) **features** [pl] hmel, hmai zate: *a woman of handsome, striking, delicate, etc features.* **2** [C] phundang zet thuhla, umdaan: *an interesting features of city life* ○ *memorable features of the Scottish landscape* ○ *Many examples and extra grammatical information*

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are among the special features of this dictionary. **3** [C] (a) ~ (on sb/sth) thuthang ca, TV tivekah lamdang zet ih suahmi thu: *This magazine will be running a special feature on education next week.* (b) a pipi bik - puaiah siseh, lemnung ah siseh, a pipi bik ih hmuhmi: *the main feature following the cartoon* ○ [attrib] a feature film.

▷ **feature 1** *v* [Tn] a thupit biknak zawn telh: *a film that features a new French actress.* **2** [Ipr] ~ in sth a thupitnak ah telve: *Does a new job feature in your future plans?*

featureless *adj* thupitnak hmunhma nei lo duh ding zawn um lemlo.

Feb *abbr* /feb in informal use/ February: 18 Feb 1934.

febrile /fi:brail/ *adj* (fml) (a) taksa ih a canter (suah)termi: *a febrile cough.* (b) a taksa mi: *a febrile patient.*

February /februəri; US -ueri/ *n* [U, C] (*abbr* Feb) Mirang thla thla-hnih-nak, Vau thla.

For the uses of February see the examples at April.

feces (US) = FAECES.

▷ **fecal** (US) = FAECAL (FAECES).

feckless /feklis/ *adj* (derog) thiam lo, rinsantlak lo.

▷ **fecklessly** *adv.* **fecklessness** *n* [U].

fecund /fi:kənd; 'fekənd/ *adj* (fml) ram tha, thil suaktha thei: (fig) *a fecund imagination.*

▷ **fecundity** /fi'kəndəti/ *n* [U].

Fed /fed/ *n* (US infml) American thuzingzoitu (FBI ih hnaqtuantu).

fed *pt, pp* of FEED¹.

federal /fedərəl/ *adj* **1** ramthen tampi kom awmi ukawknak (*Pyi-daung-suh* uk-awknak daan) ramdang thawn pehtlainnak ah hmunkhat a si ih, ramthen ramsung ciar uk-awknak ah mah le thu ciar ih uk-awknak theinak daan hmanngmi: *federal unity.* **2** ram pakhat sungah ramthen pakhat le pakhat pehtlaih awknak, *pyidaungsuh* kumpi thawn a pehparawmi: *The Trans-Canada highway is a federal responsibility.* **3** **Federal** (US) US ramsung ral lai ih union party a duh ih a bawmtu.

▷ **federalism** /-izəm/ *n* [U].

federalist /fedərəlist/ *n* ramkom uk-awknak a duhtu.

federally *adv* ramthen ukawknak daan in: *This development is federally funded.*

□ **Federal Bureau of Investi gation** (*abbr* FBI) USA ram ih ukawknak dan upadi le ramsung remnak hnaihok siatsuahtu pawl zingzoi ih USA ramsung humhinnak zungpi.

federate /fedəreit/ *v* [I] ram, lole, pawlkom fate te pawl komkhawm dinsuahnak.

▷ **federation** /fedəreɪʃn/ *n* **1** [C] ram fate te pawl komaw ih rampi pakhat dinsuahnak; rampi pakhat ih komaw tlaang ih ramdang pehtlainnak le ralkap thuhla lo hmuah ah, mah le ram then

ciar, mah ram sung thu mahte duh daan ih uk-awknak a neimi ram. **2** [C] ram komaw vekin pawlkom a simi Trade union, cooperative society tivek pawl, bank tampi pakhat ih kom-awknak tlangnak. **3** kom-aw tlang dingih timtuahnak.

fed up /fed 'ʌp/ *adj* [pred] khop, ning, hne, rem nawn lo: *I'm fed up with waiting for her to telephone.*

fee /fi:/ *n* **1** [C] (a) (usu pl) thil ti man (cazirh man, sitni in thuhla buai, thuthen zung ah relsakpi man, sibawi in minaa zohsak man tivek pawl ih a man pekmi): *pay the lawyer's fees* ○ *a bill for school fees.* ⇒ Usage at INCOME. (b) camibuai lut man, club timi pawlkomnak pakhat khat ih luhman tivek pawl: *If you want to join, there's an entrance fee of £20 and an annual membership fee of £10.* **2** [U] (law) (a) raco ding vo neihnak. (b) ro ngah dingmi thilri.

feeble /fi:bl/ *adj* (-r, -st) (a) der, tawntai; derthawm: *a feeble old man* ○ *a feeble cry.* (b) (derog) tha nei lo, nasa lo: *a feeble argument, attempt, gesture, excuse.*

▷ **feeble-ness** *n* [U]. **feeblly** /fi:bl/ *adv.*

□ **feeble-minded** *adj* fimvarnak nei ding zat a nei lomi, thluak a tlasam deuhmi.

feed¹ /fi:d/ *v* (pt, pp **fed** /fed/) **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb/sth (on sth) ei ding rawl pek (minung le ramsa ah): *She has a large family to feed.* ○ *Have the pigs been fed yet?* ○ *Have you fed the chickens?* ○ *The baby needs feeding.* ○ *The baby can't feed itself yet,* ie can't put food into its own mouth. ○ *What do you feed your dog on?* (b) [Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ sth to sb/sth ei ding pakhat khat (minung, lole, ramsa) pek: *feed oats to horses.* **2** (a) [I, Ipr] ~ (on sth) ei: *Have you fed yet?* ○ *The cows were feeding on hay in the barn.* (b) [Tn] rawl ei ding peek: *There's enough there to feed us all.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ A (with B)/ ~ B into A pakhat in, midang pakhat hrangah a tulmi pek (supply): *The lake is fed by several small streams.* ○ *feed the fire (with wood)* ○ *The moving belt feeds the machine with raw material/feeds raw material into the machine.* **4** [Tn] bawlung sit tikah a lektu pakhat in a dang lektu pakhat pek. **5** (idm) **bite the hand that feeds one** ⇒ BITE¹. **6** (phr v) **feed on sth** tha a pek: *Hatred feeds on envy.* **feed sb up** damcak dingin tirawl tha pekbet: *You look very pale: I think you need feeding up a bit.*

□ **feeding-bottle** *n* naute cawhnawi tulhnak thawl.

feed² /fi:d/ *n* **1** [C] ramsa, lole naute rawl: *When is the baby's next feed?* **2** [U] (a) ramsa eiding rawl: *There isn't enough feed left for the hens.* (b) cet ih hman tulmi thilri. **3** [C] thil pakhat ihsin pakhat ah (cet) thil kuatnak tidawng (pipe) tivek ih kuatmi thil: *The petrol feed is blocked.*

□ **feedbay** *n* (US) = NOSEBAG (NOSE¹).

feedback /'fi:dbæk/ *n* [U] **1** thilri tuahtu hnenah, a thilri hmangtu pawlih simsalmi thuhla: *We need more feedback from the consumer in order to improve our goods.* **2** tuahmi thilri hrekhat a tuahtu hnenah thadeuh ih tuahsak dingin khirhmi: *The feedback from the computer enables us to update the program.*

feeder /'fi:də(r)/ *n* **1** (preceded by an *adj*) rawl petu: *a gross, dainty, greedy, etc feeder.* **2** naute hnawi peknak thawl. **3** lamzinpi ih lam tek fate pawl: [attrib] *a new feeder road for the motorway.* **4** cet pakhat ih hmanmi thilri.

feel¹ /fi:l/ *v* (pt, pp **felt** /felt/) **1** [Tn, Tw] kut thawn dap ih thei: *feel a rock, a piece of cloth, etc* ○ *Can you feel the bump on my head?* ○ *Can you tell what this is by feeling it?* ○ *Feel how rough this is.* **2** [Tn, Tng, Tni] (not usu in the continuous tenses) thei (thinlung in): *We all felt the earthquake tremors.* ○ *Can you feel the tension in this room?* ○ *After the accident, she couldn't feel anything in her left leg, ie it was numb.* ○ *I can feel a nail sticking into my shoe.* ○ *I felt something crawl(ing) up my arm.* **3** [La] sinak taksa in thei: *feel cold, hungry, comfortable, sad, happy, etc* ○ *How are you feeling today?* ○ *You'll feel better after a good night's sleep.* ○ *She felt betrayed.* ○ *I feel rotten about not taking the children out.* **4** [Ipr] ~ (to sb) (like sth/sb) pakhat khat ziang a bang ti theithiam: *The water feels warm.* ○ *How does it feel to be alone all day?* ○ *Nothing feels right in our new house.* ○ *This wallet feels to me like leather.* ○ *It feels like rain, ie seems likely to rain.* ⇒ Usage. **5** [Tn] phur; thei cuang: *He feels the cold a lot.* ○ *Of all the children, she felt her mother's death the most.* ○ *We all felt the force of her arguments.* ○ *Don't you feel the beauty of the countryside?* **6** thei thei: *The dead cannot feel.* **7** zum, ruat: *We all felt (that) our luck was about to turn.* ○ *She felt in her bones that she would succeed.* ○ *I felt it advisable to do nothing.* ○ *He felt the plan to be unwise/felt that the plan was unwise.* **8** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (about) (for sb/sth) kut, ke, fung ti pawl thawn dap, hawl: *He felt in his pocket for some money.* ○ *I had to feel about in the dark for the light switch.* ○ *She felt along the wall for the door.* **9** [Ipr] (idm) **feel (to sb) as if/as though ...** vekin thei, nasa pi sihmang tihi ruat: *I feel as if I'm going to be sick.* ○ *My cold feels as though it's getting better.* ○ *It feels to me as though we ought to go.* **10 be/feel called to sth** ⇒ CALL². **feel free** (infml) (said when giving permission) siannak langternak ih tongmi: *'May I use your phone?'* *'Feel free'.* **feel one's age** tar vivo, cak lo vivo ih thei aw: *My children's skill with computers really makes me feel my age!* **feel one's ears burning** midang hmuahhmuah in pakhat ih thu lawng te an rel hmanng tihi ruat. **feel good** lungawi hnangam: *It makes me feel good to know you like*

me. feel (it) in one's bones (that ...) thinlung in thei: *I know I'm going to fail this exam — I can feel it in my bones* **feel like sth/doing sth** pakhat khat tuah dingah thinlung ah a um: *I feel like (having) a drink.* ○ *We'll go for a walk if you feel like it.* **feel one's oats** (infml) thatho zet le hiar zet ih tuan cih. **feel oneself** thengvar le harhdam ih: *I don't quite feel myself today.* **feel the pinch** (infml) paisa nei lo ih vansang: *The high rate of unemployment is making many families feel the pinch.* **feel/take sb's pulse** ⇒ PULSE¹. **feel one's way** (a) nuam tete in ralring zet ih feh; eg khawthim lak ih feh bangtukin. (b) (fig) ralring zet ih tuah: *At this early stage of the negotiations both sides were still feeling their way.* **look/feel small** ⇒ SMALL. **make one's presence felt** ⇒ PRESENCE. **11** (phr v) **feel for sb** pakhat parah zaangfahnak nei: *I really felt for her when her husband died.* **feel up to (doing) sth** mah le mah tuah thei dingih ruat: *If you feel up to it, we could walk into town after lunch.*

NOTE ON USAGE: There are several verbs relating to the five senses of sight, smell, hearing, taste and touch. They are often used with the verb **can**. Normally only the simple tenses are used. **1 See, smell, hear, taste and feel** indicate the experiencing of something through one of the senses: *He saw a light in the window.* ○ *I heard an explosion last night.* ○ *I can smell gas.* **2** These verbs can also indicate somebody's physical ability to perceive with the senses: *He can't see, hear, etc very well.* **3 Look, smell, taste, sound and feel** are used to describe how somebody or something is experienced through one of the senses, usually in one of these patterns: (a) *She looks happy, ie She's smiling.* (b) *The wine tastes like water, ie It's very weak.* (c) *The singer sounds as though she's got a sore throat, ie The sound of her voice suggests that she has a sore throat.* **4 Look, smell, listen, taste, feel** can indicate that somebody is making a deliberate effort to perceive something: (a) *'I can't see the spot.'* *'Well look harder.'* (b) *'I can't hear any music.'* *'Listen carefully.'* (c) *'I can't taste anything.'* *'Try tasting this.'* **5 Feel and look** can express the physical or emotional state of a person. Here, the continuous tenses can be used: *I feel sick, nervous, disappointed, etc.* ○ *He was feeling tired so he didn't come to the party.* ○ *You're looking happy. Have you had good news?*

feel² /fi:l/ *n* **1** dap hnik, tham: *Let me have a feel.*

2 the feel tham (dap) hniki theihnak (a hram maw, a nal maw, a ciar maw, tham hnik theinak): *rough, smooth, etc to the feel, ie when touched or felt.* **3 the feel** (a) tham ngah (dai ngah) tiki ziang vek a si ti theihnak: *You can tell it's silk*

by the feel. ○ She loved the feel of the sun on her skin. (b) thil um tudaan theihnak, tuarnak: the feel of the place, the meeting, the occasion. 4 (idm) **get the feel of sth/of doing sth** (infml) ti thiamnak, theihthiamnak: He has a good feel for languages.

feeler /fi:lə(r)/ n 1 daptu, a hmur ih thamnak, zingzoinak; (sihte, fikfa tivek pawlih hmur tlunah kut vek thil tham/dapnak saupi). 2 (idm) **put out feelers** (infml) mi ih ruahnak/hmuhnak ziangvek a si ti ih zingzoi: I'll try to put out some feelers to gauge people's reactions to our proposal.

□ **feeler gauge** karlak (pakhat le pakhat karlak ongmi) tahnak thiir peer.

feeling /fi:liŋ/ n 1 [U] theihtheinak, ning: I've lost all feeling in my legs. 2 (a) [C] ~ (of sth) thinlung in maw, taksa in maw theihnak pakhat khat: a feeling of hunger, well-being, gratitude, joy etc. (b) [sing] ~ (of sth/that...) a san felte nei lomi ruahnak: a feeling of danger ○ I can't understand why, but suddenly I had this feeling that something terrible was going to happen. (c) [C] ruahnak: The feeling of the meeting (ie The opinion of the majority) was against the proposal. ○ My own feeling is that we should buy it. 3 [U] (a) theihthiamnak, lomnak: He plays the piano with great feeling. ○ She hasn't much feeling for the beauty of nature. (b) ~ (for sb/sth) thinlung tuarpinak: You have no feeling for the sufferings of others. 4 [C, U] thin dohter: The candidate's speech aroused strong feeling(s) on all sides. ○ She spoke with feeling about the high rate of unemployment. ○ Feeling over the dismissal ran high, ie There was much resentment, anger, etc about it. 5 **feelings** ruah/ tuarmi ning: The speaker appealed more to the feelings of her audience than to their reason. ○ You've hurt my feelings, ie You've offended me. 6 (idm) **bad/ill feeling** lungawi pi lo: His rapid promotion caused much bad feeling among his colleagues. **have mixed feelings about sb/sth** ⇒ MIXED. **no hard feelings** ⇒ HARD¹. **one's better feelings/nature** ⇒ BETTER¹. **relieve one's feelings** ⇒ RELIEVE. **a/that sinking feeling** ⇒ SINK¹. **spare sb's feelings** ⇒ SPARE².

▷ **feeling** adj 1 zaangfah thiam, ruat thiam: She is very feeling/is a very feeling person. 2 [attrib] thinlung tak in: a feeling remark. **feelingly** adv lungruh takin: He spoke feelingly about his dismissal.

feet pl of FOOT¹.

feign /fein/ v titer awk/tuahter awk: feign illness, madness, ignorance, etc ○ feigned innocence.

feint¹ /feint/ n (raldo, boxing thong awknak vekah) khat lam in nor seh ti duh ih caangter-awk.

▷ **feint** /feint/ v caangter-awk.

feint² /feint/ adj [usu attrib] langceu/hmuh theih fangfang riinmi: a narrow feint pad, ie one with

narrowly-spaced faint lines.

feisty /'fi:sti/ adj (-ier, -iest) (US infml) 1 (approv) thatho lungtho zet. 2 (derog) thintokza: a feisty old man.

feldspar /'feldspɑ:(r)/ (also **felspar** /'felspɑ:(r)/) n [U] beelrang dat (aluminium) le a dang dat tel lungto sen, lole a rang.

felicite /fə'lisitəs/ v [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (on sth) (fml) lungawi pi, lawm.

▷ **felicitation** /fə'lisitəʃn/ n [U, C usu pl] lomnak.

felicitous /fə'lisitəs/ adj (fml) (esp of words) lom a man: felicitous remarks ○ Her choice of music is felicitous.

▷ **felicitously** adv lomtlak in.

felicity /fə'lisiti/ n (fml) 1 [U] lungawinak tumpi.

2 [C, U] lungawinak thu tongmi, asilole, nganmi: the many felicities of her language ○ He expressed himself with great felicity.

feline /fi:lɪn/ adj, n ramsa zawhte phun: Walk with a feline grace.

fell¹ pt of FALL¹.

fell² /fel/ adj 1 (arch) tih nung, a hraang. 2 (idm) at one fell swoop veikhat nazet ih tuahmi.

fell³ /fel/ n England ram ih tlang par lungto tamnak thlawh lomi ram: the Lakeland Fells.

fell⁴ /fel/ v [Tn] 1 thing hau. 2 tlu ko ih thong: He felled his enemy with a single blow.

fellatio /fə'leɪʃi:ə/ n (fml) mipa thilri fawp, lole liak ih fokternak.

fellow /feləʊ/ n 1 (esp pl, often in compounds) rualpi, hawikom: play fellows ○ bedfellows ○ fellows in good fortune, misery ○ Her fellows share her interest in computers. 2 [attrib] thiamnak hmunkhat, hnaʔuan bang, umnak sunnak bang: a fellow member ○ one's fellow-countrymen. 3 (esp Brit) cathiam sang pawlih pawlkom sungtel: Fellow of the Royal Academy. 4 phunsang tlawng (Colleges & universities) uktu sungtel pawl. 5 (esp US) America ram ih phunsang tlawng theh hnu ih ca zirpehtu (tangka bomnak thawn) zirhtu saya a ʔuan ceemtu. 6 (fml or rhet) khuahkhat, a pakhat ta: Here's one of my shoes, but where's its fellow? 7 (infml) mipa upa, lole, nauhak: He's nice fellow. ○ Poor fellow! ○ (joc) Where can a fellow (ie Where can I) get a bite to eat round here? 8 (idm) **be hail-fellow-well met (with sb)** ⇒ HAIL.

□ **fellow-feeling** n [U] pakhat ih ruahnak, zawnruah saknak theihthiamsak.

fellow-traveller n 1 sungtel a si lo nan party pakhat ih tummi duhsaktu (a hleice in Communist Party). 2 khuatlawnpi.

fellowship /feləʊʃɪp/ n 1 [U] pakhat le pakhat thazet ih pawlawknak: enjoy fellowship with people ○ fellowship in misfortune. 2 (a) [C] ruahnak le tumtahmi bangrep a neimi pawlkom. (b) [U] cuvek pawlkom sungah sungtel sinak: admitted to fellowship. 3 [C] (esp Brit) College sungtel ih hnaʔuan dinhmun. 4 [C] Degree

ngahcia zo cazir bet pawl fimthiam thar zingzoitu le ca zirh bawmtu an pekmi laksawng tangka: *We give three research fellowships a year.*

felony /'feləni/ *n* [C, U] (*law*) rapthlak sualnak (upadi ah-mithat, inn ur tivek pawl): *a series of felonies.*

▷ **felon** /'felən/ *n* raapthlak sualnak tuahtu.

felonious /fə'ləniəs/ *adj* sual tuahnak thawn a peh-awmi.

felspar = FELDSPAR.

felt¹ *pt, pp* of FEEL¹.

felt² /felt/ *n* [U] sahmul, ramsa hmul pawl tha zet ih rialih tahmi, sahmul puan sahpi: [attrib] *felt hats, slippers etc.*

□ **felt-pen** *n* (also **felt-tip**, **felt-tipped pen**) *a* hmur (a zim) sahmul puan ih tuahmi cafung.

felucca /fə'lʌkə/ *n* Mediterranean tipi kap naih ih hmanmi lawng fate.

fem *abbr* female; feminine. Cf MASC.

female /'fi:meɪl/ *adj* **1** (a) minung le ramsa ah a nu, faa hring theitu: *a female dog, cat, pig, etc.* (b) thingkung le pangpar ah a rah theitu, cii a suahtu: *a female fig-tree.* **2** nu vek a simi: *female suffrage* ○ *the female mentality.* **3** a dang thil bunnak ah kua a neimi thil (electric mei vannak plug le socket tivek).

▷ **female** *n* **1** ramsa le thingkung ah a nu. **2** (often *derog*) nunau: *Who on earth is that female he's with?*

NOTE ON USAGE: **1** (a) **Male** and **female** are nouns and adjectives used to indicate the sex of living things: *a male/female giraffe, bird, sardine, child, flower, etc.* ○ *The males in the herd protect the females and the young.* (b) When speaking of humans the adjectives **male/female** refer especially to the physical features of one sex or the other: *The male voice is deeper than the female.* ○ *the female figure.* (c) When speaking about occupations, we usually say: *a woman doctor/women doctors* (NOT *a female doctor/female doctors*, though we do say *a male doctor*; NOT *a man doctor*). (d) The nouns **male/female** should not be used to refer to people (as opposed to their qualities, etc). They can give offence, esp **female**. We use **man/woman** instead: *Men have more body hair than women.* **2** (a) **Masculine** and **feminine** are adjectives used to describe the behaviour, appearance, etc considered normal or acceptable for humans of one sex or the other. They can therefore be used of the [opposite] sex: a man can be described as **feminine** but not **female**: *She dresses in a very feminine way.* ○ *She has a deep masculine voice.* (b) As nouns and adjectives **masculine** and **feminine** (as well as **neuter**) indicate grammatical gender.

feminine /'femənɪn/ *adj* **1** nunau vek: *a feminine*

voice, figure, appearance. **2** (*grammar*) tong zirnak grammar in milai le ramsa, nu le pa then in le an pianzia an rel duh tiki hmanmi tong a si: *'Lioness' is the feminine form of 'lion'.* ○ *The feminine form of 'count' is 'countess'.*

▷ **feminine** *n* (*grammar*) nu a si tinak.

femininity /'femə'nɪnəti/ *n* [U] nunau sinak (quality). ⇒ Usage at FEMALE. Cf MASCULINE.

feminism /'feminɪzəm/ *n* [U] (a) nunau pawlin mipa vekin covo bangrep ding a si ti h zumnak nei. (b) nunau covo za-awitu pawl.

▷ **feminist** /'feminɪst/ *n* nunau covo dinsuah tumnak za-awitu (thohkhantu): *Suffragettes were among the first feminists in Britain.* ○ [attrib] *He has strong feminist opinions.*

femme fatale /fæm fə'tɑ:l/ (*pl* **femmes fatales** /fæm fə'tɑ:l/) (*French*) tuarneh lo rual ih mipa hiip thei nunau: *She was his femme fatale.*

femur /'fɪmə(r)/ *n* (*pl* ~ **s** or **femora** /'femərə/) kawng ruh (thigh-bone).

▷ **femoral** /'femərəl/ *adj*.

fen /fen/ *n* **1** [C] cirhdup rawnpi. **2** **the Fens** [pl] East Anglia ih cirhdup pawl.

fence¹ /fens/ *n* **1** hauhruang (hmuan, dum tivek kulh). **2** (idm) **come down on one side of the fence or the other** ⇒ SIDE¹. **sit on the fence** khatlam le khatlam thu buaimi then sak lo ih um men ⇒ SIT.

▷ **fence** *v* [Tn] **1** kulh: *Farmers fence their fields.* ○ *His land was fenced with barbed wire.* **2** (ph v) **fence sb/sth in** (a) mi/thil pakhat kulh: *The grounds are fenced in to prevent trespassing.* (b) pakhat khat a dang hmun pawl thawn pehaw thei lo dingih temtawn: *She felt fenced in by domestic routine.* **fence sth off** hmunkhat kha a dang hmun pawl thawn pehaw thei lo dingin kulh: *One end of the garden was fenced off for chickens.*

fencing /'fensɪŋ/ [U] hmuan tivek a kulhnak ih hmanmi thil (eg saihrem kuang, rua, thirhri tivek).

fence² /fens/ *v* **1** [I] (*sport*) namhriam zum saupi thawn leh zuamaw. **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (**with sb sth**) hrial rero; (suutmi thu kha ding tein sawn men loin, heel rero ih sawn: *Stop fencing with me — answer my question.*)

□ **fencer** *n* nam saupi thawn lektu (FENCE² 1).

fencing [U] namhriam saupi thawn leh zuam-awknak.

fence³ /fens/ *n* firmi thilri a si ti thei na koin lei ih a zuartu.

fend /fend/ *v* (phr v) **fend for oneself** mahte cawmaw, mi ring loin mahte zoh-aw thei: *It is time you left home and learn to fend for yourself.* **fend sth/sb off** kilhim awk, kilhim awknak hrangih do: *fend off a blow* ○ *The minister had to fend off some awkward questions from reporters.* ○ *He tried to kiss her but she fended him off.*

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fender /fendə(r)/ *n* **1** thir ih tuahmi tappi meisa kulhnak. **2** lawng fate pawlah thildang thawn an khawnawk tikah na lo dingin a khamnak ih tuahmi mawtawka taza sia, thingtum, hrihrual tom tivek. **3** (US) (a) baisikal ih um ciarbek khamnak. (b) mawtawka a ke ihsin ciarbek perh thei lonak dingih khamnak.

fennel /fenl/ *n* [U] (hneh le tihang hmuiternak ih hmanmi, a par aihre a simi) nanan (thakser) phunkhat.

feral /fɪərəl/; US /fəɹəl/ *adj* (fml) a ngam lomi (laumi) ramsa: *feral cats*.

ferment¹ /fə'ment/ *v* [I, Tn] **1** thoter, uam, (thilnu tivek ruangah) thil a sinak thleng: *Fruit juices ferment if they are kept a long time.* ○ *When wine is fermented it gives off bubbles of gas.* **2** (fig) thin thoter, thin hengter: *ferment trouble among the factory workers.*

▷ **fermentation** /fɜːmen'teɪʃn/ *n* thil a sinak thlengnak: *Sugar is converted into alcohol through the process of fermentation.* ○ *The fermentation of milk causes it to curdle.*

ferment² /fɜːment/ *n* **1** [C] thil a thoter sinak a tuahngter tu thil, eg thilnu tivek. **2** [U] mi seenpi cangvaihna (ram thu ah maw, thuhla dangdang ah maw mipi thintho ih cangvaih-nak): *The country was in a (state of) ferment.*

fern /fɜːn/ *n* [C, U] cavi, cavui, kaikok, khangca: *ferns growing in pots* ○ *hillsides covered in fern* ○ *a spray of ornamental fern.*

▷ **ferny** *adj* kaikok khatko ih a khomi.

ferocious /fə'reʊʃəs/ *adj* a hrang, a hengmi, mikeu hmanngmi: *a ferocious beast* ○ *ferocious cruelty* ○ *a ferocious onslaught* ○ (fig) *a ferocious campaign against us in the press.*

▷ **ferociously** *adv* hrang zetin, heng zetin: *snarling ferociously.*

ferocity /fə'rɒsəti/ *n* **1** [U] tihnung; a hengnak: *The lion attacked its victim with great ferocity.* **2** tihnungza, lole, hrangzet ih cangvaihna.

ferret /fɛrɪt/ *n* ramsa fate ngalpar (sava) phun; zinghnam dehtu le an kua sungih a thupawmi sabek pawl dawisuaktu dingih zuatmi. Cf ERMINE, WEASEL.

▷ **ferret** *v* **1** [I] (usu **go ferreting**) daw; sa daw (zinghnam, sabek tivek pawl daw tikah ferret thawn daw). **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (about) (infml) hawl, kerkawm le terek karlak sungtiang let thluh ih hawl: *I spent the day ferreting (about) in the attic (for old photographs).* **3** (phr v) **ferret sth out** (infml) zoi that le hawl fel: *ferret out a secret, the truth, the facts etc.*

Ferris wheel /fɛrɪs wi:l/; US hwi:l/ lengke pi vek a hlumpi — a parah tonak tampi an tuah ih a her ro theimi lehnak.

ferroconcrete /fɛrəʊ'kɒŋkri:t/ *n* [U] = REINFORCED CONCRETE, RC ti in khal an ko, inn sak tikah a t̃huam tivek pawl a sungah thir phum in mirang leilung thawn sakmi.

ferrous /fɛrəs/ *adj* [attrib] thir a telmi, thir thawn a pehtlai awmi: *ferrous and non-ferrous metals.*

ferrule /fɛru:l/; US /fəɹəl/ *n* kianghrol tivek, thawng fung tivek zim ah a kuai lonak ding, a siatkhamtu ih bunmi thir lukhuh te.

ferry /fɛri/ *n* **1** hmunkhat ihsin hmunkhat ah milai a kuattu (phurtu) lawng: *The ferry leaves for France at one o'clock.* ○ *travel by ferry* ○ [attrib] *the cross-channel ferry service.* **2** ferry a colhnak hmun: *We waited at the ferry for two hours.*

▷ **ferry** *v* (pt, pp **ferried**) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] kuat, phur (lawng, vanzam, mawtawka tivek in minung le thilri pawl kha hmunkhat ihsin hmunkhat ah kuat, phur) (hlatpi siloin lam nai nawn ah an hmang t̃heu): *ferry goods to the mainland* ○ *Can you ferry us across?* ○ *ferry the children to and from school.* ○ *planes ferrying food to the refugees.*

□ **ferry-boat** *n* tiva khatlam ral ihsin khat lam ral ih thil/milai kuattu lawng.

ferryman /-mən/ *n* ferry a hohatu.

fertile /fɜːtaɪl/; US /fəɹtl/ *adj* **1** ramt̃ha, leiram t̃ha: *The plains of Alberta are extremely fertile.* **2** (thingkung le ramsa ah) rah thei, faate a hring theimi. **3** (rah, ti) keuhter, faate hring theimi. **4** (minung) ruahnak, thiamnak phunphun suah thei: *have a fertile imagination.* Cf STERILE.

▷ **fertility** /fɜːtɪləti/ *n* [U] leiram t̃ha sinak; ci t̃ha sinak: *the fertility of the soil* ○ *great fertility of mind.*

fertilize, -ise /fɜːtəlaɪz/ *v* [Tn] **1** ci thlah, ci keuh: *Flowers are often fertilized by bees as they gather nectar.* **2** dawm peek, leiram t̃hading in tuah: *fertilized the garden with manure.*

▷ **fertilization, -isation** /fɜːtəlaɪzəʃn/; US -lɪz-/ *n* [U] leiram t̃ha dingih tuahnak; fa keuh ding ih tuahnak: *successful fertilization by the male.*

fertilizer, -iser *n* [U, C] leiram t̃hatertu; dawm: *Get some more fertilizer for the garden.* ○ *Bone-meal and nitrates are common fertilizers.* Cf MANURE.

fervent /fɜːvənt/ (also **fervid**) *adj* thinlung tak, thatho zetmi: *a fervent farewell speech* ○ *fervent love, hatred, etc* ○ *a fervent admirer.*

▷ **fervently** *adv* thinlung tak te-in: *believe fervently in eventual victory.*

fervid /fɜːvɪd/ *adj* (fml) = FERVENT.

▷ **fervidly** *adv.*

fervour (US **fervor**) /fɜːvə(r)/ *n* [U] thinlung tak; thungai: *speak with great fervour.*

festal /festl/ *adj* (fml) (puai ih) nuam. Cf FESTIVE.

fester /festə(r)/ *v* **1** (at sualmi, khawn sualmi) hma hnai a khuar: *a festering sore.* **2** (fig) (thinlung ih ruahmi) thin a heng duh deuh: *The resentment festered in his mind.*

festival /festəvl/ *n* **1** biaknak le a dang pawl ih ni thupi ni, puai ni: *Christmas and Easter are Christian festivals.* ○ [attrib] *a festival atmosphere.* **2** a caan ih tuah t̃heumi laam,

hlasak, lemcawn tivek pawl: *the water Pouring Festival* ○ a jazz festival.

festive /festiv/ *adj* puainak thawn a peh tlaimi: *the festive season*, ie Christmas. ○ *The whole town is in festive mood.* Cf **FESTAL**.

festivity /fe'stɪvəti/ *n* **1** [U] nunom tuahnak: *The royal wedding was an occasion of great festivity.*

2 festivities [pl] puai, nunnomnak puai, lungawi puai: *wedding festivities*.

festoon /fe'stu:n/ *n* pangpar kual, pangpar thi.

▷ **festoon** *v* [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (with **sth**) mawi dingin pangpar thawn ceimawi: *a room festooned with paper streamers.*

fetal nu ih pum sungih minung kim hrih lo naute, mimi; ⇨ **FOETUS**.

fetch /fetʃ/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (for **sb**) khai, keng, va hmuak, thiar: *Fetch a doctor at once.* ○ *Please fetch the children from school.* ○ *The chair is in the garden; please fetch it in.* ○ *Should I fetch you your coat/fetch your coat for you from the next room?* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] suakter, zuar: *fetch tears to the eyes.* **3** [Tn, Dn-n] khawng: *The picture should fetch £ 2000 at auction.* ○ *Those old books won't fetch (you) much.* **4** [Dn-n] (infml) beng, thong: *She fetched him a terrific slap in the face.* **5** (idm) **fetch and carry** (for **sb**) hnañuan fate tiangih òuan sak ding: *He expects his daughter to fetch and carry for him all day.* **6** (phr *v*) **fetch up** (infml) thleng: *Where on earth have we fetched up now?*

fetching /fetʃɪŋ/ *adj* (dated infml) duhnung, iang nei: *a fetching smile* ○ *You look very fetching in that hat.*

▷ **fetchingly** *adv*.

fête /feɪt/ *n* pawnleng ih puai tuah, thil zuar (sum hrangah): *the school/village/church fete.*

▷ **fête** *v* [Tn esp passive] puai tuah sak: *The queen was feted wherever she went.*

fetid /fetɪd/ *adj* rimsia zet, thu zet: *fetid air.*

fetish /fetɪʃ/ *n* **1** (a sungah khuavang a um si ti in zum ruangih) biakmi thil. **2** (a) a si dingmi hnaki duatmi: *He makes a fetish of his new car.* (b) duhawknak ah hiarnak a neitertu thil pakhat khat. *Women's underclothes are a common fetish.* ▷ **fetishism** *n* [U] hiarnak suahternak: *magazines which cater to fetishism in men.* **fetishist** *n*.

fetlock /fetlɒk/ *n* rang ke dunglam kedil hmul.

fetter /fetə(r)/ *n* (usu *pl*) **1** ke hrennak thirhri: *The prisoner was kept in fetters.* **2** (fig) dawntu; khamtu: *The fetters of poverty.*

▷ **fetter** *v* [Tn] **1** hrengkhen, hrengsut, ke khit. **2** duhduh cang thei lo dingin tuah: *I hate being fettered by petty rules and regulations.*

fettle /fetl/ *n* (idm) in fine, good, etc **fettle** harhdam, cakzet, hlawptlo: *The team are all in excellent fettle.*

fetus = **FOETUS**.

feud /fju:d/ *n* sungkhat le sungkhat, miphun pakhat le pakhat kum reipi huat-awknak, ral

awknak: *a long standing feud.* ○ *Because of a family feud, he never spoke to his wife's parents for years.*

▷ **feud** *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (with **sb/sth**) hua-aw, do aw ringring: *feuding neighbours* ○ *The two tribes are always feuding (with each other).*

feudal /fju:dl/ *adj* Europe ramah AD 1100 le 1400 karlak ih leiram neitu siangphahrang pawl in, leiram nei lo pawl lo a tuahter ih, lo hlaan man ah siangphahrang ral a dosak, a hna a òuan sak: *feudal law* ○ *the feudal barons* ○ *The way some landowners treat their tenants today seems almost feudal.*

▷ **feudalism** /-dəlɪzəm/ *n* [U] feudal san daan.

feudalistic /fju:dəlɪstɪk/ *adj*.

fever /fɪ:və(r)/ *n* **1** [C, U] tak sa zet, tak sa nat: *He has a high fever.* ○ *Aspirin can reduce fever.* **2** [U] natnak pakhat khat ruangah tak sa, eg yellow, typhoid, rheumatic pawl ruangah tak a saa thei: *yellow, typhoid, rheumatic, etc fever.* **3** [sing] hiar (duh) tuk ruangih thathir, thinheng tuk ruangah maw, lungawi tuk ruangah maw, tha thir: *He waited for her arrival in a fever of impatience.* **4** (idm) **at/to fever pitch** taksa thir tiangih lungawi, lung tho: *The speaker brought the crowd to fever pitch.*

▷ **fevered** *adj* [attrib] **1** taksa mi: *She cooled her child's fevered brow.* **2** a thin a khur: *a fevered imagination.*

feverish /fɪ:vərɪʃ/ *adj* **1** taksa nat nei: *The child's body felt feverish.* ○ *During her illness she had feverish dreams.* **2** ummen thei loin a caang rero: *with feverish haste.* **feverishly** *adv* manhlap zetin, thin khur phah in: *searing feverishly for her missing jewels.*

few¹ /fju:/ *indef det, adj* [usu attrib] (-**er**, -**est**) **1** (used with *pl* [C] *ns* and a *pl v*) a mal, malte: *Few people live to be 100.* ○ *a man/woman of few words*, ie one who speaks very little ○ *There are fewer cars parked outside than yesterday.* ○ *The police found very few clues to the murderer's identity.* ○ *There are very few opportunities for promotion.* ○ *The few houses we have seen are in terrible condition.* ○ *There were too few people at the meeting.* ○ *Accidents on site are few.* (Cf *There are few accidents on site.*) ⇨ Usage at **LESS**. ⇨ Usage at **MUCH**¹. **2** (idm) **few and far between** a mal ruangah pakhat le pakhat lak a hlat zet, a kang zet: *The buses to our village are few and far between.* ○ *The sunny intervals we were promised have been few and far between.*

▷ **few** *indef pron* (minung, thilri, hmun leilung) a tam lo, a malte. (a) relsalnak: *Of the 150 passengers, few escaped injury* ○ *Few can deny the impact of his leadership.* ○ (saying) *Many are called but few are chosen.* ○ *Hundreds of new records are produced each week but few (of them) get into the charts.* (b) (hmailam thu relsung): *Few of us will still be alive in the year*

2050. ○ *The few who came to the concert enjoyed it.* ○ *We saw few of the sights as we were only there for two hours.*

the few *n* [pl *v*] *mi mal sawn pawl: a voice for the few.*

few² /fju:/ **a few** *indef det* (used with *pl* [C] *ns* and *pl vs*) *malte: a few letters* ○ *a few days ago* ○ *He asked us a few questions.* ○ *A few people are coming for tea.* ○ *Only a few (ie Not many) students were awarded distinctions.* ⇒ Usage at MUCH¹.

▷ **a few** *indef pron* **1** *a malte. (a) (relslnak) I didn't get any cards yesterday but today there were a few.* ○ *She's written hundreds of books but I've only read a few (of them).* **(b)** (*hmailam* *thu relcia*): *A few of the seats were empty.* ○ *I recognized a few of the other guests.* **2** (*idm*) **a good few; not a few** *tawk fang a tam: There were a good few copies sold on the first day.* ○ *Not a few of my friends are vegetarian.* **have a few** *zu, wine tivek rit khop koin: I've had a few glasses of beer already, actually.* ○ *She looks as if she's had a few.* **a few** *adv* *a mal na'n a thupi: a few more/less/too many.*

few /feɪ/ *adj* (*Scot*) *thi ding thlang ti thinlung in thei, tlaksiatnak rak theicia.* **2** *mizaran ih neih lomi hmuhcia theinak le theihcia (sung) theinak nei.* **3** (*derog*) (*of a person and his behaviour*) *mumal nei lemlo, menmen.*

▷ **fewness** *n* [U].

fez /fez/ *n* (*pl* **fezzes**) *Muslim mipa pawlih khummi lukhuh.*

ff *abbr* **1** *a tanglam pawl, timi a tawizawng nganmi: early childhood, p 10 ff, eg in the index of a book.* **2** (*music*) *hla saknak ah napi in sak dingmi (Italian fortissimo).* Cf PP 3.

fiancé (*fem* **fiancée**) /fɪˈnɛsɪ/; *US* /fiːˈnɛsɪ/ *n* *nunau maw mipa maw, thit dingih hamcia zomi: his fiancée* ○ *her fiancé.*

fiasco /fɪˈæskəʊ/ *n* *hlawh tling lo, pumpuluk ih sunthluhnak: The party was a total fiasco because the wrong date was given on the invitations.*

fiat /faɪət/; *US* /fiːət/ *n* [C, U] (*fml*) *aana neitu ih thusuah: The opening of a market stall is governed by municipal fiat.*

fib /fɪb/ *n* (*infml*) *thuphan: Stop telling such silly fibs.* Cf LIE¹ *n*.

▷ **fib** *v* (**-bb-**) *dik lomi sim: stop fibbling! fibber* *n* *thu dik lo simtu: You little fibber!*

fibre (*US* **fiber**) /faɪbə(r)/ *n* **1** [C] *la, hri: a cotton, wood, nerve, muscle fibre.* **2** [U] *hri fate te tapi khawm ih cangmi thil: cotton fibre for spinning.* **3** [U] **(a)** *puan takdan, lole, thil sakdan: material of coarse fibre.* **(b)** (*fig*) *mi pakhat ih nuncan: a woman of strong moral fibre.*

▷ **fibrous** /faɪbrəs/ *adj* *fibre ih tuahmi, lole, a bangmi.*

□ **fibreboard** (*US* **fiber-**), **fibreglass** (*US* **fiber-**)

ns [U] (also **glass fibre**) *mawtawka, tangphawlawng ti pawl hrangah fibre ih tuahmi zial pheng le thlang: [attrib] a fibreglass racing yacht.*

fibre optics (*US* **fibre**) *glass fibre ih tuahmi thuthan awknak thilri.*

fibrosis /fɪˈbrəʊsɪs/ *n* [U] *a piangsual zawngih tit, lole, thahri thannak.*

fibrositis /faɪbrəˈsɪtɪs/ *n* [U] *thahri nat, a bik in zaangruh zawn nat.* Cf ARTHRITIS, RHEUMATISM.

fibula /fɪˈbjʊlə/ *n* (*pl* **fibulae** /-li:/) (*anatomy*) *milai ngalruh a lengta deuh.*

fickle /fɪkl/ *adj* *tu le tu a thleng-awmi: fickle weather, fortune* ○ *a fickle person, lover, etc, ie not faithful or loyal.*

▷ **fickle-ness** *n* [U]: *the fickleness of the English climate.*

fiction /fɪkʃn/ *n* **1** [U] *a taktak thu siloin ruahnak phuahcop ih nganmi: works of fiction* ○ *He writes fiction.* ○ *Truth is often stranger than fiction.* Cf NON-FICTION. **2** [C] *phuahmi le ruahmi thil, a ngaingai a si lomi: a polite fiction, ie sth assumed to be true (though it may not be) for social reasons.* Cf FACT.

▷ **fictional** /-fənəl/ *adj* *phuahcop thuanthu: fictional characters* ○ *a fictional account of life on a farm.*

fictionalize, -ise /fɪkʃənəlaɪz/ *v* [Tn] *phuahcop: fictionalized history.*

fictitious /fɪkʃɪʃəs/ *adj* *phuahcopmi: The account he gives of his childhood is quite fictitious.* ○ *All the places and characters in my novel are entirely fictitious.*

Fid Def /fɪdˈdef/ *abbr* = FD.

fiddle /fɪdl/ *n* **1** (*infml*) *violin, tazaw tɪngtang phunkhat.* **2** (*sl*) *bum, thuphan: It's all a fiddle!* (*idm*) **be on the fiddle** (*sl*) *dik lo zet ih um.* **fit as a fiddle** ⇒ FIT¹. **play second fiddle (to sb/sth)**

midang hnakin santlai lo deuh ih ret: I have no intention of playing second fiddle to the new director, so I have resigned. ○ *His family has had to play second fiddle to his political career.*

fiddle *v* (*fml*) **1** [I, Tn] *ta-zaw tum: He learned to fiddle as a young boy.* **2** [I, Ip] ~ (**about/around**) *lek sawhsawh: Stop fiddling about and do some work.* **3** [Ipr] ~ **about/around with sth** *tuktak ih thil pakhat khat tawngtham: She fiddled with her watch so much that it broke.* **4** [Tn] (*infml*) *paisa cazin tivek dik loin tuah ih a paisa mah hrangih lak: fiddle one's exprensos* ○ *He fiddled a free ticket for the march.*

fiddler /fɪdlə(r)/ *n* **1** *tazaw tɪngtang tumtu.* **2** (*infml*) *mibum hmang.* **fiddling** /fɪdlɪŋ/ *adj* *a fate a terek a simi.* **fiddly** /fɪdli/ *adj* (*infml*) *hman ding, tongtham ding a laklawh zetmi: Changing a fuse is one of those fiddly jobs I hate.* ○ *This tin-opener is awfully fiddly.*

□ **fiddlesticks** /fɪdlstɪks/ *interj* (*dated*) *thulolak.*

fidelity /fɪˈdeləti/; *US* *far-/* *n* [U] **1** ~ (**to sb/sth**) **(a)**

felnak, rinumnak: *fidelity to one's principles, religion, leader.* (b) a si cekci nak, a dik rorinak: *fidelity to the text of the play* ○ *translate sth with the greatest fidelity.* **2** Awnmawi thilri pakhat khat a awsuah a dik zetmi, aw rure-awser a tel lomi: [attrib] *a high fidelity recording.*

fidget /'fidʒɪt/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (about) (with sth) thinheng ruangah dim tete ih tɔng phah ih cangvai rero: *Stop fidgeting!* ○ *Hurry up, your father is beginning to fidget,* ie show signs of impatience. ○ *It's bad manners to fidget about (with the cutlery) at the table.*

▷ **fidget n 1** [C] phunzaitu: *You're such a fidget!*

2 the fidgets [pl] daite um thiam lo ih caang rero: *I always get the fidgets during long meetings.*

fidgety *adj* daite ih um thiam lomi, a caang hnuaihnimi: *a fidgety child* ○ *Travelling in planes makes me fidgety.*

field¹ /fi:ld/ *n* **1** lo (rawl cinnak, lole, sumhnam zua ih a kulhnak fel le thlawh ringringmi lo): *working in the fields* ○ *a fine field of wheat.* **2** (usu in compounds) (a) leilung kau nawn: *an ice-field*, eg around the North Pole. (b) lehnak hrangih tuahmi tualrawn: *a baseball, cricket, etc field.* **3** (usu in compounds) leilung sung thil mankhung suahnak hmun: *coalfields* ○ *gold-fields* ○ *a new oil field.* **4** paih le thiamzawng hnaʔuan: *in the field of politics, art, science, music, etc* ○ *That is outside my field,* ie not among the subjects I have studied. **5** (a) cahnak tha pakhat khat a um ti ih theihtheinak hmun: *a magnetic field* ○ *the earth's gravitational field,* ie the space in which the earth's gravity has an effect. (b) hmun a tluanpi pakhat sungah thil pakhat ih thil titheinak ziang tiang a um ti hmuh theihnak: *the field of a telescope* ○ *one's field of vision,* ie the area that one can see ○ *a gun with a good field of fire.* **6** raal do-awknak hmun: *The field of battle/battle field.* **7** (sports) (a) lek zuam-awknak ih a teltu hmuah: *The field includes three world record holders.* (b) cricket le baseball lehnak ah a rak bengtu (thawi) lam si lomi, bawhlung kut ih a dengtu pawl: *bowling to a defensive fields.* **8** (computing) thu pakhat khumnak computer record ih then khat: *The firm's payroll has one field for gross pay and one for net pay.* **9** (idm) **hold the field (against sb/sth)** amah-kel ih um ringring (thleng lo te-in): *Einstein's ideas on physics have held the field for years.* **play the field** (infml esp US) hmunkhat/phunkhat lawng ah tang loin. **take the field** (a) raldo thok/ralsim thok. (b) (sport) lehnak a laifang lamah nor aw.

□ **field-day n 1** raldo daan zir ni. **2** nasa takih cangvaihni: *Whenever there's a government scandal the newspapers have a field-day.* **3** (esp US) (a) tlawng pakhat ih leh zuamnak ni. (b) tlawng leng suak ih science lam zir ni.

field-events n [pl] lehpān zuam-awknak. Cf TRACK EVENTS (TRACK).

field-glasses n = glasses (GLASS 6).

field hockey (US) = HOCKEY.

Field Marshal lei ralkap ih bawi sangbik (Mirang British ralkap).

field officer lei ralkap ih Major, lole Colonel.

field sports ramvak, sadawi, ngakai, sakah ti pawl kawhkhawmnak hmin.

field-test v thil pakhat hman a tlak maw tlak lo hnukfelnak: *The equipment has all been field-tested.* — *n: undergo rigorous field-tests.*

field-work n 1 [U] tlawng sung ah si lo in a leeng lam suak ih zirnak. **2** [C] a laangte hrangih tuahmi raal kahsam.

field-worker n hnaʔuannak hmun taktak ih hnaʔuantu.

field² /fi:ld/ *v* (a) [I, Tn] (in cricket and baseball) thawimi bawhlung kai dingah a rak tiar aw: *She fielded the ball.* ○ *He fields well.* (b) [I] (in cricket and baseball) thingphek thawn bawhlung a beng lotu lamah telve: *We're fielding first:* (c) [Tn] (bawhlung, hockey, cricket lehnak pawlah) a lektu ding hril: *They're fielding a very strong side this season.* (d) [Tn] (fig) thu suhmi hmuah felzet le tluang te in sawn: *The minister easily fielded all the journalist's awkward questions.*

▷ **fielder n** = FIELDSMAN.

□ **fieldsman** /-mən/ *n* (pl **-men** /-mən/) (in cricket, etc) thingpheng thawn bawhlung a thawi lotu lam ih lektu.

fiend /fi:nd/ *n* **1** khawsia, khuavang, ramhuai: *The fiends of hell.* **2** (a) mi huatsuak, mi siaiva. (b) mi hnaihnok, mi siatsuahtu: *Stop teasing her, you little fiend!* **3** (infml) thil pakhat khat hiar/duh zettu: *a fresh-air fiend.*

▷ **fiendish adj 1** huatsuak, tihnungza: *a fiendish temper.* **2** (infml) fiimzet le hnok zet: *a fiendish plot, plan, idea, etc.* **3** (infml) a sia zetmi, a tha lo zetmi, a harsa zetmi: *a fiendishly difficult puzzle* ○ *It's fiendishly cold outside.*

fierce /fiəs/ *adj 1* tihnungza, a hrangzet: *fierce dogs, winds, attack.* **2** (a) thinlung zate le thazang zate tel ih tuahmi. (b) a nuam lo tuk nan zianghman ti theih lo ih a cakmi: *fierce heat* ○ *His plan met with fierce opposition.*

▷ **fiercely adv. fierceness n** [U].

fiery /'fiəri/ *adj 1* (a) meivek, a alhmi: *fiery red hair* ○ *fiery eyes,* ie angry and glaring. (b) a rimnam zetmi, a hmuimer zetmi: *a fiery Mexican dish* ○ *fiery liquor.* **2** (a) thin tawi, thinheng ol: *a fiery temper.* (b) nasa tak, duhnak tak: *a fiery speech.* (c) tha a tho zetmi: *a fiery horse.*

▷ **fierily** /-rəli/ *adv. fieriness n* [U].

fiesta /'fiestə/ *n* (a) Spain tɔng hmang ram pawlih biaknak puai. (b) puaini, zungpit ni.

FIFA /'fi:fə/ *abbr* International Association

Football Federation (French *Fédération Internationale de Football Association*) Leiltun Bawhlung Leh Zuam-awknak Pawlkhawm.

fife /faɪf/ *n* phriva, lili: [attrib] a *fife* and drum band.

fifteen /fɪfti:n/ *pron, det* 15: hleinga.

▷ **fifteen** *n* 1 nambat 15. **2** Rugby Union lehnak ih pawl (*team*) pakhat.

fifteenth /fɪfti:nθ/ *pron, det* 15th: hleinganak, A hman daan *five* le *fifth* timi ah zoh.

fifth /fɪθ/ *pron det* 5th: panga-nak: *Today is the fifth of March.*

▷ **fifth** *n* bangrep cio ih thenmi panga sung ih pakhat (thennga then khat).

fifthly *adv* a panganak ah.

□ a **fifth column** mahsung ih um, mahlam silo in raal bawmtu.

fifty /fɪfti/ *pron, det* 50: sawmnga.

