

# I

**I, i** /aɪ/ *n* (pl **I's, i's** /aɪz/) **1** Mirang (*English*) cafang ih a pakuanak: 'Idiot' begins with an **I**. **2** (idm) **dot one's the i's and cross one's the t's** ⇒ DOT.

**I<sup>2</sup>** /aɪ/ *pers pron* a tɔŋgtu, ngantu si mi 'keimah' 'ka' tinak: *I think I'd like a bath.* ○ *When he asked me to marry him I said yes.* Cf ME.

**I** *abbr* Island(s); Islet(s): **CI**, ie (the) Channel Islands, eg in an address ○ **I** (ie Isle) of Man, eg on a map. Cf **Is** *abbr*.

**I** (also **i**) *symp* Rome nambat pakhat.

**-ial** *suff* (with *ns* forming *adjs*) *noun* asimi *adj* ih canternak: *dictatorial* ○ *managerial* ○ *editorial*.

▷ **-ially** (forming *advs*) *adv* suahternak: *officially*.

**iambus** /aɪˈbɒmbəs/ *n* (pl **-es** or **-bi** /-baɪ/) (also **iamb** /ˈaɪəm, ˈaɪəmb/) biazaɪ (*poetry*) phuah dan phunkhat a si, tɔŋgtluan pakhat ahkhin vowel aw tawi/aw neem ngan hnu-ah vowel aw sau/aw hak in a thlun aw vivo ih nganmi.

▷ **iambic** /aɪˈæmbɪk/ *adj* iambus daan a ummi: *iambic feet*, eg **I** 'saw three 'ships come 'sailing 'by.

**iambics** *n* [pl] iambic neimi biazaɪ catluan tla aw tawi te aw sau thlun aw vivomi.

**-ian** (also **-an**) *suff* **1** (with proper *ns* forming *ns* and *adjs*): *Bostonian* ○ *Brazilian* ○ *Shakespearian* ○ *Libran*. **2** (with *ns* ending in *-ics* forming *ns*) *-ics* thawn a cemmi khi *nouns* ih tuahnak: *optician* ○ *paediatrician*.

**-iana** (also **-ana**) *suff* (with proper *ns* forming uncountable *ns*) *proper ns* khi a siar theih lo *noun* ih tuahnak: *Victoriana* ○ *Mozartiana* ○ *Americana*.

**-iatrics** *comb form* (forming *ns*) a dang thawn komcih ih *noun* canternak: *paediatrics*.

▷ **-iatic, -iatrical** (forming *adjs*). Cf **-IARTY**.

**-iatry** *comb form* (forming *ns*) a dang thawn komcih ih *noun* ih cangternak: *psychiatry*.

▷ **-iatic** (forming *adjs*). Cf **-IARTICS**.

**IBA** /aɪ biː ˈeɪ/ *abbr* (*Brit*) Independent Broadcasting Authority. Cf **BBC**, **ITV**.

**ibex** /aɪbeks/ *n* (pl unchanged or **-es**) sathar; lungkhaam ih a tlangmi me vek.

**ibidem** /ɪˈbɪdɪm/ *adv* (*Latin*) (*abbr* **ibid**) ca-bu, mekazin, ca tlang sungih sim cia vekin a si tinak.

**ibis** /aɪbɪs/ *n* khawhlumnak ram ih a ummi tipar ih a vaak thei a hmur a kuul ih a saumi khaute phunkhat.

**-ible** ⇒ **-ABLE**.

**i/c** /aɪ ˈsi/ *abbr* in charge (of); in command (of): (*infml*) *Who's i/c ticket sales?*

**-ic** *suff* **1** (with *ns* forming *adjs* and *ns*) *noun* ihsin *adj* canter nak: *poetic* ○ *scenic* ○ *Arabic*. **2**

(with *vs* ending in *-y* forming *adjs*) tuahnak/ cangvaihnak pawl a hleice ih khiihmuhnak: *horrific* ○ *specific*.

▷ **-ical** (forming *adjs*): *comical*. **-ically** (*advs*): *economically*.

**NOTE ON USAGE:** Both **-ic** and **-ical** form adjectives from nouns: *scene/scenic*; *sociology/sociological*. Some nouns form pairs of adjectives with both **-ic** and **-ical** which have different meanings: *history/historic* (of great significance)/ *historical* (belonging to history); *economy/economic* (concerned with the economy)/ *comic/comical*, *politic/political*, *classic/classical*, *poetic/poetical*. Sometimes the pairs are almost synonymous: *rhythmic/rhythmical*. Note that the adverb is derived from the **-ical** form: *comically*, *poetically*, *rhythmically*, etc.

**ICBM** /aɪ siː biː ˈem/ *abbr* intercontinental ballistic missile. Cf **IRBM**, **MRBM**.

**ice** <sup>1</sup> /aɪs/ *n* **1** [U] (**a**) tikhal: *pipes blocked by ice in winter*. (**b**) tikhal khuhmi/phahmi: *Is the ice thick enough for skating?* **2** [C] (**a**) = WATER ICE (WATER): *Can I have a strawberry-ice?* (**b**) portion of ice-cream: *Two cho-ices, please*. **3** (idm) **be skating on thin ice** ⇒ **SKATE**<sup>1</sup>. **break the ice** hmaisong awk le mithar ih nom lonak kha hloter dingih tuah. **cut no ice** (with **sb**) hmual neih lomi ah zom thei lo: *His excuses cut no ice with me*. **on ice** (of wine, etc) tikhal thawn ciahmi. (**b**) (*fig*) lehnno ah hman dingih retcia, lole, ruatcianak. (**c**) (of entertainment, etc) tikhal parih (*skate*) totu pawl hmuhnak puai: *Cinderella on ice*. (**d**) (*infml*) a si rori/ngaingai/ taktak: *The deal's on ice*.

□ **ice age** leilung saklam hmun tikhal ih khuhmi san.