▷ **fiftieth** /fɪfti:θ/ *pron, det* 50th: sawm-nga-nak. — *n* bangrep ciomi 50 lak ih pakhat.

fifty *n* 1 nambat 50. **2 the fifties** [pl] a dai, a sa tah le kum siarnak ah 50 ihsin 59 tiang khi, the fifties-sawmnga pawl an ti: *The total amount is in the fifties.* ○ *She was born in the fifties*, ie in the 1950's. **3 (idm) in one's fifties** kum 50 le kum 60 karlak pawl: *She's in her early/mid/late fifties.*

□ **fifty-fifty** *adj, adv (infml)* an zat-aw veve; an bangrep tinak asi: *divide the profits on a fifty-fifty basis*, ie take equal shares ○ *a fifty-fifty chance of winning*, ie an equal chance of winning or losing ○ *We went fifty-fifty on dinner*, ie shared the cost equally.

fifty pence (also **fifty p, 50p**) (*Brit*) pia sawmnga. For the uses of *fifty* and *fiftieth* see the examples at *five* and *fifth*.

fig /fɪg/ *n* 1 theikung, theirah, theipi. **2** (also **fig-tree**) ti in khal an ko thotho, theikung phun a hnah tumpi, bomba thei. **3 (idm) not care/give a fig (for sb/sth)** ziang rel lo, zianghman lo ih ret: *I don't care a fig what others think of me.*

□ **fig-leaf** *n* theipi hnah, taklawng um milai zuk an suai tikah zahmawh zawn an khuh sak theumi thei hnah.

fig *abbr* 1 figurative(ly). **2** figure; illustration: see diagram at fig 3.

fight¹ /faɪt/ *v (pt, pp fought /fɔ:t/)* **1 (a)** [I, Ipr] ~ (**against/with sb/sth**) do, tawng, sual: *soldiers training to fight* ○ *Do stop fighting, boys!* ○ *The two dogs are fighting over a bone.* ○ *Britain fought with* (ie as an ally of) *France against Germany in the last war.* ○ *Have you been fighting with* (ie against) *your brother again?* **(b)** [Tn] raal do: *We must fight the enemy.* **2** [Tn] raaltawng, sual: *fight a war, duel, etc* ○ *The government has to fight several by-elections in the coming months.* **3** [Ipr, Tn] ~ (**against**) *sth* neh ding, siatsuah/kham ding zuam: *fight against poverty, oppression, ignorance* ○ *fight*

an eviction notice ○ *fight a fire.* **4** [Ipr, Tn-pr] zuamphah dophah in tumtahmi ngah: *We had to fight (our way) through the crowded streets.* ○ *They fought the bill through Parliament.* **5** [I, Ipr] ~ (**about/over sth**) hau, eel-aw, to-aw: *It's a trivial matter and not worth fighting about.* **6** (idm) **fight like a tiger** tihnungza in mi va do, lole mah le mah rak kham aw: *She fought like a tiger to get what she wanted.* **fight a losing battle (against sth)** neh thei lo ding hmuh ciami raal va do: *Anyone who tries to resist the spread of new technology is fighting a losing battle.* **fight shy of sth/sb** tianvo phur duh lo, hmaiton ih sim ngam lo, hrial: *He was unhappy in his job for years but always fought shy of telling his boss.*

fight to the finish khat lamte faite ih neh ko do: **a fighting chance** napi ih zuam le nehnak lawngin a um. **fighting talk/words** do dingih tiar awknak langternak ah tongsia hman. **live like fighting cocks** ⇒ LIVE². **7 (phr v) fight back** thazang thar suah ih do kir: *After a disastrous first half the team fought back to level the match.* ○ *Don't let them bully you. Fight back!* **fight sth back/down** (thinlung tivek) namsuak, hreem: *fighting back tears* ○ *fighting down a sense of disgust.* **fight for sth** pakhat khat co duh ih zuam: *fight for freedom, independence, human rights etc.* **fight sb/sth off** do neh: *fighting off repeated enemy attacks* ○ *fight of a cold, a feeling of tiredness.* **fight sth out** thusuakmi kha do ih daiter: *I can't help them to resolve their quarrel — they must fight it out between them.*

▷ **fighter** *n* 1 dotu, raal, lole lehnak ah a dotu. **2 (usu approv)** olte ih asung-pek lomi dotu: *She won't give up easily: she's a real fighter.* **3** raldonak vanzam: *a jet-fighter* [attrib] *fighter plane* ○ *a fighter pilot.*

fighting *n* [U]: outbreaks of strict fighting.

fight² /faɪt/ *n* 1 [C] do-awk, sual-awk: *a fight between two dogs* ○ *the fight against poverty, crime, disease* ○ *a prize fight*, eg in boxing. ⇒ Usage at ARGUMENT. **2** [U] do duhnak, rak kham tumnak: *In spite of many defeats, they still had plenty of fight left in them.* ○ *Losing their leader took all the fight out of them.* **3 (idm) a fight to the finish** neh tiangih do awk. **pick a fight/quarrel** ⇒ PICK³. **put up a good, poor, etc fight** ngam lemlo ih do, ngam zet ih do.

figment /fɪgmənt/ *n* taktak silon ruahnak men: *a figment of sb's imagination.*

figurative /fɪgərətɪv/ *adj* a bangmi, lole hminsinnak ih airol termi tong, tong zaran si lo khawruah, lole tahthimnak ih tongmi: *'He exploded with rage' shows a figurative use of the verb 'to explode'.*

figuratively *adv.*

figure¹ /fɪgə(r)/ *US* /fɪgər/ *n* 1 [C] (a) nambat zuk: *Write the figure '7' for me.* ○ *He has an income of six figures/a six-figure income*, ie £100000 or

more. (b) (usu sing) paisa zat, a man, thilman ziangzat ti simnak: *We bought the house at a high/low figure*, ie for a high/low price. **2** [C] (a) zuk: *The figure on page 22 shows a political map of Africa*. (b) geometry zirnak ih a zukpawl. **3** [C] a rong mawi dingin tialternak a riin pawl: *The skater executed a perfect set of figures*. ○ [attrib] *figure-skating*. **4** [C] zuksuainak ih a lartubik milai, lole, ramsa: *The central figure in the painting is the artist's daughter*. **5** [C] pumruang (ilai pungsan): *have a good figure*, ie be slim, shapely, etc ○ *I'm dieting to keep my figure*, ie in order not to get fatter. ○ *I saw a figure approaching in the darkness*. ○ *He was once a leading figure in the community, but now he has become a figure of fun*, ie His influence was considerable but now he appears merely ridiculous. ○ *She's a fine figure of a woman*, ie pleasing in shape and appearance. **6** figures [pl] kanaan: *Are you good at figures?* **7** (idm) **cut a fine, poor, sorry, etc figure** pian thazet, pian mawizet, pian siazet tivek. **facts and figures** ⇒ FACT. **put a figure on sth** a man, lole, a zat sim: *It's impossible to put a figure on the number of homeless after the flood*. **in round figures number** ⇒ ROUND¹. **single figures** ⇒ SINGLE.

□ **figure-head** n 1 (esp formerly) tangphawlawng a hmaizim bik ih retmi thing milem zuk. **2** (fig) a hmin meen hruiat, a lubik tñanvo neitu asinan, thil titheinak ziang hman a nei lomi.

figure of eight (US also **figure eight**) nambat 8 thawn a bang awmi pian: *skating figures of eight on the ice*.

figure of speech ca vek ta si loin a tican phundang pi ih hman mi tòng, eg *heart of stone*, fiang tuk ih tòngmi (a zuk hmuh vekin a fiangmi tòng): *I didn't really mean she was in outer space — it's just a figure of speech*.

figure² /'figə(r)/ US 'figjə(r)/ v 1 [I, Ipr] ~ (in sth) laarbik: *She figured conspicuously in the public debate on the issue*. **2** (a) [Tn, Tf] (esp US) ruat, tñat ta: *I figured (that) you wouldn't come*. ○ *It's what I figured*. (b) [I] (used with it or that) (infml) a bang; ti theih a si: *'John isn't here today.'* *'That figures, he looked very unwell yesterday.'* **3** (phr v) **figure sth in** (US) tñat cih: *Have you figured in the cost of food for our holiday?* **figure on sth** (US) tumtahmi sungah telhchih, rincih: *I figure on being in New York in January*. **figure sb/sth out** (esp US) (a) ruahnak in tñat/theithiam: *I've never been able to figure him out*. ○ *I can't figure out why he quit his job*. ○ *Have you figured out what's wrong with your car?* (b) kanaan tñat vekih tñat hnu ih ngahmi: *Have you figured out how much the holiday will cost?*

figurine /'figjərin/ US 'figjə'rin/ n milem fate.

filament /'filəmənt/ n 1 fibre hri feem zet. **2** hlum (bulb) electric mei sungih hmanmi thir

hri feem zet, a vangtu.

filch /filtʃ/ v [Tn] (infml) (thil fate man nei lo) fir: *Who's filched my pencil?*

file¹ /fail/ n reti, thacaang.

▷ **file** v 1 [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-a] tñaih, rawt (thacaang in nalko tñaih): *file one's fingernails* ○ *file sth smooth* ○ *file an iron bar in two*. **2** (phr v) **file sth down** reṭi in fate ko naal deuh ih rawt. **filings** /'failiŋz/ n [pl] thacaang ih rawtmi thirvut: *iron filings*.

file² /fail/ n 1 (a) cahnah, ca thupi pawl finkhawinak ih tuahmi, a khaan dot tampi a neimi kuang tete: *I need another file for my letters*. (b) ca thupi pawl finkhawinak kawnmak cahnah khoh cabawm: *Where's the file of our recent correspondence?* **2** computer sungah thuhla pawl hmunkhat ih khawmmi: *I can't access the file on your company because I've forgotten the code*. **3** (idm) **on file** faal ih retmi: *We have all your particulars on file*.

▷ **file** /fail/ v 1 [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (away) (file) sungah ret; tñal tikah zohsal thei dingin hmunkhat ah retkhawm: *file away letters in a drawer*. **2** [Tn] finkhawinak ding hmun (record) ah kuat: *file an application for divorce*.

□ **filing clerk** (US **file clerk**) zung pakhat ih a ra mi ca hmuah finkhawin dingih tñanvo neitu.

file³ /fail/ n 1 thilri maw milai maw pakhat hnu pakhat a tlar ih ummi. **2** (idm) (in) **Indian/single file** a tlar in, a tlar ih ding. Cf THE RANK AND FILE (RANK¹).

▷ **file** v [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ **in, out, off, past, etc** a pheizawng tlar in feh, kalsuan: *The men filed onto the parade ground and past general*.

filet /fɪlɪt/ n (also **filet mignon** /fɪlɪ 'mɪŋjɒn/) (US) caw a pheisa (kawng tit) fate (a ruh tel lo ih ahmi): *Two filets mignons, please*.

filial /'fɪliəl/ adj [usu attrib] fapa, lole fanu nhen ihsin ruahsan mi: *filial duty*.

filibuster /'fɪlibəstə(r)/ n (esp US) 1 Upadi tuahnak Parliament khawmpi ah, tuah tummi Upadi cangsuak thei lo dingin reipi tòng ciamcotu. **2** cuvek in Parliament ah tòng ciamconak.

▷ **filibuster** v (esp US) tòngnak in caan saupi dirh (can sauter): *filibustering tactics*.

filigree /'fɪlɪgri/ n [U] sui, ngun le dar hri vekih tuahmi thuamthil: [attrib] a *filigree brooch* ○ *filigree ear-rings*.

filings ⇒ FILE¹.

fill¹ /fɪl/ v 1 (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-a, Dn-n] ~ **sth** (with sth) than, khah (a lawngmi hmuah khahter): *fill a hole with sand, a tank with petrol, a hall with people* ○ *Smoke filled the room*. ○ *The wind filled the sails*, ie made them swell out. ○ (fig) *I am filled with admiration for your bravery*. ○ *fill a bucket full of water* ○ *Please fill this glass for me/fill me this glass*. (b) [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) a khat: *The hall soon filled*. ○ *The sails filled with wind*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (with sth) phit,

hru, sin: *A dentist often has to fill teeth.* ○ *I must fill that crack in the wall.* **3** [Tn] (a) kai, tʉan: *She fills the post satisfactorily*, ie performs her duties well. (b) hnaʉuan pek (appoint): *The vacancy has already been filled.* **4** (idm) **fill/fit the bill** ⇨ BILL¹. **fill sb's shoes** midang hnaʉuan ʉehh ko ih ʉuan sak. **5** (phr v) **fill in (for sb)** midang hnaʉuan caan tawite sung ʉuanvo laksak: *My partner is on holiday this week so I'm filling in (for him).* **fill sth in (a)** (US also **fill sth out**) famkimnak dingah bet sak, thun: *fill in an application form*, ie write one's name and other details required. (b) khat ter: *The hole has been filled in.* (c) tikcu caan hmang: *He filled in the rest of the day watching television.* **fill sb in (on sth)** a sammi thu pakhat kim te in theiter: *Can you fill me in on what has been happening?* **fill out** thau deuh, puam deuh, tumter deuh: *Her cheeks began to fill out.* ○ *He used to be a very thin child but he's filled out a lot recently.* **fill sth out** ⇨ FILL STH IN (a). **fill (sth) up** khatter: *The gutter has filled up with mud.* ○ *fill up the tank with petrol.*

▷ **filler** *n* khahtu, thantu.

□ **filling station** = PETROL STATION (PETROL).

fill² /fil/ *n* **1** [C] a khat tawk dingmi. **2** [U] **one's ~ (of sth/sb)** (fml) (a) puar zo, khop zo, ei/in thei nawn lo: *No more tea, thank you, I've had my fill.* (b) ngaihthiam theitaw (zawithei zat): *She decided she had had her fill of his cruelty.*

fillet /filit/ *n* [C, U] a ruh tel lomi sa, ngasa tlang: [attrib] *a/some fillet steak.* **2** [C] sam ʉawnnak hriper phunkhat.

▷ **fillet** *v* sa/nga, sah/can (a tlang, a tlang in tan): *grilled filleted sole.*

filling /filiŋ/ *n* **1** [C] phih, ong phih: *I had to have two fillings at the dentist's today.* **2** [C, U] pawngghmuk ahmi karlak ih sa, arti tivek: *a sponge cake with jam filling.*

fillip /filp/ *n* thathotertu, tha pektu: *an advertising campaign to give a much-needed fillip to sales.* **2** kut zungpi le zunglai napi ihnuai awknak in 'flik' ti ih a awnmi.

filly /fili/ *n* rang fate a nu. Cf COLT¹, MARE¹.

film¹ /film/ *n* **1** [C usu sing] ~ (of sth) pakhat khat a khuhtu thil paat: *a film of dust* ○ *a film of oil on water* ○ *a film of mist over the land.* **2** [C, U] mi zuknak filim. **3** zuknung (baisikup) (video): *What is your favorite film?* ○ *My cousin is in films*, ie works in the film industry.

▷ **filmy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) [usu attrib] hmuh tlang thei zikzik ih a paatmi: *a filmy cotton blouse.*

□ **film star** hminthang zuknung cawngtu (mipa, nunau).

film strip *n* projector thawn hmuhmi zuk caang lo pawl.

film test zuknung cawngtu hrang hril-awknak.

film² /film/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tng] zuknung, zuk: *They are filming a new comedy.* ○ *She filmed her*

children playing in the garden. (b) [I] zuknung ah tel: *They've been filming for six months.* **2** (a) [Tn] thil paat te in khuh: *Thin ice filmed the lake.* (b) ~ **over** a khuh ʉehh zo: *As she cried, her eyes filmed over.*

filter /filtə(r)/ *n* **1** thianternak, ti zeetnak: *an oil filter* ○ *a coffee filter.* **2** khawtleu a deemtertu (sihnihi mi) thalang: *I took this pictures with a red filter.* **3** electric le a dang awn thawng a deemtertu. **4** (Brit) lampi pakhat le pakhat a kantannak zawn ih meisen, meihring an piahnak.

▷ **filter** *v* **1** [Tn] (a) zeet: *It won't take long to filter the coffee.* (b) zetnak hmangin thianhlimer: *All drinking water must be filtered.* **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ **in, out, through etc** (fig) nuam te'n pah, luang (khat lam ah), theithiam vivo: *New ideas are slowly filtering into people's minds.* ○ *The news of the defeat started to filter through.* **3** [I] (Brit) (of traffic) mawʉawka pakhat lan ih feh ding zawnah hmailam in meisen a piah ruangah keh lam zawn ah her kawi (mah mawʉawka, etc).

□ **filter-paper** *n* [U] cahnah phunkhat balhnawm khamtu (thil zeetnak cahnah).

filter-tip *n* kuak tawdam. **filter-tipped** *adj*.

filth /filθ/ *n* [U] **1** balhnawm: *Look at the filth on your trousers.* **2** fihnungza ʉong, ca, zuknung tivek pawl: *How can you read such filth?*

▷ **filthy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** (a) riim le baal: *a beggar dressed in filthy rags.* (b) borhhlawh: *filthy language.* **2** (infml) (esp of weather) siazet, nuam lo zet: *Isn't it a filthy day?* **filthily** *adv*.

filthiness *n* [U].

filthy *adv* **1** baalhnawm zetin: *filthy dirty.* **2** (infml) tuk, zet (very): *filthy rich.* **3** (idm) **filthy lucre** (derog or joc) tangka, lole sumsaw miat ngahmi.

filtrate /filtreit/ *n* zeetcia.

▷ **filtration** /fil'treiʃn/ *n* [U] a ti zeet (daan).

fin /fin/ *n* **1** nga ih ti leuhnak thla. **2** vanzam thla le rocket thla tivek pawl.

final /fam/ *adj* **1** a netnak: *the final chapter of a book.* **2** [usu pred] (thu ʉhennak ah) neta bik si dingih ʉhenmi thu: *The judge's ruling is final.* **3** (idm) **in the last/final analysis** ⇨ ANALYSIS. **the last/final straw** ⇨ STRAW.

▷ **final** *n* **1** (a) netabik zuamawknak: *the tennis finals* ○ *the Cup final*, ie the last in a series of esp football matches. (b) (usu pl) University tlawng saangpi ah degree laknak ding netabik kum: *sit/take one's finals* ○ *the law final(s).* **2** neta bik rial mi thuthang ca: *late night final.*

finalist /-nəlist/ *n* leh a dotdot zuam-awknak ah netnak bik tiang a thlengtu.

finally /-nəli/ *adv* **1** neta bik ah, a netnak ah: *Finally, I would like to say....* **2** a net/a tawp ah: *We must settle this matter finally.* **3** a netnak ah/a tawpah: *After a long delay the performance finally started.*

finale /fɪˈnaɪl/; US -ˈnæli/ *n* hla, maw laamnak ah maw, a netnak: *the grand finale of a pantomime.*

finality /faɪˈnæləti/ *n* [U] a netnak, a sannak bik: *She spoke with (an air of) finality, ie gave the impression that there was nothing more to be said or done.*

finalize, -ise /ˈfaɪnəlaɪz/ *v* neet ter: *finalize one's plans.*

▷ **finalization, -isation** /ˈfaɪnəlaɪzəʃn/; US -lɪz-/ *n* [U] tuah netternak; netkhawtnak.

finance /ˈfaɪnæns/; fɪˈnæns/ *n* 1 [U] zapi sum hman daan: *an expert in finance.* ○ *the Minister of Finance.* 2 [U] ~ (for sth) sumpai a tulmi hmuahhmuah: *Finance for the National Health Service comes from taxpayers.* 3 **finances** [pl] ram pakhat; sumtuah kampani pakhat, lole mi pakhat khat ih hmantheimi sumpai/sum saw: *Are the firm's finances sound?*

▷ **finance** *v* [Tn esp passive] sumpai in ʔan, a tulmi sumsaw pek/bawm: *The scheme is partly financed by a government grant.*

□ **finance company** (also **finance house**) *mi* paisa coihtu; paisa cawi theinak kampani.

financial /ˈfaɪnænsɪəl/; fɪˈnæ-/ *adj* paisa thuhla thawn a peh parmi: *in financial difficulties, ie short of money* ○ *Tokyo and New York are major financial centres.*

▷ **financially** /-ʃəli/ *adv.*

□ **financial year** (US **fiscal year**) sumpai lam kum tek.

financier /ˈfaɪnænsiə(r)/; US ˌfɪnənˈsiər/ *n* sum tampi mi coi ih amiati ei pawl.

finch /fɪntʃ/ *n* (often in compounds) hlasak hmanget vate fate: *a chaffinch* ○ *a goldfinch* ○ *a bullfinch.*

find¹ /faɪnd/ *v* (pt, pp **found** /faʊnd/) 1 [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Cn-a] hmu, tong: *Look what I've found.* ○ *I found a £5 note on the pavement.* ○ *He woke up and found himself in hospital.* ○ *I was disappointed to find you out (ie that you were out) when I called* ○ *We came home and found her asleep on the sofa.* 2 [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth/sb** (for sb) hawl rero mi tong: *After months of drilling, oil was found off the coast.* ○ *find a cure for cancer* ○ *find an answer to a question* ○ *I can find nothing new to say on this subject.* ○ *Can you find me a hotel/find a hotel for me?* 3 [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth/sb** (for sb) tong sal, ngah sal: *Did you find the pen you lost? The missing child has not been found yet.* ○ *I'll help you find your shoes/find your shoes for you.* 4 [Tn] ngah; peek suah: *I keep meaning to write, but never seem to find (the) time.* ○ *Who will find the money to pay for this trip?* 5 [Tf, Cn-a] hmu ngah; thei ngah: *I find (that) it pays to be honest.* ○ *How do you find your new job?* ○ *She found it difficult to understand him/found him difficult to understand.* ○ *We found him (to be) dishonest.*

○ *We found the beds very comfortable.* 6 [Tn] (cutawt tiang) a thleng: *Water will always find its own level.* ○ *The arrow found its mark.* 7 [Tn] hmu (na hmu ding): *You'll find (ie There is) a teapot in the cupboard.* ○ *These flowers are found (ie exist, grow) only in Africa.* 8 [Cn-a] (law) hmu, tong: *How do you find the accused?* ○ *The jury found him guilty (of manslaughter).*

9 (idm) **all found** (hlawh ah) ei-in le umnak telcih in. **be found wanting** a tlak taktak lo, a tlin taktak lo ih hmu. **find fault (with sb/sth)** sualnak, palhnak hawl: *I have no fault to find with your work.* ○ *She's always finding fault (with me).* **find/lose favour with sb/in sb's eyes** ⇒ FAVOUR¹. **find one's feet** (a) nuam tete ih ding, vak thei vivo: *After a six-week illness it took me some time to find my feet again.* (b) mah le mah a rinsan aw, mahte tuah ngam: *I only recently joined the firm so I'm still finding my feet.* (not)

find it in one's heart/oneself to do sth zawnruah ruangih ngam lo: *I cannot find it in myself to condemn a mother who steals for a hungry child.* ○ *Can you find it in your heart to apologize?* **find oneself** mah sinak taktak hmu aw: *At twenty-two, he's just beginning to find himself.* **find/meet one's match** ⇒ MATCH². **fine one's own level** fimnak, thiamnak, ruahnak ah mah thawn a canaw-mi thawn pawl ngah. **find/lose one's voice/tongue** mah ih ruahnak sim thiam lo: *Tell me what you think — or have you lost your tongue?* **find its way to ...** thlen thei tawt thleng: *Rivers find their way to the sea.* **find one's way (to ...)** lamzin dik tong: *I hope you can find your way home.* **take sb as one finds him** a sinak vek cekci ih cohlang: *We've only just returned from holiday so you must take us as you find us.* 10 (phr v) **find (sth) out** ʔa te-ih zoifel hnuah thei ngah: *Can you find out what time the train leaves?* **find sb out** sual/bum tivek theifiang dingih zingzoi: *He had been cheating the taxman but it was years before he was found out.* **find for/against sb** (law) khatlam neh in/sung in thu ʔhen sak: *The jury found for the defendant.*

▷ **finder** *n* 1 hmutu, tongtu: *Lost: one diamond ring. Finder will be rewarded.* 2 Durbing tuumpi thawn hmankhawmmi durbing fate. 3 (idm) **finders keepers** (saying) thil pakhat khat a tongtu (hmutu) cun kilkhawitu dingah ʔuanvo a nei.

finding *n* (usu pl) 1 zingzoinak tuah ih ngahmi thu: *the findings of the Commission* ○ *The report's main finding is that pensions are inadequate.* 2 (law) thuʔhen zung ih thu pakhat parah hmuhami thu (thupekmi thu).

find² /faɪnd/ *n* 1 tonmi: *Our new gardener was a marvelous find.* 2 hmu, tong: *an important archaeological find* ○ *I made a great find in that second-hand bookshop yesterday.*

fine¹ /faɪn/ *n* cawhkuan: *Offenders may be liable to a heavy fine.*

▷ **fine** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-n] ~ **sb** (for sth/doing sth) cawh: *fined for dangerous driving* ○ *The court fined him £500.*

finable /fɪnəbl/ *adj* cawh theih: *a finable offence.*

fine² /faɪn/ *adj* (-r, -st) **1** (a) a *tha*: *a fine painting* ○ *a very fine performance* ○ *fine food, clothes, material.* (b) felfaizet ih tuahmi: *fine workmanship* ○ *fine silk.* (c) *tha*, mawi, duhnung: *a fine view* ○ *We had a fine holiday in Switzerland.* ○ (ironic) *This is a fine mess we're in!* **2** (of weather) nikhua *thazet*, van *thiangzet*: *It poured all morning, but turned fine later.* **3** dip zet ih rial kuaimi: *fine powder, flour, dust, etc* ○ *Sand is finer than gravel.* **4** feemte, paate: *fine thread* ○ *a pencil with fine point.* **5** (of metals) a hliir, a tak, zianghman rawi lomi: *fine gold.* **6** (a) theih harmi; theihthiam har: *Your are making very fine distinctions.* (b) raling te ih thil thleidan a thiammi: *a fine sense of humors* ○ *a fine taste in art.* **7** (of speech or writing) tong thlum tong mawi: *His speech was full of fine words which meant nothing.* **8** harhdam: *'How are your?'* *'Fine, thanks.'* **9** (infml) lung kim: *I'm not very hungry — a small snack is fine for me.* **10** (idm) **chance would be a fine thing** tuah duh nan, tuahding a remcang ngah hrih lo ⇒ CHANCE¹. **the finer points (of sth)** thil pakhat ih a terek te le a thuhla pawl (thate ih a theitu lawngih theihmi): *I don't understand the finer points of snooker but I enjoy watching it on TV.* **get sth down to a fine art** (infml) *tha* zet ih tuah thiam dingin zir: *She's got the business of buying birthday presents down to a fine art.* **not to put too fine a point on it** fiangte'n sim: *I don't much like modern music — in fact, not to put too fine a point on it, I hate it.* **one fine day** (thuanthu simawik tikah) nikhat lai ah, hitikhlan ah, hmailam ah.

▷ **finely** *adv* **1** nalh zetin, *tha* zetin: *finely dressed.* **2** dip zetin, cip zetin: *finely chopped herbs.* **3** dik zetin, dik cekci in: *a finely tuned engine* ○ *The match was finely balanced.*

fine-ness *n* [U].

□ **fine art** (also **the fine arts**, **art**) zuk suai, cangan, milem tuah tivek ah a *tha* hnginmi: [attrib] *a fine-arts course.*

fine-tooth comb (idm) (**go over, through, etc sth**) with a **fine-tooth comb** a terek te khal theitheih dingin felte ih zoh: *Police experts are sifting all the evidence with a fine-tooth comb.*

the fine print = THE SMALL PRINT (SMALL).

fine³ /faɪn/ *adv* **1** (infml) *thazet*, kaihzet, remzet: *That suits me fine.* **2** (in compounds) *thahngin*: *fine-drawn* (ie subtle) *distinctions* ○ *fine-spun*, ie delicate. **3** (idm) **cut it/things fine** tikcu, caan tawite lawng ret: *If we only allow five minutes*

for catching our train, we'll be cutting it too fine.

finery /fɪnəri/ *n* [U] nalhzet le ropizet mi hnipuan: *court officials dressed in all their finery* ○ *The garden looks beautiful in its summer finery*, ie with its bright flowers, lawns, etc.

finesse /fɪnes/ *n* **1** [U] fimkhur zet in milai, lole, umdan tawlrel thiamnak: *show finesse in averting a threatened strike* ○ *He wheedled money from his father with considerable finesse.* **2** [C] (in card-games) phe lek tikah hrokhrawl dan thiamtu.

▷ **finesse** *v* pheleh thiamnak suah ih lek: *She succeeded in finessing her queen.*

finger¹ /fɪŋɡə(r)/ *n* **1** kut zung (little finger, ring finger, middle finger, forefinger/index finger, thumb): *There are five fingers (or four fingers and one thumb) on each hand.* **2** kuthruk ih kutzung. **3** (infml) zuzuartu in zu a zuartikih a tahnak, zungkhat bok: *He poured himself two fingers of whisky.* **4** (idm) **be all fingers and thumbs** mah ih kutzung duhnak vek in hman thiam lo: *Can you thread this reedle for me? I'm all fingers and thumbs today.* **burn one's fingers/get one's fingers burnt** ⇒ BURN². **cross one's fingers** ⇒ CROSS². **get, pull, etc a/one's finger out** (infml) zangzel hlah, zamrang deuh in tuan: *If you don't pull your finger out, you'll never get the job finished.* **have a finger in every pie** (infml) tel vivo. **have/keep one's finger on the pulse** neta bik ziang a cang ti tiangin thei. **have, etc one's fingers in the till** (infml) mah hnatuannak hmun ih paisa fir: *be caught with one's fingers in the till* ○ *He's had his fingers in the till for years.* **lay a finger on sb/sth** kut in beeng/thawi: *If you lay a finger on that boy (ie harm him physically), I'll never forgive you.* **lift/raise a finger/hand** ⇒ LIFT. **point the finger** ⇒ POINT². **put one's finger on sth** (sualnak) langter; zungkhih: *I can't quite put my finger on the flaw in her argument.* **put the finger on sb** (sl) sualnak tuahtu palik hnenah va sim (report). **slip through sb's fingers** ⇒ SLIP. **snap one's fingers** ⇒ SNAP. **sticky fingers** ⇒ STICKY. **twist sb round one's little finger** ⇒ TWIST. **work one's fingers to the bone** nasa zet in tuan.

□ **finger-board** *n* tingtang, violin tivek awn mawi thilri ah a kut kaihna zawn.

finger-bowl *n* kut kholhna kheeng.

finger-mark *n* kutzung neh: *leave finger-marks all over the shiny table.*

finger-nail *n* kutzung tin.

finger-plate *n* sangka onnak zawnih benmi thirpheeng, lole thlalang.

fingerprint *n* kutzung riin (hminsinnak ah kutzung riin pawl ca thupi parah nam): *take the prisoner's finger prints.*

finger-stall *n* kutzung meihma funnak thil.

fingertip *n* **1** kutzung a zim. **2** (idm) **have sth at one's fingertips** pakhat ih a sinak fate hman

taang loin thei thluh. **to one's finger tips** a kim te'n a khuilam in khal: *She's an artist to her fingertips.*

finger² /fɪŋgə(r)/ *v* [Tn] **1** tham (ziangvek a si ti tham hnik): *She fingered the silk to feel its quality.* ○ *I don't like eating food that's been fingered by someone else.* **2** awnmawi thilri (piano, guitar) tum tikah kut zung hmang. **3** (sl) sualnak a tuahtu palik hnen ah thupte'n va sim. ▷ **fingering** /fɪŋgərɪŋ/ *n* [U] kut zung pawl hman thiam daan (thimnak ah - type cuk, piano tum, tɪŋtɪŋ tum tikah): *a piano piece with tricky fingering.*

finicky /'fɪnɪkɪ/ (also **finical** /'fɪnɪkl/, **finicking** /'fɪnɪkɪŋ/) *adj* **1** (derog) hnipuan, rawl tivek ih thutam/thuduh (tong lote in um thei lo tong tam rero): *a finicky eater, dresser, etc.* **2** a terek tiang ih tisak thluh a tɪlmi: *This job is too finicky for me.*

finish /'fɪnɪʃ/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Tn, Tg] theh, cem: *Term finishes next week.* ○ *finish one's work* ○ *finish (reading) a book.* (b) [I] tɪuan dingmi a net a cem tiang tɪuan: *Wait — I haven't finished yet.* ○ *Two of the runners failed to finish.* ○ *She was leading for part of the race but finally finished fourth.* **2** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (off/up) a taangmi ei/in theh, hmang theh: *We might as well finish (up) the cake; there isn't much left.* **3** tuah theh, tɪuan thluh: *a beautifully finished wooden bowl* ○ *put the finishing touches to a work of art* ○ *This blouse needs to be finished off before I can wear it.* **4** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (off) (infml) baang ih tha cem: *That bike ride absolutely finished me.* **5** (phr v) **finish sb/sth off** (infml) siatsuah/cemter: *That fever nearly finished him (off).* ○ *The last bullet finished off the wounded animal.* ○ (fig) *It would finish me off to see her with him.* **finish with sb/sth** (a) mi pakhat buaipei nawn lo; thil pakhat hmang nawn lo: *Can you wait a minute? I haven't finished with Ann yet.* ○ *You'll be sorry by the time I've finished with you,* eg finished punishing you. ○ *Please put the saucepan away if you've finished with it.* (b) phiat, baang: *She should finish with him — he treats her very badly.* ○ *I've finished with gambling — it's a waste of money.* **finish (up) with sth** a netnak/a cemnak ah pakhat khat thawn cemter: *We had a quick lunch and finished up with a cup of coffee/and a cup of coffee to finish up with.* **finish up** (followed by an adj or *n*) a netnak ah; netter: *He could finish up dead or badly injured.*

▷ **finish n 1** [C] a netnak le cemnak: *the finish of a race* ○ *There were several close finishes during the competition,* ie ones in which the leading competitors were close together at the end. **2** (a) [C, U] theh: *furniture with a fine finish.* ○ (fig) *His manners lack finish.* (b) [C] thing si hnih tikah a netcem a mawitertu: *varnishes available in a range of finishes.* **3** (idm)

be in at the finish a cemnet tiang um. **fight to the finish** ⇒ FIGHT¹. **a fight to the finish** ⇒ FIGHT². **finisher n** leh zuamnak tivek a theh (a net tiang) tiang a ti theitu.

□ **finishing school** nunau pawl mi lakah ziang tiin nungcang ding ti zirnak tlawng (private tlawng a si ih paisa tampi pekih zirmi a si).

finished /'fɪnɪʃt/ *adj* **1** [pred] ~ (with sb/sth) (infml) theh, pakhat thawn pehtlai nawn lo: *I won't be finished for another hour.* ○ *I'm not finished with you yet.* ○ *She decided she was finished with working for others.* **2** [pred] a theh nawn lomi, a cem zomi, a siat zomi: *The scandal means he's finished in politics.* ○ *Everything is finished between her and him.* **3** [usu attrib] tuah theh: *the finished product, artical, etc.*

finite /'fɪnaɪt/ *adj* **1** ritek nei, netnak nei famkim lomi/tlamtling lo: *Human knowledge is finite,* ie There anre things we do not know. **2** (grammar) tuahtu (verb) phunkhat a siih, 'Am', 'is', 'are', 'was', 'were', tla an si: 'Am', 'is', 'are', 'was' and 'were' are the finite forms of 'be'; 'be', 'being' and 'been' are the non-finite forms.

fink /fɪŋk/ *n* (US sl derog) **1** sualnak tuahtu pawl palik hnenih a simtu. **2** midang an ngol laiah a hnaɬuan a tɪuan pehtu. **3** pawl nuam lo, thinheng dingih um thei milai.

Finn /fɪn/ *n* Finland mi.

▷ **Finnish n** [U] Finland tɔŋg. — *adj* cui pawl ,lole, an tɔŋg.

finnan /'fɪnən/ *n* (also **finnan haddock**) nga phunkhat.

fiord (also **fjord**) /'fɪɔ:d/ *n* Norway ram sungta vekih tikel fiak saupi.

fir /fɜ:(r)/ *n* **1** [U] (also **fir-tree**) farkung. **2** [U] himi far phun thingkung.

□ **fir-cone n** far thei, far rah.

fire¹ /'faɪə(r)/ *n* **1** [U] mei: *man's discovery of fire.*

2 (a) [U] siatsuahtu mei: *Have you insured your house against fire?* (b) [C] mei kaang: *forest fires* ○ *a fire in a warehouse.* **3** (a) [C] rawl suannak, lole aai dingah, tihmi mei: *make/build a fire* ○ *lay a fire,* ie put paper, wood, etc together for a fire, usu in a grate ○ *a blazing/roaring fire.* (b) [C] khaan sung hlumternak Gas maw, electric maw vannak: *a gas/electric fire.* Cf HEATER (HEAT²), STOVE **2**. **4** [U] meithal kaap: *The soldiers kept up a steady fire.* ○ *return sb's fire,* ie shoot back at sb. **5** [U] lungthin tho zet, taima zet: *His speech lacked fire,* ie was uninspiring. **6** (idm) **a ball of fire** ⇒ BALL¹. **a baptism of fire** ⇒ BAPTISM. **between two fires** hmunhnhnhn ih sin rak kap. **catch fire** ⇒ CATCH¹. **draw sb's fire** ⇒ DRAW². **the fat is in the fire** ⇒ FAT². **fire and brimstone** Hell mei: (fig) *She was breathing fire and brimstone,* a thin heng a ling in ling. **fire and sword** (fml) raldonak ah thah-awknak le meisa ih ur-awknak. **get on like a house on fire** ⇒ HOUSE¹. **go through fire and water** (for sb/sth)

tihungza le harsatnak tuar. **hang fire** ⇒ HANG¹. **have, etc many irons in the fire** ⇒ IRON¹. **heap coals of fire on sb's head** ⇒ HEAP *v.* **hold one's fire** doawknak cawltter sung. **make up a fire** mei alh sin dingin meihol, thing tivek bet. **no smoke without fire** ⇒ SMOKE¹. **on fire (a)** meikaang rero: *The house is on fire.* (b) (*fig*) lungthawhnak, duhnak, hiarnak thawn a kangin kaang. **open fire** ⇒ OPEN². **out of the frying-pan into the fire** ⇒ FRYING-PAN (FRY¹). **play with fire** mah hrangah aatthlak le tihungza a simi tuah/tuannak. **set fire to sth/set sth on fire** pakhat khat mei in khaang/ur. (not/never) **set the Thames /temz/ on fire** thil ropui (tuah lo): *He's a good student, but he won't ever set the Thames on fire.* **set the world on fire** ⇒ WORLD. **under fire (a)** mi in rak kap rero lai: *come under intense fire.* (b) (*fig*) nasa tak ih soisel (a that lonak reel): *The government is under fire from all sides on its economic policy.*

□ **fire-alarm** *n* mei a kaang ti ralrin peknak khawnglawng (*electric bell*); meikang dar.

firearm *n* (usu *pl*) duhduhnak ih ken theimi meithal phun khatkhat: *carry firearms.*

fire-ball *n* 1 van ah nasa zet ih a vaangmi arsi zuang. 2 atom bung (bomb) a puak kuainak hmun laifang. 3 (*fig*) mi thatho zet.

fire-bomb *n* a puak hnuah nasa zet ih a alhmi meisa bung (*bomb*).

fire-box *n* (tisa khuih mawnmi inzin) boiler ih meisa tiknak hmun.

firebrand *n* 1 a alh laimi thing, mei thingthu. 2 (*fig*) hnaihok petu milai.

fire-break *n* meilam dan.

fire-brick *n* meikang ih a siatter thei lomi, meikang thei lo tlakrawh (a sa tuar theimi).

fire brigade *n* (US **fire department**) meikaang phaltu dingih tuanvo neitu: *call out the fire brigade.*

fire-clay *n* [U] meikang thei lo tlakrawh tuahnak tlak-lei.

firecracker *n* (esp US) phangphang; puahphang. **firedamp** (also **damp**) *n* [U] thli le methane dat thawn an tonawk tikah a puakkuai theimi lungto meihol lainnak sungih um gas dat phunkhat.

fire-dog *n* = ANDIRON.

fire-drill *n* [C, U] meikangnak inn le tangphawlawng tivek ihsin luat thei dingah ziangtin tuah ding timi zirnak.

fire-eater *n* 1 mitkher puai ah meisa lem/dolhtu. 2 mi tawh/hau lawnglawng tummi, mi thinheng ol.

fire-engine (also **appliance**) *n* meikaang phalhnak mawtawka.

fire-escape *n* mei a kaang tiki inn leeng suahnak dingih tuahmi kailawn; cakkhai kailawn.

fire extinguisher (also **extinguisher**) ken vingvo

theih mei hmihnak.

fire-fighter *n* mei hmittu (*mi-tat*), ram meikang hmittu an si bik.

firefly *n* demde.

fire-guard *n* innsung tappi ih meiñil khamnak thirpheeng; mei daar.

fire-irons *n* [pl] meisa toknak caiceh, taptawh.

firelight *n* [U] meisa tih-mi mei vaang: *sitting in the firelight.*

fire-lighter *n* [C, U] mei alhtertu thil.

fireman /-mən/ *n* (pl **-men** /-mən/) 1 meikaang that hnañuantu. 2 meisa hmang cetzung tumpi pawl ih meisa vengtu (kilkhawitu), mitat (*kawl*).

fireplace *n* tappi.

fire-plug *n* (esp US) meisa lam hnañuan pawlih tidai thannak paip-lu.

fire-power *n* [U] kaap (siat) theinak a thaa a hmual (meithal um zat a tee/a tum siar in).

fireproof *adj* meisa khaan, mei sazet in kang loin a kham-aw theimi: *a fireproof wall, door, etc.* — *v* [Tn] meisa kang thei lo ko ih kham.

fire-raising *n* [U] mei-urtu, mi thil urtu. **fire-raiser** *n.*

fireside *n* (usu *sing*) tappi kiang: *sitting at the fireside* ○ [attrib] *a fireside chair.*

fire station meisa kaang hmittu pawlih zung.

fire-walking *n* [U] (usu religious) (biaknak puai ah) ke lawngin meisa meiling parih feh. **fire-walker** *n.*

fire-watcher *n* meikaang kiltu/vengtu.

fire-water *n* [U] (*infml*) zu khoh zet (cakzetmi); zu cang zet.

firewood *n* [U] tih thing.

firework *n* 1 [C] (puai tiki, mawinak ah, zan ah van ih an kahmi) meisa par/teek: *set off a few fireworks.* 2 **fire works** [pl] (a) meipar. (b) (*fig*) thin heng ti langternak: *Just you watch the fireworks when your father catches those boys!*

fire² /'faɪə(r)/ *v* 1 [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn.pr] ~ (sth) (at sb/sth); ~ (sth) into sth kaap, meithal in kaap: *'Fire!' ordered the captain.* ○ *The officer ordered his men to fire (at the enemy).* ○ *The police fired (several rubber bullets) into the crowd.* ○ *This weapon fires anti-aircraft missiles.* ○ *He fired several shots (at the target).* ○ *fire (a pistol) into the air* ○ *fire a 21-gun salute*, ie fire 21 shots from guns into the air as a sign of respect in a ceremony. 2 [Tn.pr] ~ sth at sb pakhat in khatlam theih dingin zamrang zet le a pehpeh in sim: *fire insults, questions, ideas etc.* 3 [Tn] (*infml*) hnañuan ihsin hlom/phuah/dawi: *He was fired for stealing money from the till.* 4 [Tn] mei duah/ur: *fire a haystack.* 5 [I] puah/meialh suakter: *The engine will not fire.* ○ *The engine is only firing on three cylinders.* 6 [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ sb with sth; ~ sb into sth/doing sth thin thoter/hiarter: *Adventure stories fired his imagination.* ○ *fire sb with enthusiasm, longing, desire, etc* ○ *The party leader's rousing speech fired the*

members into action. **7** [Tn] rawh (lei beel, tlakrawh tivek): *fire pottery, bricks, etc in a kiln.*
8 (phr v) **working/firing on all cylinders** ⇒ CYLINDER. **9** (phr v) **fire away** (usu as a command) thu sut thok; sim thok: *'I've got a couple of questions I'd like to ask you'. 'Right, fire away.'* **fire sth off** kaap: *fire off a few rounds, all one's ammunition, etc.*

▷ **-fired** (forming compound adjs) a kaang ih tha a suak thei thil hmanmi: *gas-fired central heating* ○ a coal-fired power station.

firing /faɪərɪŋ/ **n** **1** [U] meithal kah: *There was continuous firing to our left.* **2** [C, U] ur/rawh: *It will take several firings to clear the shelves of all these pots.*

□ **firing-line** **n** **1** raal hmaai/ral thawn a naih bik. **2** (idm) **be in the firing line** kawk tuartu, soi tuartu dinhmun ih um: *She'll have to be careful now — she's directly in the firing-line of the new director.*

firing-squad **n** [CGp] sualnak tuah ruangih thah dingih thuthen zomi misual khi meithal in kap that dingih thuanvo latu pawl; misual thattu: *He was sentenced to death by firing-squad.*

firm¹ /fɜːm/ **adj** (-er, -est) **1** (a) a khoh, a hnget: *This wet ground is not firm enough to walk on.* ○ *firm soil* ○ *a firm cushion, mattress, sofa, etc* ○ *firm flesh/muscles.* (b) a fek: *firm foundations* ○ *a firm foothold* ○ *firm concrete fencing.* **2** (of a movement) a hngetmi: *a firm handshake, grip, hold, etc.* **3** a thleng aw lo: *a firm belief/believer in socialism* ○ *a firm decision, date, arrangement, offer* ○ *firm opinions, convictions, principles, etc* ○ *firm news, evidence, information, etc* ○ *'Burnside' is the firm favourite to win the race, ie the horse that is confidently expected to win.* **4** ~ (with sb) dik zet le thufek dinhmun nei ih nungcangmi: *Parents must be firm with their children.* ○ *exercise firm leadership, control, discipline, etc* ○ *'I don't want to be unkind,' he said in a firm voice.* **5** [usu pred] ~ (against sth) amah ringring, tangka dang hnakin a man a tum lo: *The pound remained firm against the dollar, but fell against the yen.* **6** (idm) **be on firm ground** thu simmi khohter ngam; dinhmun hngetkhoh nei. **a firm hand** fekzet ih uk/kai: *That boy needs a firm hand to help him grow up.* **have, etc a firm/tight hold on sth** ⇒ HOLD².

▷ **firm v** **1** [I, Ip, Tn, Tn.p] ~ (sth) (up) khohter, hngetter. **2** (phr v) **firm sth up** (a) reipi hnget dingin tuah: *firm up a contract, deal, agreement, etc.* (b) taksa khal dingin tuah: *Exercise will firm up your muscles.*

firm adv (idm) **hold firm to sth** daan, thupom tivek zummi fek zet ih kai: *hold firm to one's beliefs, ideals, principles, etc.* **stand fast/firm** ⇒ FAST².

firmly **adv** hnget zetin: *The fence posts were fixed firmly in the ground.* ○ *The business was*

soon firmly established in the town. ○ *The suggestion was politely but firmly rejected by the chairman.*

firmness **n** [U].

firm² /fɜːm/ **n** [CGp] (esp infml) sumtuah hnaṭuan kampani pawlpi: *a firm of accountants* ○ *our firm has/have made 200 workers redundant.*

firmament /fɜːməmənt/ **n** **the firmament** [sing] (arch) van.

first¹ /fɜːst/ **det** **1** (a) a pakhatnak: *the first public performance of the play* ○ *his first wife* ○ *their first baby* ○ *her first job* ○ *students in their first year at college* ○ *at first light*, ie dawn ○ *at the first* (ie earliest) *opportunity* ○ *the first signs that winter is approaching* ○ *one's first impression/reaction* ○ *She won first prize in the competition.* ○ *King Edward I* (ie said as 'King Edward the First') ○ *go back to first* (ie basic) *principles* ○ *of the first importance* ○ *the first violins*, ie in an orchestra ○ *Your first duty is to your family.* (b) hmaisabik: *It was first time they had ever met.* ○ *his first real taste of success.*

Cf LAST¹ **1.** **2** (idm) **first/last/next but one, two, three, etc** a sangtu, a pathumnak tivek: *Take the first turning but one* (ie the second turning) *on your left.* ○ *I lived in the last house but two* (ie the third house from the end) *in this street.*

first thing a hmais a bik ah: *I'm going shopping first thing in the morning/first thing tomorrow.*

first things first (saying) a thupi bik cu hmais a bik ih tuah ding a si. (For other idioms containing **first**, see the entries for the other major words in each idiom, eg **at first glance/sight** ⇒ GLANCE; **not have the first idea about sth** ⇒ IDEA)

▷ **firstly** **adv** pakhatnak ah: *The illness can develop in two ways: firstly, in cases of high blood pressure and secondly....*

□ **first aid** sibawi ton thei hlan hliamhma, tuamhlawm sungnak, a hmais a bik bomnak (minaa).

first balcony = DRESS CIRCLE (DRESS); baisikup zung tlunlam dot hmais a bik tonak hmun.

to first base **1** baseball lehnak ah a lektu ih pal ding a hmais a bik hmun. **2** (idm) **not get to first base (with sth)** (infml esp US) a hram thok thei lo; a thoknak hman hluhsuah lo.

first class **1** tlangleng, tangphawlawng, baisikup zung tivek ah tonak hmun tha bik, sang bik: *Smoking is not allowed in first class.* ○ [attrib] *first-class carriages compartments, seats, etc.* **2** cakuat zamrang bik kuatnak: *First class costs 5p more.* ○ [attrib] *A first-class letter should arrive the following day.* ○ *Ten first-class stamps, please.* **3** a thabik/saangbik: *The entertainment provided was first class.* ○ [attrib] *They can afford to eat at first-class restaurants.* ○ *She got first-class results in her exams.* ○ *They're first-class people — you'll like them.* — **adv** a tha bik le a rang bik phurhthiarnak, lole,

ca le thil kuatnak: *travel first class* ○ *I sent the letter first class on Monday.*

first-cousin = COUSIN; ni, lole paseu ih hrinmi faate pawl.

first-day cover a hleice ih suahmi milu an ben ih tacik an cummi ca-ik; cabawm.

first degree mithat le meikang phun thum ih thenmi sungah a sangbikmi, a roh bikmi: *He was charged with murder of the first degree/first-degree murder.* ○ *Hot coffee can give first-degree burns.*

first finger mehtok (zung).

first floor (usu **the first floor**) **1** (Brit) lei zawn canvel dot ih a tlun dot. **2** (US) ah cun lei zawn canvel dot a si. ⇒ Usage at FLOOR¹.

first-footing *n* [U] (Scotland ih hman bikmi) kumthar ni puai thok hlan, hmaisa bik inn sung luttu hngahnak umzia.

first-fruit *n* (usu *pl*) **1** thlai thar. **2** (fig) pakhat ih tnanmi ihsin a suak hmaisa bik.

first gear mawtawka le baisikal ih a fuung bik le tha khoh bik kiar (gear).

firsthand *adj* [attrib], *adv* simsin siloin mahte theihmi/hmuhtonmi: *firsthand information* (direct news from the origin). ○ *experience sth firsthand.*

first lady **1** **the First Lady** (US) America (USA) President nupi; ramthen uktu bawi nupi. **2** (usu *sing*) hnañuan, lole, pawl pakhat khat ih hotu nunau: *recognized as the first lady of romantic fiction.*

first name suah tiki pekmi hmin, Mirang hmin pek daan ahcun pupa hrinhmin (surname) cu neta bik ah an ret; suah tiki pekmi hmin cu kawhna bik hmin a si ih hmin hmaisa bik, a silole, a pakhatnak hmin an ti, eg **John Butter** titik ah **John** cu a *first name* a si ih, **Butter** cu *surname* a si: *Mrs Thatcher's first name is Margaret.* ○ [attrib] *We are all on first-name terms with our boss,* ie We call him by his first name (a sign of a friendly informal relationship). ⇒ Usage at NAME¹. Cf FORENAME, GIVEN NAME, CHRISTIAN NAME (CHRISTIAN).

first night piahzat, baisikup tivekah piah thok hmaisa bik: *the first night of 'The Sound of Music'* ○ [attrib] *suffer from first-night nerves.*

first offender thutthen zung in a vei khatnak sualman cawhkuan pekmi; thusual tuah hmaisa biktu.

first officer sumdawnnak tangphaw-lawng tumpi uktu bawi bik sangtu.

the first person **1** (grammar) tongtu in, mah le mah rel (sim) awknak ih hmanmi — ka, keimah, kan, kanmah tivek first person pronouns pawl: *'I am' is the first person singular of the present tense of the verb 'to be'.* ○ [attrib] *'I', 'me', 'we' and 'us' are first person pronouns.* **2** thuanthun ngan tikah mah rori in thuanthun sim bangtuk ih ngan: *Hemingway often writes in the first*

person.

first-rate *adj* thabik: *a first-rate meal* ○ *The food here is first-rate.* — *adv* harhdam zet: *feel first-rate.*

first refusal duh le duh lo ruatcat theinak: *If you ever decide to sell your house, I hope you'll give me (the) first refusal.*

first school (in British) kum nga ihsin kum kua tiang retnak tlawng.

the First World War (also **World War I**) Leilung Tlun Ralpi Veikhatnak (1914-1918).

first² /fɜːst/ *adv* **1** (a) a thok ah; midang hlan ah; a pakhatnak ah: *Susan came to the room first.* ○ *Who came first in the race?* ie Who won? ○ *Ladies first,* ie said by a man, allowing a woman to enter a room, car, etc before he does. (b) thil dang/caan dang hlan ah: *First I had to decide what to wear.* ○ *Think first, then act.* ○ *'Have some tea.' 'I'll finish my work first.'* Cf LAST². **2** a hmaisa bik: *When did you first meet him?* ○ *The play was first performed in Paris.* ○ *When he first arrived in this country, he couldn't speak any English.* **3** a pakhatnak ah: *This method has two advantages: first it is cheaper and second(ly) it is quicker.* ⇒ Usage. **4** hmasa: *He said he'd resign first,* eg rather than compromise his principles. **5** (idm) **at first** a pekah: *At first I thought he was shy, but then I discovered he was just not interested in other people.* ○ (saying) *If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.* **come first** a dang hnakin; thupi bikih ruatmi: *You know that your wife and children come first.* **first and foremost** ziangdang hnakin; a thupi bik miangmo: *He does a bit of writing, but first and foremost he's a teacher.* **first and last** (fml) a ziangtin khal; a zate huap in: *He was a real gentleman, first and last.* **first come, first served** (saying) thil peek ding le zem dingih kawh mi si bang sehla, a ra hmaisa sa peek le zemding. **first of all** hmaisa bik ah; thupi bikin: *First of all just smiled, then she started to laugh.* ○ *Well, first of all we can't possibly spare the time.* **first off** (infml) ziangdang hlaan ah; hmaisa bikah: *First off, let's see how much it'll cost.* **put sb/sth first** a pakhatnak ah ret: *put one's career, reputation, children first.* **see sb in hell first** ⇒ HELL.

□ **first-born** *n, adj* [attrib] (dated) (child) fatir, upa bik: *their first-born son.*

NOTE ON USAGE: When ordering items in a list, **first(ly)**, **second(ly)**, **third(ly)**, etc are put at the beginning of the sentence or clause. They are usually followed by a comma. Some speakers prefer **first** to **firstly**: *There are three reasons for my resignation. First(ly), I am dissatisfied with my wages; secondly, the hours are too long; and thirdly, there is little chance of promotion.* Alternatively, first, second, third, etc

could be used.

first³ /fɜːst/ *n*, *pron* **1** **the first** a pakhatnak: *Sheila was the first to arrive.* ○ *I'm the first in my family to go to university.* ○ *I'd be the first to admit (ie I will most willingly admit) I might be wrong.* ○ *The first I heard about the firm closing down (ie The first time I became aware of it) was when George told me.* **2** [C] (*infml*) hlaan ih tisuak keel lo hlawhtlinnak, a pakhatnak: *a real first for the German team.* **3** [C] ~ (**in sth**) (*Brit*) university dikari camibuai ah a hmat sang bik: *she got first in maths at Exeter.* **4** [U] a niambik a fuungbik kiar (*gear*) (mawṭawka ah): *go up the hill in first gear.* **5** (*idm*) **from the (very) first** a thok ihsin: *I found the idea attractive from the first, and now I'm convinced it's the only solution.* **from first to last** a thok ihsin a net tiang.

firth /fɜːθ/ *n* (*esp in Scotland*) tipi-thuanthum/tifinriat leilung lam ah fate zet in a sawh/a kel kawimi; tiva ih tipi thuanthum a vun komnak zawn.

fiscal /fɪskl/ *adj* rampi paisa a simi; cozah paisa, a bik in ngunkhuai paisa: *the government's fiscal policy.*

□ **fiscal year** (US) = FINANCIAL YEAR (FINANCIAL).

fish¹ /fɪʃ/ *n* (*pl* unchanged or ~**es**) ⇒ Usage. **1** [C] nga: *They caught several fish.* ○ *fishes, frogs and crabs.* **2** [U] ngasa: *frozen, smoked, fresh, etc fish* ○ *boiled, fried, grilled, etc fish* ○ *Fish was served after the first course.* **3** (*idm*) **a big fish** ⇒ BIG. **a cold fish** ⇒ COLD¹. **a different kettle of fish** ⇒ DIFFERENT. **drink like a fish** ⇒ DRINK². **a fine, etc kettle of fish** ⇒ KETTLE. **a fish out of water** theihthiam lomi karlak ah a um ih a nuamaw lomi (um thiamlo). *With my working-class background I feel like a fish out of water among these high-society people.* **have bigger/other fish to fry** a thupi deuh/hiar um sawn tuahding nei lai. **neither fish, flesh nor good red herring** (*saying*) thleidan harmi; theih hliah lomi, fiangfai lomi. **an odd/a queer fish** (*infml*) mi phundang; theih har zet (milai): *He's a bit of an odd fish — he's never been out of his house for years.* **play a fish** siomi nga baang ko ih taalder ta. **there are (plenty) more (good) fish in the sea** amah lo midang miṭha thilṭha tampi an umlai.

▷ **fishy** *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) **1** nga rimnam, rimnam a nei: *a fishy smell.* **2** (*infml*) zum setsai lomi: *There's something rather fishy going on here.*

□ **fish and chips** nga a pum ih kiomi le aa-lu carkio eikhawm dingih zuarmi Mirang rawl: *Fish and chips is getting very expensive now.*

fish cake nga le aa-lu ih tuahmi hmuk.

fish-eye lens mizuknak thlalang ngamit vek lens kau.

fish-farm *n* nga zuatnak tili.

fish finger (US **fish stick**) nga kio sawlzerzi.

fish-hook *n* ngasio.

fish-kettle *n* ngasuan-beel.

fish-knife *n* ngasa eitiki hmanmi namte.

fishmonger /-mʌŋgə(r)/ *n* (*Brit*) ngasa zuartu: *buy fish at the fishmonger's/from the fishmonger.*

fish-net *n* **1** [C] ngakaihnak suur. **2** [U] a ong fate te nei ih takmi puan: [attrib] *fish-net tights.*

fish-slice *n* nga kio, hmuk kio tivek cawhletnak ong nei cuankeu pheeng.

fishwife *n* **1** nga zuartu nunau. **2** (*derog*) mikawk thei ringring (nunau): *She was screaming like a fishwife.*

NOTE ON USAGE: **1 Fish** as a countable noun has two plural forms: **fish** and **fishes**. **1 Fish** is the more usual form, used when referring to a mass of them in the water to be caught or seen: *The number of fish in coastal waters has decreased.* ○ *A lot of fish were caught during the competition.* **2 Fishes** is used to refer to different species of fish: *He studies in particular the fishes of the Indian Ocean.*

fish² /fɪʃ/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr] ~ (**for sth**) nga sio/nga daw: *I often fish/go fishing at weekend.* ○ *fishing for salmon.* (b) [Tn] tiva/tili ah nga kai: *fish a river, lake, etc.* **2** [Ipr] ~ **for sth** hawl/daw: *fish for pearls* ○ *Fishing (around) in the bag for the keys.* **3** (*idm*) **fish in troubled waters** harsa tonmi hnen in a miat lak tum. **4** (*phr v*) **fish for sth** dingte in siloin kelkawi in thil ngah tum: *fish for compliments, information, praise.* **fish sth out (of sth)** thur, laak: *Several old cars are fished out (of the canal) every month.* ○ *He fished a length of string out of his pocket.*

▷ **fishing** *n* [U] ngakai: *deep-sea fishing.* ○ *Fishing is still the main industry there.* ○ [attrib] *a fishing boat* ○ *a fishing ground.* **fishing-line** *n* ngasionak hri (sio hri), a zim ah an ret.

fishing-rod *n* (US **fishing pole**) ngasionak fung, siofung. **fishing-tackle** [U] ngasionak thilri.

fisherman /fɪʃəmən/ *n* (*pl -men*) ngakaitu.

fishery /fɪʃəri/ *n* **1** (*usu pl*) ngakaihnak hmun tifinriat: *offshore fisheries*, ie at some distance from the coast. **2** ngakaih hnaṭuan/ngakai ih sumtuah; pumcawm: *the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.*

fish-plate /fɪʃpleɪt/ *n* tlangleeng lamzin thirtluan pakhat le pakhat pehawknak ih hmanmi thirpheeng.

fissile /fɪsaɪl/; US /fɪsl/ *adj* (*fml*) **1** a laifang in puakkuai theimi. **2** a kuai/a ṭhen aw theimi: *fissile wood.*

fission /fɪʃn/ *n* [U] **1** atom ih a sungmu nucleus a puakkuai tikah energy (tha) tampi a suahtheinak: *nuclear fission.* **2** (*biology*) a nungmi hmuh thamlo thilnung fate te pawl umnak khaan fate (cells) pawl a kuai, lole, an ṭhenaw ih an karhzainak.

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▷ **fissionable** /-fənebl/ *adj* nucleus timi a laifang, an kom-awknak hram a puakkuai, a thenaw theimi.

fissiparous /fɪsɪpərəs/ *adj* biological cells timi thilnung fatebik pawl ih umnak a khaantete a kuai ih an thenawnak ihsin an ci karzaihnak a cangmi.

fissure /fɪʃə(r)/ *n* leilung, lole, lungto tumpipi ih a kak/a khing/a kek.

fist /fɪst/ *n* **1** kuttum: *He struck me with his fist.* ○ *He clenched his fists.* ○ *She shook her fist at him,* ie as an angry threatening gesture. **2** (idm) **an iron fist/hand in a velvet glove** thinlungih ummi langter loin a lenglam zohnak ah thater aw zetmi ⇒ IRON¹. **the mailed fist** ⇒ MAIL². **make money hand over fist** ⇒ MONEY.

▷ **fistful** /fɪstfʊl/ *n* kut suum huam khat (kut sungih huam thei zat): *a fistful of ten-pound notes.*

□ **fistcuffs** /fɪstɪkʌfs/ *n* [pl] (*arch or joc*) kuttum thawn thong-awk: *engage in fistcuffs.*

fistula /fɪstjʊlə/ *n* **1** a sawlnawn ih a kaa a fiakmi hnaikhwar hma. **2** taksa sungih a kel si lomi kua/sibawi ih tuah hrimmi kua.

fit¹ /fɪt/ *adj* (-**tter**, -**ttest**) **1** [usu pred] ~ **for sb/sth**; ~ **to do sth** a tling; a tlaak; a tawkmi: *a land fit for heroes to live in* ○ *The food was not fit for human consumption/not fit to eat,* ie was too bad to be eaten. **2** [usu pred] ~ **to do sth** (infml) pakhat khat tuah ruangih tuarmi: *They worked till they were fit to drop,* ie likely to collapse from exhaustion. ○ *He's so angry that he's in no fit state to see anyone.* ○ (used as an adv after a *v* and to + infinitive) *He laughed fit to burst.* ○ *His shouting was fit* (ie loud enough) *to wake the dead.* **3** ~ (**for sth/to do sth**) harhdam felfel: *World-class athletes are extremely fit.* ○ *He keeps himself fit by running 5 miles every day.* ○ *fighting fit,* ie in very good physical condition and ready for energetic action. ⇒ Usage at HEALTHY. **4** (fml) a tlaak, a zawn, a dik; kiangkap umdan thawn a remzetmi: *As George introduced Peter and Sarah it is only fit (and proper) that he should be best man at their wedding.* **5** (idm) (**as**) **fit as a fiddle** harhdam zet, cakvakmi: *I felt as fit as a fiddle after my walking holiday.* **see/think fit (to do sth)** tuah/tuan/ti dingah a remcang tihi ruat: *The newspaper did not see fit to publish my letter.* ○ *Do as you think fit.*

▷ **fitness** *n* [U] **1** harhdam-cakvak umzia: *In many sports (physical) fitness is not as important as technique.* **2** ~ **for sth/to do sth** a zawn, a tlaak, a rem: *Her fitness for the job cannot be questioned.*

fit² /fɪt/ *v* (-**tt**-, **pt**, **pp** **fitted**; US also **fit**) **1** (**a**) [I, Tn] tawk; rem: *These shoes don't fit (me).* ○ *Her coat fits (her) exactly.* ○ *I can never get clothes to fit me.* ○ *a close-fitting dress* ○ *The key doesn't fit the lock.* (**b**) [Tn-pr esp passive] ~ **sb for sth** a

kaih le kaih lo hrukter: *He went to the tailor's to be fitted for a coat.* **2** (**a**) [Ipr, Ip] a tawk-aw/a kaih: *The cooker won't fit in/into your new kitchen.* ○ *The mask fitted tightly over his face.* ○ *a tightly-fitting mask* ○ *The lift was so small that only three people could fit in.* (**b**) [Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth into sth/in** tlem: *We can't fit any more chairs into the room.* ○ *This card just fits nicely into that envelope.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **A (on/to B)**; ~ **B with A** ben, bun, phah: *fit handles on the cupboards/fit the cupboards with handles* ○ *The room was fitted with a new carpet.* **4** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **A (onto/to B)**; ~ **A and B together** a dangdang kha pakhat si dingin peh/bunh: *fit the tail assembly to the fuselage* ○ *fit the pieces of a model kit together.* **5** [I, Tn] a rem; a kaih: *Something doesn't quite fit here.* ○ *All the facts certainly fit your theory.* ○ *The punishment ought to fit the crime.* **6** [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-t] ~ **sb/oneself/sth for sth** a kaih, a vo aw bik; a mawi bik: *Am I really fit for the role of director?* ○ *His experience fitted him for the job/to do the job.* **7** (idm) **fill/fit the bill** ⇒ BILL¹. **fit (sb) like a glove** (**a**) hrukmi a kaih cekci: *My dress fits (me) like a glove.* (**b**) a kaih cekci (thuhla tivek): *'Cautions' is a description that certainly fits the new president like a glove.* **if the cap fits** ⇒ CAP. **8** (phr v) **fit sb/sth in; fit sb/sth in/into sth** pakhat khat tuahding/ton ding remcangter: *I'll try and fit you in after lunch.* ○ *I had to fit ten appointments into one morning.* **fit in (with sb/sth)** remter; a kaih aw: *He's never done this type of work before; I'm not sure how he'll fit in (with the other employees).* ○ *Do these plans fit in with your arrangements?* **fit sb/sth out/up (with sth)** a tulmi thuamhnaw (equip) bun/peek (supply sth): *fit out a ship before a long voyage* ○ *I'm getting the children fitted with clothes for their new school.*

▷ **fitted** *adj* **1** (of a carpet) rem dingin aat (zialphah a khaan thawn kaih dingin rem). **2** (**a**) (of furniture) a retnak hmun thawn kaih aw dingin rem: *fitted cupboards.* (**b**) (of a room) khansung a tulmi tokheng thawn rem/thuam (having fitted furniture): *a fitted kitchen.* **3** (of a sheet) (ih khun khuh puan) ihphah khuhpuan kha ihphah thawn rem dingin tuah.

fitter *n* **1** ceet fate pawl remkhawmtu (eg electric, gas rawlsuan cet tivek): *a gas fitter.* **2** thit ding puan aattu.

fit³ /fɪt/ *n* [sing] (usu with a preceding *adj*) a tawk daan/zia: *The coat was a good, bad, tight, loose, etc fit.*

fit⁴ /fɪt/ *n* **1** rin lo pi'n merai naa ih besiat; caihnat: *an epileptic fit.* **2** natnak (hmakhat te sung ngahduak): *a fit of coughing* ○ *a fainting fit.* **3** hmakhat te ih nazet ih hnihnak (bok ko hnihnak): *a fit of laughter/(the) giggles* ○ *We were all in fits (of laughter)* (ie laughing

uncontrollably) at his jokes. ○ a fit of energy, letter writing, spring-cleaning, etc. **4** malte sung thinlung in nazet ih tuarnak: a fit of anger, rage, frustration, etc. **5** (idm) **by/in fits and starts** a caancaan te lawng tikcu pe thei: Because other commitments I can only write my book in fits and starts. **have/throw a fit (a)** merai nat ngah. **(b)** (infml) hmakhat te thinphang, thinlau (hruak): Your mother would have a fit if she knew you were here.

▷ **fitful** /-fl/ *adj* hmanhman siloin, caan malte kar sungih cangmi thil: fitful bursts of energy ○ a fitful night's sleep. **fitfully** /-fəli/ *adv*.

fitment /'fitmənt/ *n* (usu *pl*) innsung thilri eg tohkham, bizu, rawl ei cabuai tivek.

fitting¹ /'fitɪŋ/ *adj* a remcaangmi: It was fitting that he should be here to receive the prize in person.

fitting² /'fitɪŋ/ *n* **1** (usu *pl*) electric hmanmi thil fate pawl: electrical fittings ○ stainless-steel light fittings. **2** (usu *pl*) innpi ah bun theih, a sina'n, thawn tikah lak sal theihmi, tarmi zuk, beelretnak, cabu retnak tivek. Cf MIXTURE (MOVABLES). **3** puai hrangah a hleice ih thilthit : a fitting for a wedding dress ○ costume fittings.

five /faɪv/ *pron det* 5, panga: Look at page five. ○ Everyone took the exam, but only five passed. ○ Five (of the students) passed. ○ There were five children at the party. ○ This shirt cost five pounds, ie £5. ○ He's five (years old) today.

▷ **five** *n* nambat panga (5): a birthday card with a big five on it ○ a five-sided figure.

five- (in compounds) panga um pakhat a si mi: a five-days week, ie working five days out of seven, usu Monday to Friday ○ a five-year contract ○ a five-side figure.

five /'faɪvə(r)/ *n* **1** (Brit in *fml*) fang nga ca: Can I borrow a five? **2** (US infml) Dollar Fangnga ca; \$5.

□ **five o'clock shadow** meet ruangih a kho saalmi khahmul le bianghmul tawi dum.

five pence (also **five p, 5p**) (Brit) Mirang tangka penni panga: (Penny cu kanmah pia vek a sive, Penny 100 Pound 1 a si, Penny ih plural cu pence an ti).

fivepenny *adj* [attrib] (Brit) penni 5 man.

fives /faɪvz/ *n* [sing *v*] (Brit) Mirang ram ih tennis phar ah thawiih lehnak.

fix¹ /fiks/ *v* **1** [Tn-pr] bun; phun: fix a shelf to the wall ○ fix a post in the ground ○ (fig) fix the blame on sb ○ fix sb's name in one's mind, ie make great efforts to remember it. **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **sth on sb/sth** mit taar ko zoh; bun (thinlung): Her eyes were fixed on the gun. ○ fix one's thoughts/attention on what one is doing. **3** [Tn] khiah; hril, reelcat: The time for our meeting has been fixed already. ○ We will fix the rent at £100 a week. **4** [Tn] rem: My watch has stopped — it needs fixing. **5** [Tn] dikte'n ret; rem: Let me fix my hair (ie brush and comb it) and I'll be ready.

6 [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth (up)** timtuah, tawrel: I'll fix (up) a meeting. ○ I could fix it up with Geoffrey.

7 [Tn] tongko ih hawl. **8** [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth (for sb)** (esp US) tuah sak; tiim; zaal (tii rawl le lakphak, tivek ah): He's just fixing a snack. ○ Can I fix you a drink? ○ Let me fix supper for you. **9** [Tn] hnipuan tivek a pian rong thleng nawn lo ding in tuah, but. **10** [Tn esp passive] (infml) pakhat khat tuah dingmi parah dik lo zet in va tuah (hrokhrawl ih tuah): I knew the race was fixed. ○ The jury/judge had been fixed.

11 [Tn] (infml) hnaihok petheitu that, a silole, caang thei nawn lo ding in tuah: I'll fix him so that he never bothers you again. **12** [I, Tn] (sl) bing tivek rit theinak mah le mah dawt aw. **13** (phr *v*) **fix on sb/sth** hril, laak: They've fixed on Ashby as the new chairman. ○ Have you fixed on a date for the wedding? **fix sth up** rem, cei-mawi: He fixed up the cottage before they moved in. **fix sb up (with sth)** pakhat khat tuah sak: I'll fix you up with a place to stay. ○ She's got herself fixed up with a cosy flat. **fix sb with sth** (fml) (thinlung ih) zoh hrim, mit en: He fixed her with an angry stare.

▷ **fixed** /'fiksɪd/ *adj* **1** tuahcia; relcia zo: fixed prices ○ a fixed rate of interest. **2** (ruahnak, saduhthah, sunmang, tivek ah) hngetzetih kai, pom: He had the fixed idea that a woman's place was in the home. **3** [attrib] tum rori; thlenglo: a fixed smile, glare, stare etc. **4** [pred] ~ **for sth** (infml) peek: How are you fixed for money, food, time, etc? **5** (idm) (of) **no fixed abode/address** (law) um ringringnak hmun nei lo: Lovejoy, of no fixed abode, was charged with murder. **fixedly** /'fiksɪdli/ *adv* mit thep lo in: stare fixedly at somebody. **fixed assets** inn le innsung hmanmi thilri tivek pawl, thawn theih lomi thilri. Cf CURRENT ASSETS (CURRENT¹). **fixed costs** hmanmi le tuansuakmi a dang aw lemlomi. **fixed star** vansang tuk ih a um ruangah a caang lo hmang ti ih ruah mi arsi.

fixer /'fiksə(r)/ *n* **1** (infml) upadi thawn a kaih aw lemlomi tuah tumtu. **2** (chemical) mizuknak le puan hnimmak ah a pianrong thleng thei nawn lo dingih hmanmi sii.

fixity /'fiksɪti/ *n* [U] ~ **fo sth** a hngetmi (firmness): She displayed great fixity of purpose.

fix² /fiks/ *n* **1** [C usu sing] (infml) awloksong, lole, a harzetmi dinhmun: be in/get oneself into a fix. **2** [C] (a) vanzam, tangphawlawng tivek umhmun compass in hawl. (b) compass in hawl ih tonmi umhmun. **3** [sing] (infml) hrokhrawl ih thil tuah: Her promotion was a fix, I'm sure. **4** [C] (sl) bing tivek ritsii sun: get oneself a fix.

fixated /'fiksɪtɪd/ *adj* [pred] ~ (on sb/sth) pakhat khat thinlung ih caam ringring: He is fixated on things that remind him of his childhood.

fixation /'fiksɪʃən/ *n* ~ (on sb/sth) thinlung sungih helhkamnak, ruah ringringnak: a mother

fixation ○ *fixation about marriage*.

fixative /ˈfiksətɪv/ *n* [C, U] **1** a kop aw tertu; a benawtertu eg kaw, tivek. **2** benhnak, kopnak, ernhak, eg samdeu tivek, haadeu tivek bennak thliing: *Dentures require a strong fixative*.

fixture /ˈfɪkstʃə(r)/ *n* **1** (usu *pl*) thawn theih nawn loih bencihmi thilri, eg tibualnak kuang, ek thawh tiki tonak kep khuat - tivek pawl: *plumbing fixtures* ○ *The price of the house included many existing fixtures and fittings that were not to our taste*. Cf **FITTING** **2**, **MOVABLES** (**MOVABLE**). **2** nikhiah; puai, lehpuai, nupi thiṭni tivek nikhiah. **3** (*infml*) a umnak a hnget mi minung, asilole, thilri pakhat; a umnak kel ah a remzet zo ih khui hman thawn nawn lo ding a bangmi: *Professor Gravity now seems to have become an unwanted fixture in the college*.

fizz /fɪz/ *v* [I] **1** (of a liquid) a so (a tii mi) a phuul a suak. **2** sur-sur tiuh awn: *The match fizzed*.

▷ **fizz** *n* [U] **1** a suakmi a phuul: *This lemonade has lost its fizz*. **2** a puak thuktho mi awn; a phuul burhbo mi awn: *The fizz of a firework*; (*infml*) in theimi lak ah a phuan, a phuul a suak theimi — *champagne, beer* tivek pawl.

fizzle /fɪzl/ *v* **1** [I] a phuan, a phuul a suak tiki diim deuh ih awn. **2** (phr *v*) **fizzle out** tuktak tuaṭa zetiṭ neet (cem): *After a promising start, the project soon fizzled out*.

fizzy /fɪzi/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) (in mi tii phunkhat khat ah) awn surso ih a phuul theimi: *fizzy lemonade*.

▷ **fizziness** *n* [U].

fjord = **FIORD**.

fl *abbr* floor: *Accounts Office 3rd fl*.

flab /flæb/ *n* [U] (*infml derog*) a thau ih a neem hlurhli mi minung taksa: *middle-age flab*, ie on people aged about 40-60 years.

▷ **flabby** /flæbi/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) (*derog*) **1** (a) a nemmi titsa (titsa a khal hlom lomi): *flabby muscles, flesh, etc.* (b) taksa a thau ih a nemmi: *He's getting fat and flabby because he doesn't have enough exercise*. ⇨ Usage at **FAT** **1**. **2** a ṭawnṭai zetmi, a khoh lo, a harhdam lo: *flabby excuses* ○ *a flabby argument, plot, speech, etc.* **flabbily** *adv*.

flabbiness *n* [U].

flabbergast /flæbəɡəst; US -ɡæst/ *v* [Tn usu passive] (*infml*) thinphangter, khawruah harter: *He was flabbergasted when he heard that his friend had been accused of murder*.

flaccid /flæksɪd/ *adj* (*fml*) a neem ih a ṭawnṭaimi, a fek lomi (mi).

▷ **flaccidity** /flækˈsɪdəti/ *n* [U].

flag ¹ /flæg/ *n* **1** aalan; thantar: *The national flag of the United Kingdom is called the Union Jack*. ○ *The ship was sailing under the Dutch flag*, ie the Dutch flag was flying from its mast. ○ *All the flags were flying at half-mast*, ie in honour of a famous dead person. ○ *The guard waved his flag and the train left the station*. ○ *The white*

flag is a symbol of a truce or surrender. **2** pakhat khat hmainsinnak ih tuahmi aalan fate, eg AIDS nat khamnak in hmainsinnak ah aalan fate an tuah ih an zuar: *children selling flags for a cancer research appeal*. **3** hlaan theihmi mawtawka (*Taxi*) parih hlaan theih mawtawka a si ti ih tarmi thantar. **4** (idm) **a flag of convenience** tipithuanthum parih pur sumleilawn tangphawlawng tuumpipi tampi cu anmai' ram ih siah le daan in luat dingah a tangphawlawng neitu ram aalan taar lo in, ram hrang siah (tax) malte a lakmi ram fate pakhat khat (Registered state) aalan an tar. Cumi cu "a remcaang mi aalan" tin an ko. **fly/show/wave the flag** aalan tar in maw aalan hawi in maw, kan lo ṭanpi a si ti ih hmuh (theiter). **keep the flag flying** ram, lole thuhla ah kan lo ṭanpi a si ti ih hmuh/langter ringring: *Our exporters proudly kept the flag flying at the international trade exhibition*.

▷ **flag** *v* (**-gg-**) **1** [Tn esp passive] aalan thlaih: *The streets were flagged to celebrate the royal wedding*. **2** [Tn] thildang hnakin a hleice ih theih thiam ṭulmi pawl theithiam dingin pakhat khat in hmuh: *All the surnames in the list have been specially flagged so that the computer can print them out easily*. **3** (phr *v*) **flag sth down** a feh rero lai mawṭawka, saihka, taxi tivek pawl kha cawl dingin kut in maw, thil pakhat khat in maw, zaap: *flag down a taxi*.

□ **flag-day** *n* **1** (**US tag day**) mi tampi umtlannak hmunah mi damlo harsa pawl hrangih sumpai hawl saknak ah aalan fate te zuar in paisa dihnak. **2 Flag Day** (**US**) America ah 14 June, cu Aalan Ni an ti, a ruang cu 1777 kum ah tuih an hman laimi aalan an hman thawnak ni a si. **flag-pole** *n* aalan ṭhuam.

flagship *n* **1** tangphawlawng tampi lakah, a zapi uktu bawibik ih umnak tangphawlawng. **2** (*fig*) ṭuanlai thil pawl, tuah ciami thil pawl, tumtahmi pawl lakih a thupibik: *This dictionary is the flagship of Oxford's range of learners' dictionaries*.

flagstaff *n* aalan ṭhuam.

flag-waving *n* [U] (esp excessive) ram duhdawtnak langternak ah aalan hawi ih vaak hlurhlo: [attrib] *I didn't think much of that speech — it was just a flag-waving exercise*, ie one that did not deal with real issues.

flag ² /flæg/ *v* (**-gg-**) [I] **1** baang, cahnak ṭum, ṭawnṭai vivo: *My strength, interest, enthusiasm, etc is flagging*. **2** (esp of plants) vuai, thinghnaṭ, pangpar, tivek pawl car (ro) vivo: *Roses will flag in the summer heat*.

flag ³ /flæg/ *n* = **FLAGSTONE**.

▷ **flagged** /flægd/ *adj* lungto phahmi (cangdawl mi): *a flagged terrace*.

flag ⁴ /flæg/ *n* cirh ih khomi di vek hramkung. Cf **IRIS** **2**.

flagellant /flædʒələnt/ (*fml*) *n* biaknak ruangah,

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 lole, hurnak riam dingah mah le mah, lole, midang thawitu.

▷ **flagellate** /flædzələt/ *v* (fml) mah le mah, asilole, midang khi funghreu in vuak (hur riam ding, asilole, biaknak ruangih thawi). **flagellation** /flædzələtʃn/ *n*.

flagon /flægən/ *n* **1** zu palang hluum tumpi. **2** Cabuai ih rawl ei, puai ra pawl cabit zu peknak palang khuat a hmur, a ka, a siin le a kut kaihnak a neimi. **3** *flagon* khuat haikhat (tidai, zu, wine tivate): *drink a flagon of wine*.

flagrant /fleigrənt/ *adj* (usu of an action) that lonak le sualnak laar zet ih tuah ngam: *a flagrant breach of justice* ○ *flagrant violations of human right*.

▷ **flagrantly** *adv*.

flagstone /flægstəʊn/ (also **flag**) *n* innsung zial, tual, lamzin vekih phahmi lungto pheeng.

flail /fleil/ *n* faang, vainim tivate a ci thlong dingih vuaknak talhtum, talhbalh.

▷ **flail** *v* **1** [I, Tn] khat lam le khat lam ah hawi: *The dying lamb fell, its legs flailing (about) helplessly*. ○ *flail one's arms/hands above one's head*. **2** [Tn] talhtum in vuak.

flair /fleə(r)/ *n* **1** [sing U] pianpi thiamnak; naamkahnak; tilseepnak: *He doesn't show much flair for the piano*. ○ *She has a real flair for languages*, ie is quick at learning them. **2** [U] pianpi iang le duhnung mawinak; duhnunnak.

flak /flæk/ *n* [U] **1** vanzam kah-nak pukpi pawl; pukpi ih kahmi: *run into heavy flak*. **2** (infml) napi ih soisel: *The plans for the new tax have come in for a lot of flak*, ie have been very strongly criticized.

□ **flak jacket** thir thawn tuahmi cerek khaan angki.

flake /fleik/ *n* a tleep, a thap tete: *Scrape off all the loose flakes of paint before redecorating*. ○ *snow flakes* ○ *soap flakes*.

▷ **flake** *v* **1** [I, Ip] ~ (off/away) a vut, a tleep tete in a tla thluh (phar parih thuhmi sii a vut le a tleep tete in a tla thluh): *The paint on the walls is beginning to flake (off)*. **2** [I, Tn] a tleep tete ah then thluh: *flaked fish*. **3** (phr v) **flake out** (infml) itthat sualsi (baang tuk ah): *When I got home from the airport, I flaked out in the nearest armchair*.

flaky *adj* (-ier, -iest) a vut, a tleep tete ih ummi: *flaky pastry*. **flakiness** *n* [U].

flambé /flɒmbeɪ/ *US* flɑ:m'beɪ/ *adj* (French) (following ns) (of food) zureu tawihmi rawl; a zureu kha mei in an urih cutin a kaanglai ah an peek: *pancakes flambé*.

flamboyant /flæm'bɔɪənt/ *adj* **1** (milai pakhat ih umtu dan) mah le mah zum aw zetih duhsak aw zetmi: *rich flamboyant film stars* ○ *flamboyant gestures*. **2** tleu depdep ih ceimawi: *flamboyant clothes*.

▷ **flamboyance** /-bɔɪəns/ *n* [U]. **flamboyantly**

adv.

flame¹ /fleɪm/ *n* **1** [C, U] mei-alh: *The curtains were enveloped in a sheet of flame*. ○ *The tiny flame of a cigarette-lighter*. ○ *The house was in flames*, ie was on fire, burning. ○ *An oil heater was knocked over and burst instantly into flames*, ie suddenly began to burn strongly. ○ *The whole hotel went up in flames* (ie was destroyed by fire) *in minutes*. **2** [C] apian rong (colour) a tleu ih a mawi zetmi - a tambik cu a sen le aihre a si theu: *The flowering shrubs were a scarlet flame*. **3** [C] (rhet) thinlung ih tuar nasa mi, eg fala-tlangval duh-awknak: *the flame of passion*. ○ *A flicker of interest soon turned into the burning flames of desire*. **4** [C] (infml) veikhat lai ah rak caai dahmi: *an old flame*. **5** (idm) **add fuel to the flames** ⇒ **ADD**. **fan the flames** ⇒ **FAN**². **pour oil on the flames** ⇒ **POUR**.

□ **flame-thrower** *n* mei alh cerek kahnak meithal.

flame² /fleɪm/ *v* **1** [La, I] vaam hiamhiam, kaang: *The burning coals started to flame yellow and orange*. **2** [La, I, Ipr] mei-alh vekih tleu, vaang: *wooded hillsides that flame red in autumn*. ○ *a flaming sunset* ○ *flaming red hair* ○ *His face flamed (with anger/embarrassment)*.

▷ **flaming** *adj* [attrib] **1** natukmi, nasaroh: *a flaming row/argument/temper*. **2** (infml) pumpuluk: *You flaming idiot!*

flamenco /flə'menʃkəʊ/ *n* [C, U] (pl ~s) (music for a) Spain ram ih mitawivak phunhnam (gypsies) pawl laam tikih sakmi hla.

flamingo /flə'mɪŋɡəʊ/ *n* (pl ~s) ke le hngawng saupi nei, a thla sendup a simi tidai par ih tlang, ngathur phunkhat.

flammable /flæməbl/ *adj* alh ol: *Pajamas made from flammable material have been removed from most shops*. Cf **INFLAMMABLE**, **NON-FLAMMABLE**. ⇒ Usage at **INVALUABLE**.

flan /flæn/ *n* hmuk/sang phunkhat: *an apple flan*. Cf **PIE**, **TART**².

flange /flændʒ/ *n* thil pakhat khat, tlangleeng ke tivate, a ding fek theinak dingah a leeng lamih saanter deuhmi.

flank /flæŋk/ *n* **1** hnakruh le khelruh karlak ih taksa; tai neem. **2** thil pakhat khat ih khatlam kap. **3** ralkap burpi ih khatlam kap a sir lam (ralkap burpi umnak ih a vorh lam kap maw, a keh lam kap pakhat khat ti duhnak a si): *Our orders are to attack their left flank*. ○ [attrib] *a flank attack*.

▷ **flank** *v* [Tn usu passive] a kaphnih in kulh/kiil: *The prisoner was flanked by the two defectives*, ie There was a detective on each side of him. ○ *The garden is flanked to the north with large maple trees*.

flannel /flænl/ *n* **1** [U] sahmul puan than thawn tuahmi hnipuan: [attrib] *flannel trousers*. **2** **flannels** [pl] mipa bawngbi sau flannel thawn

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tuahmi: *a pair of cricket flannels*. **3** = FACE-FLANNEL (FACE¹) hmai hnawtnak puanpar. **4** [U] (*infml*) a langfiangih sim loin, a heel ih simkawimi, porhnak a si theu: *He gave me a lot of flannel but I still don't know the answer to my question*.

▷ **flannel** *v* (-ll-; US -l-) [I] (*infml*) tiduhsanmi fiangte ih simngam loin, hel ciamco ih ngan/sawn: *Stop flannelling and give a straight answer!*

flannelette /flænə'let/ *n* [U] flannel puanthan thawn tuahmi: [attrib] *flannelette night-gowns, sheets, pyjamas, etc.*

flap¹ /flæp/ *n* 1 ~ (of sth) thil pheng a thlaiawmi, lole, a phittu; eg ca-ik a siin, angki zal siin: *the flap of an envelop* ○ *the flap of a tent, pocket, etc* ○ *the flap of a table*, ie an extra hinged section that hangs down when not in use. **2** vanzam a thla dunglam zimih a thlaimi thil pheeng, cuimi a pheeng hernak vekin van ah a zuang. **3** thil pheeng a zaap (caang) tiki awn. **4** (idm) **be in/bet into a flap** (*infml*) cokbuai: *I got a real flap when I lost my keys*.

flap² /flæp/ *v* (-pp-) **1** [I, Tn] thawn; vawr (seep) zaap: *The sails were flapping gently in the wind*. ○ *The bird flapped its wings and flew away*. **2** [Ipr, Tn-pr] beeng: *flap at a fly with a cloth/flap a cloth at a fly*. **3** [I] cokbuai: *There's no need to flap!* **4** (phr v) **flap across, away, by, etc** (of a bird) zam hlo: *The heron flapped slowly off across the lake*.

flapjack /'flæpdʒæk/ *n* **1** sangvut, thawpat, khuaitizu pawl thlaak ih tuahmi biscuit hmuk phunkhat. **2** (esp US) sang sahpi phunkhat (thick pan cake).

flapper /'flæpə(r)/ *n* **1** thlanzapnak vek fikfa thahnak. **2** (dated *infml*) 1920 kum hrawng ih fala um tudan zia phunkhat.

flare¹ /fleə(r)/ *v* **1** [I] (hmkhat te a alh ih) tleu zurhzo: *The match flared in the darkness*. ○ *flaring gas jets*. **2** [I] (fig) thin heng hruak, hmkhat te in a cang (puakkuai): *Tempers flared at the conference*. **3** (phr v) **flare up** (a) hmkhat te in a kaang lohli: *The fire flared up as I put more logs on it*. (b) hmkhat te in thinheng lohli: *Violence has flared up again*. (c) (of an illness) a suak saal: *My back trouble has flared up again*. ▷ **flare** *n* **1** (usu *sing*) malte sung tleuzet ih a kangmi (mei-alh): *the sudden flare of a torch in the darkness*. **2** theihternak mei: *The captain of the sinking ship used flares to attract the attention of the coastguard*.

□ **flare-path** vanzam tumnak a zawn theih theinak dingih vanmi mei.

flare-up *n* **1** hmkhat te ih a kaangmi mei. **2** thinhennak, lungawinak tivek (hmkhat te ih a suakmi).

flare² /fleə(r)/ *v* [I, Ip, Tn esp passive] tanglamah a kau vivomi, eg bawngbi-ke a kau vivomi (amah

le sanah bell-bottom tin an ko): *This skirt flares (out) at the hem*. ○ *Her nostrils flared angrily*. ○ *flared trousers*. Cf TAPER².

▷ **flare** *n* **1** nuam tete ih a kau vivomi: *a skirt with a slight flare*. **2 flares** [pl] (*infml*) tang lam kauh vivomi bawngbi.

flash¹ /flæʃ/ *n* **1** [C] (a) hmkhat te in tleumi (tleu zukzi); meicerh; nimthlakau: *a flash of lightning*. (b) (fig) thei lohli; hmu lohli: *a flash of inspiration, intuition, etc*. **2** [C] = NEWS FLASH (NEWS). **3** [C, U] mi zuk tiki hmanmi tleupawt (dat-mi): *This camera has built-in flash*. ○ *I'll need flash for this shot; the light isn't good enough*. **4** [C] ralkap angki liang ben tacbi. **5** [C usu *sing*] (*infml*) mipa zahmawh mi hmuh duak. **6** [attrib] (*infml derog*) mankhung zet bang, tha taktak lomi, hmuh tha fang: *a flash sports car*. **7** (idm) **a flash in the pan** hlawhtlinnak malte sung ngahduak ih a dang ngah nawn lo: *His first novel was a flash in the pan, and he hasn't written anything decent since*. **in a/like a flash** zamrang zetin; hmkhatte in, tu lohli ah: *I'll be back in a flash*.

quick as a flash ⇒ QUICK.

□ **flashbulb** *n* datmei mu.

flash cube mi zuknak hrangah meimu pali komaw ih pakhat hnu pakhat hmanmi.

flash-flood *n* hmkhat te ih a suak mi (ti-lian).

flash-gun *n* mizuknak kemara ih tleu pawt suahtu thil.

flashlight *n* **1** mizuk tikah mei tleunak petu. **2** (esp US) = TORCH. **3** (source of) thu theihter awknak ih hmanmi mei.

flash-point *n* **1** siti mei parah kan ret ih a satuk tikah a alh zik vek cangtertu a satnak. **2** (fig) rumronak/thinhennak a suaknak ding zawn: *Community unrest is rapidly approaching the flashpoint*.

flash² /flæʃ/ *v* **1** (a) [I] hmkhat te a tleu duak (nimthlakau): *Lighting flashed during the storm*. ○ *A lighthouse was flashing in the distance*. ○ (fig) *His eyes flashed angrily*. (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] malte sung cerh: *flash a torch in sb's eyes/at sb*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] (a) meitleu hmangin thu sim aw: *flash a signal (to sb) with one's car headlights*. (b) mei ih cerh vekin cerh: *Her eyes flashed anger and defiance (at everyone)*. **3** [Tn] radio, television in than: *flash a message on the screen*. **4** [Tn, Tn-p] hmuh; piyah: *flash an identification card*. ○ (derog) *He's flashing his money around*, ie to try to gain the admiration of others. **5** [I] (*infml*) (esp of a man) mipa zahmawh mawi lo zet in mi hmuhduak. **6** (phr v) **flash a long, by, past, through, etc** tlaan hlo; zamhlo; feh lohli: *The train flashed by at high speed*. ○ (fig) *An idea flashed into her mind*. **flash back** kirsal, letsal: *My mind flashed back to our previous meeting*.

▷ **flasher** /'flæʃə(r)/ *n* **1** (*infml*) mei cerhtu (milai) (FLASH² 5). **2** mawṭawka keh maw vorh ah a feh

ding ti khihhuhtu meipawl vanternak thil.

□ **flashback** *n* lemnung (film, play) sungah a luancia mi caan le hmun tivec pawl hmuhsaalknak zawn: *The events that led up to the murder were shown in a series of flashbacks.*

flash card cahnah sahpi par ih cafang tumpipi ih nganmi (cazirnak bawmtu ih hmanmi a si).

flashy /ˈflæʃɪ/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) mi a hiip nain mitkemza a simi; tluangkhangn pianzia: *flashy clothes, jewellery, etc.* ○ *a flashy car.*

▷ **flash-ily** *adv*: *flashily dressed.*

flask /flæsk/; US flæsk/ *n* **1** (a) tisa retnak palang, tisa thawl (*dat-buu*). (b) siti, sathau, wine (sabit ti) tivec retnak thawl. **2** (also **hip-flask**) zu kennak ih an hmanmi, savun phawnei palang peer. **3** = VACUUM FLASK (VACUUM). **4** thawl (*flask*) pakhat sung ih a tlemmi zat: *drink a flask of wine, whisky, tea, etc.*

flat¹ /flæt/ *n* (esp Brit) (also esp US **apartment**) innsungsang tampi um thei dingih tuahmi, innpi pakhsatung ih innsang pakhat umnak (*taih-khaan*): *a new block of flats* ○ *They are renting a furnished flat on the third floor.* ○ *Many large old houses have now been converted into flats.*

▷ **flat-let** /-lɪt/ *n* inn khaan fate.

flat² /flæt/ *adj* (-tter, -ttest) **1** a rual aw; a naalmi, a rawn: *a flat surface for writing on* ○ *The countryside is very flat here, ie has no hills.* **2** a pheeng (a peer, a pharh); a hluum lo: *People used to think that the world was flat, now we know it is round.* **3** thil a puan nawn ih a par/ tluon/hmai a rawnmi: *a flat cup* ○ *flat dishes, plates, etc.* ○ *The cake was flat.* **4** (of a tyre) mawtawka a ke a kuai ih a thli a suak thluh khi 'flat' an ti: *because of a puncture, the tyre be came flat.* **5** ningkhop um: *speack in a flat voice* ○ *He felt a bit flat after his friends had gone.* **6** dawr thilri khawng lo: *The market has been flat today.* **7** thilri phunphun a sina'n a man a bangaw thluh; tnanmi a phunphun a si nan tnanman a bang aw thluh: *a flat fare of 70p* ○ *a flat-rate* ○ *flat-rate* (ie standard and fixed) contribution. **8** a buan (a phuul) suak thei nawn lomi tii: *The lager tastes/has gone flat.* **9** (of a battery) battery a tha cem: *unable to supply any more electric current* ○ *run down.* **10** (music) (aw hrek) aw hram ihsin aw hrek a tummi: *B flat is a semitone below the note B.* Cf SHARP 12. **11** (a) [usu pred] zuk tivec ah a rong phunphun tuah lomi: *The colours used are flat and unvaried.* ○ *His paintings are deliberately flat, it's part of his style.* (b) mizuk suaimi ah a sii thuh mi a naal lo/a tleu lo. **12** kimmi; a pumhlum: [attrib] *give sb a flat denial/refusal.* **13** (of feet) ke zaphak a lai kuar loih a rawnmi. **14** (idm) **and that's flat** cu hmuah a si; ka thunet a si: *I'm not going out with you and that's flat!* **be in/go into a flat spin**; (as) **flat as a pancake** a

rawn theh rori: *The whole landscape looked as flat as a pancake.* ○ *The surprise party turned out as flat as a pancake, ie was very disappointing.*

▷ **flatly** *adv* **1** lungmui lemlo in (lungawi lemlo in): *'Maybe,' he said flatly, 'I'll see.'* **2** langhngan in; pumpuluk in: *The allegations were all flatly denied.* ○ *Our request was flatly rejected.*

flatness *n* [U].

□ **flat-bottomed** *adj* (of a boat) tidai puannak ah hman theih dingih tuahmi a tanglam zial a rawnmi tangphawlawng.

flatcar *n* (US) thilri phurhnak ih hmanmi tlangleng a tluon khuh nei lo.

flat-fish *n* ngavaang phun ngapheeng phun khat.

flat-footed *adj* **1** ke tanglam a kuar nei lo ih a rawnmi, vomke. **2** (infml) khulfung zet, ti hnuamhni: *His speed and skill makes other players look flat-footed.*

flat-iron *n* istari (hnipuan hnawtnak).

flat racing rang tlanzuam-awknak ah tlang lan ding um lo, a rawnmi par lawngih zuamawknak. Cf STEEPCHASE 1.

flat spin **1** vanzam a tum zawngah a her ciamco. **2** (idm) **be in/go into a flat spin** (infml) a hnok zet, thinlung hnokhnai.

flat² /flæt/ *adv* **1** hlasak tikah awpek dik hnakin niam deuh ih sak; a laai mi: *She sings flat all the time.* **2** zapathal ih zau; baang zet tiah kutpharh ke thluang ih zapathal ih zau: *She lay flat on her back in the warm sunshine.* ○ *He knocked his opponent flat.* ○ *The earthquake laid the city flat, ie demolished it, making all the buildings fall.* **3** eelding umlo; si rori ding in: *My boss told me flat that I couldn't leave early.* ○ *She went flat against my orders, ie disobeyed or ignored them completely.* ○ *I'm flat broke, ie have absolutely no money.* **4** (idm) **fall flat** (of a joke, story, performance etc) a caanglo; a cem rori; a ti thei nawn lo: *All my funny stories fell completely flat.* **fall flat on one's face** (infml) nautat ih kawkm le soimi tuar. **flat/stony broke** ⇒ BROKE². **flat out** (a) khulrang tawpin; thazang neih tawp in: *running, working, training, etc flat out.* (b) tha baang rori; a cau: *After running in the marathon, she was flat out for a week.* **in 10 seconds, 5 minutes, etc flat** sekan 10, minutes 5 tikcu malte in faite in ka ti thei ding, ti can a si: *I can change a tyre in 2 minutes flat.* ○ *She was out of bed, dressed and at the breakfast table in 50 seconds flat.*

flat⁴ /flæt/ *n* **1** [sing] **the ~ (of sth)** a pheeng, a rawnnak zawn (not uphill or downhill): *the flat of the hand* ○ *the flat of a sword, a blade, an oar* ○ *on the flat, ie level, not uphill or downhill.* **2** [C usu pl] leilung rawn leilung rawn lai (tiva kam neelrawn tivec): *mud flats* ○ *salt flats.* **3** **the flat** rang tlan zuamnak hmunrawn. **4** [C] (music) aw hrek tum/niam, hi vek (♭) zuk in

F

hmuh a si. Cf NATURAL 6, SHARP n. **5** [C] (esp US infml) mawṭawka a ke a kuai ih a thli a suak thluh ruangah a per mi khi mirang ṭongin 'flat' an ti. **6** hlasak, laamnak dingih tuahmi hmunsang deuh rawnte, cungcuang.

flatten /flætn/ v **1** [I, Ip Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (out) a rawn ah a cang; rawnter: *The land flattens out near the coast.* ○ *The graph flattens out gradually after a steep fall.* ○ *a field of wheat flattened by storms* ○ *flatten (out) a piece of metal by hammering it* ○ *Flatten oneself against a wall to let people get by.* **2** [Tn] (fig) pumpuluk ih neh; ningzak ter; nauter: *He was totally flattened by her sarcasm.*

flatter /flætə(r)/ v **1** [Tn] porh; tlon: *If you flatter your mother a bit she might invite us all to dinner.* **2** [Tn usu passive] lungawiter, lolé, upatnak sim: *I was very flattered by your invitation to talk at the conference.* **3** [Tn] a taktak hnakin mawi deuh/ṭha deuh ih langter: (ironic) *This photograph certainly doesn't flatter you,* ie It makes you look rather ugly. **4** [no passive: Tn, Dn-f] ~ oneself (that ...) a ngaingai asilonan, cak zet/thiam zetih ruat aw; zum aw sual: *Do you really think he likes you? You flatter yourself!* ○ *He flatters himself that he speaks French well.* ▷ **flatterer** /flætərə(r)/ n miporh thiamtu: *Don't believe him — he's a real flatterer.*

flattering /flætəri/ adj pakhat khat thawn a bangtermi, mi mit a aater thei (FLATTER 3): *That's a very flattering dress Ann's wearing.*

flattery /flætəri/ n [U] porhnaak: *With a little flattery I might persuade him to do the job.*

flatulent /flætjulənt/ adj **1** thli, lolé rawl rial ṭha lo ruangih pumna, kaw puar. **2** a uar-aw zetmi; a titer-aw zetmi.

▷ **flatulence** /flætjuləns/ n [U] **1** (a) pumpi ih um thli. (b) pumpi ah thli a um ruangah um nuam lonak: *suffer from flatulence.* **2** uar-awk zetnak, lolé, titer-awk.

flaunt /flɔ:nt/ v [Tn] (usu derog) mi in, i zoh saangseh tihi thil ṭha neihmi pawl va hmuh, tarlang: *flaunt one's new clothes, car, etc.* ○ *He's always flaunting his wealth.*

flautist /flɔ:tist/ (US **flutist** /flutist/) n awnmawi thilri phirivau (flute) tumtu.

flavour (US **flavor**) /flervə(r)/ n **1** [U] a thawtnak (rawl a thaw): *Adding salt to food improves the flavour.* **2** [C] thawtnak, rim phundang nei: *wines with a delicate flavour* ○ *six different flavours of ice-cream.* **3** [C, U] lamdannak; sinak phundang te ih a neimi: *The film retains much of the book's exotic flavour.*

▷ **flavour** (US **flavor**) v [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (with sth) thaw (rimhmuit) sin dingin masala, aihre, khasuan, remhmui tivek thlaak: *flavour a stew (with onions)* ○ *meat strongly flavoured with pepper.* **flavouring** (US **flavoring**) /flervəri/ n [C, U] rawl, hmeh thaw sin (rimhmuit) dingih

thlakmi thil: *This orange drink contains no artificial flavourings.* ○ *The soup needs more flavouring.* **flavoured** (US **-flavored**) (forming compound adjs) (pakhat khat ih) thawtter mi: *lemon-flavoured sweets.*

flavourless (US **flavorless**) adj thawtnak (rimhmui) a nei lo, thaw lo.

flaw /flo:/ n **1** tlaksamnak; famkim lonak: *This vase would be perfect but for a few small flaws in its base.* **2** famkim ding a dawntu (thil sual): *an argument full of flaws* ○ *a flaw in a contract.* **3** pakhat ih nuncan ah sambaunak: *Pride was the greatest flaw in his personality.*

▷ **flaw** v [Tn usu passive] famkim lo ih umter, sambauter: *His reasoning can't be flawed.* ○ *a flawed masterpiece*, ie a work of art that is very great despite its minor faults.

flawless adj famkim lonak a nei lomi: *a flawless complexion* ○ *a flawless performance.* **flawlessly** adv.

flax /flæks/ n [U] **1** khumdip hri vek a suah theimi thilkung phun khat; anthur, buri kung. **2** cumi thilkung ihsin a suakmi hri, buri hri, pat hri, anthur hri.