**ice-axe** *n* thlangpar kainak ah tikhal ceknak hreitlung.

**ice-blue** *adj, n* [U] mepian zawng a pa te asi mi.

**ice-bound** *adj* tikhal ih khuh mi, lole, tikhal ruangah cangvai thei lomi: *an ice-bound ship, harbour*.

**icebox** *n* (**a**) tikhal kuang; thil daihternak (thing)kuang. (**b**) (*esp US*) = REFRIGERATOR

**ice-breaker** *n* tikhal khuainak tangphawlawng.

**ice-cap** *n* tikhal ih khuh ringringmi ram/hmun.

**ice-cold** *adj* tikhal vekin a daimi: *an ice-cold drink*.

**ice-cream** /esp US ˈaɪskriːm/ *n* [C, U] tikhal thawn tuahmi a thlum ei tha: *a/some strawberry ice-cream*.

**ice-cube** *n* ei dingih tuahcopmi tikhal tlang

fatete,  
**ice-dancing** tikhal parih laam le lehnak.  
**ice-fall** *n* a hraap zetmi vur ih khuh mi hmun, lole vur tla-ser.  
**ice-field** *n* vur ih khuhmi hmun kaupi.  
**ice-floe** *n* ti parih a phuan mi tikhal tleep: *In spring the ice-floes break up.*  
**ice-free** *adj* (of harbour) tikhal um lo.  
**ice hockey** tikhal parih hockey lehnak (hockey=bawlung fung ih thawi).  
**ice lolly** (US **Popsicle**) tikhal thawn cawh mi ei tha thil thaw, fung zim ih retmi.  
**ice-pack** *n* tikhal dip, tisaa daihternak.  
**ice-pick** *n* tikhal khuainak thil.  
**ice-rink** *n* innsung ih phahmi tikhal lehnak dingih tuahmi.  
**ice-show** *n* zoh dingih tuahmi tikhal par lehnak.  
**ice-skate** *n* tikhal par ih fehnak dingih tuahmi but kedan. — *v* [I] tikhal phahmi paar ah feh khawt.  
**ice-skating** *n* [U].  
**ice-tray** *n* tikhal tlang fatete tuahnak khohri.  
**ice-water** *n* (esp US) in dingih tuahmi tikhal ti.  
**ice**<sup>2</sup> /aɪs/ *v* **1** [Tn] tikhal dai vekin thil daiter: *iced water/beer.* **2** (sang) vur ih khuhmi. **3** (phr *v*) **ice (sth) over/up** tikhal in a khuh theh: *The pond (was) iced over during the cold spell.* ○ *The wings of the aircraft had iced up.*  
**ice-berg** /aɪsbɜːg/ *n* **1** tiffinriat sung ih a fen mi/a um mi tikhal pi. **2** (fig) thinphan/ lungsiat/ thinheng nei lo. **3** (idm) **the tip of the iceberg** ⇒ TIP<sup>1</sup>.  
**ich-neu-mon** /ɪk'njuːmən; US -'nuː-/ (also **ichneumon-fly**) *n* midang tii parih tii a tiit theimi a fatemi cucik kharbok phunkhat.  
**ICI** /aɪ ʃɪː 'aɪ/ *abbr* Imperial Chemical Industries: *work for ICI.*  
**icicle** /aɪsɪkl/ *n* a for rero mi tidai khi a khal cih ih a thlaai-awmi, tikhal for  
**icing** /aɪsɪŋ/ (US **frosting**) *n* [U] cini, le arti hawng cawkrawi mi, kheh (cake) parih hnih theimi: *chocolate icing.*  
 □ **icing sugar** cini a vut thabik.  
**icon** (also **ikon**) /aɪkən/ *n* (in the Orthodox Church) mi thianghlim lem salhmi, kut ih suaime a si ih thil thianghlim ih ruahmi.  
**iconoclast** /aɪ'kɒnəklast/ *n* **1** mi zapi zumnak le daan pawl rak dodaltu. **2** (formerly) biaknak lam zuk pawl rak siatsuahtu.  
 ▷ **iconoclasm** /aɪ'kɒnəklastəm/ *n* [U].  
**iconoclastic** /aɪ'kɒnəklastɪk/ *adj.*  
**icy** /aɪsi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** a daaimi: *icy winds.* **2** tikhal ih khuhmi: *icy roads.* **3** (fig) mi daai zet le rualpi kom duh lo: *an icy welcome, voice, stare.*  
 ▷ **icily** /aɪsɪli/ *adv.* **iciness** *n* [U].  
**id** /ɪd/ *n* (psychology) thi aw lo mi thinlung; suahti mi thinlung. Cf EGO 1, SUPEREGO.  
**id** /aɪd/ *contracted form* **1** I had ⇒ HAVE. **2** I would

⇒ WILL<sup>1</sup>, WOULD<sup>2</sup>.

**ID** /aɪ'di/ *abbr* (esp US) identification; identity: *an ID card.*

**-ide** *suff* (chemistry) (with *ns*) compound of a particular chemical element; tong pakhat ah bet le sii hmin tongfang a cangter: *chloride* ○ *sulphide.*

**idea** /aɪdɪə/ *n* **1** [C] ruahnak: *He's full of good ideas.* ○ *That's an* (ie a good) *idea.* **2** [U, sing] ruahnak a pek theimi: *This book gives you some idea/s good idea of life in ancient Greece.* **3** [C] thu pomdan, zumnak: *He has some strange ideas.* **4** [U, sing] a si hmang ti ruahnak in, mah zumnak men in: *He had no idea she was like that.* ○ *Have you any idea what time it is?* ○ *I have an idea it's going to rain.* **5 the idea** [sing] tumtahnak, hmuitin: *The idea of the game is to get fall your pieces to the other side of the board.* **6** (used in exclamations to indicate that what has been suggested is stupid, shocking, etc) lung si lonak, aat-thlak a simi parih tong hmanmi: *The idea of it!* ○ *What an idea!* **7** (idm) **buck one's ideas up** ⇒ BUCK<sup>2</sup>. **get the idea** a thu/sim mi ciing thiam/ruat thiam: *Where did you get the idea?* **get the idea that...** thinlung sungin rak ruat/theih cia: *Where did you get the idea that she doesn't like you?* **give sb ideas** ti suak thei lo ding thu ruahnak pekmi: *Don't give her ideas—you know how difficult it is to get into films.* **have no idea** thei lo, thiam lo: *He has no idea how to manage people.* **not have the first idea about sth** a thuhla ziangkhal thei lo. **one's idea of sth** a si hmang ti ih mah ih ruahnak. **run away with the idea that...** (infml) (often used in the negative imperative) a dik lomi ruahnak cohlaang: *Don't run away with the idea that this job is going to be easy.* **the young idea** ⇒ YOUNG.