▷ **flaxen** /flæksn/ adj (of hair) sam-aihre rau pianrong a simi: *a flaxen-haired child.*

flay /fleɪ/ v [Tn] **1** (a) ramsa phaw hawk. (b) natuk ih vuak: *He was so angry he nearly flayed his horse alive*, ie He beat it so much that some of its skin came off and it almost died. **2** (fig) pakhat khat naa tukin soisel.

flea /fli:/ n **1** uihli; zawhte, vok tivek hrik: *I must have been bitten by a flea, my arms are itchy.* ○ *The cat's got fleas.* **2** (idm) **with a flea in one's ear** kaw k fawn soi neknek fawn: *He burst into our meeting and got sent away with a flea in his ear.*

□ **flea-bag** n (sl) **1** (Brit) baal, ṭophnop zet milai/ ramsa: *I hate the old lady next door—she's a real flea-bag.* **2** (esp US) a man a ol ih a ṭophnop zetmi riahbuuk.

flea-bite n **1** uihli keumi. **2** a fate na'n mi hnaihok thei zettu.

flea market (infml) hman ciami thilri man ol tete ih zuarnak dawr (market), thil hlun dawr.

flea-pit n (infml derog) a hlun zet ih a baal zetmi baisikup zung, lolé, puai laamnak inn.

fleck /flek/ n ~ (of sth) **1** pianzia rong ih a cuk awmi: *flecks of brown and white on a bird's breast.* **2** leivut, beel mang/rapping, lumuat tivek fate te: *flecks of dust, soot, dandruff.*

▷ **fleck** v [Tn-pr usu passive] ~ sth with sth cuk(ṭial) mi vek tete in hmnsin: *The sea was flecked with foam.*

fled pt, pp of FLEE.

fledged /fledʒd/ adj (of birds) **1** vate faate, a zam thei tir (pekte). **2** theihnak le hmuhnak a mal hrihmi.

flee /fli:/ v (pr, pp **fled** /fled/) **1** (a) [I, Ipr] ~ (from

sb/sth tlan (luat duh ih tlan, tih ruangih tlan): *The customers fled (from the bank) when the alarm sounded.* (b) [Tn] tlanhloh san: *During the civil war thousands of people fled the country.* 2 [I] (fml) hlo: *All hopes had fled.*

fleece /fli:z/ *n* 1 [C] (a) tuu, lole, cu vek ramsa hmul (thur zet): *These sheep have fine thick fleeces.* (b) tuu (ramsa) pakhat ih hmul met tikih ngahmi zat tuuhmul. 2 [U] tuu-hmul ih tahmi puan: *My warmest coat is lined with fleece.*

▷ **fleece** *v* 1 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (of **sth**) (infml) hrokhrawl ih paisa tampipi laksak: *Some local shops are really fleecing the holiday-makers (of their money).* 2 [Tn] hmul sah pipi kha metsak.

fleecy *adj* (-ier, -iest) (appearing) hmul vek sah biambi: *fleecy clouds.*

fleet¹ /fli:t/ *n* 1 (a) [C] ralbawi pakhat uk raldonak tangphawlawng rual khat (buurkhat). (b) ngakaihna tangphawlawng rual khat (hmunkhat ih nga a kai khawmmi). (c) [CGp] (usu **the fleet**) ram pakhat ih neihmi raldonak tangphawlawng zate. 2 [C] ram pakhat, lole, mi pakhat, lole, kampani pakhat khat ih neihmi; khual tlawnnak, lole, hmunkhat ih a feh tlangmi vanzamleng buurkhat; lole, taxi buurkhat, lole, baska buurkhat, rual khat: *the company's new fleet of vans.*

□ **fleet admiral** US Navy ih ralbawi tumbik.

fleet² /fli:t/ *adj* (dated) khulrang zet le zang zetih tlan thei: *fleet of foot* ○ *fleet-footed.*

▷ **fleetness** *n* [U].

fleeting /fli:tiŋ/ *adj* a laangte, hmakhat te ih cem; caan tawite lawng daih: *For a fleeting moment I thought the car was going to crash.* ○ *We paid her a fleeting visit before leaving the country.*

▷ **fleetingly** *adv* caan tawite sung, a laangte'n.

Fleet Street /fli:t stri:t/ 1 London khua ih um lamzin pakhat (thuthang ca suahtu hminthang hmuahmuah ih umnak). 2 London khawlai ih um thuthang ca suahtu pawl a tlaangpi ih kawhna: *Fleet Street loves a good scandal.*

flesh /fleʃ/ *n* 1 [U] (a) taksa; tiit: *The trap had cut deeply into the rabbit's flesh.* (b) eimi sa: *Tigers are flesh-eating animals.* 2 [U] thing thei, thing rah ih a hawng le a mu (aruh) karlak ih um a sa. 3 **the flesh** [sing] tita nun (thlarau sinak thawn thim tikah), taksa pum: (saying) *The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak*, ie Although sb may want to do sth, he is too lazy, tired, weak, etc actually to do it. 4 **the flesh** [sing] tiisa duhnak — eg nomnak, sualna, zu tivek: *the pleasures/sins of the flesh.* 5 (idm) **flesh and blood** minung sinak; thi le saa nun: *It was more than flesh and blood could bear.* **go the way of all flesh** ⇒ **WAY**¹, **in the flesh** a minung in; a pumsa in: *His appearance in the flesh ended the rumours about his death.* ○ *I've got all her records but I've never seen her in the flesh.* **make one's/sb's flesh crawl/creep** thinlung ah tih/

fihi/lau-nak lutter, umter: *The mere sight of snakes makes my flesh creep.* **neither fish, flesh nor good red herring** ⇒ **FISH**¹. **one's own flesh and blood** sung naite (thikhat sakhat a simi): *I'll have to go my aunt's funeral — she was my own flesh and blood after all.* **one's pound of flesh** ⇒ **POUND**¹. **a thorn in sb's flesh/side** ⇒ **THORN**. **the world, the flesh and the devil** ⇒ **WORLD**.

▷ **flesh** *v* (phr v) **flesh sth out** a thuhla kim deuh ih beet: *Your summary will need fleshing out before you present it.*

fleshly *adj* (fml) thisa; hiarmi; duh zetmi; nunau mipa pawlawk duhnak (ihpi duhnak): *fleshly lusts.*

fleshy *adj* 1 taksa fekdeuh; khal deuh; tita tha: *fleshy arms* ○ *a fleshy body.* 2 ruh tel lo a sa lawng: *fleshy peaches.*

□ **flesh-pots** *n* [pl] (a) nuamzet ih ei theinak hmun. (b) nunau thalo zuarawknak hmun (brothels).

flesh-wound *n* vun le taksa hliam/at sualmi; ruh tiang le a dang ril, thin, cuap ti pawl a daai ban lomi hliamhma.

fleur-de-lis (also **fleur-de-lys**) /flɜ: də 'li:/ *n* (pl **fleurs-** /flɜ: də 'li:/) daidimpar zuk; French Siangphahrang in lily pangpar (daidim par) hmangih tuahmi tacik.

flew *pl* of **FLY**.

flex¹ /fleks/ *n* (esp Brit) (US **cord**) [C, U] (length of) electric hri (a feem deuhmi).

flex² /fleks/ *v* 1 [Tn] taksa hlikhlok pawl cak le neem dingin ding, to, kuun, bil ih cangvaihnak (exercise) tuah: *flex one's muscles, knee, toes, etc.* 2 (idm) **flex one's muscles** tita that dan le tum khoh dan hmuh, cah dan tluangkhang.

flexible /fleksəbl/ *adj* 1 kuul theih, kaw theih: *flexible plastic tubing.* 2 (a) olte ih thleng a theihmi: *Our plans are quite flexible.* (b) (of people) tikcu le sinak kaihaw in a thlengaw vivo thei milai, thleng dualdo thei.

▷ **flexibility** /fleksə'bɪləti/ *n* [U].

flexibly /fleksəbli/ *adv*.

flexitime /fleksɪtəm/ *n* [U] hnaŋuan caan a tikcu thleng-awh dan.

flibbertigibbet /flɪbətɪdʒɪbɪt/ *n* rinsantlak lomi; mi hmukhmak tongka tam.

flick /flik/ *n* 1 [C] kut zung, lole, fung thawn hmakhat te ih sawhmi (naa tuklo ih sawh), dim tein thawi, thong. 2 [C] hmakhat te her/caang: *He turned the pancake over with a strong flick of his wrist.* 3 (a) [C] (dated infml) baisikup zungih hmuhmi flim: *cinema film* ○ *What's on at the flicks?*

▷ **flick** *v* 1 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **A** (with **B**); ~ **B** (at **A**) flik, flik ti ih thawi (rang totu in rang tlan dingin flik, flik ti in a thawi veki): *He flicked the horse with his whip/flicked his whip at the horse.* 2 [Tn, Tn-p, Cn-a] hmakhat te ih hmet: *flick the light*

flicker

switch (on), ie turn on the light ○ *He flicked the knife open.* **3** [Ipr, Ip] *zaap*; thawi: *The cow's tail flicked from side to side.* **4** (phr v) **flick sth away**; **flick sth from/off sth** hmakhat te ih thawn hnawtfai: *The waiter flicked the crumbs off the table.* **flick through (sth)** cabu kau ih ziang thu an ngan ti-ih siar duak: *Sam flicked through a magazine while he waited.*

□ **flick-knife** *n* (pl -knives) (US **switch-blade**) li nei namte; a bawmsung ih khummi, flik tiih hmet tikah a namte amah te a suak theimi.

flicker /flɪkə(r)/ *v* **1** (a) [I] malte sung a vang, rei alh lo: *All the lights flicker for a momeut.* (b) [Ipr] (fig) (of an emotion) malte sung hmu duak; thinlung ah um duak: *A faint smile flickered across her face.* **2** [I, Ipr] siip thul, nor thul ih caang rero: *flickering eyelids.* ○ *The leaves flickered gently in the breeze.*

▷ **flicker** *n* (usu sing) (a) a tleu duakmi: *the flicker of pictures on the cinema screen.* (b) (fig) hmakhat te a suak duakmi: *a flicker of hope, despair, interest, etc.*

flier (also **flyer**) /flaɪə(r)/ *n* **1** vanzam mawngtu; vanzam ih hnaɬuantu zamrang zet ih a cangvaimi. **3** thuthannak ca fate. **4** = HIGH-FLYER (HIGH), saang zet ih a zamtu.

flies /flaɪz/ *n* **the flies** [pl] puai hmuhnak innpi (theatre) a tlun lam, mei le thilri an retnak hmun.

flight¹ /flaɪt/ *n* **1** [U] (a) van ih zam: *the age of supersonic flight* ○ *The bird had been shot down in flight*, ie while flying. (b) van ih a zamnak: *the flight of an arrow, a dart, a missile, etc.* **2** [C] (a) vanzamleng ih khualtlawn: *a smooth, comfortable, bumpy, etc flight* ○ *All flights have been cancelled because of fog.* (b) khual a tlawngmi vanzam: *We travelled aboard the same flight.* ○ *Flight number BA 4793 will arrive in London at 16.50.* **3** [U, C] van in khual tlawng: *the history of manned space flight.* **4** [C] vanzam rual khat hmunkhat ih hnaɬuan khawmmi: *an aircraft of the Queen's flight.* **5** [C] ~ (of sth) vate, cucik kharbok zammi, tivek pawl a buur ih zam khawm: *a flight of geese* ○ *a flight of arrows.* **6** [C] dot pakhat ihsin dot pakhat fehnak kailawn: *There was no lift and we had to climb six flights of stairs.* **7** [U] khulrang ih fehnak. **8** [C] ~ of sth ruahnak in van ih khualtlawn. **9** (idm) **a flight of fancy** a cang thei lomi ruahnak: *Her latest flight of fancy is to go camping in the Sahara desert!* **in the first/top flight** a thiam bik pawl ah a tel: *She's in the top flight of journalists.*

▷ **flight** *v* [Tn] (cricket leknak ah) a thawitu bumnak ah bawhlung kha a saangpi in peek: *a well-flighted delivery.*

flight-less *adj* (of birds) zam theilo.

□ **flight-deck** *n* **1** vanzam phur tangphawlawng parah vanzam ɬumnak le zamsuahnak ziin. **2**

vanzam sung ih a mawnnak khaan.

flight lieutenant mirang vanzam ralkap ah vanzam mawng sangtu.

flight path vanzam lamzin: *The flight paths of the aeroplanes crossed, with fatal results.*

flight-recorder *n* (also **black-box**) vanzam-vanih a zam sung hmuah a thuhla khumnak cet (elektronik cet).

flight sergeant vanzam ralkap (RAF) sergeant hnakin sangdeuh.

flight simulator vanzam mawng zir pawl hrangah leilung ihsin an zamnak hmuah a hmuh salter thei tu cet (elektronik cet).

flight² /flaɪt/ *n* **1** [C, U] tlaan: *Many soldiers fell wounded in their flight from the defeat.* ○ (fig) *the flight of capital*, ie the sending of money out of a country during a financial crisis. **2** (idm) **put sb to flight** tlaan dingin dawi: *The enemy was put to flight by the advancing army.* **take (to) flight** tlaan: *The gang took (to) flight when they heard the police car.*

flighty /flaɪti/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (nunau, lole a nuncan ziaza ah) rinsan um lo, thu thleng zekzek thei (thizuang).

flimsy /flɪmzi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** (a) a zaang ih a paatmi puan: *a flimsy dress.* (b) duhnak vekin a sah lomi, a khoh lomi: *a flimsy cardboard box.* **2** (fig) ɬawnɬai; santlai lo; theithiam lo zet; thukhoh lo: *a flimsy excuse* ○ *The evidence against him is rather flimsy.*

▷ **flim-sily** /-ɪli/ *adv.* **flimsiness** *n.*

flimsy *n* [C, U] cahnah paatte.

flinch /flɪnʃ/ *v* **1** [I] dungsiip hruak; a nat ruangah maw, ɬihphan ruangah maw: *He listened to the jeers of the crowd without flinching.* **2** [Ipr] ~ **from sth/from doing sth** pakhat khat tuah ding ihsin dungsiip, ɬuul: *We shall never flinch from (the task of) telling the people the whole truth.*

fling /flɪŋ/ *v* (pt, pp **flung** /flʌŋ/) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] deng, phom, hlɔn: *fling a stone (at a window)* ○ *He flung the paper away in disgust.* **2** [Tn-pr, Tn-p, Cn-a] reet; tuul: *She flung the papers on the desk and left angrily.* ○ *He flung her to the ground.* ○ *He was flung into prison.* **3** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] napi in hlɔn aw: *She flung herself in front of a car.* ○ *He flung his arm out just in time to stop her falling.* **4** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth (at sb)** thin hennak sim: *You must be certain of your facts before you start flinging accusations (around) (at people).* **5** (phr v) **fling oneself at sb** = THROW ONESELF AT SB (THROW). **fling oneself into sth** pakhat khat thungai-thlak ih tuah: *She flung herself into her new job.* **fling off, out, etc** thinheng zet in fehsan hlo: *He flung out of the room.* **fling sth on** hnipuan manmawh zet le si lo tukih hruk: *She flung on her coat and ran to the bus stop.*

▷ **fling** *n* **1** deen, sep. **2** (infml) can tawite sung nuam ve: *a last/final fling* ○ *have a/one's fling*

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 ○ *I had a few flings* (ie casual love affairs) *in my younger days.* **3** (esp Scottish) virvat thazet ih laam phun: *the Highland fling.*

flint /flɪnt/ *n* **1** [U] teklung: *This layer of rock contains a lot of flint.* ○ [attrib] *flint axes* ○ (fig) *He has a heart like flint.* ○ *He is unfeeling and stubborn,* ie He is unfeeling and stubborn. **2** [C] teklung thir fate (daat meicih ta khi).

▷ **flinty** *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** teklung thawn tuahmi. **2** zangfah nei lo, lunghak, lungruh, sirawk neilo: *a flinty heart.*

□ **flintlock** *n* teklung hmang ih kahmi meithal (lai meithal).

flip /flɪp/ *v* (-pp-) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] tlunvan ah khirh: *flip a coin in the air.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (over) let (zamrangin let): *flip the pages over.* **3** [Tn, Tn-p] khulrang in thawn: *He flipped the light on.* **4** [I] (sl) thin aithok, lungtho: *My mother really flipped when I told her I was getting married.* **5** (idm) **flip one's lid** suup thei nawn lo, aatpi cih. **6** (phr v) **flip through sth** = FLICK THROUGH STH (FLICK).

▷ **flip** *n* rang vutvi ih khirmi (tlun lamah khirh): *give a coin a flip.*

flip *adj* (infml) tong men: *a flip comment.*

flip *interj* (a hnaihnoknak sim; khuaruah harnak sim, au).

flipping *adj, adv* (Brit) cam (swear word) neem deuh ih cammi: *I hate this flipping hotel!* ○ *What flipping awful weather!*

□ **flip-flop** (US thong) *n* hri kedan, kezep (phanat): *a pair of flip-flops.*

flip side dar-hla-sa sungih hlasaknak daat-pia, a letlam.

flippant /flɪpənt/ *adj* thinlung ih ziang siar lemlo mi: *a flippant answer, remark, attitude, etc.*

▷ **flippancy** /-əns/ *n* [U] (quality of) ziang siar lo zet ih umnak: *His flippancy makes it difficult to have a decent conversation with him.*

flippantly *adv.*

flipper /flɪpə(r)/ *n* **1** nga a si lomi ti sungih tlang thei thilnung pawlih ti-leuhnak kutke zaphak hlaipi (cumkheng, sahrem vek pawl ih neihmi): *Seals, turtles and penguins have flippers.* **2** tidai thukpi sung ih lut tikah, tisung lut thiamtu pawlih hmanmi, an ke pahnih ih bunmi, nga thla vek plastik/rabar pheeng.

flirt /flɜːt/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb) **1** thinlung tak lo in, duh vekih pawl: *It's embarrassing when they flirt like that in public,* ie with each other. ○ *He enjoys flirting (with the girls in the office).* **2** ~ with **sth** (a) duh le ruat veki um-awter na'n, a thinlung tak ahcun thupi ah a ret lo: *I'm flirting with the idea of getting a job in China.* (b) daithlang zetih nuncan ruangah harsatnak tong: *flirt with danger/death.*

▷ **flirt** *n* mi a va duhter-aw vivo; duh zet vekih mipawl thiamtu: *They say he's a terrible flirt.*

flirtation /flɜː'teɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] zuanzamnak. **2** [C]

(a) ~ with **sb** can tawite sung duh awknak: *carry on/have a flirtation with sb.* (b) ~ with **sth** thil pakhat duhter awknak: *a brief flirtation with the idea of starting his own business.*

flirtatious /flɜː'teɪʃəs/ *adj* (a) zuangzammi: *an attractive flirtatious young woman.* (b) zuanzamnak thawn a pehawmi: *flirtatious behaviour.*

flit /flɪt/ *v* (-tt-) **1** [Ipr, Ip] hmunkhat ihsin hmunkhat ah ol-ai teih thawn/zam: *bees flitting (about) from flower to flower.* ○ *He flits from one thing to another,* ie does not deal with anything seriously. ○ (fig) *A thought flitted through my mind,* ie came suddenly but then quickly disappeared. **2** [I] (Brit infml) inn pakhat ihsin a dangdang ah tlan vivo (inn hlaanman pek duh lo ruangih tlan tivek).

▷ **flit** *n* (Brit infml) thawn vivo nak: *do a (moonlight) flit.*

float /fləʊt/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr] a phuan; tiparih phuan: *Wood floats (in water).* ○ *Try and float on your back.* (b) [Ipr] tidai, thli, gas tivek lakah thazang in tanglo in nuam tete in phuan aw: *A balloon floated across the sky.* ○ *The raft was floating gently down the river.* ○ (fig) *Thoughts of lazy summer afternoons floated through his mind.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] tidai parah phuanter: *There wasn't enough water to float the ship.* ○ *float a raft of logs down the river* ○ *We waited for the tide to float the boat off the sandbank.* **3** [Tn] tumtahmi pakhat hrangah ruahnak peek: *Let me float a couple of ideas.* **4** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (about/around (sth)) (infml) ziang ngaihtuah lo ih vakkual; tawivak rero meen: *My weekend was boring — I just floated about the house or watch TV.* **5** [Tn] sumtuah thok thei dingah sumhram ngah. **6** (a) [Tn] ramdang paisa thlengnak man kaifek loin thlah: *float the pound, dollar, yen, etc.* (b) [I] cutivek ih paia thleng man tong ngah. **7** (phr v) **float about/around** (a) thu a leengmi tampi ih rel ciamcomi: *There's a rumour floating around of a new job in the unit.* (b) (of an object) a umnak khihhmuh thei lo: *Have you seen my keys floating about (anywhere)?*

▷ **floating** *adj* [usu attrib] **1** kaih fukfimi um lo; thufel, thukhiah nei lo: *a floating voter,* ie a person who is not committed to always voting for the same potical party. ○ *floating population,* hmunkhat ah um ringring loin a thawn aw rero mi. **2** (medical) a umnak keel ih a um ringring lomi: *a floating kidney.* **floating capital** sumdawnnak ding paisa hram ah bun lo ih retmi sumpai. **floating dock** lawng colhnak dingih tuahmi tidai parah a phuan theimi thingkuangpi vek thil. **floating rib** (anatomy) awmruh thawn a peh aw lomi hnakruh.

float /fləʊt/ *n* **1** (a) phawh (a zaangzetmi, tidai ah hnim a theih lomi). (b) a zaangzetmi, phawh ih tuahmi mawtaw ke vek ti leuh thiam lo pawl

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le lawng parih hmanmi. **2** tidai retnak le datsi/zinan retnak, pung a khah tikah amah te phit aw thei dingih an tuahmi phawh. **3** vanzam tidai parah phuan thei dingih tuahmi thil. **4** (a) mawṭaw tumpi par vekih thil hmuhnak an tuahmi khi (mawṭaw feh phah rero in laampuai vek an hmuh phahmi): *The club display was mounted on a huge float and paraded through the main street.* (b) thil zuarnak mawṭawka — mawṭawka parah thilzuar phah rero in a thawn aw rero mi: *a milk float.* **5** sumtuahnak ah nitin hman ding le thleng dingih retmi paisa.

flock¹ /flɒk/ *n* [CGp] **1** ~ (of sth) rual; tuu rual, me rual, vate rual: *a flock of wild geese* ○ *flocks (of sheep) and herds (of cattle).* **2** mi burpi: *People come in flocks to see the royal procession.* **3** pakhat ih kilkhawimi mibur a-bikin pastor pakhat ih kilkhawimi mibur: *a priest and his flock.*

▷ **flock** *v* hmun khat te ih ra/feh/thawn/khawmtlang, tivek pawl: *In the summer, tourists flock to the museums and art galleries.* ○ *Huge numbers of birds had flocked together by the lake.*

flock² /flɒk/ *n* **1** [C usu pl] sahmul, patpar tivek pawl (a tom pipi retmi). **2** [U] ihphah sahpi, tohkham dan sahpi sungih retmi patpar, pangpat tivek pawl: [attrib] *a flock mattress* ○ *flock(ed) wallpaper*, ie with a raised pattern made of short tufts of material.

floe /fləʊ/ *n* tidai sungah a pil thei lomi tipi parih a um reromi vur khal tlaap pipi: *Ice floes are a threat to shipping in the area.*

flog /flɒg/ *v* (-gg-) **1** [Tn] savunhri, lole fung ih vuak, thawi: *The boy was cruelly flogged for stealing.* **2** [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ sth (to sb) (Brit infml) zuar: *We should be able to flog the car (to someone) for a good price.* **3** (idm) **flog a dead horse** mi ih hnon zomi/saan zomi thil man nei lo ih cangvai saal tum. **flog sth to death** (infml) tu le tu tuah ruangah mi in an duh nawn lo: *I hope he won't tell that joke again; he's flogged it to death already.*

▷ **flogging** *n* [C, U] (instance of) thawi; vuak.

flood¹ /flʌd/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Tn] ti a lik; tilian in khuh: *The cellar floods whenever it rains heavily.* ○ *The river had burst its banks and flooded the valley.* (b) [Tn] tiva, lihong, hor pawl tidai in a khuh; tiva kam vunnel pawl tidai liam in a khuh thluh: *streams flooded by violent storms.* **2** [Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (with sth) khuh thluh, lole khat thluh: *A powerful light flooded (in to) the grounds.* ○ *The place was flooded with light.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (with sth) a khat tuk (eg motorcar ih carburettor sungah petrol a tamtuk asile engine a nung thei lo). **4** [Ipr, Ip, Tn] (fig) (thinlung sungih ummi le ruahmi) in a khuh thluh: *A great sense of relief flooded over him.* ○ *Memories of his childhood came flooding back.* **5** (idm) **flooded the market** (dawr) hmuah a

khat thluh (thilri man ol zet zuar): *Japanese cars have flooded the American market.* **6** (phr v) **flood in, flood into sth** tam zet in a lut/a thleng ciamco: *Applications flooded into the office.* **flood sb out** tilik/tilennak ih ummi inn pawl, a lian tikah tlaanter: *Half the village were flooded out by a burst water main.* **flooded sb/sth with sth** tampi pi a thleng/ra: *The office was flooded with complaints.*

▷ **flooding** *n* [U] tilik/tilian: *Widespread flooding is affecting large areas of Devon.*

flood² /flʌd/ *n* **1** (a) tilik: *The heavy rain caused floods in the houses by the river.* ○ *There's a flood in the next valley.* (b) **the Flood** (Bible) Thukam Hlun Baibal sungih nganmi Tilik; Noah Tilik. **2** ~ (of sth) tam pipi: *a flood of anger, abuse, indignation, etc* ○ *a flood of letters refugees.* ○ *The child was in floods of tears, ie was crying uncontrollably.* **3** tisuar, tilet kaa/ṭhang (leilung par tiang a kaimi tiffinriat tisuar): *The tide is at the flood.* Cf **ebb** *n* 1. **4** (idm) **in flood** (of a river) tiva a lian: *We can't cross the meadow there because the river is in flood.*

□ **floodgate** *n* **1** tidai luang khamtu, hreen; sangka vekih khar thei, ong thei. **2** (idm) **open the floodgates** ⇒ **open**².

flood-tide *n* tipi tisuar tumpi a ṭhang: *rising tide.*

floodlight /flʌdlart/ *n* (esp pl) puainak innpi le lehnak bualrawn tumpi ih an hmanmi electric mei tuumpi: *a match played under floodlights.*

▷ **floodlight** *v* (pt, pp **floodlighted** or **floodlit** /-lɪt/) [Tn usu passive] electric mei tuum pipi vang: *The Acropolis is floodlit in the evenings.*

floor¹ /flɔː(r)/ **1** [C usu sing] zial; ṭuang (zial don): *There weren't enough chairs so I had to sit on the floor.* ○ *The bare concrete floor was cold on my feet.* ○ [attrib] *5000 square metres of floor space.* **2** [C usu sing] tipi thuanthum, lole, leilung a taw (tidai tang leilung): *the ocean, forest, valley, cave floor.* ⇒ Usage. **3** [C] dot tampi um innah dotkhat tete ih siarnak, inn dot: *Her office is on the second floor.* ⇒ Usage. **4** **the floor** [sing] (a) hluat-daw khawm innpi sungih tlangsuak (MP) pawl tohmun: *speak from the floor*, parliament tlangsuak pawl in anmah tonak hmun ihsin ṭong. (b) tlangsuak khawmnak ih ṭong theinak vo neihmi: *The floor is yours — you may present your argument.* **5** [C usu sing] pakhat khat hrangih hman theumi hmun: *the dance floor*, ie part of the floor of a night-club, etc where guests dance ○ *the factory/shop floor*, ie part of a factory where the ordinary workers (ie not the managers) work. **6** [C] thil man hlawhman a niambik siarnak. **7** (idm) **be/get in on the ground floor** ⇒ **GROUND FLOOR** (GROUND¹). **hold the floor** mitampi khawmnak ah midang ṭong theilo dingin reipi ṭong: *She held the floor for over an hour.* **take the floor** (a) mipi hmai ih thu sim: *I now invite the President to take the floor.*

(b) tho ih laam thok: *She took the floor with her husband.* **wipe the floor with sb** ⇨ WIPE.

▷ **flooring** *n* [U] zialpah thilri.

□ **floor-board** *n* zial tlep tumpi.

floor show *night-club, bar* tivek ih laamnak le hlasaknak.

NOTE ON USAGE: In British English the floor of a building at street level is the **ground floor** and the floor above that is the **first floor**. In US English the street-level floor is the **first floor** and the one above is the **second floor**.

floor² /flɔ:(r)/ *v* [Tn] **1** zial don, zial pah. **2** buan awk, thong-awknak ah zial par tlu ko ih thong, ril ko thong: *He floored his opponent with a fine punch in the first round.* **3** (infml) elawknak le thurel khawmnak ah neh, asilole, thu neh: *Tom was completely floored by two of the questions in the exam.*

flooze (also **floosie**) /flu:zi/ *n* (infml derog) ziaza nei lo nunau; tawzuar.

flop /flɒp/ *v* (-pp-) **1** [Ipr, Ip] tlu, tla, hlok: *The pile of books flopped noisily onto the floor.* ○ *The fish we'd caught flopped around in the bottom of the boat.* **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] thlah, thlai: *Her hair flopped (about) over her shoulders.* **3** [I, Ipr, Ip] bangtuk ruangih to: *I'm ready to flop.* ○ *Exhausted, he flopped (down) into the nearest chair.* **4** [I] (infml) (cabu, laam puai) tivek ah tuahsuak thei lo, hlawhtling lo.

▷ **flop** *n* **1** (usu sing) tluuk, tlaak, hlok aw-thawng. **2** (infml) cabu, puai, laam tivek tuah thei suaklonak: *Despite all the publicity, her latest novel was a complete flop.*

flop *adv* tlaak, tluuk (tidaisung ah tlaak) rin-aw nei in (tlaak): *fall flop into the water.*

floppy *adj* (-ier, -iest) a neem ih a thlaai puangpimi: *a floppy hat.* — *n* (infml) = FLOPPY DISK. **floppy disk** (also **floppy, diskette**) (computing) computer ih siar theih thu le hla (data) pawl ngan/khum duaknak thil (disk): Cf HARD DISK (HARD¹).

floor-house /flɒphaʊs/ *n* (US infml) man ol zetmi riah buuk, hawtel.

flora /flɔ:rəl/ *n* [pl] hmunkhat, lole, caan khat ih a khomi thingkung, hramkung, pangpar hmuahhmuah: *the flora of the Himalayas, the Palaeozoic era.* Cf FAUNA.

floral /flɔ:rəl/ *adj* (a) pangpar thawn tuahmi: *floral arrangements, tributes.* (b) pangpar thawn ceimawimi: *floral wallpaper.*

florid /flɒrɪd/; US 'flɔ:r-/ *adj* **1** (usu derog) mawi hleifuan tukih tuahmi, ceimawimi: *florid music, poetry, art, etc* ○ *a florid room, painting.* **2** hmai a sen zetmi: *a florid complexion.*

florin /flɒrɪn/; US 'flɔ:rɪn/ *n* khuahlan Mirang (British) paisa; 1970 ihsin an hmang nawn lo, £1 ih thenhra then thenkhat a man.

florist /'flɒrɪst/; US 'flɔ:r-/ *n* pangpar zuartu; pangpar dawr: *order a wreath from the florist* ○ *buy a bouquet at the florist's*, ie shop where flowers are sold.

floss /flɒs/; US flɔ:s/ *n* [U] **1** pu pangang inn leenglam ih puhri. **2** (also **floss silk**) tha te'n hrual hrih lomi puhri, puan tlaang; thiam tlaang coihnak hmanmi.

flotation /fləʊ'teɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] sumtuah company thar tuah tum ruangah a tel duhtu hmuah sawmnak.

flotilla /flə'tɪlə/ *n* (a) lawng fate rual khat (mi pakhat, lole, company pakhat ih neihmi lawng (tembaw fate) pawl khat). (b) ral tangphaw-lawng pawl khat: *a destroyer flotilla.*

flotsam /flɒtsəm/ *n* [U] **1** tangphawlawng a kuai thenkhat tidai parih a phuan reromi: Cf JETSAM. **2** (idm) **flotsam and jetsam** (a) inn nei lo, lo/hnaʔuan nei lo, mi vakvai. (b) a ʔukʔak tete, a bul a tan ʔukʔak.

flounce¹ /flaʊns/ *v* [Ipr, Ip] thinheng ruangah caang ʔualʔo rero: *She flounced out of the room, swearing loudly.* ○ *children flouncing around in their party clothes.*

▷ **flounce** *n* (usu sing) lung kim lo tuk tikah taksa thir; thing (lung kim lo tikah lu thing): *with a flounce of the head.*

flounce² /flaʊns/ *n* hnitlang ʔelh.

▷ **flounce** *adj* hni a tlaang a mawinak ʔelhmi: *a flounced frock.*

flounder¹ /flaʊndə(r)/ *v* ciarbeek lak, vur lak tivek ah har zet ih taal rero: *Ann couldn't swim and was left floundering (about/around) in the deep end of the swimming-pool.* **2** thuthen tik le ʔong tikah hrelh phah rero: *I wasn't expecting the interviewer to ask about my private life and was left floundering for a while.* ○ *flounder (on) through a badly prepared speech.*

flounder² /flaʊndə(r)/ *n* tiffinriat ih um eiʔha ngapheeng fate.

flour /flaʊə(r)/ *n* sangvut (hmuk tuah ding a vut). ▷ **flour** *v* sangvut rawi/cok: *flour the pastry board.*

floury /flaʊəri/ *adj* sangvut vek; sangvut ih tuammi hmuk: *floury potatoes*, ie ones that are soft and fluffy ○ *She wiped her floury hands with a damp cloth.*

flourish /flaʊrɪʃ/ *v* **1** [I] ʔhangso, karhzai: *No new business can flourish in the present economic climate.* ○ *a flourishing squash club.* **2** [I] ʔhazet in kho, ʔhazet in ʔhang: *This species of flower flourished in a warm climate.* ○ *All the family are flourishing.* **3** [I, Ipr] (milai ruahnak le a minung ah) ʔhangso zet; mi neh zet: *In Germany the baroque style of art flourished in the 17th and 18th centuries.* **4** [Tn] mi ih hmuh thei dingin ziangmaw zaap ciamco: *He stormed into the office, flourishing a letter of complaint.*

▷ **flourish** *n* (usu sing) **1** thei/hmu dingin pakhat

khat tuah hrimmi: *He opened the door for her with a flourish.* **2** cangan le mizuk suai tikah kutngan a ding lo ih a kawi hnuaihni mi. **3** a ring zetmi awnmaw: *A flourish of trumpets marked the Queen's arrival.*

flout /flaʊt/ *v* [Tn] thlun duh lo; ziangsiar lo: *flout the law, (a) convention, the rules* ○ *flout sb's advice.*

flow /fləʊ/ *v* (pt, pp **-ed**) **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] (a) luang: *Her tears flowed freely (down her cheeks).* ○ *Most rivers flow into the sea.* ○ *Blood suddenly started flowing out.* (b) cangvai rero, feh, luang rero: *Keep the traffic flowing.* ○ *Electricity is flowing (in the circuit/wires).* ○ *Blood flows round the body.* ○ *In convection, hot currents flow upwards.* **2** [I] (of speech or writing) a pehpeh ih ðong: *Conversation flowed freely when the speaker invited discussion.* **3** [I, Ipr, Ip] thlaai, tlaai: *long flowing robes* ○ *Her hair flowed down over her shoulders.* **4** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) tamzet um, pek, zem ciamco: *The party became lively when the drink began to flow.* ○ *a land flowing with milk and honey, ie place with rich natural resources.* **5** [I] ra, tho (tipi thuanthum ti a ðhang): *The tide began to flow and our footprints were covered.* Cf EBB 1. **6** (phr *v*) **flow in/into sth** nuam tete in a ra peh vivo: *The election results flowed in throughout the night.* ○ *Offers of help flowed into the office.* **flow from sth** ziangmaw ihsin a ra luang: *Many benefits will flow from this discovery.* **flow out (of sth)** a pehpeh tete in a luang suak: *Profits are flowing out of the country.* **flow over sb** midang siatsuah/ningnater lo te in a cang: *Office politics just seem to flow over him.*

▷ **flow n** (usu *sing*) **1** ~ (of sth/sb) a ra rero/a lut rero/a luang reromi zat: *a steady flow of traffic* ○ *The government is trying to stop the increasing flow of refugees entering the country.* **2** ~ (of sth) a ra/luang/feh ringringmi zat: *cut off the flow of oil* ○ *the constant flow of information.* **3** a pehpeh ih ðong: *I interrupted him while he was in full flow, ie talking away strongly.* **4** tilet/tisuar a rami: *the ebb and flow of the sea, tipi ðhang tipi kiam.* **5** (idm) **the ebb and flow (of sth)** ⇒ EBB *n*.

□ **flow chart** (also **flow diagram**) ðhansonak a sangsang a zuk ih hmuhmi.

flower /flaʊə(r)/ *n* **1** pangpar: *The plant has a brilliant purple flower.* **2** pangpar kung: *arrange some flowers in a vase.* **3** [sing] **the ~ of sth** (rhet) a ðatbiknak zawn, a saannak bik zawn: *the flower of the nation's youth.* ○ *in the flower of one's maturity/strength/youth.* **4** (idm) **in/into flower** pangpar a paar: *The roses have been in flower for a week.* ○ *The crocuses are late coming into flower.*

▷ **flower v 1** a paar (bloom): *These plants will flower in the spring.* **2** a kim in a ðhang/puitling:

mature or blossom ○ *Their friendship flowered while they were at college.* **flowered** /flaʊəd/ *adj* pangpar thawn ceimawi: *flowered wallpaper, cloth, curtains, etc.* **flowering** /flaʊərɪŋ/ *n* (usu *sing*) ~ (of sth) (ruahnak, calai, ramhruainak tivek pawl) ih pitling ko ðhannak: *the gradual flowering of modern democracy.*

flowery /flaʊəri/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** a par tam zet/ pangpar thawn khat: *flowery fields.* **2** (ðong) mawituk, pehtuk: *a flowery speech.*

flowerless *adj* par neilo: *flowerless plants.*

□ **flower-bed** *n* colhnak, lole, hmuandum sungih pangpar cinnak dingih tuahmi hmun.

flower children (also **flower people**) leilung thun ah remnak le daihnak um dingin pangpar kai phah in; ðhohkhan cangvaitu mino pawlkhat (1960 hrawngih thil tuah daan).

flower-girl *n* nunau pangpar zuar ringringtu (pangpar duhdawtu).

flower-pot *n* pangpar beel.

flower power flower children pawlih zumnak/ thurin.

flower-show *n* pangpar phunkim hmuhnak.

flown *pp* of FLY².

fl oz *abbr* (pl unchanged or **fl ozs**) fluid ounce = awngsa pakhat (a tii tahnak): 5 fl oz.

Flt Lt *abbr* Flight Lieutenant: *Flt Lt (Robert) Bell.*

flu /flu:/ *n* (infml) = INFLUENZA.

fluctuate /flʌktʃueɪt/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (between A and B) **1** (of a price, number, rate, etc) thilri man a kaai a ðum; cuh karlak a si tiih relnak: *The price fluctuates between £5 and £6.* **2** tu le tu a thleng awmi: *waver* ○ *fluctuating opinions.*

▷ **fluctuation** /flʌktʃueɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] thleng-aww reronak: *wide fluctuations of temperature* ○ *fluctuations in the state of his health.*

flue /flu:/ *n* meikhu suahnak peep/leer pum saupi/ kua.

fluent /flu:ənt/ *adj* **1** (milai) ðong naal zet, ðong thiam zet: *a fluent speaker (of Spanish)* ○ *be fluent in Russian.* **2** naal zet, thiam zet ih thusim: *speak/write fluent Russian* ○ *fluent movements, ie ones that are flowing and graceful.*

▷ **fluency** /flu:ənsi/ *n* [U] ðong thiamzetnak (naalzetnak): *She speaks Swahili with great fluency.*

fluently *adv.*

fluff /flʌf/ *n* **1** [U] (a) sahmul puan/angki tivek ihsin a suakmi a hmul paat te - neem zetmi; thil buang/buar; patpar/sahmul hnawmhne: *My best sweater is covered with fluff.* (b) vate hmul neem, ramsa hmul neem. **2** [C] (infml) ti sualmi; ðhelhmi: *mistake or blunder.* **3** (idm) **a bit of fluff** ⇒ BIT¹.

▷ **fluff v 1** [Tn, Tn.p] ~ sth (out/up) thing (hniin) tikah fate te ih a darh aw thluhmi (ðhangter/phawter): *fluff up the pillows.* ○ *The bird fluffed (out) its feathers.* **2** [Tn] (infml) thil tuahmi

thiam lo zet/siazet ih tuah: *fluff a stroke*, eg in golf ○ *fluff one's lines in a play* ○ *He really fluffed his exams.*

fluffy *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** hmul paate, neem zet mi: *Most animals are soft and fluffy when first born.* **2** a neem zetih thli vekin a zaang zetmi: *light and fluffy mashed potatoes.* **fluffiness** *n* [U].

fluid /flu:ɪd/ *adj* **1** a tiimi, a luang theimi, tii, zinan, siti, khuaiti (a khallo, a khoh lomi): *a fluid substance.* **2** a thleng aw thei, thawn theih: *fluid arrangements, ideas, opinions* ○ *The situation is still fluid.* **3** naalzet le tha te in a thawn theimi. ▷ **fluid** *n* [C, U] **1** a tii (khal lo) hmuah: *Drink plenty of fluids.* ○ *There's some sort of sticky fluid on the kitchen floor.* **2** (chemistry) a tii mi thil.

fluidity /flu:'ɪdətɪ/ *n* [U] a tii, a haang sinak.

□ **fluid ounce** (abbr **fl oz**) thil tahnak/siarnak (a tii mi pawl tahnak) Mirang in (Brit) a tii ounce 1/20 ah 'pint' khat an ti, lole Amerikan 1/16 ah 'pint' khat.

fluke¹ /flu:k/ *n* (usu *sing*) (*infml*) vantha tuk, rinlopi ih ngahmi/comi: *Passing the exam was a real fluke — he didn't work for it at all.* ○ *That shot was a sheer fluke.*

▷ **fluky** (also **fluke**) *adj.*

fluke² /flu:k/ *n* **1** lawng colhternak ih hmanmi thir cang-ai (thirkawn) ih kiil thum nei a zim. **2** tipi thuanthum ngapi (*whale*) mei zim.

fluke³ /flu:k/ *n* ngapheeng phunkhat. **2** tuu thin ih a benaw thei khuk-rul phun khat.

flummox /flʌmɒks/ *v* [Tn esp passive] (*infml*) mangbang: *The politician was completely flummoxed by the questions put to her.*

flung *pt, pp* of FLING.

flunk /flʌŋk/ *v* (*infml esp US*) **1** [I, Tn] camibuai sung: *flunk biology.* **2** [Tn] a hmat kha ong thei lo dingih pek hrim, sungter: *be flunked in chemistry.* **3** (phr v) **flunk out** camibuai sun ruangah tlawng ihsin dawi.

flunkkey (also **flunky**) /flʌŋki/ *n* (pl ~s or -kies) (*infml derog*) **1** hnipuan bangrep hruk hnen-um. **2** (esp US) hnaŋuan tuktak tuantu.

fluorescence /flu:'resns; US fluə'r-/ *n* [U] tleu pakhat khat ih a tlet tikah tleu a pawt saal theimi thil. Cf PHOSPHORESCENCE.

▷ **fluoresce** *v* cutivek hmang in mei vaang.

fluorescent // *adj* **1** fluorescence a simi: *fluorescent lighting.* **2** fluorescence thil: *wearing orange fluorescent clothing.*

□ **fluorescent lamp** a vaan dan a ngo zetmi (*mi-chauung*).

fluoride /fluəraɪd; US 'fluər-/ *n* fluorine tel sii.

▷ **fluoridate** /fluə'raɪdɪt; US 'fluər-/ *v* hmanmi tidai ah fluoride telheih. **fluoridation** /fluə'raɪdɪʃn; US 'fluər-/ *n* [U].

fluoridize, -ise /fluə'raɪdɪz; US 'fluər-/ *v* [Tn] = FLUORIDATE. **fluoridization, -isation** /,fluə'raɪdɪzəʃn; US 'fluə'raɪdɪz/ *n* [U] = FLUORIDATION.

fluorine /fluə'ri:n; US 'fluər-/ *n* [U] (chemistry) aihre-paal pianrong a neimi chemistry daat phun khat a si ih thir ei theinak le tur a nei.

flurry /flʌrɪ/ *n* **1** caan tawite sung a tlami mitthli, lole, ruahpi, lole vurruah: *light snow flurries/ flurries of snow.* **2** ~ (of sth) manmawh zet, manhlap: *a flurry of activity/excitement* ○ *I'm always in a flurry as deadlines get nearer.*

▷ **flurry** *v* (pt, pp **flurried**) [Tn usu passive] hnaihok; buai: *Keep calm! Don't get flurried.*

flush¹ /flʌʃ/ *n* **1** [C usu *sing*] (a) hmaisen (ningzak, lole, thinheng ruangih cangmi) (*blush*). (b) hmakhat te thinlung thoter: *a flush of enthusiasm, anger, joy, etc.* **2** [sing] hmakhat te ih tidai tampi a ra mi, (ek-inn thianhlimnak ih hmakhatte tidai tampi burh): *Give the toilet a flush.* **3** [C] a kheu tharmi thingkung. **4** (idm) (in) **the first/full flush of youth, etc** nolai thazaang: *the first flush of manhood.* ○ *In the full flush of success, nothing was an obstacle.*

flush² /flʌʃ/ *v* **1** (a) [La, I] ningzak hmaisong ruangih mithmai sen: *Mary flushed crimson with embarrassment.* (b) [Tn] natnak ruang ih hmaisen: *Fever flushed his cheeks.* **2** (a) [Tn] ekinn thianhlimnak ah tidai tampi toih, hmakhat te in burh ih luanter: *Please flush the toilet after you have used it.* (b) [I] (of a toilet) ekinn tidai toih ih thianghlimter: *The toilet won't flush properly,* ie it is blocked. **3** (phr v) **flush sth away, down, through, etc** tidai toih ih tleuh: *flush waste down a sink.*

▷ **flushed** *adj* ~ (with sth) thinlung thather zetmi: *flushed with success, pride, joy etc.*

flush³ /flʌʃ/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] thing hnuai hrambur lak ihsin vate hotsuak: *flush a pheasant (from cover).* (b) [I] (of birds) thing tang in vate hmakhat te in a zam. **2** (phr v) **flush sb out (of sth)** dawi; thuh-awknak ihsin suakter: *flush out spies, criminals, snipers, etc.*

flush⁴ /flʌʃ/ *n* (in card-games) a phunbang phe-hnah pawl: *She won with a royal flush,* ie the five highest cards of a suit.

flush⁵ /flʌʃ/ *adj* ~ (with sth) **1** pakhat le pakhat a hmai a rawn, a rualmi: *flush fittings* ○ *The door should be flush with the wall.* **2** [pred] (*infml*) (tangka, tivek pawl) tampi nei: *flush with funds.*

fluster /flʌstə(r)/ *v* [Tn esp passive] thinlung ruahnak thia ko ih buaiter/hnokter (*nervous and confused*): *Don't get flustered!*

▷ **flustter** *n* [sing] thinlung hnoknak/buai ciamconak: *all in a flutter.*

flute¹ /flu:t/ *n* phirivau: [attrib] *a flute solo.*

▷ **flutist** /flu:tɪst/ *n* (US) = FLAUTIST; phirivau tumtu.

flute² /flu:t/ *v* [Tn usu passive] thuum pipi ah a tunglam zuk khuar: *fluted columns/pillars.*

▷ **fluting** *n* [U] thuum pipi parah a mawinak ih an khuarmi zuk, thuum telhmi.

flutter /flʌtə(r)/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr] (vate, phelep thla

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tivek) khawng: *The wings of the bird still fluttered after it had been shot down.* (b) [Tn] thla khawng (vate thla khawng): *The bird fluttered its wings in the cage.* 2 (a) [I, Ipr] a thir, a hniin hlerhhlo: *a flag fluttering from the mast-head.* o *curtains fluttering in the breeze.* (b) [Tn] cuti vekin a caang: *She fluttered her eyelashes (at me).* 3 [I] (of the heart) buai ruangah lungtur dik loih um. 4 (idm) **flutter the dovescotes** daite ih um theumi pawl thlaphangter. 5 (phr v) **flutter about, around, across, etc** (a) zamrang deuh ih zam (thla khawng): *The wounded bird fluttered to the ground.* o *A moth was fluttering round the lamp.* (b) tla, zuang: *autumn leaves fluttering to the ground.* o *She fluttered nervously about, going from room to room.*

▷ **flutter** n 1 (usu sing) vate thlakhawng (thla beeng): *The flutter of wings.* o *with a flutter of her long dark eyelashes.* 2 [sing] thinlung buai hnaihnnoknak: *in a flutter* o *all of a flutter* o *The arrival of the first customer caused a flutter (of activity) in the shop.* 3 [U] (a) vanzam thinnungza ih thernak (a thla tivek). (b) awkhummi ah aw-saang/aw-niam a dik nawn lo. Cf wow². 4 [C] (Brit infml) ~ (on sth) sumpai kam aw ih lehnak tuktak te: *have a flutter (on a horse) at the races.*

fluvial /flu:vɪəl/ adj tiva ih ummi; tiva thawn a pehtlaimi: *fluvial deposits of mud.*

flux /flʌks/ n 1 [U] a pehpeh ih thleng-awk, hnget lonak: *Organization of the company was then in a state of flux.* 2 [sing] ~ (of sth) a suakmi; a rami a luangmi: *a flux of neutrons* o *magnetic flux.* 3 [C, U] thir le thir peh-awknak ih hmanmi thil.

fly¹ /flaɪ/ n 1 thothe; inn kiangkap ih um hmanngmi thothe. 2 (usu in compounds) phelep phun, a zam thei hmuahhmuah: *dragonfly* o *butterfly* o *tsetse-fly*. 3 ngasionak ih hmanmi ngarawl, kharbok tivek. 4 (idm) **die/fall/drop like flies** tampi thi, tampi tlu: *Men were dropping like flies in the intense heat.* a/the fly in the ointment amah te thazet le rem zet ih ummi siatsuahtu. a fly on the wall hmuh thei lo a thupte ih zohtu: *I wish I could be a fly on the wall when they discuss my future.* (there are) no flies on sb (infml) olte ih bum theih lo. not harm/hurt a fly nunneem, mi thin naater lo: *Our dog may look fierce but he wouldn't hurt a fly.*

□ **fly-blown** adj 1 (thothe ti thawn a khah ruangah) ei tlak nawn lo (sa tivek). 2 (fig) a baal tuk, a siat zomi.

flycatcher n van ih a zammi cucik kharbok pawl a kai a eitu vate.

fly-fish v [I] tuahcop cucik kharbok hmanng ih ngasio.

fly-fishing n [U].

fly-paper n [U, C] thothe kaihnaak cahnah beek,

thothe thang.

fly-spray n thothe thahnak sii.

flyweight n 1 thong-awk lehnak ih khing a zaang bik lektu; KG 48 le 51 karlak khiingrit pawl. 2 Buan lehnak ah kg 48-52 karlak khiing nei.

fly² /flaɪ/ v (pt **flew**/flu:/, pp **flown**/fləʊn/) 1 [I, Ipr, Ip] zam, zuang: *A large bird flew past us.* 2 [I, Ipr, Ip] (a) vanzam, spacecraft tivek pawl van ih zam: *I can hear a plane flying overhead.* (b) vanzam, lole space craft ih khualtlawng: *I'm flying (out) to Hong Kong tomorrow.* 3 (a) [Tn] vanzam mawng: *Only experienced pilots fly large passenger aircraft.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] kuat, vanzamleeng in kuat: *Five thousand people were flown to Paris during the Easter weekend.* o *He had flowers specially flown in for the ceremony.* (c) [Tn] vanzamleng in khual tlawng: *fly the Atlantic.* 4 (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] zamrang te'n tlaan: *The children flew to meet their mother.* o *It's late — I must fly.* o *The train flew by.* o *The dog flew down the road after the cat.* (b) [La, Ipr, Ip] a ra vurvo, a zam vurvo: *A large stone came flying through the window.* o *David gave the door a kick and it flew open.* (c) [I, Ip] (caan) cem rang zet: *Doesn't time fly?* o *Summer has just flown (by).* 5 (a) [Tn] cahnah vanzuang thlah. (b) [Tn] aalan thlahih, sangpi ih taar: *fly the Union Jack.* (c) [Ipr, Ip] zalong zetin cangvai, thli lakah zam: *Her hair was flying about (in the wind).* 6 [I, Tn] (rhet) tlaan: *The robbers have flown (the country).* 7 (idm) **as the crow flies** ⇒ CROW¹. **the bird has flown** ⇒ BIRD. **fly/show/wave the flag** ⇒ FLAG¹. **fly high** saangpi tumtah, tum saang. **fly in the face of sth** raal aw in/ kahlkeh-aw: *His version of events flies in the face of all the evidence.* **fly into a passion, rage, temper, etc** hmakhat te ih thin heng thin tawi/ai thok. **fly a kite** (Brit infml) mi in ziangti'n an hmu ti thei dingin tong va thlah, lole thil pakhat khat tuah ta. (go) **fly a/one's kite** (US infml) (esp imperative) mi hnaihnnok nawn lo idngin fehsan. **fly/go off at a tangent** ⇒ TANGENT. **fly off the handle** (infml) thinheng. **fly/go out of the window** ⇒ WINDOW. **keep the flag flying** ⇒ FLAG¹. **let fly (at sb/sth) (with sth)** (a) kap, deeng: *He aimed carefully and then let fly, ie fired.* (b) thinheng zet in mawh thluk, sawi: *Furious at his deceit, she let fly at him with a stream of a buse.* **make the fur/sparks fly** hau-awk/to-awter: *The promotion of Russell instead of Sarah really made the sparks fly.* **pigs might fly** ⇒ PIG. **send sb/sth flying** ⇒ SEND. 8 (phr v) **fly at sb** mi vato/hau dingih va nam.