**ideal** /aɪdɪəl/ *adj* **1** thil a thabik dingih ruahmi: *ideal weather for a holiday* ○ *He's the ideal husband for us.* **2** ruahnak sung/saduhthah sung lawngih a ummi: *ideal plans for reform* ○ *ideal happiness* ○ *in an ideal world.*

▷ **ideal** *n* **1** [C, usu sing] minung lole thil pakhat hi a tha bik ti ih ruahnak: *She's looking for a job, but hasn't found her ideal yet.* **2** [C, usu pl] thil tha bik din hmun/sinak: *He finds it hard to live up to his ideals.*

**ideally** /aɪdɪəli/ *adv*: *She's ideally suited to the job.* ○ *Ideally everyone would be given equal opportunities.*

**idealism** /aɪdɪəlɪzəm/ *n* [U] a tha bik si tumnak: *Idealism has no place in modern politics.* **2** (esp in art and literature) thil pakhat khat khi a si thei lo ding nain a tha bik vekih ruah daan. Cf CLASSICISM, ROMANTICISM (ROMANTIC). **3** (philosophy) khawruah lawng hi thil takngai a si ih kan theihtheimi a si ti thu ruah dan. Cf REALISM.

▷ **idealist** /aɪdɪəlɪst/ *n* tumtahmi sang zetmi ih

tisuaq a tumtu. **ideal-istic** /aɪdɪəˈlɪstɪk/ *adj.*

**idealistically** /aɪdɪəˈlɪstɪklɪ/ *adv.*

**idealize, -ise** /aɪdɪəlaɪz/ *v* [Tn] a ʔha bik siter: *an idealized account of village life.* ▷ **idealization, -isation** /aɪdɪəlaɪzɪʃn/; *US* -lɪz-/ *n* [U, C].

**identical** /aɪdɪntɪkl/ *adj* **1** **the** ~ [attrib] a bangawmi: *This is the identical room we stayed in last year.* **2** ~ (to/with sb/sth) a bangaw zetmi: *They're wearing identical cloths.* ○ *Their clothes are identical.* ○ *This picture is identical to one my mother has.*

▷ **identically** /-klɪ/ *adv.*

□ **identical twins** mipa lole nunau sinak a bangaw ih (mipa veve lole nunau veve) a bangaw zetmi faphir.

**identify** /aɪdɪntɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **-ied**) **1** [Tn, Cn-n/a] ~ **sb/sth as sb/sth** zo a si, ziang a si ti theihfelter: *Can you identify your umbrella among this lot?* ○ *She identified the man as her attacker.* **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **sth with sth** thil pakhat thawn a bangawter: *One cannot identify happiness with wealth.* **3** (phr v) **identify (onself) with sb/sth** tha pek, lungkimpɪ lole thu pakhat/ mi pakhat thawn pehparnak nei: *He refused to identify himself/become identified with the new political party.* **identify with sb** rak bawm, pawl aw: *I found it hard to identify with any of the characters in the film.*

▷ **identification** /aɪdɪntɪfɪˈkeɪʃn/ *n* [U] **1** ziang/ zo a si ti fiang ko ih simnak: *The identification of the accident victims took some time.* **2** (abbr **ID**) zo a si ti theihnak ca: *Can I see some identification, please?* **identification parade** sualtuahtu ih puhmi kha fiangte ih theihnak a um lo tikah, midang a bang zikzik pathum-li lai thawn hnipuan thuam bangaw in ding tlaangter ih, zo bik a si ti hrilernak.

**identikit** /aɪdɪntɪkɪt/ *n* (propr) kaa ih simmi hmɛl zuk pawl hei kom khawm ih hmɛl zuk pakhat (ngah) suak dingih tuahmi zuk; mi ʔhalo pawl palik pawl ih kaih an tummi.

**identity** /aɪdɪntəti/ *n* **1** [C, U] zo a si, lole, ziang a si tinak: *There is no clue to the identity of the thief.* ○ *The cheque will be cashed on proof of identity.* ○ *This is a clear case of mistaken identity,* eg when the wrong person is arrested by mistake. **2** [U] bangaw zetnak, bangrep zet sinak.

□ **identity card** (aslo **ID Card** /aɪˈdiː kɑːd/, *n* zuk benmi zo an tinak caken (hmatpungtin kaat).

**ideogram** /aɪdɪəgræm/ (also **ideo graph** /aɪdɪəgrɑːf; *US* -græf/) *n* **1** ca asina'n a tican langternak ih nganmi zuk, eg Chinese characters. **2** thil pakhat a tican nei ih nganmi: *In this dictionary the ideogram Δ is used to mean 'taboo'.*

▷ **ideographic** /aɪdɪəˈgræfɪk/ *adj.*

**ideology** /aɪdɪˈɒlədʒi/ *n* [C, U] ʔhansonak (pursum leilawn lam) le ukawknak lam ih thupom dan, lole, mi pakhat / mi burkhat ih thupom dan: *Our*

*ideologies differ.* ○ *according to Marxist, bourgeois, monetarist, etc ideology.*

▷ **ideological** *adj* /aɪdɪəˈlɒdʒɪkl/. **ideologically** *adv* /-klɪ/.

**idiocy** /ˈɪdiəsi/ *n* **1** [U] (a) aat dan a luar zetmi: *It's sheer idiocy to go climbing in such bad weather.*

**2** [C] thil tuah dan/ umtlan dan atthlak zetmi.

**idiolect** /ˈɪdiəlekt/ *n* (linguistics) mi pakhat ih a ʔong thiam zat le hman zat: *Is the word 'psychosis' part of your idiolect?*

**idiom** /ˈɪdiəm/ *n* **1** [C] ʔong a remcang ih hman ding — a ʔongfang ih a tican siloin a sawh duhmi a tican mah ʔong dante, eg *give way, a change of heart, be hard put to it: The English language has many idioms.* **2** [U] (a) mi phunkhat ih ʔong dan: *the French idiom.* (b) mi phunkhat ih ʔong hman dan a simi. (c) sankhat khat ih ʔong hman mi (lole) mi pakhat ih ʔong hman dan a simi: *Shakespeare's idiom.*

▷ **idiomatic** /ˈɪdiəˈmætɪk/ *adj* (a) ʔong hman dan phunkhat: *She speaks fluent and idiomatic French.* (b) ʔong hman dan ih a sawh duhmi a telmi: *an idiomatic expression, language.*

**idiomatically** /-klɪ/ *adv.*

**idiosyncrasy** /ˈɪdiəˌsɪŋkrəsi/ *n* thu ruahdan le umdan midang mi zaraan thawn a bang lo mi (umdan a phundang deuhmi): *One of her little idiosyncrasies is always washing in cold water.*

▷ **idiosyncratic** /ˈɪdiəˌsɪŋkrætɪk/ *adj.*

**idiot** /ˈɪdiət/ *n* **1** (infml) ruahnak neilo, mi aa bembem: *What an idiot I was to leave my suitcase on the train.* **2** mi zaraan neihmi thu ruah theinak a nei lomɪ: *an idiot since birth.*

▷ **idiotic** /ˈɪdiətiːk/ *adj* aat hna/ aat thlak: *Don't be idiotic!* **idiotically** /-klɪ/ *adv.*

**idle** /aɪdl/ *adj* (-r, -st) **1** (a) tuah ding nei lo, tuahmi nei lo: *Many people were iddle during the depression.* (b) cangvai lo, lole, hman lo ih um: *The factory machines lay idle during the workers' strike.* **2** (of time) tuahmi nei lo ih caan cemter men: *We spent many idle hours just sitting in the sun.* **3** (of people) hnaʔuan paih lo, zaangzel: *an idle, useless student.* **4** [usu attrib] mannei lo santlai lo, ziang hrang ʔha lo, thulolak men: *an idle threat/promise* ○ *idle curiosity/gossip/speculation* ○ *It's idle to expect help from him.* **5** (idm) **the devil makes work for idle hands** ⇒ DEVIL<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **idle v** **1** [I, Ip] ~ (about) umlak ih caan cemter: *Stop idling and help me clean up.* **2** [I] (of an engine) her lo in um; hnaʔuan lo. **3** (phr v) a lak ih cemter: *idle away the hours watching TV.*

**idler** /aɪdlə(r)/ *n.*

**idleness** *n* [U].

**idly** /aɪdlɪ/ *adv.*

**idol** /aɪdl/ *n* **1** lungto, thing tivek ih tuahmi pathian lem/zuk. **2** mi ih sunlawih zetmi le duh zetmi: *As an only child he was the idol of his parents.* ○ *The Beatles were the pop idols of the 60's.*

## idolater

**idolater** /aɪ'dɒlətə(r)/ (fem **idolateress** /aɪ'dɒlətrɪs/) *n* lemzuk biaktu.

▷ **idolatrous** /aɪ'dɒlətrəs/ *adj* (a) lemzuk bia. (b) zukbiak vek a simi/ zukbiak thawn a bang awmi: *an idolatrous love of material wealth.*

**idolatrously** /-li/ *adv*.

**idolatry** /aɪ'dɒlətri/ *n* [U] (a) zuk biaknak. (b) nun pek zet le sunlawih zetmi: *He supports his local team with a fervour that borders on idolatry.*

**idolize, -ise** /aɪ'dəlaɪz/ *v* [Tn] (a) mi pakhat, lole, thil pakhat zukbiak tluk ih hei neihmi. (b) uar tuk, sunlawih zet: *idolize a pop group.*

▷ **idolization, -isation** /aɪ'dəlaɪzeɪʃn/ *n* [U] luar tuk ih uarnak.

**idyll** /'ɪdl/; US 'aɪdl/ *n* 1 khawte ram mawimi connak hla bezai. 2 thil zohnuam.

▷ **idyllic** /'ɪdlɪk/; US aɪd-/ *adj* daaite le mawite: *an idyllic setting, holiday, marriage.*

**idyllically** /-kli/ *adv*: *idyllically happy.*

**ie** /aɪ/; *abbr* that is to say; in other words (Latin *id est*); ti duhmi cu: *Hot drinks, ie tea and coffee, are charged for separately.* ⇒ Usage at viz.

**-ie** ⇒ Y<sup>2</sup>.

**if** /ɪf/ *conj* 1 ahcun, lekhaw (a) (used with the present and present perfect tenses for highly predictable situations) a si le: *I'll only stay if you offer me more money* ○ *If you have finished eating you may leave the table.* ○ *If (it is) necessary I will come at 6.* ○ *You can stay to dinner if you like.* ○ *If anyone calls tell them I'm not at home.* ○ (fml) *If the patient should vomit, turn him over with his head to the side.* (b) (used with a past tense for imaginary situations): *If you learned to type you would easily find a job.* ○ *If he were here I could explain to him myself.* ○ *If I was a man they would have given me the job.* ○ *Would she tell us the truth if we asked her?* ○ *If you liked (ie With your approval) I could ask my brother to look at your car.* ○ *They would have been here by now if they'd caught the early train.* ○ *I wouldn't have believed it possible, if I hadn't seen it happen.* ⇒ Usage at UNLESS. 2 tikah: *If metal gets hot it expands.* ○ *She glares at me if I go near her desk.* 3 (used with will and would as the first part of a sentence when making a polite request) diilnak um tik ih thlak hmaisami ʃɒŋfɑŋ: *If you will sit down for a few moments (ie Please sit down and) I'll tell the manager you're here.* ○ *If you would care to leave your name, we'll get in touch as soon as possible.* 4 (used after ask, know, find out, wonder, etc to introduce alternatives): *Do you know if he's married?* ○ *I wonder if I should wear a hat.* ○ *He couldn't tell if she was laughing or crying.* ○ *Listen to the tune — see if you can remember the words.* 5 (used after *vs* or *adjs* expressing feelings): *I am sorry if I'm disturbing you.* ○ *I'd be grateful if you would keep it a secret* ○ *Do you mind if I switch the radio off?*

6 (also **even if**) a si hman ah: *If he said that, he didn't expect you to take it personally.* ○ *Even if you saw him pick up the money, you can't be sure he stole it.* 7 (used before an *adj* to introduce a contrast): *It was thoughtless if well-meaning.* ○ *He's a real gentleman, if a little pompous at times.* 8 (used to express surprise, astonishment, dismay, etc): *If it isn't my old friend Bob Thomson — what a coincidence!* ○ *If that's not the best idea I've heard in a long time!* ○ *If he hasn't gone and got into trouble with the police!* 9 (used before you think, ask, remember, etc to invite sb to listen to one's opinion): *If you ask me, she's too scared to do it.* ○ *If you think about it, those children must be grown-up by now.* ○ *If you remember, Mary was always fond of animals.* 10 (idm) **if an when** (used to express uncertainty about a possible event in the future) tikah le, lekhaw: *If and when we ever meet again I hope he remembers to thank me.* **if I were you; if I was/were in your shoes/place** (used to express a tentative opinion or after a negative statement to say that he opposite is true) si ningla: *I'd say he was more like his father, if anything.* ○ *He's not thin — if anything he's rather on the plump side.* **if not** (a) (used after if and a *v* in the present or present perfect tense) hrih lo lekhaw: *I'll go if you're going — if not I'd rather stay at home.* ○ *If you've finished we can have a coffee — if not, you'd better keep working.* (b) (used after a *yes/no* question to give a promise, warning, etc): *Are you ready? If not, I'm going without you.* **if only** (a) (used to express a wish with reference to present or future time) sita ningla: *If only I were rich.* ○ *If only I could swim.* ○ *If only I know her name.* ○ *If only it would stop raining.* ○ *If only they would tell me what they've decided.* (b) (used to express a wish that past events had been different) rak sita sehla: *If only he'd remembered to buy some fruit.* ○ *If only I had gone by taxi.* **only if** (when used at the beginning of a sentence, making the *v* in the following clause precede its subject) tik lawngah: *Only if a teacher has give permission is a student allowed to enter this room.* ○ *Only if the red light comes on is there any danger to employees.* ▷ **if n** (infml) 1 theihthei hrih lomi, lekhaw: *if he wins—and it's a big if—he'll be the first Englishman to win for twenty years.* 2 (idm) **ifs and buts** lekhaw, asinain ti: *Now I'm not having any ifs and buts — it's cold showers for everyone before breakfast tomorrow.*