□ **fly-away** /flaɪəweɪ/ adj 1 (esp of hair) Samhnok zam luaili. 2 (fig) theitheih lo, hmukmak deuh, thinlung zuangzam.

fly-by /flaɪbaɪ/ n (pl **fly-bys**) van sangpi hmun pakhat, lole, hmuai kaan ih zam: *a fly by of*

Jupiter.

fly-by-night /'flaɪbaɪnaɪt/ *n* (pl **fly-by-nights**) sumpai lam tuavo a thupte ih tlansan; leibak rul duh lo ih tlansantu; mi zum tlaak lo; rinsan tlaak lo: *a fly-by-night company.*

fly-half *n* (pl **fly-halves**) = STAND-OFF HALF (STAND).

fly-past /-pɑːst; US -pæst/ *n* (Brit) (US **flyover**) hmuhsaknak (piahnak) ih a zuangmi vanzam, ral̄thuang tuah tikih ralkap vanzam niam zet ih zam.

fly³ /flaɪ/ *n* 1 [C esp pl] bawngbi a kilh (zip, silole, kep) umnak zawn a khuhtu: *John, your flies are/ fly is undone!* 2 [C] muka inn saangka (luhnak) zawn khuhtu puan.

fly⁴ /flaɪ/ *adj* (infml esp Brit) olte ih bum theih lo; fimzet le a thupte ih thil tuah hmang: *He's a very fly character.*

flyer = FLIER.

flying /'flaɪɪŋ/ *adj* a zammi; zam thei: *flying insects.*

▷ **flying** *n* [U] vanzam ih khualtlawng: *I'm terrified of flying — I'd rather go by sea.*

□ **flying buttress** (architecture) inn tumpi, biakinn titek ih a leenglam luhnak zawnih tlakrawh thawn sakmi a kualpi, hauka kualpi.

flying colours 1 puai tuah lai, lole, nehnak puai langternak ih thlaimi thantar/aalan. 2 (idm)

with flying colours hlawhtlinnak tumpi thawn (makzet in), thiam hleice in: *She came through/ passed her exams with flying colours.*

flying column khulrang zet le mahte caangvai thei ralkap burkhat.

flying doctor (esp in Australia) hmun hlaat pipi ih um mina pawl zohtu sibawi (vanzam thawn an feh theu).

flying fish khaw hlumnak ih um nga zamthei phunkhat, a mei hman̄gin tidai parah a zam theimi.

flying fox sa-hluk; palaap (tumpi phun).

flying jump (also **flying leap**) zamrang zet ih tlan rero lai ah dawp.

flying officer Mirang vanzam ralkap (Royal Air Force) ah *flight lieutenant* le *Pilot Officer* karlak ih um bawi.

flying picket hnaṭuantu pawl an duhnak dil in hnaṭuan in an ngol tikah, hmundang dang ih ummi hnaṭuantu pawl ngol ve dingih a sawmtu.

flying saucer (also **unidentified flying object**) pakaan zuang (leilung dangin rami a si hmang ti'n mi tampi in an zum).

flying squad palik pawlkhat, misual cangvai um tikah hmakhatte ih kai theitu ding a hleice ih zirhmi palik.

flying start 1 tlaan zuamnak ah a thoknak riin a thlen hlanin a tlanciatu pawl a thawhnak an thlen zawn. 2 (idm) **get off to a flying start** tlaan thok ṭhatu: *Our holiday got off to a flying start because the weather was good and the trains were on time.*

flying tackle (Rugby bawhlung lehnak ah) cuh; long, namthluk: *The policeman brought the thief to the ground with a flying tackle.*

flying visit bihta, veh; malte sung lengta duak: *very brief or hasty visit.*

flyleaf /'flaɪliːf/ *n* (pl **-leaves** /-li:vz/) cabu a thoknak lam le a cemnak lamah duhduh ngan thei dingin retmi cahnah lawng.

flyover /'flaɪəʊvə(r)/ *n* 1 (Brit) (US **overpass**) lilawn lamkhat lawng a si ruangah a parih tuahmi tlangleeng zin. 2 (US) FLY-PAST (FLY²).

flysheets /'flaɪʃi:t/ *n* 1 muka buuk inn ah a leenglam ruahpi khamnak puan. 2 cahmai thumli lai lawng a ummi thu suahmi ca-tlep te (pamphlet).

flywheel /'flaɪwi:l/ US -hwi:l/ *n* leengke vek thir; leeng fung par ih ta.

FM abbr 1 Field Marshall. Mirang lei-ralkap ralbawi tum bik (Ralpi do sung lawngah FM rank an pekih, ralpi do ding a um lo zawnah cun General tiang lawng a um. FM hi American lei-ralkap ahcun Arsi (bo) panga ben ralbawi, Five star General an ti). 2 (radio) frequency modulation. Cf AM 1.

fm abbr fathom(s).

FO abbr Foreign Office: *He used to work at the FO.* Cf FCCO.

foal /'fəʊl/ *n* 1 rang/laak titek ramsa pawlih fano. 2 (idm) **in/with foal** rang/laak (laak fate pawl) faa a vun.

▷ **foal** *v* [I] laak faate a hring.

foam /fəʊm/ *n* [U] 1 (a) a phul, buanbara (satpia phul, titek): *The breaking waves lift the beach covered with foam.* (b) cil buanbara, titek. 2 sii pakhat khat hman ruangih buanbara a pawtmi (eg khahmul metnak satpia buan): *shaving foam.* 3 tidai a hawp theimi rabar, lole plastic (tokham phah titek ah an hmang): *foam rubber.*

▷ **foam** *v* [I, Ipr] a phul/buan a suak (foam, froth): *a glass of foaming beer.* ○ *The sick dog foamed at the mouth.* ○ (fig) *After having to wait an hour the customer was foaming (at the mouth) with rage,* ie obviously very angry.

foamy *adj* a phulmi.

fob¹ /fɒb/ *n* 1 zaal pai nazi hri. 2 nazi fate a thlainak hri. 3 tawh fung thlainak hri.

fob² /fɒb/ *v* (-bb-) (phr *v*) **fob sb off (with sth)** thil pakhat kha a ṭha lo deuh mi/a man ol deuh mi in thleng aw dingih bum: *I won't be fobbed off this time — I'm determined to say what I think.* ○ *You can't fob an expert off with cheap imitations.* **fob sth off on/onto sb** ṭhalo deuh kha a ṭha deuh a si ti ih bum: *Don't try fobbing off last year's good's on me!*

fob /'ef əʊ 'bi:/ abbr (commerce) (of cargo) free on board (tangphawlawng sung thlen tiang a lakih phurh le retsak).

focal /'fəʊkl/ *adj* [attrib] a laifang thawn a pehtlaimi.

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□ **focal length** (also **facal distance**) mizuknak ih hman bikmi a si ih, zuknak kemra (*camera*) thlalang le zuk duhmi karlak a hlatnak.

focal point zuk duhmi, ti duhmi: *Reducing unemployment is the focal point of the government's plans.*

fo'c's'le = FORECASTLE.

focus /fəʊkəs/ *n* (pl ~es or **foci** /fəʊsaɪ/) Usage at DATA. **1** [C] aw/a tleu tivek pawl ton-awknak, lole, a suak hram thoknak. **2** [C] thil pakhat khat kha tawkfang hlaatnak hmun ihsin mit, lole thlalang (*lens*) in thate ih hmuh theinak. **3** [C] mizuknak kemra (*camera*) parih um bihmi a hlat a nai hmu fiang dingih a remnak: *The focus on my camera isn't working properly.* **4** [C usu sing] cangvaih sanmi, tumtah sanmi; hmu tinmi: *Her beauty makes her the focus of attention.* ○ *In tonight's programme our focus is on Germany.* **5** (idm) **be in focus**; **bring sth/come into focus** fiang zetih hmuh thei: *Bring the object into focus if you want a sharp photograph.* **be/go out of focus** thate'n hmu thei lo: *The children's faces were badly out of focus (ie were very blurred) in the photograph.*

▷ **focus v** (-s- or -ss-) **1** (a) [I] fiang tein hmu thei: *His eyes focused slowly in the dark room.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (on sth) fuuk; hmun pakhat ah kom: *If you focus the sun's rays through a magnifying glass on a dry leaf, it will start to burn.* (c) [Tn, Tn-pr] zoh, kemra bih: *Focus your camera (on those trees).* **2** (a) [I, Ipr] ~ (on sth) khua ruat: *I'm so tired I can't focus (on anything) today.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (on sth) pakhat ih tumtahmi parah thinlung zate ret thluh: *Please focus your minds on the following problem.*

fodder /fɒdə(r)/ *n* [U] hramcar; inn zuat tilva rang, caw tivek pawl hrangih retmi rawl-car/hramro.

foe /fəʊ/ *n* (fml or dated) raal.

foetus (US **fetus**) /fi:təs/ *n* nu pumsung a um lai naute (minung, ramsa, vate). Cf EMBRYO¹.

▷ **foetal** (US **fetal**) /fi:tl/ *adj* pum sungih naute umdaan (pungsan): *She curled up her legs and arms into a foetal position.*

fog /fog/; US fɔ:g/ *n* **1** (a) [U] suum; suumzing; cumci; tikhu, mei: *Dense fog is covering roads in the north and visibility is very poor.* ○ *Patches of fog will clear by mid-morning.* (b) [C] suumzing: *We get heavy fogs on this coast in winter.* ⇒ Usage. **2** [C, U] (area of) zukah a fiang lemlomi hmun. **3** (idm) **in a fog** mangbang hnok zetih um: *I'm in a complete fog about computer technology — I don't understand it at all.*

▷ **fog v** (-gg-) **1** [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ti-khu vek thawn khuh, tikhu um: *The windscreen has fogged (over/up).* ○ *Steam has fogged the bath room mirror.* **2** (a) [Tn] negative film tivek ah khi ti-khu ih khuh: *Shut the door or the light will fog the film.* (b) [I] mizuknak thla lawng a lang hrihmi (*negative*) tivek par ih ti-khu um. **3** [Tn]

mangbang hnok emem ih um: *I'm a bit fogged by these instructions.* **4** [Tn] hmuh har theih har; cok buai: *complicated language that just fogs the real issues.*

foggy *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** suum um/sah: *foggy weather.* ○ *a foggy day.* **2** fiang lo, cok ruri: *His ideas on this subject are a bit foggy.* **3** (idm) **not have the faintest/foggiest** ⇒ FAINT¹.

□ **fog-bank** *n* tiffinriat par ih suum sah hngin.

fog-bound *adj* leeng, vanzam tivek suum ruangih feh thei lo ih taangmi pawl: *fog-bound planes, passengers* ○ *a fog-bound airport, harbour.*

fog-horn *n* tipi thuanthum sungah suum ton tiki tummi (awntermin) awther naaki: (*joc, derog*) *He's got a voice like a fog-horn*, ie a loud, harsh voice.

fog lamp *n* suum pit zet lakih hmanmi mawtawka mei.

NOTE ON USAGE: **Fog**, **mist** and **haze** are all clouds of water vapour at ground level and above. They indicate different degrees of thickness: **fog** is the thickest and **haze** the least thick. **Haze** also occurs when it is very hot: a *heat-haze*. **Smog** is an unhealthy mixture of smoke and fog in the air of some industrial cities.

foggy (also **fogey**) /fəʊgi/ (pl -ies or ~s) *n* khuahlan nundan a duh zetih a thlengaw duh lomi: *Come to the disco and stop being such an old fogey!*

foible /fɔɪbl/ *n* ziaza sia fate (mi hnaihnik, siatsuhnak a pe lomi nuncan sia fate): *We all have our little foibles.*

foil¹ /fɔɪl/ *n* **1** [U] miṭhai, *chu-chin*, chocolate tivek funnak dingih tuahmi thir vek thil paatte: *tin, aluminium foil*, ie such as is wrapped round bars of chocolate. **2** [C] minung, a silole, thilri an sinak kha fiangte ih hmuhtu an dan-awknak: *Her sparkling jewellery served as the perfect foil for her fine complexion.*

foil² /fɔɪl/ *v* [Tn] kham; siatsuah (tuah tummi, tuah reromi pakhat kha, tuahsuak thei lo dingin kham/dawn/siatsuah): *He was foiled in his attempt to deceive us/His attempt to deceive us was foiled.*

foil³ /fɔɪl/ *n* naam sau paatte (lehnak ih an hmanmi naam sau, a zaang zetih a zim a bo) (FENCE²). Cf ÉPÉE, SABRE.

foist /fɔɪst/ *v* (phr v) **foist sth on sb** duh lomi kha duh dingih hneek: *He's religious but he doesn't try to foist his beliefs on everyone.*

fold¹ /fəʊld/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-p, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (up) bil (cahnah bil, puan bil): *fold clothes (up) neatly* ○ *a folded newspaper* ○ *The bird folded its wings.* ○ *Fold the letter (in two) before putting it in the envelop.* (b) [I, Ip] ~ (up) bil theih thil (himi cabuai hi bil theih a si): *This garden table folds*

(up) flat. ○ a folding chair, bed, bicycle, etc. **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **A in B/~ B around A** fuun (palang (rialtithawl) thuthang ca sia in fun aw): *Fold this glass cup in newspaper/Fold newspaper round this glass bowl.* **3** [I, Ip] ~ (**up**) (infml) (**a**) dawr zuar cawl (tu ni dawr zuar an cawl): *The company folded (up) last week.* (**b**) baang: *The play folded with in a fortnight.* **4** (idm) **fold one's arms** taang ih kut pahnih ret, kut bom, kut sih. **fold sb/sth in one's arms** pakhat khat kut pahnih ih pom: *Father folded the tiny child in his arms.* **fold one's hands** thlacam tikih kut zaphak pahnih kop. **5** (phr v) **fold (sth) away** hmunkhat ih re dingah bil: *The bed folds away (into the wall).* **fold sth in; fold sth into sth** (in cooking) hmeh suan tikih cok (pakhat le pakhat rawi aw dingin cok): *Fold in the beaten whites of two eggs.* **fold up** nat tuk ruangih tlu, a silole, hnihsuak tuk ruangih tlu: *The boxer folded up in agony.*
 ▷ **fold** *n* **1** puanthan bil cia, lole, bil vekih thlaimi: *a dress hanging in loose folds.* **2** bilnak zawn ih a rin a suakmi. **3** tlang karlak kuar. **4** leilung pi a hnin tikih leilung sung lungto par ih riin a suakmi.
 □ **foldaway** *adj* bil theihmi (tohkham, cabuativek bil theih ih tuahmi retding zawng ih bil): *a foldaway bed.*
fold² /fəʊld/ *n* **1** [C] thate ih kulhmi tuu retnak hmun, tuuduum (kulh). **2** **the fold** [sing] biaknak ah zummi bang aw pawl khat; kawhhran pawl khat. **3** (idm) **return to the fold** ⇨ RETURN¹.
-fold *suff* (with numbers forming *adjs* and *advs*) karh; zai: *tenfold* ○ *twofold*, a let hra, a let hnih.
folder /fəʊldə(r)/ *n* cahnah pawl ret khawmnak biltheih cahnah khohpi.
foliage /fəʊliɪdʒ/ *n* [U] thinghnah, hramhnah a hnge telh cihmi (hnah sawl): *a mass of green foliage* ○ *My flower arrangement needs more foliage.*
folio /fəʊliəʊ/ *n* (pl ~s) **1** (**a**) [C] cahnah kaupi (veikhat bil tikih cahnah pahnih, lole, cabu cahnah tia pali a suakmi). (**b**) [C] cauk cahnah cu tivek bilmi: *We have several early folios for sale.* (**c**) [U] cabu pungsan tumbik: *drawings published in folio* ○ [attrib] *a folio volume.* **2** [C] (**a**) cahnah pakhat ah hmai khat lam lawng nganmi (cahnah pakhat ah cahmai nambat pakhat lawng ret mi). (**b**) cabu pakhat ih cahmai nambat.
folk /fəʊk/ *n* **1** (also esp US **folks**) [pl v] (**a**) milai, a zopoh, tiduwnak a si: *Some old folk(s) have peculiar tastes.* ○ (sometime used when talking to people in a friendly way) *Well, folks, what are we going to do today?* (**b**) [C] ram pakhat sungah phundang deuh ih ruahmi, miphun-milai; lole, lamdang deuh ih um hmang miphun-milai: *country folk* ○ *townsfolk* ○ *farming folk.* **2**

folks [pl] (infml) (**a**) pakhat ih inn sungsang a simi pawl, sungte: *How are your folks?* (**b**) (esp US) nu le pa (parents): *Have you ever met my folks?* **3** [attrib] = FOLK-MUSIC: *a folk concert.*
 □ **folk-dance** *n* miphun pakhat ih laam le hla.
folklore *n* [U] miphun pakhat ih daan, thu hla le umtuzia. **folklorist** /fəʊklɔːrɪst/ *n* miphun pakhat ih daan, thu hla le umtuzia zirtu/tlawng ih a zirtu.
folk-music (also **folk**), **folk-song** *ns* khua, miphun, ram pakhat ih a mahte neihmi hla, lole, awnmawi.
folk-tale *n* a san a san in kaa thawn simsinmi thuanthu.
folksy /fəʊksɪ/ *adj* (infml) a menmen vekih um thiammi, mi pawl nuam, mi pawl thiamzet.
follow *abbr* following.
follow /fəʊləʊ/ *v* **1** (**a**) [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (by/with sth)** thlun: *The duckling followed its mother everywhere.* ○ *You go first and I'll follow (on) later.* ○ *Monday follows Sunday.* ○ *One misfortune followed another.* ○ *The lightning was quickly followed by/with heavy thunder.* ○ *You should follow your treatment with plenty of rest in bed.* (**b**) [Tn] daw (man dingah dung in thlun) (chase): *The police were following him.* **2** [Tn] lampi thlun vivo (go along): *Follow this road until you get to the corner, then turn left.* **3** [Tn] (**a**) simmi vekin thlun/tuah: *follow the instructions* ○ *follow sb's advice.* (**b**) cawng (mi tuah dan va cawng ve aw) (copy): *follow the latest fashions* ○ *follow the teachings of Muhammad.* **4** [Tn] hnaṭuan ṭuanpeh: *follow a legal career.* **5** [I, Tn] thei thiam, aancing (simmi theifang): *I don't follow.* ○ *I couldn't follow his argument at all.* **6** [Tn] thate ih ngai; thate ih zoh: *The President's wife follows his every word.* ○ *The cat followed the mouse's movements carefully.* **7** [Tn] thinlung in thei zuam (take active interest): *Have you been following the basketball tournament?* ○ *Millions of fans follow the TV soap operas devotedly.* **8** [Tn] pakhat ih siarmi kha a cabu zoh in rak thlun ve: *Follow that text while I read it out to you.* **9** (**a**) [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn] ~ (**on**) (**from sth**) pakhat can ruangih cang pehmi: *Inevitably, a quarrel followed between the two sides.* ○ *Disease often follows (on form) starvation because the body is weakened.* (**b**) [I, Ipr] ~ (**from sth**) pakhat ihsin si lo theih lo ih a cang pehmi a ti can: *I don't see how that follows (from what you've said).* ○ *If a = b and b = c it follows that that a = c.* ○ *She's not in the office but it doesn't necessarily follow that she's ill.* **10** [Tn] (ti daan phunkhat te ih) a cangmi: *His speech followed the usual pattern.* **11** (idm) **as follows** hitivek in a si (a tanglam veek): *The main events were as follows: first, the president's speech, secondly the secretary's reply and thirdly, the chairman's summing-up.* **follow one's (own)**

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bent duhzawng thlun; paihzawng tuah. **follow the crowd** mi tam bik ih lungkim vekin lungkim ve: *Not wanting to make my controversial views known yet, I preferred to follow the crowd for a while.* **follow sb's example/lead** mi tuah vekih tuah ve, cawng ve: *I don't want you follow my example and rush into marriage.* **follow (the) hounds** cinghnia na dawi tikah uico thawn dawi. **follow in sb's footsteps** midang ti vekin ti ve, mi ih ke-neh thlun: *She works in theatre, following in her father's footsteps.* **follow one's (own) nose** (a) hmaizawn ding te in feh: *The police station is a mile ahead up the hills — just follow your nose.* (b) theihtheinak na neihmi vekin ti/tuah: *Since you don't know the language I can only suggest that you follow your nose.* **follow suit** mi um-tlan ningin (tuah ciامي vekin) um ve, tuah ve: *One of the major banks has lowered its interest rates and the other banks are expected to follow suit.* **to follow** (in a restaurant, etc) a sangih a ra dingmi: *To follow, we'll have peaches and cream please.*

12 (phr v) **follow on** cricket lehnak ah, neh ngaingai lona'n lekpeh theinak lamzin phunkhat a si. **follow through** (tennis le golf lehnak, tivek ah) kut hawi daan phunkhat. **follow sth through** theh tiang tipeh lawlaw: *Starting project is one thing, following them through is another.* **follow sth up** (a) tuahmi pakhat kha a hnu thlun: *You should follow up your letter with a phone call.* (b) thuhla pakhat naihte ih zingzoi: *follow up a lead, clue, rumour.*

▷ **follower** n zumnak, asilole, ruahnak neitu ih dungthluntu: *He's a follower, not a leader.* ○ *the followers of Mahatma Gandhi.*

□ **follow-on** n (in cricket) cricket leknak ih tuah peh tulnak phunkhat.

follow-through n (tennis, golf tivek pawl lehnak ah) kut hawi pek dan phunkhat.

follow-up n tuahmi pakhat tuah peh; a mei pawk: *As a follow-up to the television series the BBC is publishing a book.*

following /fə'loʊɪŋ/ adj **1** a dungta; a neta, a sangtu: *It rained on the day we arrived, but the following day was sunny.* **2** a tanglam ih nganmi pawl: *Answer the following question(s).*

▷ **following** n **1** [sing] bawmtu (thohkhantu): *Our party has a large following in the south.* **2 the following** [sing or pl v] a sangtu, a thluuntu: *The following is of the greatest importance.* ○ *The following are extracts from the original article.*

following prep netnak ih a cangmi cu: *demonstrations following the murder of the union leader.*

folly /fɒli/ n **1** [U] ~ (to do sth) aat thu; aatthlak: *an act of folly* ○ *It's utter folly to go swimming in this cold weather.* **2** [C] aat thu ih tuahmi: *You'll pay later for your follies.* **3** [C] mankhung

zetin, mawiter zet a sina'n, a hmannak ah santlaihnak a nei lomi inn.

foment /fəʊ'ment/ v [Tn] **1** thinhennak le lungkim lonak tamter sinsin: *foment discord, ill feeling, civil disorder, etc.* **2** taksa a naa mi, lole, a nuamlo mi tihlum thawn hmet.

▷ **fomentation** /fəʊ'men'teɪʃn/ n **1** [U] taksa a natnak zawn tihlum thawn thadeuh dingin buah. **2** [C] a buahnak ih hmanmi, puan, etc.

fond /fɒnd/ adj (-er, -est) **1** [attrib] (a) duh; ngaisaang, sunsak; caak zet: *a fond look, gesture, embrace, etc.* (b) aat duh ih duh; hleifuan ih duh-daw: *spoilt by fond parents.* **2** [pred] ~ of sb/(doing) sth uar: *I've always been very fond of you.* ○ *fond of music, cooking, going to parties* ○ *John's extremely fond of pointing out other people's mistakes,* ie He enjoys doing this constantly. **3** [attrib] (of wishes or ambitions) ruahsanmi pakhat ngah thei lo ding a bang zet na'n ngah tum: *fond hopes of success.*

▷ **fondly** adv **1** duh zetin; nuamte in: *He held her hand fondly.* **2** caak zetin: *I fondly imagined that you cared.*

fondness n [U] ~ (for sb/sth) duhzetnak, duatnak: *his fondness for his eldest grand child.*

fondant /fɒndənt/ n [U, C] eiṭha thlum zet ih tuahmi; kaa sungih hmawm tikah amahte a tii thluh theimi hmawmṭha.

fondle /fɒndl/ v [Tn] duhnak thawn dai, tham, zuut, zuutmet (naute, zawhte faate, ui faate duh zet ih tham vek khin): *fondle a baby, kitten, doll.*

fondue /fɒndju:/ n [C, U] **1** pawngghmuk thawn eiding ah cheese le a dang thawtturtu pawl thawn an cok ih a ti ih tuahmi. **2** sa, nga tivek hniim ih eiding in tuahmi siti, sa: *fish fondue.*

font /font/ n **1** Biakinn sungih tipilnak kuang; tidai thianghlim retnak. **2** = FOUNT.

food /fu:d/ n **1** (a) [U] rawl: *a shortage of food in some countries.* (b) [U] rawlpi cang deuh: *We cannot survive for long without food and drink.* **2** [C] phun then deuhmi rawl — (thimnak ah, thaithawh, naurawl, rawlcar, tivek pawl): *breakfast food* ○ *baby, health foods* ○ *frozen, processed foods.* **3** (idm) **food for thought** napi ih ruah dingmi.

□ **food-chain** n rannung pawl a sangsang in ei aw vivo ih cawm-awknak.

food poisoning (also dated **ptomaine poisoning**) pum natter thei bacteria pangang tel-mi ei ruangih pum naa.

food processor electric rawl cawhnak, tannak, hriamnak thilri.

foodstuff n rawl ih hman theimi thil hmuah: *essential foodstuffs.*

food value rawl ih cahnak thazang: *Most sweet things don't have much food value.*

fool /fu:l/ n **1** (derog) mi-aa: *What fools we were not to see the trap?* ○ *And I was fool enough* (ie so stupid as) *to believe him.* **2** (formerly) hlan

lai ah siangphahrang, bawipi tivek hnenah nunnuam hnihsuah sait. **3** (idm) **act/play the fool** ⇒ ACT². **be a fool for one's pains** mi ih lom lomi thil tuah. **be no fool; be nobody's fool** fimkhur zet in um aw, olte ih bum dingin um hlah. **a food and his money are soon parted** (*saying*) mi-aa in tangka khawl an thiam lo. (**be sent/go on**) **a fool's errand** sullam um lo, man nei lo hnatuan ah thlah/feh. (**be/live in**) **a fool's paradise** thuphan nomnak sungih um cu rei a daih lo. **make a fool of oneself/sb** a aa-zet vek in umteraw (aat hlauh) mi-aa canter. (**the**) **more fool sb** fim lo zetih cangvaimi. (**there is**) **no fool like an old fool** (*saying*) tar aat hnakh atsin a um thei lo. **not/never suffer fools gladly** ⇒ SUFFER.

▷ **fool v 1** (a) [I, Ip] ~ (**about/around**) mi-aa vekin cangvai, atthlak nun: *Stop fooling about with that knife or someone will get hurt.* (b) [I] capoh, titer-aw: *I was only fooling when I said I'd lost your keys.* **2** [Tn] buum: *You can't/don't fool me!* **3** (phr v) **fool about/around** tikcu heu lakter, hlolak tawivak, ziang tuan lo: *I was meant to be working on Sunday, but I just fooled around all day.*

□ **April Fool** April Fool Ni ih buum ngahmi (minung).

April Fool's Day April 1 (April ni khat) capo ih buum awk Ni.

fool² /fu:l/ n [C, U] rawl ngai ei theh hnu ih ei dingih tuahmi thingthei le a dang thil thlum rawi: *rhubarb fool.*

foolery /fu:ləri/ n [U, C] mi-aa vekih nuncan.

foolhardy /fu:lha:di/ adj (-ier, -iest) zianghman ruat lemlo in tihluahhlo men; aat raaltha mi: *It was foolhardy (of him) to go swimming alone.*

▷ **foolhardiness** n [U].

foolish /fu:li:f/ adj **1** (a) a aa-mi; tha le sia then thiam lo: *She's a foolish interfering old woman!* ○ *And I was foolish enough to believe him!* ○ *It would be foolish (of us) to pretend that the accident never happened.* (b) (thuhla le cangvaihnak ah) tha te-in ruat lemlo, fimkhur lo caang men, tong men: *a foolish decision, comment, reply, etc.* **2** [usu pred] ningzakza, at-hlawh, atthlak: *I felt very foolish having to stand up and give a speech.* ○ *He's afraid of looking foolish in front of all his friends.* **3** (idm) **penny wise pound foolish** ⇒ PENNY.

▷ **foolishly** adv. **foolishness** n [U].

foolproof /fu:lpru:f/ adj **1** a dik zetmi; palh thei lo; a fiangmi; aancin ol: *a foolproof method, plan, scheme, etc.* **2** thelh theih lo; rinsan tlaak, tuah ol, ti ol: *a foolproof security system.*

foolscap /fu:lska:p/ n [U] cangannak ih hmanmi cahnah lakah saih kaubik cahnah 330 × 200 (or 400) mm.

foot¹ /fʊt/ n (*pl feet* /fi:t/) **1** [C] ke, kemit tanglam hmuah: *He rose to his feet*, ie stood up. ○

walking round the house in bare feet, ie not wearing socks, shoes, etc. ○ [attrib] *a foot switch, brake, pump, etc.*, ie operated by one's foot, not one's hand. **2** [C usu sing] kemit tlun tiang lawng a khuh theimi mawca. **3** [C] (*pl feet* or, in informal use and attributive, **foot**) (*abbr ft*) pi; a sau, a sang, a thuk tahnak pikhat; pikhat ah ruhpiok (letmah) hleihnih a um: *We're flying at 35000 feet.* ○ *'How tall are you?' 'Five foot nine'*, ie five feet and nine inches. ○ [attrib] *a 6-foot high wall.* **4** [sing] **the ~ of sth** (a) tangta bik; a hram: *at the foot of the stairs* ○ *They camped at the foot of the mountain.* ○ *at the foot of the page.* (b) ihkhun, lole, thlaan ih a ke lam: *Spare blankets lay at the foot of each bed.* **5** [U] (*arch*) lam feh daan, lole, cang daan: *light/swift/fleet of foot.* **6** [C] hla/bezai (rythm) tluan khat ah, then li in then ih, thenkhat finging ah aw santer deuhmi pakhat le santer cuang lemlo mi pakhat le pakhat hnakh tam a telmi hla, *For 'men/may 'come/and 'men/may 'go.* **7** (idm) **be on one's feet** ding ringring: *I've been on my feet all day.* **bind/tie sb hand and foot** ⇒ HAND¹. **the boot is on the other foot** ⇒ BOOT. **catch sb on the wrong foot** ⇒ CATCH¹. **cut the ground from under sb's feet** ⇒ GROUND¹. **drag one's feet/heels** ⇒ DRAG². **fall/land on one's feet** bawngvan that ruangah natnak ihsin hmakhat te in dam sal, sumtuah sun ciamconak ihsin tha zet sal. **find one's feet** ⇒ FIND. **from head to foot/toe** ⇒ HEAD¹. **get/have a foot in the door** pumcawmnak, lole pawlkom hnatuannak hramthok: *It's difficult to get a foot in the door of publishing.* **get/have cold feet** ⇒ COLD¹. **have feet of clay** a hramthok ihsin tawn'taihnak le palh (mawh)nak nei. **have the ball at one's feet** ⇒ BALL¹. **have, etc one's/both feet on the ground** zawn ruat thiam, a sinak taktak thei le a ngaingai ih nungcang thiam. **have a foot in both camps** khatlam, khatlam bangrep in duh a si na'n khui lam hman ih lut lo/tang lo. **have one foot in the grave** tartuk, dam lo zet, thi zik te. **have two left feet** ⇒ LEFT². **in ones stocking feet** ⇒ STOCKING. **itchy feet** ⇒ ITCHY (ITCH). **keep one's feet** bah theinak, tlak theinak zawnah ralring zetih feh. **land on one's feet** ⇒ LAND². **let the grass grow under one's feet** ⇒ GRASS¹. **my foot!** (used to express scornful rejection of what sb has just said) mi tongmi duh lo tuk thinheng ruangih kawknak tong a si. **on one's feet** natnak, siatnak ihsin pumpuluk ih harhdam sal: *After his wife's death it took him two years to get back on his feet.* ○ *Only our party's policies will put the country on its feet again.* **on foot** ke in (leeng, rang tivek hman lo-in): *We are going on foot, not by car.* **the patter of tiny feet** ⇒ PATTERN². **pull the carpet/rug from under sb's feet** ⇒ PULL². **put one's best foot forward** ⇒ BEST¹. **put one's feet up** tohkham, lole ihkhun parah a saang ah

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kethluang in cawl um. **put one's foot down** mi pakhat ih tuahduhmi na eel tikah hnget lawlaw in țang: *Mother let us go to the party, but when it comes to staying overnight, she put her foot down firmly.* **put one's foot in it** mi pakhat thinheng/thin nuam loter dingah țong, tuah. **put a foot wrong** (esp in negative sentences) pakhat khat tuah sual: *I've never known him to put a foot wrong, no matter how delicate the issue.* **rush/run sb (clean) off his feet** baang ko in hnațuan tampi peek: *Before Christmas the shop assistants are rushed off their feet.* **set foot in/on sth** luut, tlawng, thleng: *The first man to set foot on the moon* ○ *Don't ever set foot in this house again!* **set sb/sth on his/its feet** luatter/thlah. **shake the dust off one's feet** ⇒ SHAKE¹. **sit at sb's feet** ⇒ SIT. **stand on one's own (two) feet** mi rinsan loin mahte cawm aw thei/mahte ding: *Now that you are growing up, you must learn to stand on your own two feet.* **start off on the right/wrong foot** ⇒ START². **sweep sb off his feet** ⇒ SWEEP¹. **take the weight off one's feet** ⇒ WEIGHT. **ten feet tall** mah sinak tluangkhang, lungkim zet: *be/feel/look/seem ten feet tall.* **uder one's feet** hnaihnoctu: *The children are under my feet all day.* **wait on sb hand and foot** ⇒ WAIT¹. **walk sb off his feet** ⇒ WALK¹.
 ▷ **-footer** /fʊtə(r)/ (forming compounds) piruk saang: *a six-footer*, ie a person who is six feet tall or thing that is six feet wide or long.
 □ **foot-and-mouth (disease)** *n* [U] sia le caw pawl, lei-ka-nat (ke le ka ah thisuak in a na ruangah lam feh thei lo, rawl ei thei lo ih um). **football** *n* (a) [C] bawhlung/saphaw-hlum. (b) [U] bawhlung lehnak. (c) [U] (Brit) = ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. **foot baller** *n* bawhlung lektu. **football pools** (also **the pools**) bawhlung leh tikah zo in a neh ding, zo a sung ding timi paisa kam-awknak (thaap).
foot-bridge *n* milai fehnak lilawn.
football *n* lam feh ih ke awn, ke thawm (ke palmi awn).
foot-fault *n* (in tennis) tennis lehnak ah pal khammi palsual.
foothill *n* [C usu *pl*] tlangtluan hram, tlang sangpi a hram.
fothold *n* 1 kepal; a par kai tikah ke țan theihnak palmi. 2 sumtuahnak ah țangso vivo theinak dingih țan thoknak hmun: *gain a firm foothold in the industry.*
footlights *n* [pl] (laamnak zaute donmi) zial donmi zawnih vanmi mei (ke lam ihsin a vangmi).
footlose *adj* (idm) **footlose and fancy-free** țemțawntu nei lo, duhduh caang thei.
footman /-mən/ *n* (pl **-men**) mipa, bawi inn kiltu, bawi rawlpetu; sangka kiltu.
footmark *n* = FOOTPRINT 1, keneh.
footnote *n* cabu cahnah a taw ih nganmi

fianternak, kehram hmnsin.
footpath *n* = PATH 1, keziin.
footplate *n* tangleeng mawngtu le meisa zohtu umnak thir zial.
footprint *n* [C usu *pl*] keneh: *leave footprints in the snow* ○ *muddy footprints on the kitchen floor.*
footsore *adj* hlaatpi ke in feh ruangih kena/kedurh: *footsore travellers.*
footstep *n* [C] 1 (a) (usu *pl*) ke awn (pal mi ke awn) ke thawng: *I heard his footsteps in the hall.* (b) ke kar. 2 (idm) **follow in one's/sb's footsteps** ⇒ FOLLOW.
footstool (also **stool**) *n* tohkham parih to tiki keretnak.
footway *n* = FOOT PATH.
footwear *n* [U] kedan.
footwork *n* [U] (a) laamtikah le boxing tivek leh tiki ke kal daan. (b) khulrang zet ih cangvaai thiam: *Thanks to agile footwork he always managed to escape his pursuers.*
foot² /fʊt/ *v* (idm) **foot the bill (for sth)** pakhat khat man pek ding vo laksaktu (pek saktu): *Who's going to foot the bill for all the repairs?* **foot it** (infml) ke in feh.
 ▷ **-footed** (forming compound adjectives) ke lawng, ke pheeng, ke nei etc: *bare-footed* ○ *flat-footed* ○ *four-footed.*
footage /'fʊtɪdʒ/ *n* [U] 1 a sau/a hlaa tahnak. 2 film a sau siarnak: *The film contained some old newsreel footage.*
footing /'fʊtɪŋ/ *n* [sing] 1 kepal țan: *He lost his footing on the wet floor and fell.* 2 țan țatnak a hram ih hmang: *This enterprise is now on a firm footing and should soon show profits.* ○ *The army were put on a war footing, ie were prepared for war.* 3 mah dinhmun, midang thawm țim in: *The workers want to be on equal footing with/on the same footing as the managers.*
footie /'fʊtɪ/ *v* [I, Ip] ~ (about/around) (infml) ziang ngaihtuah lo, um men: *footie about all day.*
 ▷ **footling** /'fʊtɪŋ/ *adj* thupi lo, țukțak, fate: *footling little jobs.*
footsie /'fʊtsi/ *n* (idm) **play footsie with sb** (infml) pakhat ih ke kha diim te'n pal hrim — a bikin cabuai tangih ke (lehnak-capohnak in pal hrimmi a si ih — ka lo uar tinak, lole, mipa nunau thinlung thawhternak ih tuahmi a si țheu).
fop /fɒp/ *n* (derog) mawi le hnipuan mawi a sunsak tuktu pa (dandy).
 ▷ **foppish** *adj* hnipuan mawi a duhzet thei (mipa).
for¹ /fɔ:(r); strong form fɔ:(r)/ *prep* 1 (indicating the person intended to receive or benefit from sth) hrangah: *a letter for you* ○ *Are all these presents for me?* ○ *Save a piece for Mary.* ○ *Have you made a cup of tea for Mrs Watson?* 2 (indicating purpose or function) hrangah; ruangah: *go for a walk* ○ *It's a machine for slicing bread.* ○

Are you learning English for pleasure or for your work? ○ (infml) What did you shout at him for? ie Why did you shout at him? ○ For sales to (ie In order that sales may) increase, we must lower our prices. **3** (indicating destination, aim or reason) thlennak ding hmuitin, tummi le ziang ruang ah ti a hmuh: depart for home ○ head for the shore ○ Is this the train for Glasgow? ○ Passengers for Oxford must change at Didcot. ○ She knew she was destined for a great future. ○ It's a book for (ie intended to be read by or to) children. ○ a chair for visitors ○ bicycles for sale or for hire. **4** bomnak le ngahnak ding a hmuh: Would you please translate this letter for me? ○ What can I do for you? ○ fighting for their country ○ Take some aspirin for (ie to lessen the pain caused by) your headache. ○ The deputy manager ran the firm for (ie instead of) him while he was ill. **5** pakhat khat a man, laksawng, lole, cawhkuan pek: I bought a book for £3 ○ She gave me their old TV for nothing. ○ He got a medal for bravery. ○ You can go to prison for dangerous driving. **6** thlengnak ah: exchange one's car for a new one ○ Don't translate word for word. **7** tannak, tha peknak ah: Are you for or against the new road scheme? ○ Three cheers for the winner! ○ We're petitioning for our right to keep a school in our village. ○ I'm all for pubs being open all day. **8** (a) ai-awh in; can-ai-ah: I'm speaking for all the workers in their firm. ○ Who's the MP for Bradford? (b) tiduh sanmi: What's the 'S' for in A S Hornby? ○ Shaking your head for 'No' is not universal. **9** (after a v) pakhat khat ngah dingin: search for treasure ○ hope for a settlement ○ pray for peace ○ fish for trout ○ ask the policeman for directions ○ go to a friend for advice ○ There were 50 applicants for the post. **10** (after an adj) a sinak ruat ahcun: It's quite warm for January. ○ She's tall for her age. ○ He's not bad for a beginner. **11** (after a comparative adj) hnu ahcun: You'll feel all the better for a good night's sleep. ○ This room would look all the better for a spot of paint. **12** pakhat canca ah; ai-ah: There's one bad apple for every three good ones. ○ you get a coupon for every 3 gallons of petrol. **13** pehpar awin: anxious for sb's safety ○ ready for a holiday ○ eager for them to start ○ Fortunately for us, the weather changed. **14** pakhat 'ruang' ah: famous for its cathedral ○ Please take care of her for my sake. ○ I couldn't speak for laughing. ○ He was in prison for twenty years. ○ You said you would love me for ever. **15** (a) (indicating a length of time) sung; tikcu ziang can a rei ti hmuhnak: I'm going away for a few days. ○ He was in prison for twenty years. ○ You said you would love me for ever. (b) (indicating that sth is intended to happen at the specified time)

pakhat khat a cang ding ti kawhmuahnak: a reservation for the first week in June. ○ The appointment is for 12 May. ○ We're invited for 7.30. (c) (indicating the occasion when sth happens) a cannak ding kawhmuahnak: I'm warning you for the last time — stop talking! ○ I'm meeting him for the first time today. **16** (indicating a distance) a hlat-nai a kawhmuahnak: He crawled on his hands and knees for 100 metres. ○ The road went on for miles and miles. **17** (a) (used after an adj and before a n/pron + infinitive) hrangah cun: It's impossible for me to leave my family. ○ It's useless for us to continue. ○ (fml) For her to have survived such an ordeal was remarkable. ○ It's customary for the women to sit apart. ○ His greatest wish was for his daughter to take over the business. (b) (used after a n and before a n/pron + infinitive) hrangah: no need for you to go. ○ time for us to leave ○ a rush for them to finish. (c) (used after too + adj or adj + enough): The box is too heavy for me to lift. ○ Is it clear enough for you to read? ○ The coffee was too hot for her (to drink). (d) (used before a n/pron + infinitive to show purpose or design) tumtahmi hmuhnak ah: letters for the manager to sign ○ money for you to invest wisely ○ I would give anything for this not to have happened. ○ It's not for me (ie It is not my responsibility) to say. (e) (used after more with than): Nothing could be more desirable than for them both to get jobs in Leeds. ○ Nothing would please me more than for her to win the next election.

18 (idm) **be for it** (infml) cawhkuan maw, harnak maw tong dingih zum: The headmaster saw me draw the picture on the blackboard — I'm for it now. **for all** nacing-in; hmansehla: For all his talks about sports cars and swimming-pools he's just an ordinary bank-clerk. ○ For all you say, I think she's the best teacher we've got. ○ For all his wealth and fame, he's a very lonely man. ○ He has great power and wealth, but is still unhappy for all that.

for² /fə(r); rare strong form fɔ:(r)/ conj (dated or fml) (not used at the beginning of a sentence) ziangah tile (catluan a thawhnak ah an hman dah lo, a pehawknak ah an hman): We listened eagerly, for he brought news of our families. ○ Prepare to alight, for we are almost there.

for /ef əv 'ɑ:(r)/ abbr (commerce) (of freight) free on rail (siar tikah ef-o-ar ti in an siar; tlangleng parah man lo ih phurhsakmi tinak a si).

forage /fɔridʒ; US 'fɔ:r-/ n **1** [U] rang le caw rawl.

2 [C usu sing] rawl hawl:

▷ **forage** v [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (**for sth**); ~ (**about**) hawl; a bikin rawl, tih thing tivek hawl: One group left the camp to forage for firewood. ○ She foraged (ie rummaged) about in her handbag, but couldn't find her keys.

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□ **forage crops** rang le caw rawl ih cinmi rawl.
for-as-much as /fɔːrəz'mʌtʃ əz/ conj (arch or law)
ziangah tile; cu a si ruangah.

foray /fɔːreɪ/ US 'fɔːreɪ/ n 1 va sim: go on/make a
foray into enemy territory. 2 malte sung tel ve,
zuamnak, hnaʔuannak sumdawnnak pakhat
khat ih cangvaihnak: the company's first foray
into the computer market.

▷ **foray** v [I] va sim, va nam.

forbade (also **forbad**) pt of FORBID.

forbear¹ /fɔː'beə(r)/ v (pt **forbore** /fɔː'boː(r)/, pp
forborne /fɔː'boːn/) [I, Ipr, Tt, Tg] ~ (from sth/
doing sth) (fml) suup ʔenʔo, suup aw zet ih ʔong:
her mother's gentle and forbearing character ○
He could not forbear from expressing his
disagreement. ○ He forbore to mention/
mentioning the matter again.

▷ **forbearance** /fɔː'beərəns/ n [U] (fml)
thinsaunak; suup-awknak; suptuar theinak
(patient, self control, tolerance): show
forbearance towards sb ○ exercise forbearance
in dealing with people.

forbear² = FOREBEAR.

forbid /fə'bid/ v (pt **forbade** /fə'bæd/; US fə'beɪd/ or
forbad /fə'bæd/, pp **forbidden** /fə'bɪdn/) 1 (a)
[Tsg, Dn-n, Dn-t] kham (tuah lo dingih thupek):
I can't forbid you/your seeing that man again. ○
She was forbidden access to the club. ○ If you
want to go, I can't forbid you. ○ He was forbidden
to talk to her. ○ It is forbidden (for anyone) to
smoke in this room. (b) [Tn, Tg] sianglo (tuah
lo dingin thupek): Her father forbade their
marriage. ○ Photography is strictly forbidden
in the cathedral. ○ forbidden subjects such as
sex and politics ○ The law forbids building on
this land. 2 [Tn] kham; harsa dingin/cangthei
lo dingin tuah; kham: Lack of space forbids
further treatment of the topic here. 3 (idm)
forbidden fruit kham ruangih hiarmi. **forbidden
ground** (a) zohman luh sian lonak hmun. (b)
thuhla, lehnak-pawlkom cangvaihnak pakhat
khat tuah ding sian lomi. **God/Heaven forbid**
(that ...) (expressing a wish that sth may not
happen) thil ʔa lo cang ding Pathian in siang
hram hlah seh tinak a si: Heaven forbid that
anything awful should have happened to her.

▷ **forbidding** adj (mithmai) puar zet, ti remrem,
mi rem lo pianhmang: a forbidding appearance,
look, manner, etc ○ a forbidding coastline, ie
one that looks dangerous. **forbiddingly** adv.

forbore pt of FORBEAR¹.

forborne pp of FORBEAR¹.

force¹ /fɔːs/ n 1 [U] (a) cahnak, thazaang (taksa,
thinlung, thazang): the force of the blow,
explosion, collision, etc ○ They used brute force
to break open the door. (b) (violent physical
action) taksa natter ih cangvaihnak, thazang
hmaning hramhram ih thil tinak: The soldiers
took the prisoners away by force. ○ renounce

the use of force. 2 (a) [U] a nasa zetmi thazang
huham: the full force of her argument ○ He
overcame his bad habits by sheer force of will. ○
Through force of circumstances the plans had to
be changed. (b) [C] cuvek thazang, huham nei
minung, thilri, zummi: She's a force to be
reckoned with, ie someone to be treated
seriously. ○ the two main political forces of left
and right ○ powerful economic forces ○ Is
religion a force for good? ○ the forces of evil still
at work today. 3 [C, U] (in scientific use) thil
caangtertu huham thazaang — tah a theih: The
force of gravity pulls things towards the earth's
centre. 4 [C] thli, ruahpi tivek ih cahnak huham:
fighting against the forces of nature. 5 [C usu
sing] thli ih a cahnak tha tahnak: a force 9 gale.
6 [CGp] tumtahmi pakhat hrangah tangkhawm
mibur: a sales/labour force ○ Our work-force
are completely dependable. 7 [CGp] zirh ʔatmi
hriamnam keng mibur: the police force ○ the
armed forces of a country, ie the army, navy and
air force. 8 [U] (legal) upadi ah thunei theitu;
aana neitu: This decree has the force of law
behind it. 9 (idm) **break the force of something**
tlaknak, thawinak hmual tivek a na ding
neemter deuhtu: The force of his fall was broken
by the straw mats. **bring sth/come into force**
(cause a law, rule, etc) daan; upadi tuahmi
nemhnget ih hmangcih: When do the new safety
rules come into force? (from/out of) **force of
habit** a hlanih tuah ringringmi zongsang ih tuah
duh: It's force of habit that gets me out of bed at
7.15 each morning. **in force** (a) (of people) milai
tampi in: The police were present at the
demonstration in (full) force. (b) (of law, rule,
etc) upadi, daan thu fate, hmang thok: The new
safety regulations are now in force. **join forces**
⇒ JOIN.

force² /fɔːs/ v 1 [Tn-pr, Cn-t] duh nalo-in tuahter,
tuah hramhramter: force a confession out of sb
○ The thief forced her to hand over the money.
○ He forced himself to speak to her. ○ The
president was forced into resigning/to resign. 2
[Tn-pr, Tn-p] thazang hmangih ʔhawn: force
one's way through a crowd ○ force a way in/out/
through ○ (fig) The government forced the bill
through Parliament. ○ force clothes into a bag.
3 [Tn, Cn-a] thazang hmaning pakhat khat
khuai/boh: force (open) a door, lock, window,
safe. 4 [Tn] duh nalo-in hramhram ih tuah;
tuah awter ʔenʔo: a forced smile/laugh, ie not the
natural result of amusement. 5 [Tn] thing thei,
hangrah tivek pawl phundang deuh ih ret
ruangah tuan deuh ah puitlingter. 6 (idm) **force
sb's hand** pakhat kha a duh nalo-in tuahter.
force the issue tuante a thu relcat thei dingin
nawt. **force the pace** tlan zuamawknak ah
midang hmuah baangter dingin zamrangte ih
tlan. 7 (phr v) **force sth back** thinlung ih tuarmi

langter loin thup tēto: *force back one's tears.*
force sth down (a) rawl/zu tìvek duh nalo in dolhter/inter: *After being ill I didn't feel like eating but I managed to force something down.* (b) vanzam parah tìhphan a um ruangah duh nalo in lei ah tūmter: **force sth on sb** duh nalo in saangter/cohlang: *force one's ideas, company, attention on sb* ○ *Higher taxes were forced on the people.*

□ **forced labour** hramhram in tūantermi hnañuan.

forced landing vanzam, poimawh zet thu um ruangah tūm hrih lo dingmi tūmter.

forced march ralkap pawl thu a um ruangih hlaa pi ke ih fehter.

force-feed /fɔːsfɪd/ *v* (pp, pt **force-fed** /fɔːsfed/) [Tn] minung/ramsa hramhram in eiter/inter: *All the prisoners on hunger strike had to be force-fed.*

force-ful /fɔːsfl/ *adj* zumum zet; hmual nei, cakzet le feltukmi: (approv) *a forceful speaker* ○ *a forceful argument, speech, style of writing, etc.*
 ▷ **forcefully** /-fəli/ *adv.* **forcefulness** *n* [U].

force majeure /fɔːs məˈʒɜː(r)/ (French law) hmailam hmuhcia theih lo thil a cangmi tiduhnak.

forcemeat /fɔːsmiːt/ *n* [U] sa reipi ret thei ding in tuah (sakuang sung ret dingin mawizet in can hnu-ah a rim hmuitertu thawn retmi).

forceps /fɔːseps/ *n* [pl] sibawi pawl in taksa an aat tiki a kaihnak ih an hmanmi-caiceh: *a pair of forceps* ○ [attrib] *a forceps delivery*, ie one in which the baby is delivered with the aid of forceps.

forcible /fɔːsəbl/ *adj* [attrib] **1** nor theih; hramhram in tuahter theihmi: *make a forcible entry into a building.* **2** theihthiam ter mi le hmual a neimi: *a forcible argument/reminder.*

▷ **forcibly** /-əbli/ *adv.*

ford /fɔːd/ *n* tiva a puannak zawn tan theih hmun, tiva tannak hmun.

▷ **ford** *v* [Tn] tiva tan (titan) **fordable** /-əbl/ *adj* tan theih tiva.

fore¹ /fɔː(r)/ *adj* **1** [attrib] mawtawka, tlangleng, vanzam, tangphawlawng tìvek pawlih a hmailam: *in the fore part of the ship/plane/train.* Cf **HIND**¹. **2** (idm) **be/come to the fore** thupi bik; hminthang bik ah a cang: *She's always to the fore at moments of crisis.* ○ *After the election several new Members of Parliament came to the fore.* **fore and aft** (a) tangphawlawng ih hmai le dung. (b) (of sails) tangphawlawng sungah a sau zawng (a tungzawng) ih ret.