**NOTE ON USAGE:** Both **if** and **whether** are used in reporting questions which invite yes/no answers or offer a choice between alternatives: ('Do you want a drink?') *He asked whether/if we wanted a drink.* ○ *He didn't know whether/if we*



should write or phone. **Whether** (NOT **if**) can be followed by an infinitive: *I'm not sure whether to resign or stay on.* After a preposition **whether** must be used: *It depends on whether the letter arrives in time.* **Whether** is also used when the clause it begins is the subject of a sentence: *Whether they win or lose is all the same to me.* **Whether** (NOT **if**) can be immediately followed by 'or not': *I'll be happy whether or not I get the job* (compare: *I'll be happy whether/if I get the job or not*).

**-ify** (also **-fy**) *suff* (with *ns* and *adjs* forming *vs*)  
verb *ih* cangternak: *solidify* ○ *speechify*.

**igloo** /ɪɡluː/ *n* (*pl* ~s) Eskimo pawl *ih* umnak vur inn.

**igneous** /ɪɡniəs/ *adj* (*geology*) (of rocks) meisa tlang a satnak ruangah lungto a ti *ih* a daih tikah a khalmi lungto.

**ignite** /ɪɡnaɪt/ *v* [*I*, *Tn*] mei a khang, mei a nawk: *Petrol ignites very easily.* ○ *He struck as match ignited the fuse.*

▷ **ignition** /ɪɡnɪʃn/ *n* **1** [*U*] meisa khater. **2** [*C*] daatsi inzin *ih* mei alhtertu electric thil: *switch/turn on the ignition.*

**ignoble** /ɪɡnəʊbl/ *adj* upat tlak lo, zahthlak a si mi: *an ignoble person, action.*

▷ **ignobly** /-nəʊbli/ *adv.*

**ignominy** /ɪɡnəˈmɪni/ [*U*] (*esp* public) ningzah mualphonak: *the ignominy of defeat.*

▷ **ignominious** /ɪɡnəˈmɪniəs/ *adj* ningzakza a simi: *an ignominious defeat.* **ignominiously** *adv.*

**ignoramus** /ɪɡnəˈreɪməs/ *n* (*pl* ~ **es** /-sɪz/) mi aa, thil theithiam lo zet pa/nu.

**ignorance** /ɪɡnərəns/ *n* [*U*] ~ (**of sth**) thu theih lonak: *We are in complete ignorance of your plans.* ○ *If he did wrong it was only through ignorance.*

**ignorant** /ɪɡnərənt/ *adj* **1** (**a**) ~ (**of sth**) thutheihnak nei lo, calai thiam lo, theihnak um lo, rak thei ngah lo: *He's not stupid, just ignorant.* ○ *To say you were ignorant of the rules is no excuse.* (**b**) thei lo sinak/ thei lo dinhmun: *an ignorant stare, look, etc.* **2** (*infml*) theih mi nei lo ruangih um dan thiam lomi: *His ignorant behaviour at the dinner table caused much embarrassment.*

▷ **ignorantly** *adv.*

**ignore** /ɪɡˈnɔː(r)/ *v* [*Tn*] **1** theihpi duh lo, hmuhipi duh lo, ziang siar lo: *You've been ignoring me.* ○ *I can't ignore his rudeness any longer.* ○ *ignore criticism.* **2** biak/ thei duh lo hrim: *I said hello to her, but she ignored me completely!*

**iguana** /ɪɡwɑːnə/ America ram a satnak hmun *ih* um laiking tumpi.

**ikon** = *ICON*.

**il-** ⇒ *IN*-<sup>2</sup>

**ilex** /aɪleks/ *n* (*pl* ~ **es**) **1** (*botany*) thingkung phunkhat. **2** (also **holm-oak**) Thilthing phunkhat.

**ilk** /ɪlk/ *n* (*idm*) **of that/the same/his, her, etc ilk** (*infml joc*) phunkhat a simi, amah vek a simi: *I can't stand him, or any others of that/his ilk.*

**ill**<sup>1</sup> /ɪl/ *adv* (*esp* in compounds) **1** nasa zet in, besia zet in, tusual zet in: *an ill-written book* ○ *Their children are ill cared for*, ie neglected. Cf *WELL*<sup>3</sup> 1a. **2** duhzawng loin, duhlonak in: *speak/think ill of sb.* Cf *WELL*<sup>3</sup> 1b. **3** harsatnak thawng/harsa zet in: *We can ill afford the time or money for a holiday.* **4** (*idm*) **augur well/ill for sb/sth** ⇒ *AUGUR.* **bode well/ill** ⇒ *BODE.* **deserve well/ill of sb** ⇒ *DESERVE.* **ill at ease** uncomfortable; embarrassed. **wish sb well/ill** ⇒ *WISH v.*

□ **ill-advised** *adj* aat hna, thulolak a simi: *an ill-advised meeting.*

**ill-advisedly** /ɪlədˈvaɪzɪdli/ *adv.*

**ill-assorted** *adj* a si lolo cokrawimi: *an ill-assorted collection of shoes* ○ *They make an ill-assorted couple*, ie don't seem well suited to each other.

**ill-bred** *adj* nundan dik loih um, ziaza sia: *an ill-bred child.* Cf *WELL-BRED* (*WELL*<sup>3</sup>). **ill breeding** ziaza sia; nu le pa tha sungih suak bang lomi.

**ill-considered** *adj* thate *ih* ruat lomi: *an ill-considered act.*

**ill-defined** *adj* **1** felfai te *ih* simfiang lomi/ a fiang lomi: *an ill-defined job.* **2** a tlangpi in theithehi a si lomi: *an ill-defined lump of rock on the horizon.*

**ill-disposed** *adj* ~ (**towards sb/sth**) (*fml*) kom-awk tha a si lomi, rem lomi, ngaihzawng lo; duhsak lomi: *She's very ill-disposed towards her neighbours.* Cf *WELL-DISPOSED* (*WELL*<sup>3</sup>).

**ill-fated** *adj* vanduinak ummi; vansiatak a simi: *an ill-fated expedition.*

**ill-favoured** *adj* (*fml*) (*esp* of people) duhnung lo, zohsia mi.

**ill-founded** *adj* thutak le thudik *ih* a ding lomi, hrambun lomi: *ill-founded claims, assumptions, suspicious etc.*

**ill-gotten** *adj* (*date or joc*) hrawhhrawnak thawng ngahmi: *ill-gotten gains.*

**ill-judged** *adj* remcang lomi, a tikcu lopi *ih* ti sualmi: *an ill-judged rescue attempt.*

**ill-mannered** *adj* zohmawi loih um, rude.

**ill-natured** *adj* thinsia/ thintawi; zaangfahnak um lo/ nei lo: *an ill-natured person, comment.*

**ill-omened, ill-starred** *adjs* (*rhet*) vansiatak vansi.

**ill-timed** *adj* tikcu remcang lo caan *ih* tuah le a cangmi: *Our visit was ill-timed — my mother had guests already.* Cf *WELL-TIMED* (*WELL*<sup>3</sup>).

**ill-treat, ill-use** *vs* [*Tn*] tuahsiat, thate'n hmang lo: *ill-treat one's dog.*

**ill-treatment, ill-usage** *ns* [*U*].

**ill**<sup>2</sup> /ɪl/ *adj* **1** (*US* usu **sick**) [*usu pred*] naa, dam lo (titsa, lole, thinglung in): *He's been ill for two weeks.* ○ *She fell ill/was taken ill suddenly.* ⇒ *Usage at SICK.* **2** [*attrib*] (**a**) tha lo, sia: *ill health*

○ *people of ill repute*, ie with a bad reputation. (b) tihnung, natnak ngah theimi: *suffer no ill effects*. (c) duh lo mi, ngaih lo mi, remlonak nei mi: *bear sb no ill will* ○ *You ought to apologize and show there is no ill feeling between you*. **3** [attrib] lungkim zawng lo: *ill luck* ○ *a bird of ill omen*, ie one thought to bring bad luck. **4** (idm) **it's an ill wind (that blows nobody any good)** (*saying*) thil hrekhat cu an siava tukih zohman thatnak an pe lo.  
▷ **ill** *n* (fml) **1** [U] siatnak, thil thalo, thatlonak: *I wish him no ill*. **2** [C usu pl] buainak, harsatnak: *the various ills of life*.

**P'll** /aɪl/ *contracted form* I will ⇒ WILL.

**illegal** /ɪ'lɪɡl/ *adj* upadi ralsanmi, upadi leng.

▷ **illegality** /ɪ'lɪɡæləti/ *n* **1** [U] upadi thawn a kalh-awmi sinak/ upadi lengih thil ummi/ tuahmi. **2** [C] upadi thawn kalhaw ih thil tuahmi.

**illegally** /-gebl/ *adv*: *an illegally parked car*.

**illegible** /ɪ'lɛdʒəbl/ (also **unreadable**) *adj* (kut ngan) siar theih lomi: *an illegible signature*.

▷ **illegibility** /ɪ'lɛdʒəbɪləti/ *n* [U]. **illegibly** /-əbl/ *adv*.

**illegitimate** /ɪ'lɪdʒɪtɪmət/ *adj* **1** fasawn a simi (thitum lo ih fa): *an illegitimate child* ○ *She's illegitimate*. **2** upadi ih duh lomi/daan a si lomi: *illegitimate use of company property*. **3** (of a conclusion in an argument, etc) sullam a nei lomi/ a si lomi.

▷ **illegitimacy** /ɪ'lɪdʒɪtɪməsi/ *n* [U].

**illegitimately** *adv*.

**illiberal** /ɪ'lɪbəərəl/ *adj* (fml) **1** (a) ruahnak fiak/ ruat sau lo: *illiberal attitudes*. (b) nunphung zia nei lomi: *an illiberal upbringing*. **2** tirhfak: *illiberal helpings of food*.

▷ **illiberality** /ɪ'lɪbə'ræləti/ *n* [U].

**illiberally** /-rəli/ *adv*.

**illicit** /ɪ'lɪsɪt/ *adj* (a) upadi ih sianmi/thlakmi a si lo/upadi leng: *the illicit sale of drugs*. (b) daan leng a simi: *an illicit relationship*.

▷ **illicitly** *adv*.

**illiterate** /ɪ'lɪtərət/ *adj* **1** (a) casiar, cangan thiam lomi: *an illiterate child*. Cf UNLETTERED. (b) ca ngan dan a dik lo: *an illiterate letter*, ie one that contains many mistakes of spelling and grammar. **2** (a) ca thiamnak a nei lomi/ca thiam lo: *You must be illiterate if you've never heard of Marx*. (b) thil thuhla pakhat khat ah zianghman theihnak nei lomi: *be scientifically illiterate*.

▷ **illiteracy** /ɪ'lɪtərəsi/ *n* [U] ca thiam lo sinak/ca thiam lonak: *Illiteracy is a major problem in some developing countries*.

**illiterate** *n* ca thiam lo.

**illness** /ɪ'lɪnɪs/ *n* **1** [U] natnak (taksa le thinlung) damlonak: *We've had a lot of illness in the family*. **2** [C] dam lo sung/nat caan, nat sung: *serious illnesses* ○ *recovering after a long illness*.

**illogical** /ɪ'lɒdʒɪkl/ *adj* **1** thu ruahdan dik lomi: *It*

*seems illogical to change the timetable so often*.

**2** thudik thawn a kalh awmi/thu ruahdan a dik lomi: *an illogical conclusion*.

▷ **illogicality** /ɪ'lɒdʒɪ'kæləti/ *n* [C, U].

**illogically** /-kli/ *adv*.

**illuminate** /ɪ'lʊːmɪneɪt/ *v* [Tn] **1** vangter, mei hei vang: *a football pitch illuminated with floodlights*.

**2** thil poihai hrangih meisa tleuzet ih vang: *illuminate a street, building, etc*. **3** (esp formerly) cabu a phaw mawizet ih tuah. **4** (fml) fiangter;

fiahter: *illuminate a difficult passage in a book*.

▷ **illuminating** *adj* taarlang, langter thei: *an illuminating analysis, talk, etc*.

**illumination** /ɪ'lʊːmɪ'neɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] vaanternak/ vaangnak. **2** **illuminations** [pl] (Brit) puai tivek hrangih khawlak mei vanmi: *the Christmas illuminations in the high street*. **3** [C usu pl] a pianzia (rong) phun kim hmanh ih kut ih thil suai (zuk) mi.