▷ **fore** *adv* vanzam, lole tangphawlawng ih a hmailam ah.

fore *n* [U] hmai (tangphawlawng a hmai).

fore² /fɔː(r)/ *interj* (in golf) *golf* thawi tikah thawinak ding hmailamah mi an um sile, ka thawi thlang ding ti ih simcianak tōng.

fore- *pref* (with *ns* and *vs*) **1** (of time or rank) a hlaan (before); tuan deuh ah (in advance of): *forefather* ○ *foreman* ○ *foretell*. **2** (of position) a hmai ah: *foreground* ○ *foreshorten*.

forearm¹ /fɔːrɑːm/ *n* baan; kiu ih sin ngel, lole, kut zung zim tiang.

forearm² /fɔːrɑːm/ *v* **1** [Tn usu passive] hmailam ih ton ding harsatnak (ral tìvek) hrangih timtuaahcia. **2** (idm) **forwarned is fore armed** ⇒ **FOREWARN**.

forebear (also **forbear**) /fɔːbeə(r)/ *n* [C usu pl] pipu; suahkehnak pipu (*ancestor*).

forebode /fɔːbəʊd/ *v* [Tn] (fml) ralrinnak pek: *Her angry face forbode a confrontation.* ○ *These developments forebode disaster.*

▷ **foreboding** *n* [C, U] ~ (that ...) harsatnak a ra tengteng ding tihi ruahnak thinlung ih theihnak: *She had a sinister foreboding that the plane would crash.* ○ *Thoughts about the future filled him with foreboding.*

forecast /fɔːkɑːst; US -kæst/ *v* (pt, pp **forecast** or **forecasted**) [Tn, Tf, Tw] simcia, a cang lai dingmi simsung: *forecast a fall in unemployment* ○ *forecast that it will rain tomorrow* ○ *forecast what the outcome of the election will be.*

▷ **forecast** *n* a cang dingmi tūatta ih sim: *forecasts of higher profits* ○ *According to the (weather) forecast it will be sunny tomorrow.* ○ *The forecast said there would be sunny intervals and showers.*

forecaster *n* simsungtu.

forecastle (also **fo'c's'le**) /fəʊksl/ *n* tangphawlawng hmailam khaan ihnak ih an hmanmi.

foreclose /fɔːkləʊz/ *v* [I, Ip, Tn] ~ (on sb/sth) baan (bank) ih paia cawihmi pek thei lo ruangah, inn a laksak sung: *The bank foreclosed on the mortgage.*

▷ **foreclosure** /fɔːkləʊzə(r)/ *n* [C, U] pawngmi thil lak.

forecourt /fɔːkɔːt/ *n* **1** suumtual, inn hmai tual kaupi. **2** tennis le badminton tìvek lehnak ah thawi thawhnak le suur karlak.

foredoomed /fɔːdʊːmd/ *adj* ~ (to sth) hmailam t̄ha lo: *All attempts to revive the fishing industry were foredoomed to failure.*

forefather /fɔːfɑːðə(r)/ *n* [C usu pl] ci thlahtu pupa: *the religion of his forefathers.*

forefinger /fɔːfɪŋgə(r)/ *n* mehtok; kut zungpi sangtu kutzung.

forefoot /fɔːfʊt/ *n* (pl **-feet** /-fiːt/) keli nei rannung pawlih hmai lam ke hnih.

forefront /fɔːfrʌnt/ *n* [sing] **the** ~ (of sth) hmailam bik: *in the forefront of my mind* ○ *The new product took the company to the forefront of the computer software field.*

foregoing /fɔːgəʊɪŋ/ *adj* [attrib] tute ih sim zomi: *The forgoing analysis, description, discussion, etc.*

▷ **the foregoing** *n* [sing or pl *v*] (fml) a sim cia

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zomi: *The foregoing have all been included in the proposal.*

foregone /fɔːgɒn/; US -'gɔːn/ *adj* (idm) **a foregone conclusion** fiang zet ih simcia theih thusuak dingmi: *The outcome of the election is a foregone conclusion.*

foreground /fɔːgraʊnd/ *n* **the foreground** [sing] (a) innhmai tual; a hmai hmun lawng: *The red figure in the foreground is the artist's mother.* (b) (fig) a hmai: *These teachers are keeping education in the foreground of public attention.* Cf BACKGROUND 1, 2.

forehand /fɔːhænd/ *adj* [attrib] tennis le squash tivek leh tikah kut zaphak sunglam tha thawn (beng ngah) mi: *a forehand volley.*

▷ **forehand** *n* **1** kut zaphak sung tha thawn thawi ngahmi. **2** (usu *sing*) (in tennis, squash, etc) tennis, squash racket kaihdan: *Hit the ball to her forehand.* Cf BACKHAND (BACK²).

forehead /'brəd, also 'fɔːhed; US 'fɔːrɪd/ (also **brow**) *n* cal.

foreign /fɔːrən; US 'fɔːr-/ *adj* **1** (a) ramdang; mah ram a si lomi: *foreign languages, goods, students.* (b) ramdang thawn pehtlaimi: *foreign affairs* ○ *foreign trade* ○ *foreign aid*, ie money, etc given by one country to another in need. **2** ~ **to sb/sth** (fml) mah nuncan daan (um daan, thuruah daan) thawn a lamdangmi: *Dishonesty is foreign to his nature.* **3** (fml) a lenglam ihsin a lutmi; hmundang ihsin a rami (thlisia, ramsa, mithnawm nat, tivek pawl): *a foreign body* (eg a hair or speck of dirt) *in the eye*, mit sungih hnawm (sam) fate.

▷ **foreigner** *n* **1** ramdang mi. **2** a lenglam mi.

□ **the Foreign and Commonwealth Office** (abbr **FCO**) (Brit) ramdang thawn pehtlaihnaq Vuanzi zungpi (Mirang ukdan).

foreign exchange (system of buying and selling) ramdang thawn sumdawnnak (pursum leilawn asilole paisa thleng): [attrib] *the foreign exchange markets.*

Foreign Secretary Mirang Kumpi (acozah) ih ramdang le *Common Wealth* vuan-zi (USA Secretary of State).

foreknowledge /fɔː'nɒlɪdʒ/ *n* [U] a cang leh dingmi thu hmuha/theihcia.

foreland /fɔːlənd/ *n* tiffinriat thawn a pehawmi leilung, leizum (cape or promontory).

foreleg /fɔːlək/ *n* ke pali nei ramsa ih hmailam ke.

forelock /fɔːlək/ *n* **1** cal sam. **2** (idm) **touch, tug etc one's forelock** (formerly) upat peknak in calhmai ah kut hmuh (salaam pek).

foreman /fɔːmən/ *n* (pl **-men** /-mən/, **fem forewoman** /-wʊmən/, pl **women** /-wɪmɪn/) **1** hanʔuan hotu (hnaʔuan daan a thiam bik ruangah hotu a simi). **2** thuthentu (*jury*) a hotu/ai awh ih tɔngtu.

foremost /fɔːməʊst/ *adj* **1** [attrib] hminthang bik;

tha bik; bawi bik: *The foremost painter of his time.* **2** (idm) **first and foremost** ⇒ FIRST².

▷ **foremost** *adv* a pakhatnak: *She ranks foremost among the country's leading conductors.*

forename /'fɔːneɪm/ *n* (fml) Mirang hmin laakdaan ah sungte hmin (*surname or family name*) cu neta bikah an reet, cumi sungte hmin a hlan ih nganmi hmin cu, hmin saktu ih pekmi hmin a si ih, 'forename' an ti (first name).

forenoon /'fɔːnuːn/ *n* (Scot and in official, eg electoral, notices) nisuah le sun laifang karlak, sun-hlaan (*morning*).

forensic /fə'rensɪk; US -zɪk/ *adj* [attrib] thuthen zung thawn pehpami, mithat, mithawi thu pawl ah sibawi ʔuanvo a latu: *forensic medicine*, ie medical skill used to help with legal problems or police investigations.

foreordain /fɔːrɔː'dem/ *v* [usu passive: Tn, Tf] (fml) (of God or fate) Pathian pekcia; a van a sia, khaukhih (cang dingih ruatcia): *It was foreordained that the company would suffer a spectacular collapse.*

foreplay /fɔːpleɪ/ *n* [U] nu le pa pawl-awk hlan ih thatho dingih hnam-awknak, zahmawh thamsak awknak (zitmuai awknak).

forerunner /fɔːrənə(r)/ *n* hmaihruai a rasungmi (minung, thilri ah); amah hnakihi a thupi sawnmi rat hlanah lamzin sialsak ciatu: *The forerunners of the modern diesel engine.*

foresail /fɔːseɪl, also 'fɔːsl/ *n* tangphawlawng thli tha thawn feh lai san ah, a hmaibik ih puanzar.

foresee /fɔːsiː/ *v* (pt **foresaw** /fɔː'sɔː/, pp **foreseen** /fɔː'siːn/) [Tn, Tf, Tw] hmuh cia; a cang leh ding ʔuat cia: *The difficulties could not have been foreseen.* ○ *He foresaw that the job would take a long time.* ○ *They could not have foreseen how things would turn out.*

▷ **foreseeable** /-əbl/ *adj* hmuh cia theih; thei cia theihmi: (in) *the foreseeable future*, ie (during) the period of time (usu short) when one knows what is going to happen.

foreshadow /fɔːʃædəʊ/ *v* [Tn] ralringter cia; a canglai dingmi hmuhter cia: *The increase in taxes had been foreshadowed in the minister's speech.*

foreshore /fɔːʃɔː(r)/ *n* (usu **the foreshore**) [sing] tipi kap vunnel rawn; tidai thlen tawpnak le leilung ngai karlak (inn le lo tla tuahnak ah an hman ʔheu).

foreshorten /fɔːʃɔːtn/ *v* [Tn] (in drawing) pungsuanak ah tawiter.

foresight /fɔːsaɪt/ *n* [U] hmailam ʔatnak ding hmu thei cia, hmu cia: *The couple had the foresight to plan their retirement wisely.* Cf HINDSIGHT.

foreskin /fɔːskɪn/ *n* zanghmur, vunzim.

forest /'fɔːrɪst; US 'fɔːr-/ *n* **1** [C, U] tupi; thingruul: *the dense tropical forests of the Amazon basin* ○ *Very little forest is left un-explored nowadays.* ○

[attrib] *forest animals, fires*. **2** [C] (fig) thingrul vekih um thil: *a forest of television aerials*.

▷ **forested** *adj* thing a rulmi.

forester *n* **1** (ʔawkhawng). **2** tupi sungah umcih in hna a ʔuantu.

forestry *n* [U] thingkung finkhawm daan zirnak le hmannak.

forestall /fɔːstɔːl/ *v* [Tn] mi kham dingah hlan khan ih tuah cia: *forestall a competitor, a rival, etc* ○ *I had my objection all prepared, but Stephens forestalled me.*

foretaste /fɔːteɪst/ *n* ~ (of sth) a cang ngai hlanah hmuhton cia mi, tepcia mi: *a foretaste of the fierce conflict to come.*

foretell /fɔːtel/ *v* (pt, pp **foretold** /fɔːtəʊld/) [Tn, Tf, Tw] (fml) hmailam ah ziang a cang ding ti sim cia: *No one could have foretold that the boy would die.* ○ *The gypsy had foretold that the boy would die.* ○ *You can't foretell how the war will end.*

forethought /fɔːθɔːt/ *n* [U] hmailam hrang thate ih ruatcia: *With a little more forethought we could have bought the house we really wanted.*

foretold *pt, pp* of FORETELL.

forever /fəˈrevə(r)/ *adv* **1** (also **for ever**) ringing; camcin, tlaaitluan in: *I'll love you forever!* ○ *You'll never get that ball back — it's lost forever.* ○ (infml) *It takes her forever* (ie an extremely long time) *to get dressed.* **2** (usu with *vs* is th continuous tenses) cat lo bang loin; tu le tu: *They are forever arguing.* ○ *Why are you forever asking questions?*

forewarn /fɔːwɔːn/ *n* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-f] ~ **sb** (of sth) ralrinnak pek cia: *We had been forewarned of the risk of fire/that fire could break out.* **2** (idm) **fore, warned is forearmed** (saying) ʔihnung thil a thleng ding ti theihcia-nak in timtuahnak neihter.

foreword /fɔːwɜːd/ *n* thu hmaihruai (preface); cabu nganmi ah a hmaisabik ah cangantu in si lemlo in midang pakhat in, ca a ngannak thuhla — casiartu a theihinternak. Cf PREFACE.

forfeit /fɔːfit/ *v* [Tn] liam; kuan; sung: *Passengers who cancel their reservations will forfeit their deposit.* ○ *He has forfeited the right to represent the people.* ○ *The couple forfeited their independence in order to help those less fortunate.* ▷ **forfeit** *n* **1** [C usu sing] liammi; kuanmi thil. **2** (a) **forfeits** [sing v] lehnak ih a sun ruangah a thilri neihmi an lonsak (liam; kuan). (b) [C] cu tivek ih pekmi, liammi thil: *Give me your watch as a forfeit.*

forfeit *adj* [pred] ~ (to sb/sth) (fml) sung, sung theih; lon theih: *All goods may be forfeit to the State in time of war.*

forfeiture /fɔːfɪtʃə(r)/ *n* [U] ~ (of sth) lonmi thilri (tuahsuالمي neih ruangih kuanmi thilri): (the) *forfeiture of one's property.*

forgather (also **foregather**) /fɔːgæðə(r)/ *v* [I]

tongkhawm; pumkhawm (pawlkom hmin in).

forgave *pt* of FORGIVE.

forge¹ /fɔːdʒ/ *n* **1** sosu hmun; soden hmun (rangke thir; thir pungsan phunphun sutnak hmun. **2** (workshop, factory, etc with) thir ernak le pungsan a phunphun tuahnak hmun (sothlam).

forge² /fɔːdʒ/ *v* [Tn] **1** (a) pian nei dingin su, deng: *forge a sword, a chain, an anchor, etc.* (b) (fig) pehtlaih-awknak, rual-awknak hnget khoh zet ih tuah: *forge a bond, a link, an alliance, etc* ○ *a friendship forged by adversity.* Cf WELD. **2** mibumnak ah thilri a deu tuah; cawng in tuah: *forge a banknote, will, signature, etc.* Cf COUNTERFEIT *v*.

▷ **forger** *n* ca thupi le paisa bumnak ah thil a deu tuahtu. Cf COUNTERFEITER (COUNTERFEIT).

forgery /fɔːdʒəri/ *n* **1** [U] (crime or act of) hminkhen, zuk, kam-awknak ca tivek a deu, lole, cawncop ih tuahnak: *He spent 5 years in prison for forgery.* **2** [C] cawncopmi kam-awknak ca, hminkhen, zuk tivek pawl: *This famous painting was thought to be by Van Gogh, but it is in fact a forgery.* Cf COUNTERFEIT.

forging *n* [C] so ih ser ciami thir.

forge³ /fɔːdʒ/ *v* **1** [Ipr, Ip, Tn-pr] nuam tete in hmainor: *forge constantly onwards* ○ *forge into the lead*, ie gradually overtake sb. **2** (phr v) **forge ahead** zamrangte'n ʔhangso; hmainor thei bik: *One horse forged ahead, leaving the others behind.*

forget /fəˈget/ *v* (pt **forgot** /fəˈɡɒt/, pp **forgotten** /fəˈɡɒtn/) **1** [Ipr, Tn, Tf, Tw, Tg] ~ **sbout** sth hngilh, ciinglo: *He forgot (about) her birthday*, ie did not remember it at the proper time. ○ *I've forgotten her name.* ○ *Did you forget (that) I was coming?* ○ *She forgot how the puzzle fitted together.* ○ *I'll never forget seeing my daughter dance in public for the first time.* **2** (a) [Tt] daithlan; ziangsiar lo: *Don't forget to feed the cat.* ○ *He forgot to pay me.* (b) [Tn] leiding, kending hngilh: *I forgot my umbrella.* ○ *Don't forget to feed the cat.* ○ *He forgot to pay me.* **3** [Ipr, Tn, Tf] ~ (about) **sb/sth** ruat nawn lo; thinlung ah ret lo: *Let's forget (about) our differences.* ○ *Try to forget (all) about him.* ○ *You can forget about a holiday this year — I've lost my job.* ○ *'How much do I owe you?' 'Forget It!'*, ie Don't bother to pay me back. ○ *The shop will accept cheques and credit cards, not forgetting (ie and also) cash, of course.* ○ *I was forgetting (that) David used to teach you.* **4** [Tn] ~ **oneself** (a) duhduh ih um men; ʔhate'n nungcang lo: *I'm afraid I forgot myself and kissed him wildly.* (b) mah hrang ruat lem lo: *Forget yourself and think of someone else for a change.* **5** (idm) **elephants never forget** ⇨ ELEPHANT. **forgive and forget** ⇨ FORGIVE.

▷ **forgetful** /-fl/ *adj* **1** hngilhhamang, hgilh ol: *Old people are sometimes forgetful.* **2** [pred] ~ **of sb/**

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sth a dang ruat lemlo; ziang siar lemloin: *be forgetful of one's duties.*

forgetfully /-fəli/ *adv.* **forgetfulness** *n* [U].

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forgive /fə'gɪv/ *v* (pt **forgave** /fə'geɪv/, pp **forgiven** /fə'gɪvən/) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-n] ~ **sth**; ~ **sb** (for **sth/doing sth**) ngaithiam; sual thlah: *I forgave her a long time ago.* ○ *I cannot forgive myself for not seeing my mother before she died.* ○ *She forgave him his thoughtless remark.* ○ (religion) *Forgive us our trespasses, ie our sins.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tsg] ~ **sb** (for **doing sth**) mi hmai 'in ngaithiam uh' ti ih awka thlum thlak ih tong: *Forgive my ignorance, but what exactly are you talking about?* ○ *Please forgive me for interrupting/my interrupting.* **3** [Dn-n] paisa cawimi rulh ʔul loin ngaithiam: *Won't you forgive such a small debt?* **4** (idm) **forgive and forget** pumpuluk ih ngaihtiam, thinlung khalah tangter nawn lo.

▷ **forgivable** /-əbl/ *adj* ngaithiam theih: *His harshness is forgivable.*

forgiveness *n* [U] ngaithiamnak: *He asked forgiveness for what he had done wrong.* ○ (religion) *the forgiveness of sins* ○ *She is sympathetic and full of forgiveness.*

forgiving *adj* mi sual thlah thei: *kind forgiving parents* ○ *a forgiving nature.* **forgivingly** *adv.*

forgo /fɔ:'gəʊ/ *v* (pt **forwent** /fɔ:'went/, pp **forgone** /fɔ:'gɒn; US -'gɔ:n/) [Tn] taan; fehshan: *The workers agreed to forgo a pay increase for the sake of greater job security.*

forgot *pt* of FORGET.

forgotten *pp* of FORGET.

fork /fɔ:k/ *n* **1** [C] rawldawtnak thirhai ʔeek, thirkut: *eat with a knife and fork.* **2** [C] hmuan/lo ih hnawm khawmnak ih hmanmi ʔek nei thir. **3** [C] (a) lam ʔek: *Go up to the fork and turn left.* (b) a ʔeek: *Take the right fork.* **4** [C usu pl] bicycle ke retnak ih an tuahmi thir ʔek. **5** [C] fork vekih a ʔekmi thil eg a *tuning fork* hla aw laknak thirfung ʔek.

▷ **fork** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] thirfung ʔeknei hmangin losung hnawm khawm, lei cok: *fork in manure*, ie dig it into the soil with a fork. **2** [I] (a) (of a road, river, etc) tiva, lamzin pahnih in ʔek: *The road forks just beyond the village.* (b) (minung ah) lamzin ʔekah pial: *Fork left at the church.* **3** (phr v) **fork out** (sth) (infml) siang na lo in paisa pe: *Why am I always forking out (money) for your school trips?*

forked *adj* pahnih ih ʔekmi: *the fork tongue of a snake* ○ *a bird with a forked tail* ○ *forked lightning.*

□ **fork-lift truck** thil khainak le thiar theinak cet kutpi a neimi mawʔawka, ʔhak kut nei.

forlorn /fə'lɔ:n/ *adj* **1** umhar le lung lengmi; zohtu nei lo: *a forlorn child sitting on the street corner.*

2 (of places) taantaakmi leilung; a sia zetmi: *deserted forlorn farmhouses.* **3** (idm) **a forlorn hope** tithei suak ding zum um lo; ruahsan ding um lo: *Going to their rescue in a rowing-boat is a bit of a forlorn hope.*

▷ **forlornly** *adv.* **forlornness** *n* [U].

form¹ /fɔ:m/ *n* **1** [C, U] pian; ruangrai, pungsan: *a jelly mould in the form of a motor car* ○ *We could just manage to see the form of an air craft taking off in the fog.* ○ *her slender graceful form.* **2** [C] ~ (of sth) pian, phun vekin: *water in the form of ice* ○ *different forms of government.* ○ *The training took the form of* (ie consisted of) *seminars and lectures.* ○ *the form* (ie set order of words) *of the marriage service.* **3** [U] pianzia: *music in sonata form* ○ *literary form* ○ *This painting shows a good sense of form.* **4** [C, U] (grammar) (paticular) ngan daan le aw-suah daan: *The plural form of 'goose' is 'geese'.* ○ *The words 'elevator' and 'lift' are different in form but identical in meaning.* **5** [U] um daan, ʔong daan phundangte simi: *Although she is not entitled to attend the dinner, I think she should be invited as a matter of form, ie because it is correct or polite.* ○ *What is the form* (ie the correct thing to do)? **6** [U] (a) thazang cahvaknak: *After six months training, the whole team is in superb form.* (b) mi pakhat, burkhat tivek ih umzia le ʔhansonak pawl hminsinnak: *On present/current form, Spain will win tonight's match.* ○ *Judging by recent form, he should easily pass the exam.* ○ *I've got no record of this horse's form.* **7** [U] umtu daan, thinlung: *They were both in fine/good form at dinner.* **8** (Brit sl) sualnak a tuah ti a fiang ih thawng a to dah ti ngankhummi ca: *He's got no form!* **9** [C] British le America ih Private tlawng pawlah ca zirmi cataang/phun: *The youngest children are in the first form, the oldest in the sixth form.* **10** [C] hngauhsan um lo tokham saupi. **11** [C] ngaannak ding tuahcia um cahnah, ca pungsan: *fill in an application form.* **12** [C] sabek umnak; bu, kua. **13** (idm) **bad/good form** (dated) a ʔha/ʔha lo ti ih ruahmi, mi lakih umtu-daan: *It is sometimes considered bad form to smoke between courses at a meal.* **a form of address** biak thoknak ʔong daan pungsan: *What form of address should one use when writing to a bishop?* **in any shape or form** ⇒ SHAPE¹. **on/off form; in/out of form** a kel vekin harhdam/ʔawnʔai; caklo/cak umdan: *The team were on excellent form through the whole competition.* **on present form** ⇒ PRESENT¹. **true to form** ⇒ TRUE.

▷ **-former** (forming compound ns) caphun cuzat zirtu tinak: *a sixth-former.*

formless *adj* pian/pungsan ngai a neilomi: *formless shadows, ideas, dreams.* **formlessly** *adv.*

form² /fɔ:m/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (from sth) tuah; pianhmang neihter ruangrai saktuah,

dinsuak: *form a bowl from clay* ○ *form sentences and paragraphs.* ○ *The reservoir was formed by flooding the valley.* ○ *The substances are formed from a mixture of liquids solidifying under pressure.* (b) [Ln] pianhmang/ruangrai pakhat cangter, tuah. **2** [Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sb/sth) into sth tuah, umter: *The children formed (into) a line/The teacher formed the children into a line.* ○ *The volunteers formed themselves into three groups.* **3** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (from sth) um dingin tuah; umter: *form a committee, society, company, etc* ○ *The Labour leader was asked to form a government.* ○ (fig) *form an idea, impression, opinion, etc (of sb/sth)* ○ *form a relationship.* (b) [Ipr] um, cang: *thunder clouds forming in the distance.* ○ *Ice forms (ie Water becomes solid) at 0°C.* **4** [Ln] a cang: *His research formed the basis of his new book.* ○ *Should the new department form part of the Faculty of Arts?* ○ *The historical aspect formed the main theme of her essay.* **5** [Tn] sim, zirh: *a character formed by strict discipline.* **6** [Tn] suah, tuah: *form the plural of a noun by adding 's'.* **7** (phr v) **form (sb) up** a tuan in dingter (ral̄thuang tuah ah): *The battalion formed up by companies on the barrack square.*

formal /fɔ:ml/ *adj* **1** dankeel; tuahkeel a simi: *She has a very formal manner.* ○ *a formal dinner, luncheon, dance, etc* ○ *'Request' is a more formal way of saying 'ask for'.* **2** a daan te ih ummi, a pian ah ding zet ih riinmi vek: *formal garden.* **3** a lenglam umdaan: *There is only a formal resemblance between the two systems; they are in fact radically different.* **4** mi hmuah theithiam dingin simmi, a daan bangin tuahmi: *a formal denial* ○ *a formal declaration of war.* **5** [attrib] (of education) tlawnng/college ih zirhmi (fimthiamnak); lenglam ih zir menmi a si lo: *The job does not require any formal training.*

▷ **formalism** /-mɔ:lɪzəm/ *n* [U] a daan kel thlunnak: *creativity reduced to an empty formalism.*

formally /-mɔ:lɪ/ *adv*: *The new rates of pay have not been formally agreed.*

formaldehyde /fɔ:ˈmældɪhaɪd/ *n* [U] (chemistry) pian rong nei lo, rimnam nasa zetmi daat (gas) phunkhat — thil siat lonak ding le hma kholhnak ah an hman̄g theu.

▷ **formalin** /fɔ:ˈmɔ:lɪn/ *n* (chemistry) sii pun khat; formaldehyde daat le tidai cokrawi mi, a siat theimi siat lo dingih hnimmak sii tivek in an hman̄g.

formality /fɔ:ˈmælətɪ/ *n* **1** [U] cin le daan thlunnak: *At board meetings you have to get used to the formality of the language.* ○ *I found the formality of the occasion irritating.* **2** [C] (a) thlun a tulmi daan: *comply with all the necessary formalities* ○ *go through the legal formalities.* (b) a keel le a dan men: *They said the interview was just a*

formality/a mere formality, as they've already given me the job.

formalize, -ise /fɔ:ˈmɔ:lɪz/ *v* [Tn] cin le daan ah tuah, thluun dingah tuah: *formalize the arrangements for the conference.*

▷ **formalization, -isation** /fɔ:ˈmɔ:lɪzɪʃn/ *n* [U].

format /fɔ:ˈmæt/ *n* **1** cabu ih umzia (a pungsan): *It's the same book, but a new format.* **2** tuah ding pakhat khat hrangah tumtahmi umtu daan a ruangrai (pungsan), pianhmang: *The format of the meeting was such that everyone could ask a question.* **3** computer ah than thei dingin tuahmi cazin/data.

▷ **format v (-tt-)** [Tn] computer ih ret dingin cazin tuah.

formation /fɔ:ˈmeɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] dinsuahnak, sersiamnak: *the formation of a new government* ○ *the formation of national character.* **2** [C] a cannak, a suahnak (tikhu cu meiro ah a cang; ti luannak ah thungtum, thungkhal an cang: cloud, rock formations ○ *new word formations.* **3** [U] thiamnak, mawinak phundang ih hmuhmi pianhmang: *aircraft flying in formation* ○ [attrib] *formation flying.*

formative /fɔ:ˈmætɪv/ *adj* mi pakhat ih ziaza sersiamnak ah a thupimi: *a child's formative years* ○ *formative influences in one's life.*

former /fɔ:ˈmɔ:(r)/ *adj* [attrib] **1** a hlaan ih; tuan dahtu: *the former world champion* ○ *my former landlady* ○ *in former times* ○ *She's back to her former self again, eg after an illness.* **2** hmasa deuh (simmi pahnih sungah): *The former option favours the married man.* **3** (idm) **a shadow of one's/its former self** ⇒ SHADOW.

▷ **the former** pron a hmasa deuh: *If I had to choose between fish and chicken I'll prefer the former, ie fish.*

formerly *adv* a hlaanah; hmasa ah: *The company formerly belonged to an international banking group.* ○ *Namibia, formerly South West Africa.* Cf LATTER.

Formica /fɔ:ˈmarkə/ *n* [U] (propr) cabuai khuh, bizu khuh tivek ih an hmanmi plywood vek plastic sahpi.

formic acid /fɔ:ˈmɪk ˈæsɪd/ pian rong nei lo acid siithur a si ih puanthaan buh-nak ah an hman̄g theu, A tir ah sihte in an ngah ih atu ahcun thil dang thawn an tuah thiam thlang.

formidable /fɔ:ˈmɪdəbl/ *adj* **1** tihnungza; thinphangza: *a formidable appearance, look, prospect.* **2** neh har, hup-hurh um: *formidable obstacles, opposition, debts* ○ *a formidable task.* **3** (mi taw, mi cak a si ruangah) hmailam hrangah rinsan um: *a formidable athlete, competitor, list of qualifications.*

▷ **formidably** /-əblɪ/ *adv*.

formula /fɔ:ˈmjʊlə/ *n* (pl ~ s or, in scientific use, -mulae /-mjʊli:/) ⇒ Usage at DATA. **1** [C] (a) (chemistry) thil a si daan a hram ih teltu pawl

hmainsinnak: *The formula for water is H₂O.* (b) (mathematics or physics) kanan hmainsinnak hmangih tuat daan, kalan khi liṭa ah thleng tikiḥ tuat daan: *the formula for converting gallons litres.* **2** [C] pakhat le pakhat biakawḥ tikiḥ a daante ih ṭongfang pawl hmannak: *'How d'you do' and 'Excuse me' are social formulae.* ○ *know the formula for addressing bishops.* **3** [C] sii tivek phunkhat khat tuah tikiḥ an cokrawimi hmuahhmuah le a tuah daan: *a formula for a new drug.* **4** [C] buaipimi thu ah zapi, lole, khat lam khat lam lungkim tlang theimi thulai tan: *Managers and workers are still working out a peace formula.* **5** [C] ~ (for sth) thuṭha a suak theinak dingah hawlmi thu bul le hram: *There is no sure formula for success.* ○ *a formula for a happy marriage.* **6** [U] tlaan zuamnak, mawṭawḥa thilri a tum a fate, engine tha tivek pawl ziang vek hman ding ti ih thuser siamnak: [attrib] *Formula 1 racing cars.* **7** [U] (US) tuahcopmi naute cawhnawi vut.
 ▷ **formulaic** /fɔ:mjuˈleɪnɪk/ *adj* ṭongfang khawmmi zoheop in tuahmi ṭong, ṭong phuahmi: *Anglo-Saxon poetry is formulaic.*
formulate /fɔ:mjuˈleɪt/ *v* [Tn] **1** thil pakhat a cekci dik zet ih sersiam: *formulate a rule, policy, theory, etc.* **2** thu pakhat fiangzet in a si vek cekci in sim thiam: *formulate one's thoughts carefully* ○ *The contract was formulated in difficult legal language.*
 ▷ **formulation** /fɔ:mjuˈleɪʃn/ *n* (a) [U] a cekcimi sersiamnak. (b) [C] a cekci in ser siammi: *choose another formulation.*
formicate /fɔ:mɪˈkeɪt/ *v* [I] (fml esp derog) nupa si lo, ṭhi-aw lo ih umtlang, pawl-aw.
 ▷ **fornication** /fɔ:nɪˈkeɪʃn/ *n* [U].
forsake /fəˈseɪk/ *v* (pt **forsook** /fəˈsʊk/, pp **forsaken** /fəˈseɪkən/) [Tn] **1** (fml) ngol, baang, hnong: *forsake one's former habits.* **2** taanta dah, ṭlansan: *forsake one's family and friends.* ○ *a dreary forsaken beach in winter.*
forswear /fɔ:ˈsweə(r)/ *v* (pt **forswore** /fɔ:ˈswɔ:(r)/, pp **forsworn** /fɔ:ˈswɔ:n/) **1** baang, tuah nawn lo; hnong: *He had forsworn smoking.* **2** **forswear oneself** = PERJURE ONESELF (PERJURE).
forsythia /fɔ:ˈsaɪθiə/; US fəˈsɪθiə/ *n* [U] hrambur-aihre (tleu zet ih a par theimi) thing hnahno suak zawnih a paarmi.
fort /fɔ:t/ *n* **1** ralhruang; ralbawhnak kahsam. **2** (idm) **hold the fort** pakhat khat mi um lo zawn ah finkhawḥi ding ṭuanvo nei.
forte¹ /fɔ:ter/; US fɔ:rt/ *n* (usu sing) thiam zawng; cahnak zawn: *Mathematics was never my forte.*
forte² /fɔ:teɪ/ *adj, adv* (abbr **f**) (music) ring deuh, ring deuh in tum ding. Cf **PIANO**.
forth /fɔ:θ/ *adv part* **1** (archaic) mah inn ihsin hmundang ah: *explorers who ventured forth to discover new lands.* **2** (fml) hmailam ah: *from that day forth.* **3** (idm) **and (so on and) so forth**

cuvek a dangdang pawl tla: *They discussed investments, the state of the economy and so forth.*
back and forth ⇒ **BACK**³.
forthcoming /fɔ:θˈkʌmɪŋ/ *adj* **1** [attrib] a rei hlan ah a ra dingmi; a cang cing dingmi: *the forthcoming elections.* ○ *a list of forthcoming books*, ie those about to be published. **2** [pred] (often with a negative) a ṭul tiktik ih ngah dingmi: *The money we asked for was not forthcoming.* **3** [pred] bawm dingah timtuah cia: *The secretary at the reception desk was not very forthcoming.*
forthright /fɔ:θraɪt/ *adj* a tluang zetmi, a si vekih sim thei; supmi nei lo ih ṭong thei: *He has a reputation for being a forthright critic.* ○ *condemnation in the most forthright language.*
forthwith /fɔ:θˈwɪθ/; US -ˈwɪð/ *adv (fml)* hmakhatte ah: *Mr Jones will be dismissed forthwith.*
fortieth ⇒ **FORTY**.
fortify /fɔ:tɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **-fied**) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (against sth) (a) ralhruang, ral lutthei lo dingin a khamnak tuah: *fortified a town against invasion* ○ *a fortified city.* (b) thazang in maw, thinlung in maw bawm/dinpi/khawm: *Fortified against the cold by a heavy coat, he went out into the snow.* ○ *fortify oneself by prayer and meditation.* **2** [Tn usu passive] eimi rawl taksa hrang ṭha sinsin dingin vitamin cok: *cereal fortified with extra vitamins.*
 ▷ **fortification** /fɔ:tɪfɪˈkeɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] kulhnak; hruang kulh: *plans for the fortifications of the city.* **2** [C usu pl] ralconnak innsangpi, ving (cang dawḥ) kahsam tivek pawl ralkhamnak: *These fortifications were all built during the last war.*
 □ **fortified wine** cakdeuh dingin zureu rawimi sabitti: *Port and madeira are fortified wines.*
fortissimo /fɔ:ˈtɪsɪmɔ:/ *adj, adv* (abbr **ff**) (music) ring zet; ring zetin tum/sak dingmi.
fortitude /fɔ:tɪtju:d/; US -tu:d/ *n* [U] natnak, thinphannak le harsatnak ton tikiḥ tuartheinak ralṭhatnak, mah le mah uknehnak: *He bore the pain with great fortitude.*
fortnight /fɔ:ˈtnaɪt/ *n* (usu sing) (esp Brit) **1** zarh hnih (tikcu caan): *a fortnight's holiday.* ○ *a fortnight ago* ○ *a fortnight today/tomorrow/on Tuesday*, ie two weeks after the day specified. **2** (idm) **this day fortnight** ⇒ **DAY**.
 ▷ **fortnightly** *adj, adv* (esp Brit) (happening) zarhhnih ah veikhat: *a fortnightly flight to Brazil* ○ *go home fortnightly.*
FORTTRAN (also **Fortran**) /fɔ:ˈtræn/ *abbr* (computing) computer ih thil ṭuatnak ṭong.
fortress /fɔ:ˈtrɪs/ *n* ralkhamnak ih sakmi inn tumpi; ralhruang ih kulhmi khuapi: *attempts to capture this well-protected fortress.*
fortuitous /fɔ:ˈtju:ɪtəs/; US -ˈtu:-/ *adj (fml)* a cang pangmi: *a fortuitous meeting.*
fortunate /fɔ:ˈtʃənət/ *adj* vanṭha: *I was fortunate*

to have/in having a good teacher. ○ *She's fortunate enough to enjoy good health.* ○ *Remember those less fortunate than yourselves.* ○ *It was very fortunate for him that I arrived on time.* ○ *I made a fortunate choice and won!*

▷ **fortunately** *adv* vanthatnak ah: *I was late, but fortunately the meeting hadn't started.* ○ *Fortunately (for him) Ma rk quickly found another job.*

fortune /fɔ:tʃu:n/ *n* **1** [U] vaan, bawng: *By a stroke (ie instance) of (good) fortune, he won the competition.* ○ *be a victim of ill (ie bad) fortune* ○ *I had the good fortune (ie was lucky enough) to be chosen for a trip abroad.* **2** [C, usu pl] bawngvaan: *The party's fortunes were at their lowest level after the election defeat.* **3** [C] hmailam thu, bawngvan: *At the fair a gypsy told (me) my fortune, eg by looking at playing-cards or the lines on my hand.* **4** [C] tangka tampi: *That ring is worth/must have cost a fortune.* ○ *She inherited a large fortune.* ○ *He made a considerable fortune selling waste materials.* **5** (idm) **the fortune(s) of war** ral ruangih vanthat/vansiat tonmi: *made homeless by the fortunes of war.* **a hostage to fortune** ⇒ HOSTAGE. **seek one's fortune** ⇒ SEEK. **a small fortune** ⇒ SMALL. **a soldier of fortune** ⇒ SOLDIER.

□ **fortune cookie** (US) Tuluk rawl dawr ih an pek theumi biscuit zual a si ih a sungah thufim, simsung thu le capoh tawi te ngan ca fate a um. **fortune-hunter** *n* (derog) paisa zoh ih nupi pasal thit duhtu.

fortune-teller *n* kutriin (kutthial) zoh ih hmailam cang dingmi simtu.

forty /fɔ:ti/ *pron, det, n* sawmli 40.

▷ **fortieth** /fɔ:tiəθ/ *pron det* 40th: sawmlinak.

forty *n* **1** [C] nambat 40. **2 the forties** [pl] sawmli in sawmli pakua tiang (40-49). **3** (idm) **in one's forties** kum 40 le 50 karlak milai.

□ **forty-five** (also **45**) *n* minit pakhat ah vei 45 a hermi daatpia (*record-player*), dardawng te. For the uses of *forty* and *fortieth* see the examples at *fifty*, *five* and *fifth*.

forum /fɔ:rəm/ *n* **1** mitampi thawn a pehtlaimi thu hmuahhmuah suahpinak hmun: *The letters page serves as a useful forum for the exchange of reader's views.* **2** (in ancient Rome) hitik hlaan Rome san lai ih mi hmuahhmuah tonkhawm-awknak hmun.

forward¹ /fɔ:wəd/ *adj* **1** [attrib] (a) hmainor mi: *forward movement.* (b) a hmailam: *forward ranks of troops* ○ *The forward part of the train is for first-class passengers only.* Cf BACK³. **2** (of plants, crops, etc) a thang tuk mi thingkung, nauhak tivec: *The summer crops were forward this year.* ○ *a forward child.* **3** [attrib] hmailam hrang: *forward planning* ○ (commerce) *forward buying*, ie buying goods at present prices for delivery later. ⇒ Usage at FORWARD². **4** (a) hiar,

duh zet: *be forward in helping others.* (b) hiartuk; mah le mah zum aw zet; ti hluah hlo hmang: *a forward young girl* ○ *I hope you'll apologize — that was a very forward thing to do.* Cf BACKWARD.

▷ **forwardness** *n* [U] thil ti hiar tuknak: *Such forwardness is deplorable.*

forward² /fɔ:wəd/ *adv* **1** (also **forwards**) hmailam ah: *Move forward carefully or you'll slip.* ○ *play a tape-recording forward, not backwards* ○ *push one's way forward.* **2** thangso; hmailam pan: *an important step forward.* ○ *We are not getting any further forward with the project.* ○ *The project will go forward as planned.* **3** hmailam thu zoh in: *from this time forward* ○ *Look forward and consider the advantages of a larger house.* **4** (idm) **back ward(s) and forward(s)** ⇒ BACKWARDS (BACKWARD). **put one's best foot forward** ⇒ BEST¹. **put the clock/clocks forward/back** ⇒ CLOCK¹.

□ **forward-looking** *adj* (approx) hmailam ih thatnak ton ding ruahmi, sanman ruahnak nei, thangsomi: *a young forward looking company.*

NOTE ON USAGE: The suffix **-ward** means 'in the direction of' and forms adverbs and adjectives: *forward, backward, westward, homeward, etc.* The suffix **-wards** has the same meaning but only forms adverbs: *forwards, backwards, westwards, homewards, etc.* Compare: *They turned westward/westwards after crossing the river. They travelled in a westward direction.* ○ *He leant forward/forwards to see better. To move house requires forward planning.*

forward³ /fɔ:wəd/ *v* **1** [I, Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth** (to sb) (a) kuat; lanter; kuatsin: *please forward, ie a note written on an envelope, a parcel, etc.* ○ *Please forward our post (to our new home) when we move.* (b) [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth** (to sb) peek; kuat (dawr, company pawl in thilri an pek theu mi): *forward a shipment of gloves* ○ *We have today forwarded you our new catalogue.* **2** [Tn] hmailam ah thangso dingn bawm: *forward sb's plans, career, interests, etc.*

□ **forwarding address** carek ca le thil pawl kuatnak ding umnak hmun thar (new address): *He moved house without leaving a forwarding address.*

forwarding agent kampani thilri kuat ding hmuah kuatsaktu.

forward⁴ /fɔ:wəd/ *n* bawhlung le hockey lehnak ah hmailam bik ih a nortu striker ti khalin an ko. Cf STRIKER 2.

forwent *pl* of FORGO.

fossil /fɒsl/ *n* **1** lungto cang zo thil; santhuanthu hlanih thingkung le ramsa ruak pawl, kum siar caw lo a rei hnuah lei sung thukpi ih ton salmi

a si ih tu ahcun lungto vekin a ruh ih a hak zet ah a cang zo: *This fossil may be over 2 million years old.* ○ [attrib] fossil bones, shells, etc. **2** (infml derog) milai a kum upa zo santhar daan a saang thei lo ih hlaan daan ih a um duhtu: *Our literature teacher is an old fossil.*

▷ **fossilize, -ies** /fɒsəlaɪz/ v [I, Tn usu passive] **1** hitik hlaan ruh le thingkung lungto ah a cang: *fossilized leaves.* **2** (fig) santhar thawn a deng-aw nawn lomi: *old-fashioned fossilized attitudes.* **fossilization, -isation** /ˈɡɒsələɪzɪʃn; US -lɪz-/ n [U] khuahlan milai le thingkung ruak pawl lungto ih a cannak.

□ **fossil fuel** hitik hlan, ramsa, thingkung ruak pwl ihsin a cangmi lung-meihol, zinaan tivek.

foster /fɒstə(r); US ˈfɒː-/ v **1** [Tn] thil pakhat khat a thansonak ding thapek/bawm: *foster an interest, attitude, impression, etc* ○ *foster the growth of local industries.* **2** [I, Tn] midang ih faate mah faate vekih finkhawi/cawmsak: *People who cannot have a baby of their own sometimes foster (a child).* Cf ADOPT **1**.

▷ **foster-** (forming compound ns) cawmtu, cawmmi, cawmnak thawn a pehparmi: *a foster-parent, -mother, -child, -son, -sister, etc* ○ *a froster-home.*

fought pt, pp of FIGHT.

foul¹ /faʊl/ adj **1** a thu; a nam: *foul stagnant ponds* ○ *a foul rubbish dump* ○ *This medicine tastes foul!* **2** (a) a nuam lo zetmi; tih nung: *‘Go away! I’ve had a foul day at work.’* ○ *His boss has a foul temper.* (b) asia, siava: *a foul crime.* **3** (of language) tongsia tongsia. **4** (of weather) nikhua sia zet: *The spring was foul this year — it was cold and wet for weeks.* **5** (sport) (of an action) daan pah; sual (lehnak ah a daan lo ih tuah): *a foul stroke.* **6** (of a chimney, pipe, etc) (ti luannak paih, meikhu suaknak tivek) hnawmtom in a pihmi. **7** (idm) **by fair means of foul** ⇒ FAIR¹. **fall foul of sb/sth** thuneitu upa hmai ah daan pahsiat: *The police never caught him in any criminal activity but he eventually fell foul of the tax authorities.*

▷ **foul** n (sport) lehnak ah a daan lo ih cangsualnak: *That last foul (against/on Smith) lost us the match.*

foully /ˈfaʊli/ adv.

foulness n [U].

□ **foul-mouthed** adj tongsia, tong borhhlawh hmanngi; awrsia: *a foul-mouthed child.*

foul play **1** dik lo ih lek; hrok hrawl in cangvai: *fresh evidence of foul play in financial dealings.* **2** mi thah tiang a suahtertu daan pah sual tuahnak: *The police suspect foul play rather than suicide.*

foul² /faʊl/ v **1** [Tn, Tn.p] ~ **sth** (up) baalter, riimter: *Dogs are not permitted to foul the pavement.* ○ *The factories are responsible for fouling up the air for miles around.* **2** [I, Ip, Tn, Tn.p] ~ (sth)

(up) thildang pakhat thawn aw: *The ropes have fouled (up).* ○ *My fishing-line got fouled (up) in an old net.* **3** [I, Tn] (sport) lek daan thlun lo, midang a lek vetu par ah daan loin tuah: *He fouled the same player again in the second half.* **4** (idm) **foul one's (own) nest** mah innsang, mah sungkhat mah hnaʔuannak, mah miphun/ram ningzak mualphoter. **5** (phr v) **foul sth up** (infml) siatsuah; hnaihnohnoknak pek: *Everything was just fine until Fred came along and fouled things up.* ○ *The weather has really fouled up my holiday plans.*

▷ **foul-up** n (infml) siatsuahnak, lole hnaihnohnoknak: *We’ll finish the project on time if there are no more foul-ups.*

found¹ pt, pp of FIND.

found² /faʊnd/ v **1** [Tn] thok; tuah thok; din suah: *This settlement was founded in 1592.* ○ *The ancient Romans founded colonies throughout Europe.* **2** [Tn] a tulum sumpai suahsak in tlawng, sizung, company, research institute tivek pawl a thar phuan: *found a research institute, company, hospital, etc.* **3** [Tn.pr usu passive] ~ **sth on sth** pakhat ah a hram bun in sak (tuah): *a novel founded on fact* ○ *a morality founded on religious principles.*

□ **founding father** **1** fim zirnak tlawng, miih uar zetmi pawlkomnak tivek tuah thoktu: *the founding fathers of modern linguistics.* **2** **Founding Father** 1787 kum USA ram din daan hrampi a ngan thoktu pawl.

found³ /faʊnd/ v **1** thir kha tii ko eer in a thletnak kua sungah va thlet. **2** cumi tii in thil pakhat khat tuah, buur.

foundation /faʊnˈdeɪʃn/ n **1** [U] (tlawng, pawlkhawm tivek pakhat) dinnak, hram thoknak: *the foundation of the university.* **2** [C] (a) paisa thazaang thawn thilthar hawnak le farah bomnak hrangah bomnak a pe theitu pawlkom: *the Ford Foundation* ○ *You may be able to get support from an arts foundation.* (b) sizung, tlawng tivek foundation pakhat khat ih tuah sakmi. **3** [C usu pl] inn saknak ding a tawhram, hramtohnak: *lay foundations of the building.* ○ *The huge lorries shook the foundations of the house.* **4** [C, U] sirhsanmi: *lay the foundations of one’s career.* ○ *The political scandal shook the nation to its very foundations.* ○ *The conclusions must have some solid foundation in reality.* ○ *That rumour has no foundation/is without foundation in fact.* **5** [U] (also **foundation cream**) *make-up* hmaithuh sii lakah hmaisa bik ih thuhmi.

□ **foundation course** college ih zir dingmi ca pawlih a thawhnak.

foundation-stone n inn sak tikah sakthoknak a hram ih hmanmi lungto tumpi; hramtohn lungto, innhram lungphum.

founder¹ /faʊndə(r)/ n pakhat khat tuah thoktu,

dintu: *founder of a city, institution, company etc.*
 □ **founder-member** *n* pawlkhawmnak pakhat tuathoktu pawl sungtel.

founder² /'faundə(r)/ *v* **1** [I] (of a plan, etc) tuahsuak theilo: *The project foundered as a result of lack of finance.* **2** [I] (of a ship) tangphawlawng ah tidai a lut ih, tidai in a khah ruangah tii sungah a pil: *The boat foundered on rocks near the harbour.* **3** [I] (esp of a horse) bah, lole, riil: *The mare foundered under the heavy load and collapsed in the road.*

foundling /'faundlɪŋ/ *n* (arch) a nu le pa thei lo, tantaakmi naute, sarmi naute.

foundry /'aundri/ *n* thir ernak le thir thilri sernak hmun.

fount¹ /'faunt/ *n* ~ (of sth) (rhet or arch) a suak thoknak; ti puutnak: *the fount of all wisdom.*

fount² /'faunt/ (also **font** /font/) *n* cafang hmai, ca-haa pianhmang phunkhat.

fountain /'fauntɪn/; US -tn/ *n* **1** tlunvan lam ah a mawinak ih phuut/suah termi, ziitmi tidai: *The fountains of Rome are famed for their architectural beauty.* ○ *A fountain of water gushed from the broken fire hydrant.* **2** = DRINKING FOUNTAIN (DRINK²). **3** ~ (of sth) (rhet or arch) suahnak; a thoknak; a hram: *the fountain of justice.*

□ **fountain-head** *n* a thoknak le a hram: *the fountain-head of power.*

fountain-pen *n* cangannak cati fung; a hmur ah cati a luang ringring mi cafung.

four /fɔ:(r)/ *pron, det* **1** pali 4. **2** (idm) **on all fours** (of a person) khuk le kut ih vak, bok-vak: *The baby was crawling about on all fours.* (**be**) **on all fours** (**with sb/sth**) thupitnak le hnaŋuan ah mi a tlukmi, a bangmi.

▷ **four** *n* **1** nambat 4. **2** minung, silole, thilri pali. **3** (crew of a) lawng zaaptu pawlkhat-pali. **4** (in cricket) cricket lehnak ah voi khat thawi ah voi li tiang a heel ngahtu.

four- (in compounds) kil li neimi zuk; phunkhat khat pali a nei mi: *a four-sided figure.*

fourth /fɔ:θ/ *pron, det* a palinak. **fourthly** *adv* a palinak ah. **the fourth dimension** a caan teknak ih a palinak. **the Fourth of July** United State ih Zalennak (Independence, 1776) ngah ni. — *n* then li ih thenkhat.

□ **fourfold** /'fɔ:fəʊld/ *adj, adv* a letli, lole, a letli tam in: *The population in this area has increased fourfold.* **2** thenli ih a then-aw mi.

four-in-hand *n* rang pali ih dirhmi rang leeng.

four-letter word nu le pa sualnak lamih hmanmi tong pawl a si ih, tong sia tong borhhlawh an si.

four-ply *adj* (of wool, wood, etc) sahumul, mawca hri tivek ah hrili kom.

four-poster *n* (also **four-poster bed**) (esp formerly) ihkhun tuumpi a si ih a kil, kil li ah tho-puan (*khiang-thauwng*) zarnak thuam pali a nei.

foursome /'fɔ:səm/ *n* **1** golf lehnak ah minung pali komih zuam aw. **2** nupa kop pahnih mancan tikcu hmantlangnak: *Let's make (up) a foursome and go out to a restaurant.*

four-square *adj* (**a**) killinei pianhmang. (**b**) khohzet, rin umzet, fekzet; hngetzet: *a four-square approach to the problem.*

four-wheel drive (of a vehicle in which) mawtawka a ke pali in a hermi.

For the uses of *four* and *fourth* see the examples at *five* and *fifth*.

fourteen /'fɔ:tɪn/ *pron det* hleili 14.

▷ **fourteen** *n* nambat hleili 14.

fourteenth /'fɔ:tɪnθ/ *pron det* 14th, hleilinak. — *n* then hleili then thenkhat.

For the uses of *fourteen* and *fourteenth* see the examples at *five* and *fifth*.

fowl /faʊl/ *n* **1** [C] (*pl* unchanged or ~s) inn zuat ar: *We keep a few fowls and some goats.* **2** [U] vate sa, rawl hmeih ih hmanmi: *We had fish for the first course, followed by roasted fowl and fresh vegetables.* **3** [C] (arch) vate pakhat khat: *the fowls of the air.* **4** (in compounds) vate phun sungih sim duhmi phunkhat khat: *waterfowl* ○ *barnyard fowl* ○ *wildfowl.*

▷ **fowl** *v* [I] (usu **go fowling**) hramlak ar (ram-ar) peel/thangsiyah/thangkam.

□ **fowl pest** a suan-aw theimi ar nat phunkhat.

fox /fɒks/ *n* **1** (**a**) [C] (*fem* **vixen** /'vɪksn/) ram-ui, cinghnia: *Hunting foxes is a peculiarly English sport.* ○ *The fox is known for its cleverness and cunning.* (**b**) [U] ram-ui a vun le a hmul. **2** [C] (*infml esp derog*) mibum thiam zet milai; hrokhrawl: *a crafty/sly old fox.*

▷ **fox** *v* **1** [Tn] (**a**) theih harter; cok buaiter: *He was completely foxed by her behavior.* (**b**) bum (*trick sb by cunning, deceive*). **2** [Tn usu passive] pianzia siatter: *This volume is foxed on the flyleaf.*

foxy /'fɒksɪ/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) **1** hrok-hrawl zet; depde zet. **2** ram-ui vek. **3** (*sl approv esp US*) (of a woman) pumruang mawi, iang nei: *a foxy lady.*

□ **foxhole** *n* ralkap pawlih ral relhnak leilung kua/khur.

foxhound *n* ram-ui, cinghnia dawitu ih zirhmi uico.

fox-hunting *n* [U] nomnak ah uico keng ih rang par to in cinghnia dawi.

fox-terrier *n* hmul tawi te nei uico.

foxglove /'fɒksɡlɒv/ *n* a kung a sangmi tawtawrawt par.

foxtrot *n* (music ah) a rang le a fung kop ih laam daan phunkhat.

▷ **foxtrot** *v* (**-tt-**) [I] fox-trot laam ih laam.

foyer /'fɔɪər/; US 'fɔɪər/ *n* puailaam inn, lole, hotel tumpi luhnak zawn ih hngah awknak le tonawknak ding hrangih retmi khaan lawng: *I'll meet you in the foyer at 7 o'clock.*

FPA /'ef pi: 'eɪ/ *abbr* (Brit) Family Planning

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Association.