**illusion** /ɪ'lʊːzn/ *n* **1** (a) [C] ruah dan dik lomi/a pengmi/ruahsualnak: *I have no illusions about my ability*, ie I know that I am not very able. ○ *We're left with few illusions about our ally*. (b) [U] ruatthelh sualnak: *You think that, do you, Pure illusion!* **2** [C] a um lopi um ti ih hmuhsualnak: *an optical illusion* ○ *In the hot sun the surface of the road seems wet, but that is only an illusion*. **3** (idm) **be under an/the illusion (that ...)** ruat thelh/ruah sualnak: *I was under the illusion that he was honest until he was caught stealing some money*.

▷ **illusionist** /-zənɪst/ *n* thil thiamnak in mibum thiamtu (kut ke hmanthiamnak in mibum theitu) mit dawi thiam.

**illusive** /ɪ'lʊːsɪv/, **illusory** /ɪ'lʊːsəri/ *adjs* theih sual theimi/ruah sual a olmi.

**illustrate** /ɪ'ləstreɪt/ *v* [Tn] **1** zuk le thil suaimi thawn fiangter: *illustrate a book, magazine, lecture* ○ *a well illustrated text book*. **2** (a) thuþhimnak thawn, zuk le thil suai mi hmanh in simfiang: *To illustrate my point I have done a comparative analysis*. (b) zohþhim ding si ding: *This behaviour illustrates your selfishness*.

▷ **illustration** /ɪlə'streɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] thilri hmanh ghrihfhiahnak: *the art of book illustration* ○ *Illustration is often more useful than definition for showing what words mean*. **2** [C] cabu ah pung (zuk) suai mi (a tican zuk suai ih langter mi): *colour illustrations*. **3** [C] thuþhimnak hmanh gh simfiangnak.

**illustrative** /ɪ'ləstrətɪv; US ɪ'læs-/ *adj* tahþhimnak thawn langtermi/a sinak langtermi: *an illustrative quotation* ○ *That outburst was illustrative of her bad temper*.

**illustrator** *n* zuku suai ih simfiangtu.

**illustrious** /ɪ'ləstriəs/ *adj* hminthang le mi lar, theih tammi.

▷ **illustriously** *adv*.

**ILO** /aɪ el 'əʊ/ *abbr* International Labour

Organization.

**im-** ⇒ IN<sup>-1</sup>, IN<sup>-2</sup>.

**I'm** /aɪm/ contracted form I am ⇒ BE.

**image** /ɪmɪdʒ/ **n** **1** (a) minung, lole, thil pakhat ih pianzia vekin, lungto, lole, thing ih tuahmi milem: *carved images*. (b) [sing] (arch) bangaw zet: *According to the Bible, God created man in his image*. **2** [C] maih ruahnak in thil suaimi/ zuk langtermi: *I have this image of you as always being cheerful*. **3** [C] a tlangpi in sinak a lang mi—mipi ih hmuh dan: *How can we improve our (public) image?* **4** [C] ðong hmndaan; ðongthinnak: *a poem full of startling images*. **5** [C] thlalang le durbing sungih hmel lang dan. **6** (idm) **be the (very/living/spitting) image of sb/sth** (infml) mi pakhat, thil pakhat thawn a bangaw zet mi: *She's the (spitting) image of her mother*.

▷ **imagery** /ɪmɪdʒəri/ **n** [U] **1** midang thinlung sungah zuk vekih langter thei dingih thu simnak: *poetic imagery*. **2** lungto/thing/thir tivek in thil le minung vek tuahmi lem.

**imaginable** /ɪmædʒɪnəbl/ **adj** ruah ban/ruah thei a simi: *We had the greatest difficulty imaginable getting here in time*.

**imaginary** /ɪmædʒɪnəri/ **US** -ənəri/ **adj** a taktak si lomi, thinlung mitthlam sung lawng ih a langmi: *imaginary fears*.

**imagination** /ɪmædʒɪˈneɪʃn/ **n** **1** (a) [U, C] ruahnak in zuk vekin a langnak, ruahnak: *He hasn't much imagination*. ○ *Her talk captured (ie gripped and stimulated) the imagination of the whole class*. (b) [C] zukvek/asi ngai vekin thinlung ah neihmi; khuaruat: *In my imagination, I thought I heard her calling me*. **2** [U] nun ih hman theinak, lole, thil thar suahternak: *His writing lacks imagination*. ○ *Use your imagination to find an answer*. **3** [U] thutak siloin, thinlung ruahnak: *I can't have seen a ghost—it must have been an imagination*. ○ *Is it my imagination or have you lost as lot of weight?* **4** (idm) **the mind/imagination boggles** ⇒ BOGGLE. **not by any/by no stretch of the imagination** ⇒ STRETCH **n**.

▷ **imaginative** /ɪmædʒɪnətɪv/ **US** -ənətɪv/ **adj** ruahnak nei; khua a ruat thiam: *an imaginative child, writer, production*. **imaginatively** **adv**.

**imagine** /ɪmæɪnʒ/ **v** **1** [Tn, Tf, Tw, Tg, Tsg, Cn-a, Cn-pr, Cn-t] thinlung, mit in thil pakhat zuk suai (zuk): *Imagine a house with a big garden*. ○ *Imagine that you are in London*. ○ *Can you imagine what it would be like to live without electricity?* ○ *She imagined walking into the office and telling everyone what she thought of them*. **2** [Tf, Tw, Tg, Tsg] thil pakhat a si thei/ cang thei ti ih ruat: *I can't imagine that anyone cares what I do*. ○ *I can't imagine living (ie don't think I shall ever live) anywhere but England*. ○ *Would you ever have imagined him/his becoming*

*a politician?* **3** [Tn, Tf] sibang sehla: *I imagine (that) he'll be there*.

**imam** /ɪˈmaːm/ **n** **1** Muslim biakinn sungih thlacamnak hruiatu. **2** **Imam** Muslim biaknak ih hotu (hruiatu) pawl kawhnak hmin.

**imbalance** /ɪmˈbæləns/ **n** a bang aw thei lomi, a ruangaw lomi: *The current trade deficit indicates a serious imbalance between our import and export trade*.

**imbecile** /ɪmbəsɪl/ **US** -sl/ **n** (a) (esp adult) ruahnak/theihnak ah hawi bang lomi. (b) (infml) mi aa, thuruah nei lo.