Fr abbr **1** (religion) Father: *Fr (Paul) Back*. **2** French.

fr abbr franc(s): *fr 18:50*.

fracas /'frækɑː/; US 'freikəs/ *n* (pl unchanged /-kɑːz/; US ~es /-kəsəz/) (usu sing) hau-awk (au celcel): *The police were called in to break up (ie stop) the fracas.*

fraction /'frækʃn/ *n* **1** a fate, malzette, a then; a tiak; a nawi: *The car stopped with in a fraction of an inch of the wall.* ○ *Could you move a fraction closer?* **2** nambat then: 1/3, 5/8, 0.76.

▷ **fractional** /-sənl/ *adj* **1** thenmi: a fractional equation. **2** fate, reitlak lo, lole thupi ti tlak lo: a fractional difference in prices.

fractionally /-ʃənəli/ *adv* mal takte; reitlak lo te in: *One dancer was fractionally out of step.*

fractious /'frækʃəs/ *adj* (esp of children) thin heng ol; thin sia, thin tawi.

▷ **fractiously** *adv*.

fractiousness *n* [U].

fracture /'frækʃəs/ *n* (a) [C] kiak, ruh kiak, ruh khing: *a fracture of the leg* ○ *He had several injuries, including three fractures.* ○ *a compound/simple fracture*, ie one in which the skin is/is not pierced by the broken bone. ○ *a slight fracture in a pipe.* (b) [U] ruh kiaknak, kiakmi: *the site of fracture.*

▷ **fracture** *v* [I, Tn] kiak; kak, khing: *Her leg fractured in two places.* ○ *suffer from a fractured pelvis.*

fragile /'frædʒail/; US -dʒl/ *adj* **1** kuai ol; kiak ol: *fragile china/glass* ○ *a fragile plant* ○ (fig) *Human happiness is so fragile.* ○ *a fragile economy.* **2** (infml) a harhdam lo, cakvak lo; derthawm: *He's feeling a bit fragile after last night's party.* Cf **FRAIL**.

▷ **fragility** /fræ'dʒɪləti/ *n* [U].

fragment /'frægmənt/ *n* **1** kiak cipnop; a tiak: *find several fragments of a Roman vase.* **2** kiak baang a then te; a kim nawn lo mi: *I heard only a fragment of their conversation.*

▷ **fragment** /'frægmənt/ *v* [I, Tn] a kiak, a kuai ruangah fate te in a then aw thluh, kuai zaam thluh: *These bullets fragment on impact.* ○ (fig) *Ownership of the large estates is increasingly fragmented*, ie divided among several people.

fragmentary /'frægməntri/; US -teri/ *adj* a kuai a tiak tete pawl peh khawm-awmi: *fragmentary evidence.*

fragmentation /'frægmən'teɪʃn/ *n* [U] a kuaimi tete khawm saalnak.

fragmentation bomb a fate te in kuai thluh thei dingih tuahmi bung.

fragrance /'freɪgrəns/ *n* (a) [C usu sing] a rimhmui, zihmui: *Lavender has a delicate fragrance.* (b) [U] rimhmui neihnak.

fragrant /'freɪgənt/ *adj* rimhmui nei: *fragrant herbs, flowers etc.*

▷ **fragrantly** *adv*.

frail /freil/ *adj* **1** (of a person) a tawnṭai, dam lo ringring: *a frail child* ○ *At 90, she's getting very old and frail.* **2** olte ih kuai thei: *Careful: that chair's rather frail.* **3** thinlunglam, ziazalam tawnṭai: *frail human nature.*

▷ **frailty** /'freilti/ *n* **1** [U] taksa tawnṭaihnak, dam lonak. **2** [C, U] nuncan le thinlung derthawmnak, famkim lonak, that lonak: *She continued to love him despite his many frailties.* ○ *human frailty.*

frame¹ /freim/ *n* **1** a tlaang kamnak; zuk, tukvirh, sangka tlaangkam: *a picture frame* ○ *a window frame.* **2** a tlaangkam (fek zeth tuahmi): *the frame of a cupboard, bed, rucksack* ○ *the frame of an aircraft, a car etc.* **3** (usu pl) a tlaangkam kha plastic le thir ih tuahmi: *glasses with heavy black frames.* **4** (usu sing) minung le ramsa pum ruangrai: *Sobs shook her slender frame.* **5** a thu tlaangpi; a si ciami a thu tlaangpi: *the frame of contemporary society.* **6** (a) zuksin film ih zuk pakhat tete. (b) comic strip ih zuk pakhat tete. **7** = COLD FRAME (COLD¹). **8** (a) (in snooker, etc) billiard lehnak bawhlung retnak kil thum nei thil. (b) (in snooker, bowling, etc) *snooker* le bawhlung lehnak puai khat. **9** (idm) **a frame of mind** minung pakhat thinlung, ruahnak umtu daan: *I'm not in the right frame of mind to start discussing money.* **a frame of reference** zohṭhim dingih tuahmi daan, mu le mal, cin le daan: *sociological studies conducted within a Marxist frame of reference.*

□ **frame-house** *n* thing lawngte ih sakmi inn, thing-inn.

framework *n* **1** a tlaangkam; a tungtlaang: *a bridge with a steel framework.* **2** nunkhaw sakdaan: *civil unrest which shook the framework of the old system.* **3** thu then theinak dingih sirhsanmi thutlang hram: *All the cases can be considered within the framework of the existing rules.*

frame² /freim/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn] a tlaang pawl bun (zuk ah): *frame a photograph, painting etc.* (b) [Tn esp passive] a tungtlaang ah: *He stood framed in the doorway to the hall.* ○ *A dense mass of black hair framed his face.* **2** [Tn] tongfang in sim, a thu tlangpi tuah: *frame a question, argument, response, etc* ○ *frame a theory, plan, set of rules, etc.* **3** [Tn esp passive] (infml) misual lo misual bang dingih sim, thuphan in tuah: *The accused man said he had been framed.*

□ **frame-up** *n* (infml) a soal lomi kha thuphan dinpitu hman in a soal vekih thahnak: *Don't you see — it was all a frame-up!*

franc /fræŋk/ *n* France, Belgiun le Switzerland ih tangka.

franchise /fræntʃaɪz/ *n* **1** [U] mee thlaak theinak vo: *system of universal adult franchise* ○ *Women were not given the franchise in Britain until the twentieth century.* **2** [C] hmun pakhat sungah

Company pakhat ih thilri pawl zuar theinak thu: *buy a fast-food, printing, etc franchise* ○ *grant, withdraw a franchise*.

▷ **franchise** *v* [Tn] senpi hril-awknak ah mee thlak theinak pe.

Franciscan /fræn'siskən/ *n, adj* (friar or nun) Assisi khuami Francis ih dinthokmi Catholic Khristian phungki pawlkhat.

Franco- *comb form* French; of France: *Franco-German history* ○ *Francophile*, France ram thawn rualrem tein a ummi ram.

francophone /fræŋkəʊfəʊn/ *adj, n* French miphun si lomi, French tong hmang: *the francophone countries of West Africa*.

frank¹ /fræŋk/ *adj* ~ (with sb) (about sth) fiangte le langhngan in; phehmi um lo: *a frank reply, discussion, exchange of views, etc* ○ *To be (perfectly) frank with you, I think your son has little chance of passing the exam*.

▷ **frankly** *adv* **1** pheh lote'n: *Tell me frankly what's wrong*. **2** a si vekin, dik zetin: *Frankly, I couldn't care less*. ○ *Quite frankly, I'm not surprised*. ⇨ Usage at HOPEFUL.

frankness *n* [U]: *She spoke about her fears with complete frankness*.

frank² /fræŋk/ *v* [Tn] ca-ik parah milu man pek zomi a si, pek tul lo a siti ih tacik khen.

□ **franking-machine** *n* ca-ik par ih mi-lu man tuatnak cet.

frankfurter /fræŋkfɜːtə(r)/ (*US wiener*) *n* caarmi saril thun.

frankincense /fræŋkɪnsens/ *n* [U] rim hmui zet thinghnai (rim hmui dingih ur theumi).

frantic /fræntɪk/ *adj* tihphang thin nuam lo: *The child's parents were frantic when she did not return home on time*. ○ *frantic with worry, anger, grief, etc*. **2** beidong ziangkhal tuah tum men; thinphan rehshiat tuk ruangih a cangmi, a cangmi cangko seh tihi thinlung thlah thluh: *a frantic dash, rush, search, etc*. ○ *frantic activity*.

frantically /-nəl/ *adv*: *shouting frantically for help*.

fraternal /frə'tɜːnəl/ *adj* (esp rhet) unau vek; unau vekih duhdawt mi: *fraternal love* ○ *fraternal greetings from fellow trade-unionists*.

▷ **fraternally** /-nəl/ *adv*.

fraternity /frə'tɜːnəti/ *n* **1** [U] unau vekih ruat awknak: *There is a strong spirit of fraternity among these isolated people*. **2** [CGp] hnaʔuan bang pawl; paih/duhzawng bang-aw pawl; zummi bang-aw pawl um khawm: *the medical, banking, teaching, etc fraternity* ○ *the racing fraternity* ○ *the religious fraternity of St Benedict*. **3** [C] (*US*) University tlawng ih mipa hlir pawlkomnak. Cf SORORITY.

fraternize, -ise /frætənaɪz/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb) raal a simi ralkap pawl thawn duhdawt pawlkom; a hlanah ral a sidahmi ram mi thawn duhdawt pawlkom: *Soldiers who fraternize with*

the enemy will be punished. ○ *Army personnel are often forbidden to fraternize with the civilian population*.

▷ **fraternization, -isation** /frætənaɪz/ *n* [U] unau vekih pawlkom duhdawt-awknak.

fratricide /frætɪsaɪd/ *n* (a) [U] suahpi unau that sualnak. (b) [C] suahpi thattu.

▷ **fratricidal** /frætɪsaɪdl/ *adj*.

fraud /frɔːd/ *n* **1** [C, U] thilri, paisa ngahduh ruangah upadi thawn kalhaw in mi va bumtu: *found guilty of fraud* ○ *Thousands of frauds are committed every year*. **2** [C] si lopi siter aw ih mi-bumtu: *This woman is a fraud — she has no medical qualifications at all*.

▷ **fraudulent** /frɔːdjələnt/; *US* -dʒu-/ *adj* **1** mibum; hrokhrawl: *a fraudulent display of sympathy*. **2** hrokhrawl ih tuahmi; bumh ih ngahmi: *fraudulent applications for shares* (ie type of investment) *in the new company*.

fraudulence /frɔːdjələns/; *US* -dʒu-/ *n* [U].

fraudulently /frɔːdjələntli/; *US* -dʒu-/ *adv* thuphan sim in (bumin).

fraught /frɔːt/ *adj* **1** [pred] ~ with sth a khah in a khat: *a situation fraught with danger* ○ *a silence fraught with meaning*. **2** don har; thin baang: *There's no need to look so fraught!* ○ *Next week will be particularly fraught as we've just lost our secretary*.

fray¹ /freɪ/ *n* the fray [sing] (rhet or joc) do; hau-awk, zuam-awk; el: *ready/eager for the fray* ○ *enter/join the fray*, ie take part in a fight, quarrel, etc.

fray² /freɪ/ *v* [I, Tn] **1** siat; thlek (puan): *This cloth frays easily*. ○ *Constant rubbing will fray even the thickest rope*. ○ *frayed shirt cuffs*. **2** thalo, sia: *Nerves/Tempera began to fray in the heat*. ○ *Relations between us have become frayed through a series of misunderstandings*.

frazzle /fræzl/ *n* (idm) **beaten, burnt, worn, etc to a frazzle** pumpuluk in neh; mei in kaang theh; thacem-baang.

freak¹ /friːk/ *n* **1** (infml derog) a um daan zoh in thinlung dik a silomi, mi bang lo: *People think she's a freak just because she's religious*. **2** (infml) ti lo thei lo ih thil a duhtu (a cuaitu): *health/health-for food freaks* ○ *a jazz freak* ○ *an acid freak*, ie sb addicted to the drug LSD. **3** lamdang zetih a cangmi: *By some freak of chance I was overpaid this month*. ○ [attrib] *a freak accident, storm, etc*. **4** (also **freak of nature**) minung, ramsa, thingkung a keel lo ih ummi (lamdang deuh sinak).

▷ **freakish** *adj* lamdang; phundang, um keel dah lomi: *freakish weather* ○ *freakish behaviour*.

freak² /friːk/ *v* (infml) **1** [I, Ip] ~ (out) thu pakhat khat ah lehrul salnak thinlung a suak; thinlung a sun: *My parents (really) freaked (out) when they saw my purple hair*, ie were shocked and

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angry. ○ *When they told me I'd won a car, I absolutely freak, ie was extremely happy.* **2** (phr v) **freak out** (a) sii rit ruangah caan tawite sung mah le mah ukaw thei loih um: *This ordinary quiet guy just freaked out and shot ten people.* ○ *John's party was really wild — everyone freaked out (on drugs), ie hallucinated.* (b) mi hnakin lamdang deuh ih nung. **freak sb out** pakhat khat ruangah lungawi zet/lungawi lo zet: *Listening to a good stereo system always freaks me out.*

□ **freak-out** *n* sii hman ruangih hraan ciamconak.

freckle /'frekl/ *n* (usu pl) minung, vun parih a um thei senvar fate hricucar phunkhat, khuavang hmins: *Ann's face and back are covered with freckles.* Cf MOLE¹.

▷ **freckle** *v* [I, Tn] hricucar thawn vun khahter: *Do you freckle easily?* ○ *the boy's freckled arms.*

free¹ /fri:/ *adj* (**freer** /fri:ə(r)/, **freest** /fri:st/) **1** (a) luat, zalen, duhduh ih nungcang thei: *After ten years in prison, he was a free man again.* ○ *The convicts were pardoned and set free.* ○ *The driver had to be cut free from the wreckage of his car.* (b) (of an animal) hreng le khum lo ih thlahmi, duhduh ih a tlangmi rannung: *In nature, all animals are wild and free.* ○ *The dog was chained, so how did it get free?* ○ *An escaped tiger is roaming free in the town.* **2** hren lomi; a dor; a long: *the free end of the rope* ○ *Let the rope run free.* ○ *One of the wheels of the cart has worked (itself) free.* **3** a luat, khamtu um lo: *Is the way/passage free?* ○ *A free flow of water came from the pipe.* ○ *The streets have been swept free of leaves.* **4** (of a country, its citizens and institutions) mahte uk-awmi ram: *This is a free country — I can say what I like.* ○ *We might have a free press, but that doesn't mean all reporting is true and accurate.* **5** ~ (to do sth) dawn lo, kham lo, tuah siang: *free movement of workers within the European Community* ○ *free access to secret please.* ○ *You are free to come and go as you please.* **6** [pred] ~ **from/of sth** (a) zianghman ih siatsuah lo/hnaihnohknak pek lomi: *free from harm, prejudice, pain* ○ *free of weeds, contamination, pollution, etc.* (b) daanthu pawlih hrenkaih lomi: *a holiday free from all responsibilities.* **7** (a) man nei lo, a lakin: *free tickets for the theatre* ○ *Admission is free.* ○ *a free sample.* (b) [pred] ~ (of sth) telhchih lo; tul lo: *a payment of £30000 free of tax* ○ *Delivery is free (of charge) if goods are paid for in advance.* **8** (a) (of place) tokham lawn, g, luah hrih lomi tonak; caan lawng: *Is that seat free?* ○ *The bathroom's free now.* ○ *Is there a time when the conference room is free?* ○ *Friday afternoons are left free for revision.* (b) lawnglak; tñan ding cuca nei lo, lawnglak: *I'm usually free in the afternoon.* ○ *Are you free for lunch?* **9** [pred] ~

with sth siang zet, olte in pek hluahhlo: *He is very free with his time, ie gives it willingly.* ○ *He's a bit too free with his compliments.* **10** (derog) nun simtu neilo; duhduh ih um; hngal, puar zikzik ih um: *I don't like him — he is too free in his language and manner.* **11** (of a translation) tong let, ca lehnak ah a sullam cekci let lo in puandeuh ih let. Cf LITERAL 1a. **12** (chemistry) a dang thawn rawi lomi daathram: *free hydrogen.* **13** (idm) feel free ⇨ FEEL¹. (**get sth**) **for free** man lo in a lak ih ngah: *I got this ticket for free from sb who didn't want it.* **free and easy** a ol zawng in, a menmen in, ol-ai te in: *The atmosphere in the office is quite free and easy.* **free on board/rail** (of goods) thilri, tlangleng le lawng parah man loih thlen; ret man lak lomi. **get, have, etc a free hand** hnañuantu in a duhduh hril theinak le zalennak ngah: *My boss has given me a free hand in deciding which outside contractor to use.* **give, allow, etc free play/rein to sb/sth** mi pakhat hnenah duhduh tong theinak le cangvaih theinak neiter: *In this picture the artist certainly allowed his imagination free rein.* **have one's hands free/tied** ⇨ HAND¹. **make sb free of sth** zalen zet ih hman theinak pek: *He kindly make me free of his library for my research.* **of one's own free will** hneek le fial si lo in: *I came here of my own free will.*

▷ **free** *adv* **1** man peek loin; man luat in: *Children under five usually travel free on trains.* **2** (idm) **make free with sb/sth** mah ta vekih hman men, mi ziangsiar lemlo in: *He made free with all his girl-friend's money.*

freely /'fri:li/ *adv* **1** dawntu, khamtu nei lo, duhduh in: *Water flowed freely from the pipe.* ○ *drugs that are freely available.* **2** thinlung tluang zet le pheh um loin: *It may require courage to speak freely.* **3** ma hlungduh te in: *I freely admit that I made a mistake.* **4** siangzet le lung kimtein: *Millions of people gave freely in response to the famine appeal.*

□ **free agent** temñawntu nei lo duh vekih a caang theimi: *I wish I were a free agent, but my contract binds me for three more years.*

free association (psychology) thinlung umzia zirnak ah thu suhmi pa ih thinlung um a ka ih suakmi hmaisai bik tongfang.

Free Church kawhhran hngetkhoh pawl thu thluun tul lo mahte ke parih ding kawhhran.

free enterprise Kumpi thuneihnak um loin duh vek ih pursum leilawn theinak.

free fall **1** gravity ih kaihna van le boruak sungih caangvai. **2** vanzam par ihsin dawp hnu parachut puan a pharh aw hlaan kar lak.

Freefone *n* [U] (Brit) telephone man peek tul lo ih hman daan: *Ring the operator and ask for Freefone 8921.*

free-for-all *n* zokhal ih tel theih tawh-awknak

le tɔŋ eel awknak.

free-hand *adj, adv* thil dang hmang lo, kut lawng rori ih tuahmi: *a free-hand sketch* ○ *sketched free-hand*.

free-handed *adj* siang; paisa hmannak ah siangzet.

freehold *n, adj (law)* (having) kumtek um lo ih thilri (leilung innhmun tivek) neih theinak. Cf LEASE HOLD (LEASE). **freeholder** *n* kumtek um lo ih hmunram neitu.

free house (*Brit*) Mirang ram ih zu zuarnak dawr, duhduh zu zuar theimi; zu tuahtu company pawlih uk lomi. Cf TIED HOUSE (TIE²).

free kick (in football) bawhlung sitnak ah hnaihnoctu um lo tein khat lam ah sit theinak, cawhkuan phunkhat.

free lance /lɑːns/ (also **freelancer**) *n* suaimi zuk, nganmi ca tivek zalen zet ih zuar in pumcawmtu: [attrib] *free-lance journalism*.

free-living *adj* ei le in thu ah duhduh ih nung.

free-liver *n* duhduh ei-in ih nungtu.

free-load *v* [I] (*infml esp US*) umnak le rawl tivek man pe lo ih laak. **free-loader** *n* umnak, rawl, man pek lo ih umtu.

free love (*dated*) thit-aw lona'n nupa vekih um tlang.

freeman *n* 1 /-mæn/ sal a si lomi, a luatmi. 2 /-mæn/ khua pakhat in khaw dang ah duhduh um theinak pekmi milai: *made a freeman of the City of London*.

free port tangphawlawng colh man pek ʔul lo — duhduh ih lut ih suak theihnak lawng colhmun.

Freepost *n* [U] (*Brit*) cakuatnak milu man kha kuattu in liam loin cangahtu sawn ih liammi ca-ik (a tambik company pawlih hmanmi a si): *Reply to Publicity Department, FREEPOST, Oxford University Press, Oxford*.

free-range *adj* [attrib] a inn ah khum loin thlahmi arpi pawlih titmi: *free-range eggs*.

free speech mipi hnenih mah ruahnak thuhla sim theinak.

free-standing *adj* dotu, domtu nei lo mahte a dingmi: *a free-standing sculpture*.

free-style *n* [U] 1 (a) ti leuh zuamawknak ah mah thiam zawng style phun pakhat khat in zuam theih. (b) ti-leuh daan phunkhat, a boklam in a si deuh. 2 Buan zuam awknak ih lek daan phunkhat.

free-thinker *n* biaknak zummi ah mah bulpak zalen zetih umtu. **free-thinking** *adj*.

free trade (*a-khun-luat*) siah pek ʔul lo ih duhduh sumtuah theinak.

free verse (hlaa ah) vuak (timing) dik lemlo duhduh phuahmi hlau, bezaai.

free vote hluttaw (Parliament) ah party daanin si loin, duhduh mee pek theinak.

freeway *n* (US) = MOTORWAY (MOTOR); lamkau bik, cakzet ih feh theihnak lamzin. ⇨ Usage at

ROAD.

free wheel (rear) ke in pal lo khalle amahte a her-aw theimi saikal parih leng. **free wheel** *v* [I] 1 saikal ke pal in, mawʔawka enz in tha tel loin hmunsuk feh. 2 duhduh ih cangvai, um: *I think I'll just free-wheel this summer and see what happens*.

free-will 1 mah thu te-in ti theinak: *I did it of my own free will*. 2 bawngvan le Pathian tel lo ih relcat theinak: *a free-will offering*.

free-will *adj* mah lungkimte'n tuahmi: *a free-will offering*.

free² /fri:/ *v* (pr, pp **freed** /fri:d/) 1 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (from sth)** thlah; luat ter (luatnak peek): *free the prisoner* ○ *free an animal from the trap*. 2 [Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth of/from sth** hloter; damter: *Relaxation exercises can free your body of tension*. ○ *Try to free yourself from all prejudices*. 3 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth (from sth)** phoi sak; suut sak: *It took hours to free the victims (from the collapsed building)*. ○ *Can you free the propeller from the weeds?* 4 [Tn-pr, Cn-t] ~ **sb/sth for sth** tuah ve/hmang ve thei dingin pakhat khat pek/thlah: *The government intends to free more resources for educational purposes*. ○ *Retiring early from his job freed him to join several local clubs*.

-free *com form* (forming *adjs* and *adv*) lo-in: *carefree* ○ *duty-free* ○ *trouble-free*.

freebie /fri:bi:/ *n* (*infml esp US*) a lakih zemmi thilri: *I got these mugs as freebies at the supermarket*.

freedom /fri:dəm/ *n* 1 [U] luatnak; zalennak: *After 10 years in prison, he was given his freedom*. 2 (a) [U, C] ~ (**of sth**) khamtu le hnaihnoctu um loin duh vekih caang, ʔong/ngan/khawm theinak: *freedom of speech, thought, worship, etc* ○ *press freedom* ○ *preserve the freedoms of the trade union movement*. (b) [U] ~ (**of sth**); ~ (**to do sth**) luatsuaknak, zaleennak: *freedoms of action, choice, decision etc* ○ *He enjoyed complete freedom to do as he wished*. 3 [U] ~ **from sth** pakhat khat ihsin luat suaknak: *freedom from fear, pain, hunger, etc*. 4 [sing] **the ~ of sth** duhvek ih hman theinak: *I gave him the freedom of my house and belongings*. 5 (idm) **give, etc sb his freedom** maak ding taan ding lungkim; pasal/nupi tlaan ding lungkim: *It seems foolish not to give Ann her freedom, if that's what she really wants*. **give sb, receive etc the freedom of the city** zapi hrangih a hnauanmi upat in ram mi sinak pek.

□ **freedom fighter** ram luatnak hrangah uktu kumpi (*a-co-zah*) dodaltu.

Freemason /fri:meɪsn/ *n* ram khat le ram khat rualrem ih pawlawknak le ʔhansonak lamah bom-awknak tuah tumtu ram tin thupte pawlkom sungtel.

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freesia

▷ **Freemasonry** *n* [U] **1** Freemasons pawl ih zia le umtu daan. **2** **freemasonry** zangfah-awkn daan le theihthiam awknak an nei daan: *The freemasonry of TV reporters, of professional photographers etc.*

freesia /'fri:ziə; US 'fri:zə(r)/ *n* pangpar kung phunkhat, a hmui ih aihre, sendup, lole, a raang ih a par theimi (pangpar).

freeze /fri:z/ *v* (pt, **froze** /frəʊz/, pp **frozen** /frəʊzn/) **1** [I, Tn] (khua a sik tuk ruangah) ti a khal: *Water freezes at 0° C.* ○ *The severe cold froze the pond.* Cf THAW. ⇒ Usage at WATER¹. **2** [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (up) tidai a khal ih hakter: *The land itself freezes (up) in such low temperature.* ○ *Our (water) pipes froze (up) (ie were blocked with ice) last winter.* ○ *The clothes were frozen on the washing-line.* **3** [I] (used with it) (of weather) nikhua a daih tuk ruangah ti a khal, daai tuk: *It's freezing outside!* ○ *It may freeze tonight, so make sure the plants are covered.* **4** [I, Tn only passive] (ramsa le milai) khua sikter, daiter; khuasik tuk ruangih thih: *Shut the door — I'm freezing!* ○ *Two men froze to death/were frozen to death on the mountain.* **5** [I, Tn] (of food, etc) eimi pawl reipi ret thei dingin tikhal theinak dai lakih ret: *Some fruits don't freeze well at all.* ○ *I'll buy extra meat and just been frozen.* ○ *a packet of frozen peas.* **6** [I, Tn] (cause a person or an animal to) tih tuk, thinphang tuk ruangah caang thei nawn lo, tòng thei nawn lo: *Ann froze with terror as the door opened silently.* ○ *The sudden bang froze us into our tracks.* **7** [Tn] ni hlawh, thilman pawl a kaai a tum um lo dingin malte sung a man khiah: *freeze wages, prices, fares, etc.* **8** [Tn] paisa le thilri pawl kha hmang lo, thleng loin Kumpi in kham: *freeze a society's funds* ○ *frozen assets.* **9** (idm) **freeze one's blood/make one's blood freeze** thinlung ah tihnungza thu lawngte thawn khat: *The sight of the masked gunman made my blood freeze.* **10** (phr v) **freeze sb out** (infml) zuamawknak ruangah maw, raal-awkn deuh ruangah maw, sumtuah tlaangnak sungin siseh, pawlkhawmnak sungin siseh, telh nawn lo: *Small shops are being frozen out by the big supermarkets.* **freeze sth over** (usu passive) tikhal in a khuh thluh: *The lake was frozen over until late spring.* **freeze sth up** a khal thluh (ruang ah tuahkel tuah theih nawn lo): *The window has frozen up and I can't open it.*

▷ **freeze n 1** (also **freeze-up**) tikhalnak 0°C hnuai ringring ih um caan: *last year's big freeze* ○ *After the last freeze-up we put insulation round the pipes.* **2** Kumpi in thil man, nihlawh man pawl malte sung khiahsak: *a wage/price freeze.* □ **freeze-dry** *v* (pt, pp **-dried**) [Tn] eimi rawl tivek siat/ tawt/ hiing lo dingin tikhal kuang sungih ret hnu ah carter.

freezing-point (also **freezing**) *n* [U] *Temperature*

(a hlum a dai tahnak degree ah tidai a khal theinak dikari zawn: *The freezing-point of water is 0°C.*) ○ *Tonight the temperature will fall to 3 degrees below freezing.*

freezer /'fri:zə(r)/ *n* **1** (also **deep freeze**) tikhal kuang tuumpi. **2** tikhal kuang sungih thil retnak khaan fate.

freight /fret/ *n* [U] tangphawlawng, tlangleeng, vanzam ih phurhmi thilri pawl: *send goods by air freight.* ⇒ Usage at CARGO.

▷ **freight v 1** [Tn] sumdawr thilrikuat. **2** [Tn-pr] ~ sth with sth tlaangleeng, tangphawlawng, tivek parih thil phurh: *a barge freighted with bananas.*

freighter *n* minung phur loin thilri lawng te a phur mi tlangleng, vanzam, tangphawlawng.

□ **freight car** (US) = WAGON **2**.

freightliner *n* (also **liner train**, **liner**) zamrang ih san le thum thei thilri kuang tum pipi phurtu tlaangleeng (a rang ih fehmi).

freight train (US) (*Brit goods train*) thilri lawnglawng phurtu tlangleng, thil phur tlangleng.

French /frentʃ/ *n* **1** **the French** [pl v] France ram mi; Pintit mi: *The French are renowned for their cooking.* **2** [U] France mi pawlih tòng: *French is a Romance language.* **3** (idm) **excuse/pardon my French** (infml euph) ka Pintit awrsia hi in ngaithiam uh: *Excuse my French, but he's a bloody nuisance!* **take French leave** khuan dil lo in mahte khuan laak.

▷ **French adj** France ram mi, lole France tòng: *the French countryside.*

□ **French bean** a hawng thawn ei theimi be/ purawng.

French Canadian France tòng hmang Canada mi.

French chalk hminsinnak le thil roternak ih hmanmi lungmuat vut.

French dressing pokpawr le salat hnah pawl siti le tithur (sialaka ti) thawn a hring a dai in ei dingih tuahmi sawhbawl.

French fry (esp US) = CHIP¹ **3**.

French horn daar ih tuahmi tawtawrawt, awnmawi tumnak hmur kaupi vek a nei ih thir kua a kual in tomme a nei.

French letter (infml esp Brit) mipa le nunau an pawlawk tikah natnak suan aw lo dingih hmanmi, mipa thilri funnak sialrial paat te, *condom, contraceptive sheet.*

French loaf (also **French bread**) French sang (pawnghmuk) a hawng a rang a paatte ih sawl zerzimi.

Frenchman *n* (pl **-men** /-mən/) France ramsuak, France mipa.

French polish thing sii, hnih, a tleu ih a mawiter, nalter. **Frech-polish v** [Tn] cui sii hnih.

French seam puan tlaang, puan zim, thit tikah a tlaang hmelsia lang lo dingin a sung ah bil in

thit cih, puan tlang khuh.
French window (US also **French door**) tukvirh thlalang ong, a thlalang saupi ih tuahmi.
Frenchwoman *n* (pl **-women** /-wimn/) France ramsuak, France nunau.
frenetic (also **phrenetic**) /frə'netik/ *adj* lungsung ih lung awinak/thin hennak nasa zet ih neihmi suup loin a leeng lam ah langter thluhmi: *frenetic activity*.
 ▷ **frenetically** *adv*.
frenzy /frenzi/ *n* [sing, U] lungtho tuk; thinsonak: *in a frenzy of zeal, enthusiasm, hate, etc* ○ *The speaker worked the crowd up into a (state of) frenzy*.
 ▷ **frenzied** /frenzi'd/ *adj* [usu attrib] thinhennak kha suup loin natuk ih langtermi, thinso thin ling tukmi: *The dog jumped at the intruder with frenzied barks*. ○ *the mob's frenzied attack*.
frenziedly *adv*.
frequency /'frikwənsi/ *n* 1 [U] (a) a tu le tu a cannak zat: *Fatal accidents have decreased in frequency over recent years*. ○ *the alarming frequency of computer errors*. (b) tu le tu a cannak thu: *The frequency of premature births in this region*. 2 [C, U] au aw, radio aw tivek a feh daan; aw feh ther: *high-/low-frequency of 256 vibrations per second* ○ *In the evening this station changes frequency and broadcasts on another band*.
frequent¹ /'frikwənt/ *adj* tu le tu a cang; a cang leuhleuhmi: *the car manufacturer's frequent changes of models* ○ *His visits became less frequent as time passed*.
 ▷ **frequently** *adv* tu le tu; theu, leuhleuh: *Buses run frequently from the city to the airport*.
frequent² /'frikwənt/ *v* [Tn] (fml) leeng ringring feh theu: *He used to frequent the town's bars and night-clubs*.
fresco /freskeu/ *n* (pl ~ **s** or ~ **es** /-keuz/) Biakinn tivek inn pi silling le phar pawlih plaster a rohlan, a par ih water-colour thawn suaimi zuk: *The frescos in the Sistine Chapel are world-famous*.
fresh /fref/ *adj* (-**er**, -**est**) 1 (a) [usu attrib] a thar; a lamdangmi: *fresh evidence* ○ *a fresh piece of paper* ○ *make a fresh start* ○ *fresh problems* ○ *a fresh approach* (ie one that is original in a lively and attractive way) *to the difficulty*. (b) tu naite ih tuah, hmuh le ngah mi, a thar vekin an thinlung ah a cam ringring laimi: *fresh tracks in the snow* ○ *Their memories of the wedding are still fresh in their minds*. 2 (a) (rawl lam pangah) suan thar; laak thar; a uih lomi: *fresh bread*, ie just baked. (b) (eimi ah) thu lo uih lo dingin ciahmi uammi si loin a thar ih lakmi, kaihmi, tawhmi, thahmi: *fresh bread*, ie just baked ○ *fresh flowers, eggs, milk, etc*. (b) (rawl ah) palang, thirbung tivek ah thun lo, cite thawn ciah lo, tikhal thawn re lo; a thar rori: *fresh meat*,

fruit, vegetables, etc. 3 (hnipuan ah) hman hrih lo mi, a faite ih sawp thar mi, hruuk/sin hrihlomi: *put on some fresh clothes*. 4 (tidai ah) a al lomi, tiffinriat tidai a si lomi, a uih lomi le a kha lomi tidai. 5 (a) (thli ah) thli zil, thli thiang: *Open the window and let in some fresh air*. ○ *play in the fresh air*, ie outside. (b) (nikhua umdan ah) a dai nawn ih thli malte (thli zil) a hrangmi: *It's a bit fresh this morning, isn't it?* 6 [usu attrib] (a) (of colours) pianrong, a tleu ih a fiangzetmi: *fresh colours in these old prints*. (b) (of skin) a ngilzet ih a no zetmi: *a fresh complexion*. 7 (zuk suaimi ah) zuk suaithar, a cati hman a ro hrih lomi: *Fresh paint — do not touch*. 8 [usu pred] (thazaang ah) tha thar, tha harh-hnaŋuan ding hiarzet: *I feel really fresh after my holiday*. 9 [pred] ~ **from/out of sth** ong pek, thleng pek, suak pek, tlawng ong pek te, ramdang ihsin a thleng pek, ti ralkap hanŋuan a suak pekte: *students fresh from college*. 10 [pred] ~ (**with sb**) (infml) mipa in nunau, nunau in mipa hnenih awkam, lole, taksa thawn ngam zetih um: *He then started to get fresh with me*. 11 (idm) **break fresh/now ground** ⇨ GROUND¹. a **breath of fresh air** ⇨ BREATH. (as) **fresh as a daisy** cakvak zet le thatho hngin, lole, duhnung zet, thianghlim zet. **new/fresh blood** ⇨ BLOOD¹.
 ▷ **fresh** *adv* (idm) **fresh out of sth** (infml esp US) a um hmuah hmang thluh, cempek te: *We're fresh out of eggs*.
fresh- (forming compound *adjs*) tharte, tu te: *fresh-baked bread* ○ *fresh-cut flowers*.
 fresher *n* (Brit infml) phunsang tlawng university, lole, college ih tlawngta thar, a kumkhat nak.
freshly *adv* (usu followed by past participles) mitute, a tharte: *freshly picked strawberries*. ○ *fresh laid eggs*.
freshness *n* [U].
 □ **freshman** /-mən/ *n* (pl **-men** /-mən/) (US) High School, college, University tlawng ih a kum khatnak tlawngta.
freshwater *adj* [attrib] tithiang, tifim (a al lomi): *freshwater fish* ○ *freshwater lakes*. Cf SALTWATER.
freshen /frəʃn/ *v* 1 [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) tharter: *A good clean will really freshen (up) the house*. 2 [I] (of the wind) thli a cak deuh le a dai deuh ih hraang. 3 [Tn] (US) in mi ah zu tam deuh rawi sak: *Can I freshen your drink?* 4 (phr v) **freshen (oneself) up** thiangfai dingih tuah aw: *I'll just go and freshen (myself) up before the interview*.
 ▷ **freshener** /frəʃnə(r)/ *n* thartertu, thiangerthu: *an air-freshener*.
fret¹ /fret/ *v* 1 [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (**about/at/over sth**) donhar, phaang: *Don't fret, we'll get there on time*. ○ *Fretting about it won't help*. ○ *Babies often fret (themselves) when their mothers are not near*. 2 [Tn] tetter, catter: *a horse fretting its bit*

○ *a fretted rope.*

▷ **fret** *n* [sing] aithok, thinphaang: *be in a fret.*

fretful /-fl/ *adj* thintawi mi, phunzai, mawhthluk, a hna a ngam lomi: *a fretful child.*

fretfully *adv.*

fret² /fret/ *v* (-tt-) [Tn esp passive] phar/zial parah a mawinak zuk aat in suai: *an elaborately fretted border.*

□ **fretsaw** *n* thing paat fate te ih ahnak hluah pheng fate, hluah fate.

fretwork *n* [U] thingkha hluah fate in at ih pung-san tuahmi.

fret³ /fret/ *n* tingtang a kut kaihnak ah kutzung pawl a hmeh ding zawn thei thei dingah tuahmi a dan tete pawl.

Freudian /'frɔɪdiən/ *adj* Austrian mi thinlung umdan lam zirnak sangpi a neimi Sigmund Freud (1856-1939) ih khuaruah dan thawn pehparmi.

□ **Freudian slip** a òngtu ih thinlung tak ih a ruahmi thu kha tum lemlo ih a òng pangmi.

Fri *abbr* Friday: *Fri 7 March.*

friable /'fraɪəbl/ *adj* (fml) a kiak, a beuh, a kekkuai thei: *friable soil.*

▷ **friability** /'fraɪəbɪləti/ *n* [U].

friar /'fraɪə(r)/ *n* Catholic phungki phunkhat. Cf MONK.

▷ **friary** /'fraɪəri/ *n* Catholic phungki phunkhat pawlih umnak inn.

fricassee /'frikəsi/ *n* [C, U] sa, arsa sawhbawl rawimi: *chicken fricassee.*

fricative /'frikətɪv/ *n, adj* (consonant) lei, hmur le ha pawl hmangin thli suah ih òngmi awfang: /f, v, θ/ *are fricatives.*

friction /'frikʃn/ *n* **1** [U] (a) thil pakhat le pakhat hnawt awk: *Friction between two sticks can create a fire.* (b) thil a leng lam hmai le hmai hnawt-awk (rawt): *The force of friction affects the speed at which spacecraft can re-enter the earth's atmosphere.* **2** [U, C] pawl khat le pawl khat, miphun pakhat le pakhat lungkim lonak, hau-awknak: *There is a great deal of friction between the management and the work force.* ○ *conflicts and frictions that have still to be resolved.*

Friday /'fraɪdɪ/ *n* [U, C] (*abbr* **Fri**) tlawngkai ninga ni (Zirtawp).

For the uses of *Friday* see the examples at *Monday.*

fridge /'frɪdʒ/ *n* (infml) refrigerator tidai daihternak cet.

□ **fridge-freezer** *n* tidai/ti khalternak a khan; rawl, sa pawl siat lo dingin retnak khan a dang te ih neimi, vurcet.

fried *pt, pp* of **FRY.**

friend /'rend/ *n* **1** rual, rualpi: *He's my friend.* ○ *We are all good friends.* ○ *I've known her for years, but she was never a friend.* **2** ~ **of/to** *sth* bawmtu, cawmtu, nupa can latu: *a friend of the*

arts/the poor ○ *a friend of justice, peace, etc* ○

You are invited to become a friend of the Bristol Hospice, ie to contribute money regularly. **3**

kawhhran pawl: Who goes there — friend or foe?

○ *At last, among friends, he was free to speak his mind.* **4** *thathnem pimi: Honesty has always been his best friend.* ○ *Let's look it up in our old friend, the dictionary.* **5** **Friend** *Quaker*

kawhhran pawlah sungtel a simi. **6** (fml) mipi

hmai ih hmel theihter tikih, lole, mipi kawhnak

ih hmanmi: Our friend from China will now tell us about her research. ○ *Friends, it is with great*

pleasure that I introduce... ○ *My learned friend,*

ie used by a lawyer of another lawyer in a

lawcourt ○ *My honourable friend,* *ie used by a*

Member of Parliament to another Member of

Parliament in the House of Commons. **7** (idm)

be/make friends (with sb) rual ah tuah, rual aw,

rual kai: They soon forgot their differences and

were friends again, ie after a quarrel. ○ *David*

finds it hard to make friends (with other

children). **a friend in need is a friend in deed**

(*saying*) òl zet zawnih in bawmtu cu rualpi

diktak a si.

▷ **friendless** *adj* rualpi nei lo.

friendly /'frendʃɪp/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** (a) pawl

ngaih zawng; mi kom duh, duhdaw thiam: a

friendly person ○ *The children here are quite*

friendly with one another. ○ *It wasn't very*

friendly of you to slam the door in his face. ○

friendly nations, ie not hostile. (b) bawm duh

le zangfah thiam: a friendly smile, welcome,

gesture, etc. ○ *friendly co-operation.* (c) pawl

awknak ah rualpi sinak langter: friendly

relations ○ *on friendly terms with the boss.* **2**

rualpi thatnak, lole, zuam-awknak ngaingai a

si lomi: a friendly game of football ○ *a friendly*

argument ○ *friendly rivalry.*

▷ **friendliness** *n* [U].

□ **friendly match** (also **friendly**) bawhlung tivek

ah rualpi thatnak dingih lekmi: There's a

friendly between Leeds United and Manchester

City next week.

Friendly Society (also **Provident Society**) harsat

tik ih bomawk theinak dingih tuahmi

pawlkhawm/pawlpi.

friendship /'frendʃɪp/ *n* (a) [U] duhdawtnak

thinlung thawn rual-awknak: There were strong

ties of friendship between the members of the

society. ○ *The aim of the conference is to promote*

international friendship. (b) [C] rualpi awknak:

At school she formed a close friendship with

several other girls. ○ *I've had many friendships,*

but never such an intimate one.

frieze /'fri:z/ *n* [C] inn tlunta bik, lole, pharzim, a

sannak bik ih zuk thawn ceimawinak.

frig /'frɪg/ *v* (-gg-) (phr v) **frig about/around** (Δ

infml) caan a lak in cemer; hnaihnok, cok buai:

I've been frigging about all day.

frigate /'frɪɡət/ *n* a khulrang zetmi ti ralkap tangphawlawng kiltu lawng fate.

frigging /'fraɪt/ *adj* [attrib] (Δ sl) (thu pakhat ziang vek a si ti simduh tikih hmanmi ðong) thulolak a si; cem rori; lak ding a um nawn lo: *You frigging idiot!*

fright /'fraɪt/ *n* **1** (a) [U] ðihphannak: *trembling with fright*. (b) [C usu sing] ðihphannak a cangmi: *You gave me (quite) a fright suddenly coming in here like that.* ○ *I got the fright of my life*, ie I was extremely frightened. **2** [C usu sing] (infml) zoh sia zet; mawi lo zet: *She thinks that dress is pretty — I think she looks a fright in it.* **3** (idm) **take fright (at sth)** thin phang zet: *The animals took fright at the sound of the gun.*

frighten /'fraɪtn/ *v* **1** [Tn] ðih; thinphangter: *Sorry, I didn't mean to frighten you.* ○ *Loud traffic frightens horses.* **2** (idm) **frighten/scare sb to death/out of his wits; frighten the life out of sb** nasa zetih thinphangter: *The child was frightened to death by the violent thunder storm.* ○ *You frightened the life out of me/frightened me out of my wits suddenly knocking on the window like that!* **frighten/scare the daylights out of sb** ⇒ DAYLIGHTS. **3** (phr v) **frighten sb/sth away/off** minung, lole ramsa tlaan hlo ding in ðih/thin phangter: *The alarm frightened the burglars away.* **frighten sb into/out of doing sth** pakhat tuah dingin/tuah lo dingin ðih: *News of the robberies frightened many people into fitting new locks to their doors.*

▷ **frightened** *adj* ðihphangmi: *Frightened children were calling for their mothers.* ○ *He looked very frightened as he spoke.* ○ *They're frightened of losing power.*

frightening /'fraɪtnɪŋ/ *adj* ðihnungza: *a frightening possibility, situation, development, etc* ○ *It is frightening even to think of the horrors of nuclear war.* **frighteningly** *adv*: *The film was frighteningly realistic.*

frightful /'fraɪtfl/ *adj* **1** duh um lo zet; ðihnungza: *a frightful accident.* **2** [attrib] (infml) a ti tuk, a sia tuk: *in a frightful rush* ○ *They left the house in a frightful mess.*

▷ **frightfully** /-fəli/ *adv* (infml) tuk (very); ðihnung zet, nasa zetin: *I'm frightfully sorry, but I can't see you today.*

frigid /'frɪdʒɪd/ *adj* **1** a sik/dai zetmi: *a frigid climate/zone.* **2** (esp of a woman) mipa pawlduhnak thinlung a nei lomi nunau. **3** mi kaa mal, mi pawl thiam lo, mi biak thiam lemlo: *a frigid glance, look, etc.*

▷ **frigidly** *adv*. **frigidity** /'frɪdʒɪdətɪ/ *n* [U].

frill /'frɪndʒ/ *n* **1** hnipuan, sangka zar puan vekih a tlang kir. **2** (usu pl) (fig) thil pakhat ah a ðul teng tengmi asilona'n a mawinak hrangih tuahmi thil: *a straightforward presentation with no frills.*

▷ **frilled** *adj* hnipuan tlaang ah a mawinak

telhmi, tlangtelh: *a frilled blouse.*

frilly /'frɪli/ *adj* a telh a mawiternak tampi ummi: *a frilly petticoat.*

fringe /'frɪndʒ/ *n* **1** (esp Brit) (US bang) cal ih thlakmi sam: *She has a fringe and glasses.* **2** hnipuan, kawzaw tivek ah a tlaang ih a mawinak an tuahmi. **3** hmun, pawl khawm, tivek a hriang a zim: *the fringe of a forest* ○ *on the fringes of society* ○ *on the radical fringe of the party* (ie the part having views not held by most people) ○ [attrib] *fringe theatre*, ie that stages unconventional and experimental productions ○ *a fringe meeting*, ie one which is not part of the main programme at a political conference. **4** (idm) **the lunatic fringe** ⇒ LUNATIC.

▷ **fringe** *v* **1** [Tn] a tlaang mawinak thlaih, tuah: *fringe a shawl.* **2** (idm) **be fringed by/with sth** ramri ðhennak pakhat khat tuah: *The estate was fringed with stately elms.*

□ **fringe benefit** ðathnemnak (tangka) hleifuan in pek: *The fringe benefits of this job include a car and free health insurance.*

frillery /'frɪpəri/ *n* **1** [U] hnipuan ah ðul lemlo in a mawinak tampi tuah. **2** [C usu pl] (ðhi, hnakhaih, zungbruk tivek mawinak ih hmanmi thilri) man ol te, ðhi le fau, tivek.

Frisbee /'frɪzbi/ *n* (prop) pakan pheng vek plastic ih tuahmi lehnak thilri.

frisk /'frɪsk/ *v* **1** [Tn] (infml) dap (vanzam to zik ah palik pawlin takpum ah ziang a um ti an dap sak): *Everyone was frisked before getting on the plane.* **2** [I, Ip] (of animals) ramsa, tlan le dawp ih lek, a leu: *lambs frisking (about) in the meadow.*

▷ **frisk** *n* [sing] **1** (infml) mi pakhat dap ih hawlnak. **2** tlaan le dawp ih lehnak, leunak.

frisky *adj* harhdam tha thomi: *a frisky lamb* ○ *I feel quite frisky this morning.* **friskily** /-li/ *adv*.

frisson /'frɪsən; US 'frɪsəʊn/ *n* (French) hmakhat te ih lungawi tuk; lole, ðih tuk ruang ih thinðhia: *a frisson of delight, horror, fear, etc.*

fritter¹ /'fɪtə(r)/ *v* (phr v) **fritter sth away (on sth)** mi pakhat in (a tikcu, lole, a paisa) thulolak ih hman cem thluh: *fritter away time/energy* ○ *fritter away one's money on gambling.*

fritter² /'fɪtə(r)/ *n* (usu in compounds) sangvut, thing thei, sa tla rawimi sangkio: *banana fritters.*

frivolous /'frɪvələs/ *adj* **1** fimkhur lo, thuthuuk ruat lo milai luklak men ih nung: *At 18, he's rather frivolous and needs to grow up.* ○ *frivolous comments, objections, criticisms, etc.* **2** (of activities) aat thu: *She thought that reading romantic novels was a frivolous way of spending her time.*

▷ **frivolity** /'frɪvələtɪ/ *n* **1** [U] hmukhmak deuh nuncan; *youth frivolity.* **2** [C usu pl] aat thu deuh ih cangvai, lole, ðong: *I can't waste time on such frivolities.*

frivolously *adv*.

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frizz /frɪz/ *v* [Tn] sam a hlom tete in kir: *You've had your hair frizzed.*

▷ **frizz** *n* samkir.

frizzy *adj* a kirmi.

frizzle¹ /frɪzl/ *v* [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (up) a hlom teten sam kirter.

frizzle² /frɪzl/ *v* 1 [I, Tn] hmuk kio tik ih 'sur' ti ih a awnmi aw: *bacon frizzling in the pan.* 2 [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (up) uut ko ih kang, kio: *The bacon is all frizzled up!*

fro /frɒz/ *adv* (idm) **to and fro** ⇨ T0³.

frock /frɒk/ *n* 1 nunau korfual: *All my frocks are for the summer.* 2 biaknak puithiam pawl ih korfualpi.

□ **frock-coat** *n* hlanlai ah mipa ih hruhmi kawt angki fual (tu ahcun puai tik lawngah an hman).

frog /frɒg/; US frɔːg/ *n* 1 butlak; tlakphar: *The croaking of frogs.* 2 angki sih phunkhat. 3 **frog** (infml offensive) French mi. 4 (idm) **have, etc a frog in one's throat** awpit; aw siat; awkuai; awser.

□ **frogman** /-mən/ *n* (pl -men) tiluut thiam (sialriat hnipuan sin, oxyzen keng in thukpi ah reipi a um theimi).

frog-spawn /frɒgspɔːn/ *n* [U] butlak ti a hlom le daar ih ummi.

frog-march /frɒgmɑːtʃ/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] 1 dung lamah kut sih ih feh: *All prisoners were frog marched (out) into the compound.* 2 minung pakhat kha mi pali in a kutke kai tahrat in a bokkhup in zawn.

frolic /frɒlɪk/ *v* (pr, pp **frolicked**) nuam zetih lek: *children frolicking about in the swimming-pool.*

▷ **frolic** *n* [sing] nuam zet le hiar zetih lehnak: *having a frolic in the garden.*

frolicsome *adj* nunnuam thei zetmi (merry) lek thei zetmi: *a frolicsome kitten.*

from /frəm; strong form frɒm/ *prep* 1 (indicating the place or direction from which sb/sth starts) ihsin: *go from Manchester to Leeds* ○ *a wind from the north* ○ *Has the train from London arrived?* ○ *She comes home from work at 7 pm.* ○ *A child fell from the seventh floor of a block of flats.* ○ *carpets stretching from to wall to wall, ie from one wall to the opposite one.* 2 (indicating the time at which sth starts) ih thokin: *I'm on holiday from 30 June.* ○ *It's due to arrive an hour from now.* ○ *We lived in Scotland from 1960 to 1973.* ○ *There's traffic in the streets from dawn till dusk.* ○ *We're open from 8 am till 7 pm every day.* ○ *He was blind from birth.* 3 (indicating who sent, gave or communicated sth) hnenin: *a letter from my brother* ○ *a present from a friend* ○ *I had a phone call from Mary.* ○ *the man from* (ie representing) *the Inland Revenue.* 4 (indicating where sb/sth originates or is stored) lam in, khui tawk in; in: *I'm from New Zealand.* ○ *They come*

from the north. ○ *the boy from the baker's* ○ *documents from the 16th century* ○ *famous quotations from Shakespeare* ○ *music from an opera* ○ *draw water from a well* ○ *powered by heat from the sun.* 5 (indicating distance between two places) hmunkhat ihsin hmunkhat hlatnak: *10 miles from the coast* ○ *100 yards from the scene of the accident* ○ (fig) *Far from agreeing with him, I was shocked by his remarks.* 6 (indicating the lower limit of a range of numbers, prices, etc) a niam bik langternak: *write from 10 to 15 letters daily* ○ *Tickets cost from £3 to £11.* ○ *Our prices start from £2.50 a bottle.* ○ *Salaries are from 10% to 50% higher than in Britain.* 7 (indicating the state or form of sth/sb before a change) a thlenhlan dinhmun ihsin thokin: *Things have gone from bad to worse.* ○ *You need a break from routine.* ○ *translate from English to Spanish* ○ *The bus fare has gone up from 35p to 40p.* ○ *From being a librarian she is now an MP.* 8 (indicating the material from which sth is made, the material being changed in the process) tuahnak thilri pakhat khat ihsin: *Wine is made from grapes.* ○ *Steel is made from iron.* Cf OF 5, OUT OF 5. 9 (a) (indicating separation, removal, etc) a dannak a hmuh; khui tawkin ti a hmuh: *separated from his mother for long periods* ○ *take the money from my purse* ○ *borrow a book from the library* ○ *release sb from prison* ○ *6 from 14 leaves 8.* (b) (indicating protection or prevention) kilhimnak a hmuh: *protect children from violence* ○ *save a boy from drowning* ○ *Wild fruit kept us from dying of starvation.* ○ *prevent sb from sleeping.* 10 (indicating the reason, cause or motive) ziang ruangah ti a hmuh: *She felt sick from tiredness.* ○ *suffer from cold and hunger* ○ *She accompanied him from a sense of loyalty.* 11 ngaihtuah in; ruat in: *From the evidence we have heard so far...* ○ *From what I heard last night we're going to need a new chairman.* ○ *You can tell quite a lot from the handwriting.* 12 (used to make a distinction between two people, places or things) pahnih — an dan awknak ihsin: *Is Portuguese very different from Spanish?* ○ *I can't tell one twin from the other.* ○ *How do you know a fake from the original?* 13 (indicating a standpoint) dinhmun langter: *seen from above the town covers a wide area.* ○ *From this angle it looks crooked.* ○ *From a teacher's point of view this dictionary will be very useful.* 14 (idm) **from... on** cutawk ih thokin: *From now on you can work on your own.* ○ *From then on she knew she would win.* ○ *She never spoke to him again from that day on.*

frond /frɒnd/ *n* cakok hnah, thaana hnah tivek ah, a hnah ngai suahnak zawn.

front /frʌnt/ *n* 1 (esp the front) (a) a hmailam: *The*

front of the building was covered with ivy. ○ Put the statue so that the front faces the light. ○ The front of the car has a dent in it. ○ The young boy spilt some juice down his front, ie the clothes covering his chest. (b) a hmai, hmailam bik hmunhma: All eyes to the front as we pass the other competitors! ○ The teacher made me move my seat to the front of the classroom. ○ At the front of the house, someone had planted a beautiful garden. ○ I prefer to travel in the front of the car, ie next to the driver. Cf BACK¹ 1. **2 the front** [sing] tiffinriat, tilipi kam leilung: walk along the (sea) front. **3 the front** [sing] (in war) raal hmai; a hmai bik ih um ralkap: be sent to the front ○ serve at the front. **4** [sing] a lenglam hmuihmel: Her rudeness is just a front for her shyness. ○ put on/show/present a bold front ○ We might argue among ourselves, but against the management we must present a united front, ie act and speak as a group. **5** [sing] ~ for sth (infml) thil thup; thil dik lo tuahmi thup dingah a lenglam ih tuan buummi: The jewellery firm is just a front for their illegal trade in diamonds. **6** [C] (of weather) khawsik, khawhlum thlen hlante ih a rak thlengmi: A cold front is moving in from the north. **7** [C] (usu with an adj or a n) tuannak, cangvaihnak bik hmun: on the domestic, financial, education, etc front. **8** [sing] (esp in names) ram uk-awknak thu (naing-ngan-zi) pawlkhawm hmin a si ih mino deuh raaltha ih tong cak deuh pawl an si: the National Front. **9** (idm) **back to front** ⇒ BACK¹. **eyes right/left/front** ⇒ EYE¹. **in front; out front** zuknung zung, puailaamnak inn tivek ih mipi tohmun. **in front** adv hmai ah: a small house with a garden in front ○ The children walked in twos with one teacher in front and one behind. ○ The British car has been in front now for several minutes. ⇒ Usage at BEFORE². **in front of prep** (a) hmai zawn ah, hmai ah: The car in front of me stopped suddenly and I had to brake. ○ The bus stops right in front of our house. ○ I keep the children's photographs in front of me on the desk. ○ If you're phoning from outside London, dial 01 in front of the number. Cf BEHIND¹. (b) pakhat khat ih hmai ah: The cheque must be signed in front of the cashier at the bank. ○ Please don't talk about it in front of the children. **up front** (infml) pek cia: We'll pay you half up front and the other half when you've finished the job.

▷ **front** adj [attrib] hmaibik: on the front page of the news paper ○ front teeth ○ They keep the front room for visitors. ○ the front door, ie the door that serves as the main entrance to a house ○ the front seats of a bus.

front v 1 [Ipr, Tn] ~ (onto) sth hmaihoih: hotels that front onto the sea ○ Attractive gardens fronted the houses. **2** [Tn usu passive] a hmai pakhat tuahsak: The monument was fronted with

stone. **3** [Tn] (infml) (a) hotu, lole, ai-awhtu tuan. (b) TV, lole, radio ah caan pakhat (programme) hman: Dan Davies has been chosen to front a new discussion programme.

□ **the front bench** British Parliamen pumkhawmnak ih tokham tuan hmaisa bik tuan hnih (vorhlam ta le kehlam ta Kumpi hotu le a raaltu (Opposition) hotu pawl an to: members on the front bench(es) opposite. ○ [attrib] the front-bench spokesman on defence. **front-bencher** n Parliament khawmnak ih hmaisa bik tohkham ih totu pawl (vuanzi pawl le (a-taih-khan) hotu pawl an si theu).

the front line 1 raal hmai: [attrib] front-line troops, units, etc. **2** a thupi bik hnaŋuan, tuantu; hmai bik ih nortu: in the front line of research.

front man (infml) 1 pawl pakhat ih lubik/aiawhtu. **2** TV le radio ah caan a hman vetu.

front-page adj [attrib] a thupi bik ruangah thuthangca cahmai hmaisa bik ih retmi: Front-page news.

front runner zuamawknak ah a lar bikmi; ngah thei dingih an zum bikmi: Who are the front runners in the Presidential contest?

frontage /frʌntɪdʒ/ n [C, U] inn hmai hmunlawng, lole, inn hmai ih inn ŋeek fate: For sale, shop premises with frontages on two streets. ○ a warehouse with good river frontage.

frontal /frʌntl/ adj [attrib] 1 hmailam in: a frontal view ○ a frontal attack, ie one directed at the front or the main point ○ full frontal nudity, ie complete nudity, showing the whole of the front of the body (taksa ruangpum hmailam lang theh). **2** (medical) milai cal: Frontal lobes. **3** ruahpi sur zik ih a hlum a uap (mi uam) hmaisa lawkmi vek khi: a frontal system.

frontier /frʌntiə(r); US frʌntiə(r)/ n 1 [C] (a) ~ (between sth and sth); ~ (with sth) ramri, ramhriang: the frontier between Austria and Hungary. (b) ramri khatlam veve ih um leilung/ram: a frontier zone ○ a frontier town ○ frontier disputes. **2 the frontier** [sing] (esp US) ram zimlep; khawpi ihsin a hlatnak a thangso hrih lomi ram: Beyond the frontier lay very real dangers. **3 the frontiers** [pl] (thiamnak, theihnak) a tawp, a deng: advance the frontiers of science ○ teach near the frontiers of one's subject, ie give recently discovered information. ⇒ Usage at BORDER.

▷ **frontiersman** /-zmən/ n (pl -men /-mən/) ramri hluumtu.

frontispiece /frʌntɪspiːs/ n (usu sing) cabu a thoknak ih retmi fianternak zuk.

frost /frɒst; US frɔːst/ n 1 (a) [U] vurrum, vurkhal: Young plants are often killed by frost. ○ a temperature of 10 degrees of frost, ie 10 degrees Celsius below freezing-point. (b) [C] vur tlaknak, vur tlak caan (khua sik tuk ah): There was a heavy frost last night. ○ early frosts, ie in

autumn ○ *late frosts*, ie in spring. **2** [U] leilung ih um daikhal, tikhu khal: *The windscreen was covered with frost.*

▷ **frost** *v* **1** [Tn] vur in a khuh: *frosted pavements*. **2** [Tn usu passive] thingkung hramkung fate pawl vur rum in that. **3** [Tn] (esp US) sang (cake) parah vur khal thawm ceimawi. **4** [Tn] thlalang kha khatlam hmutlang thei lo dingin vur tlap vekin tuah: *frosted window panes*. **5** (phr *v*) **frost over/up** vurrum in khuh: *The car windscreen frosted over during the night.*

□ **frost-bite** *n* [U] a daih tuk ruangah kutzung, kezung pawl zianghman thei nawn loin a hitmi, a hliammi: *Two of the mountain climbers were suffering from frost-bite.*

frost-bitten *adj* dainat tuar: *frost-bitten ears.*

frostbound *adj* (of the ground) dai tlak ruangih (leilung) a hakmi.

frosting /'frɒstɪŋ/ *n* [U] (esp US) = ICING.

frosty /'frɒsti/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** (a) a daituk: *frosty weather* ○ *It's sunny, but the air is frosty.* (b) vurrum ih khuhmi: *frosty fields*. **2** (fig) mithmai pante'n mi be lo, mithmai thim: *a frosty look, response welcome, etc.*

▷ **frostily** /-li/ *adv.* **frostiness** *n* [U] mithmai pan loin: *a certain frostiness in her greeting.*

froth /frɒθ/ *n* [U] **1** a buan; a phuul: *I don't like beer with too much froth.* **2** (derog) thahnem lo ruahnak, biak-awk: *Their chatter was nothing but froth.*

▷ **froth** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) a buanter: *froth (up) a milk shake*. **2** [I, Ipr] buan/phuul a suak: *The water frothed as it tumbled down the rocks.* ○ *Animals with rabies often froth at the mouth.* ○ (fig) *He was so angry he was almost frothing at the mouth.*

frothy *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** a phuul um, phul in a khatmi, a phuulmi: *frothy beer* ○ *a frothy mixture of eggs and milk*. **2** a thupi lo ih a nepnawimi, a te naumi: *a novel written in a frothy style.* **frothily** *adv.* **frothiness** *n* [U].

frown /fraʊn/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (at sb/sth) mithmai suur, mithmai sia: *What's wrong? Why are you frowning?* ○ *Peter frowned at the noise coming from the boys' bedroom.* ○ *She read through the letter, frowning at its contents.* **2** (phr *v*) **frown on/upon sth** duh lo; lungkim lo: *My parents always frown on late nights out.* ○ *Gambling is frowned upon by some church authorities.* ⇒ Usage at SMIRK.

▷ **frown** *n* thinnuam lo zetnak; thinhennak; donharnak cal riin ah langter, cal suurter: *She looked up from her exam paper with a worried frown.* ○ *I noticed a slight frown of disapproval on his face.*

frowsty /'fraʊsti/ *adj* (derog esp Brit) (of the air conditions in a room) khan sung.

frowzy /'fraʊzi/ *adj* (esp Brit) **1** thianghlim felfai

te ih um lomi; tophnop zet (*shabby*) hnipuan tet thawm a ummi. **2** rimsia zet; uam-up, pitzet thli ngah lo rimsia; ciarbek rim thu, bua rim a nam.

froze *pt* of FREEZE.

frozen *pp* of FREEZE.

FRS *abbr* Fellow of the Royal Society.

fructify /'frʌktɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp -**fied**) [I, Tn] (fml) tampi rahter.

▷ **fructification** /'frʌktɪfɪ'keɪʃn/ *n* [U].

fructose /'frʌktʊs, -əʊz/ *n* thingthei le khuaiti sungih tel thil thlum.

frugal /'fru:gl/ *adj* (a) (paisa le ei in ah) a tenren zetmi: *a frugal housekeeper.* (b) tenren zet: *They lived a very frugal existence, avoiding all luxuries.* (c) man a olmi: *a frugal meal of bread and cheese.*

▷ **frugality** /'fru:gæləti/ *n* [U]. **frugally** /-geli/ *adv.*

fruit /fru:t/ *n* **1** [C, U] a thei, a rah: *The country exports tropical fruit(s).* ○ *Is a tomato a fruit or a vegetable?* ○ *Bananas, apples and oranges are all fruit.* ○ *This pudding has two pounds of fresh fruit in it.* ○ [attrib] *fruit juice* ○ *fruit trees*. **2** [C] (botany) thingrah a ci fuuntu. **3** [C usu pl] thingkung hramkung ih suahmi eiṭha rawl: *the fruits of the earth*, ie vegetables, cereals, etc. **4** (esp **the fruits** [pl]) ṭuanman ngahmi: *enjoy the fruits of one's labours.* **5** [U] (also **dried fruit**) thingrah caar. **6** (idm) **bear fruit** ⇒ BEAR. **forbidden fruit** ⇒ FORBID.

▷ **fruit** *v* [I] rah: *These apple trees have always fruited well.*

□ **fruit-cake** *n* **1** [C, U] thingrah car rawimi sang. **2** (idm) **natty as a fruit-cake** ⇒ NUTTY (NUT).

fruit-fly *n* thingrah ṭawt femtu thothe.

fruit-knife *n* thingrah zelhnak, ahnak naamte.

fruit machine (Brit) (also esp US **one-armed bandit**) tangka fang pawl hmang lehnak cet.

fruit salad **1** (esp Brit) thingrah phunphun phel in rawl khawh zawngih pekmi (as dessert). **2** (US) thingrah phelmi thawm a thlummi hnawt ding rawl khawh zawngih pekmi (as dessert).

fruiterer /'fru:tərə(r)/ *n* (esp Brit) thingrah zuartu, a bikin dawr titek ah.

fruitful /'fru:tfʊl/ *adj* **1** hlawhtling: *a fruitful experience, day's work, partnership* ○ *fruitful areas of research.* **2** rah tampi a suahmi.

▷ **fruitfully** /'fru:tfəli/ *adv.* **fruitfulness** /'fru:tfəlnɪs/ *n* [U].

fruition /'fru:ʃn/ *n* [U] ruahsanmi hlawhtlinnak: *After months of hard work, our plans came to/ were brought to fruition.*

fruitless /'fru:tɪs/ *adj* hlawhtling lo; ziangkhal suahpi lo: *a fruitless attempt* ○ *Our efforts to persuade her were fruitless — she didn't even listen.*

▷ **fruitlessly** *adv.* **fruitlessness** *n* [U].

fruity /'fru:ti/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** thingrah vek: *a fruity wine* ○ *a fruity dessert.* **2** (infml)

- zahmawh thu tivek telin mawi loih hnihsuak relmi/nganmi: *a fruity joke, remark, story, etc.*
3 (infml) (of a voice, etc) aw tuum, aw thuuk: *a fruity chuckle.*
- frump** /frʌmp/ *n* (derog) thilhlun hruuktu.
 ▷ **frumpish** *adj*: *a frumpish outfit.*
- frustrate** /frʌ'streit/; US 'frʌstreit/ *v* [Tn] **1** (a) dawn kham: *He had hoped to set a new world record, but was frustrated by bad weather.* (b) santlai loih tuah, sungter: *Bad weather has frustrated plans to launch the spacecraft today.*
2 thinsiat; tha nauter, beidongter: *Mary was frustrated by the lack of appreciation shown of her work.*
 ▷ **frustrated** *adj* **1** (a) [pred] thinsiat, diriam lo: *As a nurse she got very frustrated, but being an administrator seems to suit her.* (b) [attrib] hnaʔuan ah hlauhtling lo: *Film directors are sometimes frustrated actors.* **2** di riam lo (nupa pawl-awh ah).
frustrating *adj* thinsiatza, beidongza: *I find it frustrating that I can't speak other languages.*
frustration /frʌ'streiʃn/ *n* **1** [U] (state of) rak dawnkhamnak. **2** [C] thinsiatnak, diriam lonak: *Every job has its frustrations.*
- fry**¹ /fraɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **fried** /fraɪd/) **1** [I, Tn] kio: *fried chicken* ○ *bacon frying in the pan.* Usage at ⇒ COOK. **2** (idm) **have bigger/other fish to fry** ⇒ FISH².
frying-pan (US **fry-pan**) *n* **1** ukaang (kionak beel). **2** (idm) **out of the frying-pan into the fire** a sia mi ihsin a sia sinsin lam ah.
fry-up *n* (Brit) (dish of) kio mi arti, buh, sa: *We always have a fry-up for Saturday lunch.*
- fry**² /fraɪ/ *n* [pl v] **1** nga keuh pek. **2** (idm) **small fry** ⇒ SMALL.
- fryer** (also **frier**) /fraɪə(r)/ *n* **1** hmeh kionak. **2** (esp US) kio ʔat lai arte.
- FT** *abbr* (Brit) Financial Times; nitin te suahmi thuthang ca.
- Ft** *abbr* (in names) Fort: *Ft William*, eg on a map.
- ft** *abbr* (also symb ') feet; foot: *11ft x (ie by) 6ft (11' x 6')* ○ *She was only 5ft (tall).* Cf IN, YD.
- fuchsia** /'fjuːʃə/ *n* hramkung a si ih a sen, sendup le a raang kuur nawn ih a parmi.
- fuck** /fʌk/ *v* (Δ *sl*) **1** [I, Tn] nu le pa pawl-awh; it khawm; luuk. **2** [I, Tn] (esp imperative or as an interj in exclamations expressing extreme anger, annoyance or disgust) thinheng tuk tikih ʔongmi: *Fuck it!* ○ *Fuck you — I don't care if I never see you again.* ○ *Fuck the bloody thing — it won't work.* **3** (idm) **fuckin' well** (used to emphasize an angry statement, esp an order) thungai; si rori (thinheng zetih ʔongmi langter duhnak): *You're fuckin' well coming whether you want to or not.* **4** (phr v) **fuck about/around** hmukhmak zetih cangvai, lole, mi bawm lo ih um: *Stop fuckin' around and come and give me a hand.* **fuck sb about/around** ʔa lo zet ih
- hmang: *This bloody company keeps fucking me about.* **fuck off** (esp imperative) feh aw ti ih dawi (duh na lo ih fehter). **fuck sth up** pakhat khat siatsuah/siatteer.
 ▷ **fuck** *n* (Δ *sl*) **1** pa le nu pawl-awh, luuk-awh. **2** (sexist) ihpi dingah hiarum zetmi, hahioza: *She's a good fuck.* **3** (idm) **not care/give a fuck (about sb/sth)** ziang siar lo zet: *He doesn't give a fuck about anyone else.*
fucker *n* (Δ *sl*) (kaw le soinak ʔong men men) miaa; misual.
fucking (Δ *sl*) *adj, adv* (thinheng tuk ih ʔong sanmi): *I'm fucking sick of the whole fucking lot of you.*
 □ **fuck-all** *n* (Δ *sl*) zianghman si lo: *You've done fuck-all today.* ○ [attrib] *He's fuck-all use as a goalkeeper.*
fuck-up /'fʌkʌp/ *n* (Δ *sl*) cawhbuainak; siatnak: *What a fuck-up!*
- fuddle** /'fʌdl/ *v* [Tn esp passive] thinlung le ruahnak hnok, kalh: *in a fuddled state* ○ *one's mind fuddled with gin.*
 ▷ **fuddle** *n* (usu *sing*) thinlung le ruahnak hnokbuainak: *My brain's in a fuddle.*
- fuddy-duddy** /'fʌdɪdʌdi/ *n* (infml derog or joc) hlaan um dan le ruah dan sunsaktu: *You're such an old fuddy-duddy!* ○ [attrib] *You and your fuddy-duddy ideas!*
- fudge**¹ /'fʌdʒ/ *n* [U] cithlum, thawpat le cawhnavi pawl thawn nemte ih tuahmi thlumkhal (miʔhai): *chocolate/walnut fudge.*
- fudge**² /'fʌdʒ/ *v* [Tn] **1** (infml) khulfung zetih tuah; lole tling lo zetih: *He had to fudge a reply because he didn't know the right answer.* **2** a si lo lamih sim; hrial-luatsuak: *Our manager has been fudging the issue of bonus payments for months.*
- fuel** /'fjuːəl/ *n* **1** [U] (a) meisa le cet hrangih urmi thil; thing, lung-meihol, zinan, tivek pawl: *What sort of fuel do these machines need?* (b) nuclear energy a suahtu thilri. **2** [C] a kaang theimi hmuah. **3** [C] (fig) ai thoktertut: *His indifference was a fuel to her hatred.* **4** (idm) **add fuel to the flames** ⇒ ADD.
 ▷ **fuel** *v* (-ll; US -l-) [I, Tn] datsi than; zinan than: *All aircraft must fuel before a long flight.* ○ *fuelling a car with petrol.*
- fug** /fʌg/ *n* (usu *sing*); (infml) thaw uap, thaw saa: *Open the window — there's quite a fug in here.*
 ▷ **fuggy** *adj.*
- fugitive** /'fjuːdʒətɪv/ *n* ~ (from sb/sth) ramrelh, ʔih phanmi neih ruangah mah le khua le ram taan ih a relhtu: *fugitives from a country ravaged by war* ○ *a fugitive from justice.*
 ▷ **fugitive** *adj* **1** a tlan mi, a relh mi: *a fugitive criminal.* **2** [usu attrib] (fml) hmakhat sung lawng a daihmi (fleeting): *fugitive thoughts, impressions, sensations, etc.*
- fugue** /'fjuːg/ *n* thulu a dangdang le awthluk a phunphun ih sak dingin phuahmi hlapi.

-ful

-ful suff **1** ns le vs thawn komawk tikah *adj* a cangmi: *beautiful* ○ *masterful* ○ *forgetful*. **2** (with ns froming ns) ns thawn kom tikah ns tho tho a cangmi: *handful* ○ *mouthful*.

fulcrum /'fʊlkrəm/ *n* (pl ~s or **fulcra** /'fʊlkrə/) a dotu, domtu (tla lo dingih a dotu).

fulfil (US **fulfill**) /fʊl'fɪl/ *v* (-II-) [Tn] **1** famkimter; kimter: *fulfil a promise, prophecy*. **2** lungkim; pek: *fulfil a desire, prayer, hope, need, dream, etc* ○ *Does your job fulfil your expectations?* **3** kimter: *fulfil the conditions of entry to a university*. **4** tuah, cawng: *fulfil a duty, a command, an obligation, etc*. **5** ~ **oneself** mah duhnak tlingter: *He was able to fulfill himself through music*.

▷ **fulfilled** *adj* lungkim; lungawi: *He doesn't feel really fulfilled in his present job*.

fulfilment *n* [U] kimternak, tlinternak.

full /fʊl/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** ~ (of sth/sb) (a) a khat: *drawers full to overflowing* ○ *My cup is full*. ○ *The bin needs emptying; it's full of rubbish*. ○ *The theatre is full, I'm afraid you'll have to wait for the next show*. ⇒ Usage at EMPTY¹. (b) a khat thluh: *a lake full of fish* ○ *a room full of people* ○ *She's full of vitality*. **2** ~ of sth thu pakhat lawnglawng in a ruahnak a khatther thluh: *She was full of the news*, ie could not stop herself talking about it. **3** ~ (up) ei ding, in ding tawkfang nei: *No more thank you, I'm full up*. **4** [attrib] (a) kim (complete) tampi (plentiful): *give full information, details, instructions etc*. (b) kim; thluh: *The roses are in full bloom*. ○ *I had to wait a full hour for the bus*. ○ *He got full marks* (ie the highest marks possible) for his essay. ○ *Her dress was a full three inches above the knee*. **5** a hluum; a bial: *rather full in the face*. **6** (hnipuan ah) daih zetin thitmi: *a full skirt* ○ *Please make this coat a little fuller across the back*. **7** (of a tone or voice) aw thlum, aw mawi. **8** (idm) **at full stretch** pittawp; ti theitawp: *working at full stretch*. **at half/full cock** ⇒ COCK². **come full circle** vei tampi ton hnu ah, a cang hnu ah a thoknak ih kirsal. **come to a full stop** pumpuluk in cawl; ding rori: *The car came to a full stop at the traffic lights*. **draw oneself up to one's full height** ⇒ DRAW². **the first/full flush of youth, etc** ⇒ FLUSH¹. (at) **full blast** thazang neih tawp in: *An orchestra playing at full blast is a tremendous sound*. **full of beans/life** cahnak thazang tampi a nei. **full of the joys of spring** a harh, a cakvak zetmi. (at) **full length** takpum thluang zerzer: *lying full length on the sofa*. **full of oneself** (derog) mah uar aw-in mah hrang lawng a ruatmi: *You're very full of yourself today, I must say*. **full of one's own importance** (derog) mah le amah thupi bik ih ruat aw. (at) **full pelt/tilt/speed** khulrang tawp in; nasa zetin: *He drove full tilt into the lamppost*. **full speed/steam ahead** cak zet le rang zetin. **give full/short**

measure ⇒ MEASURE. **gave sb/sth full play** zalen zetin umter. **in full** kim rori, khat rori: *publish a report in full*. ○ *write one's name in full*, eg John Henry Smith, not J H Smith. **in full cry** (of a pack of hunting hounds) uico thawn sadawi tikah, uico kha na thei tawp in boter: (fig) *The pop group raced for their car, pursued by fans in full cry*. **in full play** nasa zetin cangvai. **in full sail** (of a ship) tangphawlawng a cak thei tawp in mawng. **in full swing** nasa takih cangvai: *The party was in full swing when we arrived*. **in full view** (of sb/sth) tha zetin hmufiang thei: *He performed the trick in full view of the whole audience*. **to the full** a cang theitawp tiang in: *enjoy life to the full*.

▷ **full** *adv* **1** a cekci ah, rori ah: *John hit him full in the face*. **2** tuk, zet: *as you know full well*.

fully *adv* **1** pumpuluk in; a zate in: *fully satisfied* ○ *She was fully dressed in five minutes*. ○ *I was fully expecting to lose my job, so this promotion has come as a complete surprise*. **2** a malbik ah; a zate in: *The journey will take fully two hours*. **3** (idm) **fully stretched** thiam tawp suah in; thiam patawp in. **fully-fashioned** *adj* (of woman's clothing) a takpum thawn kaih zet ih thitmi (hnipuan).

fully-fledged *adj* **1** (of a young bird) vate faate a hmul a thla kim te'n a kho zomi. **2** (fig) a upa zomi; a pitling zomi: *Computer science is now a fully-fledged academic subject*.

fullness (also **fulness**) *n* [U] **1** kimte sinak. **2** (idm) **in the fullness of time** a rem bik can; netabik ah: *In the fullness of time they married and had children*.

□ **full back** (hockey, bawhlung tivek lehnak ah) kawlhmai kil; kawlkil sangtu ih a tangtu.

full-blooded *adj* **1** hnamdang thi tel lo (nu le pa phun hnam bang sungsuak), a citmi: *full-blooded mare*. **2** thinlung tak taimakmi: *a full-blooded and passionate person* ○ (fig) *a full-blooded argument*.

full-blown *adj* (esp of flowers) pangpar a parh zomi: *full-blown roses*.

full board riahbuk ah ihnak le rawl a tel cihmi: *The prices is £ 20 for bed and breakfast, £ 25 full board*. Cf HALF BOARD (HALF³).

full-bodied *adj* a tha, a thaw zetmi: *a full-bodied red wine*.

full house **1** zuknung zung; laam puai zung tivek ah tonak a khat theh zomi: *We have a full house tonight*. **2** (in poker) phe lehnak ah nambat bangmi pathum le pahnih kom tlap nga ngah sile nehtu can theinak. **3** (bingo leknak tivek ah) nehtu si theinak ih a tulmi nambat bangaw.

full-length *adj* (a) (of a picture, mirror, etc) zuk le thlalang tivek ah minung takpum a zate a langmi. (b) tawiter loin a zate in: *a full length novel* ○ *a full-length skirt*, ie one that reaches

the ankles.

full-marks camibuai ah pekmi hmat a zate: (fig) *I must say I give you full marks for your tactful handling of a difficult situation.*

full moon thla pumlai, thlathul. Cf **NEW MOON** (NEW).

full page adj cahmai khat: a full page advertisement.

full-scale adj suup loin, a pumpuhlum in: a full-scale drawing, plan, design, etc ○ (fig) a full-scale reorganization of the department.

full stop (also **full point**, **US period**) **1** cangan tikah tɔŋg tluan khat a netnak a si ti (.) cukkhat te cukmi. **2** (used to indicate finality) a cemnak a si ti hmuh: *I just think he is very unpleasant, full stop.*

full time bawhlung puai leh tikcu a cemnak.

full-time adj a caan tling te ih tɔanmi hnaʔuan (hlawhleeng): a full-time job. — adv hlawhleeng ih tɔan: *work full-time.* Cf **PART-TIME** (PART¹).

fuller /fʊlə(r)/ *n* tah tharmi puan pawl a thiangaifai tertu le a pittertu.

□ **fuller's earth** leilung phunkhat (puan hnimnak ih hmanmi).

fulminate /fʌlmiːnɪt/; **US** /fʊl-/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (**against sb/sth**) duh lonak napi in langter.

▷ **fulmination** /fʌlmiːnɪʃn/; **US** /fʊl-/ *n* (a) [C] nasa zet ih el/soi. (b) [U] eel/soi.

fulsome /fʊlsəm/ *adj* thungaithlak lemlo; hleifuau deuh: *fulsome words, compliments, etc* ○ *be fulsome in one's praise.*

▷ **fulsomely** *adv*. **fulsomeness** *n* [U].

fumble /fʌmbəl/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] a tɔaʔa le thinkhur phahin tham; kaai: *He fumbled the ball and then dropped it.* **2** [Ipr] ~ **at/for/with sth** dap; tham: *fumble in one's pocket for some coins* ○ *She fumbled with her notes and began to speak.* ○ *fumble for the light switch* ○ (fig) *fumble for the right thing to say.* **3** [Ip] ~ **about/around** hawl; nuamtete ih caang: *fumbling around in the dark.*

fume /fju:m/ *n* (usu pl) rimsia zet meikhu, daatkhu, tikhu: *petrol fumes* ○ *The air was thick with cigar fumes.*

▷ **fume** *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (**at sb/sth**) thinheng; aithok: *fume at the delay* ○ *By the time we arrived an hour late she was fuming (with rage).* **2** [I] a khu, a rim suah: *The smoldering wreck fumed for days.* **3** [Tn] thing dup deuh seh tiah si khuut: *fumed oak.*

fumigate /fju:migeɪt/ *v* [Tn] natnak pethei pangang pawl siikhuut in that: *The hospital wards were fumigated after the outbreak of typhus.*

▷ **fumigation** /fju:mɪgeɪʃn/ *n* [U].

fun /fʌn/ *n* [U] **1** hnihsuak; nomnak: *We had lots of fun at the fair today.* ○ *It took all the fun out of the occasion when we heard that you were ill.* ○ *What fun it will be when we all go on holiday together.* ○ *Have fun!* ie *Enjoy yourself!* **2**

nunnomnak: *Sailing is (good/great) fun* ○ *It's not much fun going to a party alone.* **3** lek phah, hnihsuah saiphah: *She's very lively and full of fun.* **4** [attrib] (esp **US**) hnihsuahnak; nomnak: *a fun hat.* **5** (idm) (**just**) **for fun/for the fun of it; (just) in fun** a nomnak men ah: *I'm learning to cook, just for the fun of it.* ○ *He only said it in fun — he didn't really mean it.* **fun and games** (infml) thinlung zuanzang ih lek le nomnak: *That's enough fun and games! Let's get down to work.* **make fun of sb/sth** mi hnihsuah sainak ih hmang: *It's cruel to make fun of people who stammer.* **poke fun at sb/sth** ⇨ **POKE**¹.

□ **fun-fair** (also **fair**) *n* khawleeng, hmunlawng hmun ih tuahmi nomnak le lehnak phunkim (pawlkhawm, lole tlawng tivek in sumpai hawlhak ah an tuah tɔeu) = fun fete.

function /fʌŋkʃn/ *n* **1** hnaʔuan hleice, cangvaihna hleice, hmanna: *to fulfil a useful function* ○ *The function of the heart is to pump blood through the body.* ○ *It is not the function of this committee to deal with dismissals.* **2** pawlkom hnaʔuan thupi zet; puai le khawmnak thupi: *Heads of state attend numerous functions every year.* **3** (mathematics) kanaan tɔatnak ah pakhat ih a tam a mal cu a dang pawlih danawknak a si: *X is a function of Y.* **4** computer ah a hram cangvaitu: *What functions can this program perform?*

▷ **function** *v* **1** [I] hnaʔuan: tɔan: *His brain seems to be functioning normally.* ○ *This machine has stopped functioning,* ie is out of order. **2** [Ipr] ~ **as sth** mah tɔan kel lo a dang hna khal tɔan thiam: *The sofa can also function as a bed.* ○ *Some English adverbs function as adjectives.*

functional /-fənəl/ *adj* **1** hnaʔuan thawn a peh tlaumi thil: *a functional duty, title, office* ○ *a functional disorder,* ie illness caused when an organ of the body fails to perform its function. **2** a mawinak men si lo, hman tɔul le saantlai mi: *functional furniture, clothing, architecture.* **3** [pred] tɔan; tɔan thei: *Is this machine functional?* ○ *I'm hardly functional if I don't get eight hours sleep!*

functionally /-fənəli/ *adv*.

□ **function key** (computing) computer ih hnaʔuan theinak ding a onnak tawh: *a special function key that displays the help menu.*

functionalism /fʌŋkʃənəlɪzəm/ *n* [U] architecture le design tuahtu ih an thlunmi dan phun khat — thil pakhat ih hmanna ding le a cangvaih dan thlun in pungsan suai in sak ding a si timi daan.

▷ **functionalist** /-fənəlɪst/ *n, adj* (believer in the principle) functionalism a zumtu.

functionary /fʌŋkʃənəri/; **US** -neri/ *n* (often derog) hnaʔuan nei lai bawi upa: *a minor functionary.*

fund /fʌnd/ *n* **1** [C] thil pakhat khat hrangah khawlmī, lole, hman theih sumpai retmi: a

fundamental

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disaster/relief fund ○ the church restoration fund. **2** [sing] hmanṭul tiki hmanṭe thei ding in khawlkhawmmi: a fund of jokes, knowledge, experience, etc. **3 funds** [pl] sumpai ngah theinak hram: government funds ○ I'm short of funds so I'll pay you next week. **4** (idm) in funds hman ding paisa nei.

▷ **fund** *v* [Tn] **1** (sizung, tlawng, nupa nei lo nauhak cawm khawmnak hmun tivek ah) tangka bur: The government is funding another unemployment scheme. **2** a ṭhang thawn caan saupi paisa coih.

fundamental /ˈfʌndəˈmentl/ *adj* **1** (a) a hrampi a simi: There are fundamental differences between your religious beliefs and mine. (b) a hram; a thoknak: the fundamental rules of mathematics. **2** a thupi bik; a tawthoknak: His fundamental concern was for her welfare. ○ The fundamental question is a political one. **3** ~ (to sth) a ṭul rorimi: Hard work is fundamental to success.

▷ **fundamental** *n* (usu pl) a bul le a hram, thlun ding cin le daan: the fundamentals of religion, philosophy, art, etc.

fundamentally /-təli/ *adv* a hram in; a pek in: Her ideas are fundamentally sound, even if she says silly things sometimes.

fundamentalism /ˈfʌndəˈmentəlɪzəm/ *n* [U] (Khristian zumnak ah) Bible cu a ca vek cekci in a dikih, biaknak lam khawruahnak le thil tuah daan a hrampi ah ret ding a si ti zumnak. ▷ **fundamentalist** /-ɪst/ *n* fundamentalism a zumtu: [attrib] fundamentalist ideas.

funeral /ˈfjuːnərəl/ *n* **1** (usu religious) mithi vuinak; mithi vui ding khawm: When is his funeral? ○ [attrib] funeral rites ○ a funeral procession ○ a funeral march, ie a sad and solemn piece of music suitable for funerals. **2** mithi vui feh: procession of people at a funeral. **3** (idm) it's/that's my, etc funeral (infml) duh lo nacing in ka ti dingmi ṭuanvo a si: 'You're going to fail your exams if you don't work hard.' 'That's my funeral, not yours!'

▷ **funeral** /ˈfjuːnəriəl/ *adj* mithi vui lai vek; riahsiatza: a funeral expression, atmosphere.

□ **funeral director** (esp US) = UNDERTAKER.

funeral parlour (US funeral home) mithi vui, vui dingim timtuahnak hmun.

fungicide /ˈfʌndzɪsaɪd/ *n* [C, U] fungus thahnak sii.

fungus /ˈfʌŋɡəs/ *n* (pl -gi /-gai, also -dʒaɪ/ or -es /-gəsɪz/) **1** (a) [C] paa, thingkung dang, thing ro tivek parih khomi le a buarmi: Mildew and mushrooms are fungi. (b) [U] a burpi ih khomi paa: The lawn was covered with fungus. **2** [U] thlaikung a siatsuah theimi fungus: The roses have fungus. ○ [attrib] a fungus infections.

▷ **fungoid** /ˈfʌŋɡɔɪd/ *adj* a buarmi; paa veek.

fungous /ˈfʌŋɡəs/ *adj* fungus vek, fungus ih suahter mi (buihliah tivek): fungous diseases.

funicular /ˈfjuːˈnɪkjʊlə(r)/ *n* (also funicular railway) tlaangpar lam ah hridai thawn dirhmi tlangleng ziin.

funk /fʌŋk/ *n* (infml) **1** [sing] (also blue funk) thinphannak: She was in a funk about changing jobs. **2** [C] (derog) ṭihhrut; ralhrut.

▷ **funk** *v* [Tn, Tg] ṭih ruangih hrial: He funkled telling her he had lost his job.

funky /ˈfʌŋki/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** (sl) (of music, esp jazz) awnmawi tum dan phunkhat. **2** (infml approv) san a manmi mi nundan/thilri: a funky car, party, hair style.

funnel /ˈfʌnl/ *n* **1** paih (titler) vek a sinan a ka a kau zetih a zim lam a fate (fiak) vivomi (a timi le a vutmi thannak) (ka-dawh): I need a funnel to pour petrol into the tank. **2** tembaw ih meikhu suahnak, meikhu dawng.

▷ **funnel** *v* (-ll-, US -l-) [Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] luanter; than: funnel petrol into a can ○ The water funnelled through the gorge and out onto the plain.

funny /ˈfʌni/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** hnihsuakza: funny stories ○ a funny man ○ That's the funniest thing I've ever heard. **2** theih har zetmi; phun dang zet: A funny thing happened to me today. ○ That's funny — he was here a moment ago and now he's gone. ○ The engine's making a very funny noise. **3** (infml) (a) dam deuh lo: I feel a bit funny to day — I don't think I'll go to work. ○ That drink has made me feel quite funny. (b) malte aa deuh; mi banglo, mi lamdang deuh: a funny old lady ○ She went a bit funny after her husband died. **4** (idm) funny business (infml) dan leeng ih um hnaṭuan; mi ih remlomi hnaṭuan: I want none of your funny business. **funny ha-ha** (infml) = FUNNY 1. **funny peculiar** (infml) = FUNNY 2: 'He's a funny chap.' 'Do you mean funny ha-ha or funny peculiar?'

▷ **funnily** /-ɪli/ *adv* lamdang zetin; awloksong zetin: Funnily enough (ie It so happened that) I met her just yesterday.

funniness *n* [U].

□ **funny-bone** *n* kiuruh zim; pakhat khat thawn kan khawn pang le a zaa vek a na zet vekih um theimi.

fur /fɜː(r)/ *n* [U] **1** a sah a neem mi ramsa hrekkhat hmul: The puppies haven't got much fur yet. **2** [U, C] saphaw (a hmul neem sahpi a neimi): a coat made of fur ○ fine fox furs ○ [attrib] a fur coat. **3** [C] sahmul neem zet thawn tuahmi hnipuan: He gave her an expensive fur coat for her birthday. **4** [U] sahmul neem zet vekin tahmi puan. **5** [U] dam lo ruangih lei bal, lei ṭawt. **6** (Brit) (US scale) [U] tisa beel, tidawng, titler tivek ih a kopmi titihir (ṭhungdat tivek). **7** (idm) make the fur/sparks fly ⇒ FLY².

▷ **fur** *v* (-rr-) [usu passive: I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (up) titihir/leibaal in a khuh thluh: a furred tongue/kettle.

furry /fɜːrɪ/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** hmul tam. **2** hmul khuh thluh mi, hmul nei: *a furry toy*.

fur *abbr* furlong(s).

furbelow /fɜːbɪləʊ/ *n* (*esp pl*) tuangkawnnak thi le fau thuamnaw pawl, hlawnthil: *frills and furbelows*.

furbish /fɜːbɪʃ/ *v* [Tn, Tn.p] ~ **sth** (**up**) (reipi hman lomi thil kha) faite le a thar vek si sal dingin sii hnih ih thiangafter: *furbish up an antique sword*.

furious /fjʊəriəs/ *adj* **1** ~ (**with sb**)/(**at sth**) thinheng zet: *She was absolutely furious (at his behaviour)*. **2** khamtu um lo; duhtawh ih cangvaimi: *a furious struggle, storm, debate* ○ *She drove off at a furious speed*. **3** (idm) **fast and furious** ⇒ FAST¹.

▷ **furiously** *adv*.

furl /fɜːl/ *v* **1** [Tn] zual; bil; thlep (nithawng thlep). **2** [I] a thlep: *This fan doesn't furl neatly*.

furlong /fɜːlɒŋ/ *US* -lɔːŋ/ *n* falung pakhat kaih 220; meter 201, pi 660 a hlatmi.

furlough /fɜːləʊŋ/ *US* -lɔːŋ/ *n* [C, U] khuan; ramdang ah Kumpi hnaʔuan ih a ummi mah ram sungih kir duak thei dingin pekmi khuan: *six months' furlough* ○ *going home on furlough*.

furnace /fɜːnɪs/ *n* **1** tidai hlumnak le innsung hlumnak dingih meipi tihnak. **2** thir le thlalang ernak hmun, a sa zetmi hmun: *Its like a furnace in here — can we open the window?*

furnish /fɜːnɪʃ/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sth** (**with sth**) inn sung thilri (ihkhun, tohkham, cabuai ti pawl) kim te in ret; thuam: *furnish a house, an office, a room, etc.* ○ *a furnished flat*, ie one rented complete with its furniture ○ *The room was furnished with antiques*. **2** [Tn, Tn.pr, Dn.pr] ~ **sb/sth with sth**: ~ **sth** (**to sb/sth**) pek; thuam: *furnish a village with supplies/furnish supplies to a village* ○ *furnish all the equipment for a major expedition* ○ *This scandal will furnish the town with plenty of gossip*.

▷ **furnishings** *n* [pl] inn sung, a khaan sung thilri pawl (cabuai, ihkhun, tohkham, bizu tivek pawl).

furniture /fɜːnɪtʃə(r)/ *n* inn sung, lole, zung sung ih hmanmi ʔhawntheih thilri pawl.

furor /fjʊˈrɔːrɪ/ (*US furor* /fjʊˈrɔːr/) *n* [sing] duhdawt upatnak, lole, thinhentlak sinak ruangih mi tampi au-thawm; lawmnak/ thinhennak au-aw: *His last novel created a furor among the critics*.

furrier /fʊəriə(r)/ *n* ramsa hmul ih tuahmi hnipuan, thuamthil zuartu.

furrow /fʊərəʊ/ *n* **1** rawl ci cin/phunnak ding ih khuarmi lei riin: *furrows ready for planting*. **2** calriin: *Deep furrows lined his brow*. **3** (idm) **plough a lonely furrow** ⇒ PLOUGH *v*.

▷ **furrow** *v* [Tn *esp passive*] lei khuar, riin tuah: *newly furrowed fields*. ○ *a forehead furrowed by old age and anxiety*.

furry ⇒ FUR.

further /fɜːðə(r)/ *adj* **1** hlat deuh; hlei deuh: *The hospital is further down the road*. **2** hlei deuh ah; cu hlei ah; bet ah; hrih; sal: *further volumes* ○ *Have you any further question?* ○ *There is nothing further to be said*. ○ *The museum is closed until further notice*, ie until another announcement about it is made.

▷ **further** *adv* **1** hlat deuh ah: *It's not safe to go any further*. ○ *Africa is further from England than France*. ○ *Think further back into your childhood*. **2** cuhlei ah; khal: *Further, it has come to my attention...* **3** kau deuh in, tam deuh in: *I must enquire further into this matter*. ○ *I can offer you £50, but I can't go any further than that*.

4 (idm) **far/farther/further afield** ⇒ AFIELD. ⇒ Usage at FARTHER.

further *v* [Tn] ʔhangso dingin bawm, ʔhangso-ter; khaisang: *further sb's interests* ○ *further the cause of peace*.

furtherance /fɜːðəns/ *n* [U] mi pakhat ih duhnak ʔhansonak.

furthermore /fɜːðəˈmɔː(r)/ *adv* cuhlei-ah, cutlunah.

furthermost /-məʊst/ *adj* a hlatnak bik.

□ **further education** tlawngkai thei kum hnakin a upa deuh pawl hrangih tuah sakmi cazirnak.

furthest /fɜːðɪst/ *adj, adv* = FARTHEST.

furtive /fɜːtɪv/ *adj* (**a**) zohman thei lo dingin tuah thupmi, ti thup (tuah ruuk)mi: *a furtive glance* ○ *furtive movements*. (**b**) (of a person or his behaviour) tuah sualmi kha mi ih thei lo dingin tuh hmangmi, thuthup hmang.

▷ **furtively** *adv*. **furtiveness** *n* [U].

fury /fjʊəri/ *n* **1** [U] nasa zetih thinhennak, aithawhnak: *speechless with fury*. **2** [C] lungthawnak (thinhennek lam ah): *He was in one of his uncontrollable furies*. ○ *She flew into a fury when I wouldn't lend her any money*. **3** [U] na tuk ih cangvainak: *The fury of the storm abated*. **4** [C] thinheng tukmi milai (a bik in nunau, lole, fala no). **5 the Furies** [pl] (in Greek mythology) Greek thuanthuh ah, misual pawl hremtu dingah leitang ihsin thlahmi nunau khuavaang, a sam cu ruul a si. **6** (idm) **like fury** (*infml*) nasa zetih taimaknak, khulrannak, khawruahnak tivek thawn: *He ran like fury to catch the bus*.

furze /fɜːz/ *n* [U] = GORSE.

fuse¹ /fjuːz/ *n* **1** thil pakhat puakkuai tertu ding ih tuahmi a kang olzetmi thilri. **2** (*US* also **fuze** /fjuːz/) duhmi tikcu ah puak kuai dingin a tuahnak thilri: *The bomb had been set with a four-hour fuse*. **3** (idm) **on a short fuse** ⇒ SHORT¹.

fuse² /fjuːz/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn.pr, Tn.p] **1** a satnak peek in tiiter/zuurter/zupter: *fuse metals (into a solid mass)*. **2** a satnak pe in peh-aw(ter), erh: *fuse two pieces of wire together* ○ (*fig*) *The two companies are fused by their common interests*.

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▷ **fusible** /'fju:zəbl/ *adj* a zuur ih a ti theimi; peh theih, erh theih.

fuse³ /'fju:z/ *n* electric tha a tam tuk tikah a rak khamtu dingih retmi a tii theimi waya (wire) hri tawite: *It looks as though you've blown a fuse, ie caused it to melt.*

▷ **fuse** *v* **1** [I, Tn] electric fuse a cat ih mei a vaang lo: *The lights have all fused.* ○ *I've fused all the lights.* **2** [Tn] electric fuse bun/ret.

□ **fuse-box** *n* electric fuse retnak kuangte.

fuse wire fuse thirhri tawite.

fuselage /'fju:zələ:ʒ/; US /'fju:zələ:ʒ/ *n* vanzam ruangpi.

fusilier /'fju:zə'lɪə(r)/ *n* **1** [C] hlanlai ralkap, Lai meithal vek (*musket*) an hman. **2** (a) (also esp US **fusileer**) [C] lei ralkap. (b) **Fusiliers** (pl) Lai meithal vek a zangkhami (*musket*) hman Mirang (Brit) lei ralkap: *The Royal Welsh Fusiliers.*

fusillade /'fju:zələid/; US -sə-/ *n* **1** meithal tampi a pehpeh ih kah ciamconak. **2** (fig) soiawnak le nasa zetih thu suh-awc ciamconak.

fusion /'fju:zn/ *n* [C, U] **1** thil dangdang tiiter; a tii ah cangter ih kom-awktarnak (erh); rawicok: *the fusion of copper and zinc to produce brass* ○ (fig) *a fusion of ideas.* **2** Atomic nuclei a fate bikmi pawl komaw ih a rit deuh nuclear cantarnak (a tha cak sinsin dingah): *nuclear fusion.*

fuss /fʌs/ *n* **1** (a) [U] (esp unnecessary) phunciar/ phunzai; tʉl lemlo ih thinheng/thinphan hman: *Stop all this fuss and get on with your work.* (b) [sing] thupi lemlo thu ah nasatuk ih thintho le thinphaang: *Don't get into a fuss about nothing.* **2** [sing] thinheng langternak: *There will be a real fuss if you're caught stealing.* **3** (idm) **make, kick up, etc a fuss (about/over sth)** napi in mawhthluk, phun, phunciar hnawh: *She's kicking up an awful fuss about the high rent.* **make a fuss of/over sb/sth** hleifuan ih tuamhlawm/zoh: *Don't make so much fuss over the children.* ○ *A lot of fuss was made of the play, but it wasn't a success.*

▷ **fuss** *v* **1** [I, Ip] ~ (about) thu tʉktak men ah thinphang, thin thia: *Stop fussing and eat your food!* ○ *If you keep fussing about, we're sure to be late.* **2** [Tn] hnaihnok; buaiter: *Don't fuss me while I'm driving.* **3** [Ipr] ~ over sb hleifuantuk ih zoh/duat: *He's always fussing over his grand children.* **4** (idm) **not be fussed (about sb/sth)** (infml) ziangsiar tuk lo; poi ti lo: *'Where do you want to go for lunch?' 'I'm not fussed.'*

□ **fusspot** *n* (infml) phunciar, thutam.

fussy /'fʌsi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (*usu derog*) **1** phunzai thei tuk; mi phunciar: *fussy parents* ○ *a fussy manner.* **2** ~ (about sth) a terek tiang thu tam paih; lungawiter a harzetmi: *Our teacher is very fussy about punctuation.* ○ *Don't be so fussy (about your food).* **3** (hnipuan ah) a mawinak

hleifuan ih tuah paih: *a fussy pattern.* **fussily** *adv.*

fussiness *n* [U].

fustian /'fʌstiən/; US -tʃən/ *n* [U] **1** patpuan sahpi: *a jacket (made) of fustian.* ○ [attrib] *a fustian jacket.* **2** (dated derog) mi hiip a bang na'n, sullam a nei lomi tʉng.

fusty /'fʌsti/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (*derog*) **1** a hlun, a rop, a rimsiami: *a fusty room* ○ *This blanket smells a bit fusty.* **2** san man lo zet hlaan daan zet: *a fusty old professor*; ie one who has learned much from books, etc but does not know about modern ideas.

▷ **fustiness** *n* [U].

futile /'fju:tail/; US -tl/ *adj* santlai lo; thahnem lo; thulolak: *a futile attempt/exercise* ○ *Their efforts to revive him were futile.* ○ *What a futile (ie unnecessarily silly) remark!*

▷ **futility** /'fju:tiləti/ *n* [U] santlaih lonak, thātnem lonak: *the futility of war.*

future /'fju:tʃə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) [U] hmailam caan: *in the near/distant future*, ie soon/not soon ○ *Who knows what will happen in the future?* (b) [U] a cang laidingmi: *History influences both the present and the future.* (c) [C] hmailam; lehnhu a cang leh dingmi thu: *Her future is uncertain.* ○ *The future of this project will be decided by the government.* **2** [U] hmailam ih a tha leh thei dingmi hlawhtlinnak, lungawinak, etc: *I gave up my job because there was no future in it.* **3** **futures** [pl] (*commerce*) sum tuahnak ah thilri, shares tivek pawl lungkim in an lei-aw (a man cu lehnhu ih pe aw leh dingin lungkimmi). **4** (idm) **in future** tu thok ihsin hmailam ahcun: *Please be punctual in future.*

▷ **future** *adj* [attrib] hmailam ih a si dingmi: *her future husband, job, prospects* ○ *future events* ○ *a future life*, ie after death.

futureless *adj* hmailam ruahsan ding um lo: *a futureless career.*

futurism /'fju:tʃərizəm/ *n* [U] hlaan ih nunphung calai kalhmang tivek dungtun in hmailam thansonak sawn sirhsuannak le kalsuan daan.

▷ **futurist** *n, adj* futurism za-awitu, thapetu.

futuristic *adj* **1** feh daan keel siloin sanman bik ih um tum: *futuristic design, furniture, housing.* **2** futurism thawn a pehtlaimi.

futurity /'fju:tʃʊərəti/; US -tʊər-/ *n* (a) [U] hmailam nehnhu caan. (b) [C of pl] hmailam ih a si dingmi.

fuzz¹ /fʌz/ *n* [U] **1** hmul fate feem bik (mekei rah a hmul, busul a hawng parih kopcihmi hmul vek): *A peach skin is covered with fuzz.* **2** taksa ih kopmi hmul tawite.

fuzz² /fʌz/ *n* [Gp] **the fuzz** (sl) palik.

fuzzy /'fʌzi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** a neem zetmi hmul neimi, ummi: *a fuzzy teddy bear, blanket, sweater* ○ *fuzzy* (ie tightly curl) *hair.* **2** fiangte ih lang lomi (zuk vek thate'n a lang lomi) ciangkuang

lo: *These photographs have come out all fuzzy.*

▷ **fuzzily** *adv.* **fuzziness** *n* [U].

fwd *abbr* forward.

fy ⇒ -IFY.

FYI *abbr for your information*; na theih menmen dingah, cakuat tikah hman ðeumi a si ih theihternak men a si. Let saal tla le ðong thlum/ mawi hman ciamco a ðul lo, tinak a si.

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