▷ **imbecile, imbecilic** **adjs** [usu attrib] aa; fiim lo: *an imbecile remark* ○ *imbecile behaviour*.

**imbecility** /ɪmbəsɪləti/ **n** **1** [U] aat thu, aatnak. **2** [C] aat hna.

**imbibe** /ɪmˈbaɪb/ **v** **1** [I, Tn] (fml or joc) thil ti in (a bik ah zu): *Are you imbibing?* **2** [Tn] (fig) daw, zuuk, hiip: *imbibe fresh air, knowledge*.

**imbroglio** /ɪmˈbrɒʒliəʊ/ **n** (pl ~s /-z/) hnok celcel mi thil um dan (uk dan, lole, thinlung buai).

**imbue** /ɪmˈbjuː/ **v** [Tn-pr, esp passive] ~ **sb/sth with sth** (fml) mi thinlung khatter, thoter: *imbued with patriotism, ambition, love, etc*. ○ *politicians imbued with a sense of their own importance*.

**IMF** /aɪ ɛm ˈef/ **abbr** International Monetary Fund.

**imitate** /ɪmɪteɪt/ **v** [Tn] **1** mi ih um dan/ thil pakhat um dan cawng: *Decide what you want to do; don't just imitate others*. **2** mi pakhat ih ðong dan/um dan, thomaw, dan, aw tivek cawng: *He's clever at imitating his friends*. **3** thil pakhat/ mi pakhat vek hei si: *The stage was designed to imitate a prison cell*.

▷ **imitator** **n** cawngtu.

**imitation** /ɪmɪˈteɪʃn/ **n** **1** [C] cawncopmi/ a tak vekin a si mi/ a lem: *That's not an original Rembrandt, it's an imitation*. ○ [attrib] *imitation leather, jewellery, etc*. **2** [U] cawng ih tuah: *learn sth by imitation* ○ *The house was built in imitations of Roman villa*. **3** [C] midang pakhat va siter; midang ih aw, umdan cawng: *an entertainer who does hilarious imitations of politician's voices*.

**imitative** /ɪmɪtətɪv/ **US** -tətɪv/ **adj** a tak vek ih tuahmi cawncop: *His style of public speaking is imitative of the prime minister*. ○ *Sculpture is an imitative art, ie it copies people things, etc from real life*.

**immaculate** /ɪmækjələt/ **adj** (approx) **1** thiangfai tawp, baal a kop hrimhrim lomi: *an immaculate uniform*. **2** a terek (a fate bik) tiang a hmaan le a dikmi: *an immaculate performance*.

▷ **immaculately** **adv**: *immaculately dressed*.

□ **the Immaculate Conception** Roman Catholic (RC) pawlih zirh-awknak ah Thianghlim Mary cu faa a pawl vete'n sualnak a nei lo ti a si.

**immanent** /ɪmənənt/ **adj** ~ (in sth) **1** suahkeh ih umcia zomi: *He believed that beauty was not*

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something imposed, but something immanent. **2** (of God) lei le van ah khat thluh in a um ringringmi (Pathian sinak in).

▷ **immanence** /-əns/ *n* [U].

**immaterial** /ɪmə'tiəriəl/ *adj* **1** ~ (to sb) poi lomi, thupilo: *The cost is immaterial.* ○ *It is immaterial (to me) whether he stays or leaves.* **2** hmuh le tham theih lo: *as immaterial as a ghost.*

**immature** /ɪmə'tjʊə(r)/ *US -tʊər/ adj* **1** thinlung ruahnak puitling lomi: *He's very immature for his age.* **2** thanlennak ah puitling hrih lomi: *immature plants.*

▷ **immaturity** /ɪmə'tjʊərəti/ *US -tʊər/ n* [U].

**immeasurable** /ɪ'meʒərəbl/ *adj* a kauh le a tumzia tah thei lomi: *the immeasurable depths of the universe.*

▷ **immeasurably** /-bli/ *adv*: *Your presence has enriched our lives immeasurably.* ○ *The task seems immeasurably difficult.*

**immediate** /ɪ'mi:diət/ *adj* **1** (a) thil a cang lohli, hmakhat te ah: *I want an immediate reply.* ○ *The response of the people to the famine appeal was immediate.* ○ *take immediate action.* (b) [usu attrib] atu laifang te: *Our immediate concern is for/with the families of those who died.* **2** [attrib] tikcu a nai bik, poimawh caan, a nai bik a si mi: *What are your plans for the immediate future?* ○ *There's no post office in the immediate neighborhood.* ○ *his immediate predecessor* ○ *one's immediate family*, ie parents, children, brothers and sisters. **3** [attrib] a karlak ah a dangtu a um lomi: *The immediate cause of death is unknown.*

▷ **immediacy** /-əsi/ (also **immediateness**) *n* [U] thil pakhat a sinak thawn a nai bikmi, lole, thil hei ti lohli ding a simi: *the immediacy of the war, as seen on television* ○ *the immediacy of the problem.*

**immediately** *adv* **1** hmakhat te ah, khulfung loin: *She answered almost immediately.* ○ *The purpose may not be immediately evident.* **2** a naih bik a simi tikcu, lole, hmun: *in the years immediately after the war* ○ *fix the lock immediately below the handle.* **3** a nai zet, lole, a zom-awmi: *the houses most immediately affected by the motorway.* — *conj* (esp Brit) as soon as; *vete in: I recognized her immediately I saw her.*

**immemorial** /ɪmə'mɔ:riəl/ *adj* (fml or rhet) **1** cinban lo sungin. **2** (idm) cinban lo caan ih thok in: **from/since time immemorial** ⇒ **TIME**.

**immense** /ɪ'mens/ *adj* a tumzet: *immense difficulties, problems, possibilities, etc* ○ *of immense importance.*

▷ **immensely** *adv* maksak zet in: *immensely popular, rich, successful, etc.* ○ *They enjoyed the film immensely.*

**immensity** /ɪ'mensəti/ *n* [U] a kauhnak; a tumpi sinak: *the immensity of the universe.*

**immerse** /ɪ'mɜ:s/ *v* [Tn Tn-pr] **1** ~ sth (in sth) tidai ah phum, ti ah hniim lole: *Immerse the plant (in water) for a few minutes.* **2** ~ oneself (in sth) thil pakhat (thu) ah thinlung zate pek: *be immersed in thought, one's business, a book* ○ *He immersed himself totally in his work.*

▷ **immersion** /ɪ'mɜ:ʃn/ *US -ʒn/ n* [U] **1** tihnim. **2** tihnimnak, tipilnak. **immersion heater** electric ih tidai satternak.

**immigrate** /ɪ'migreɪt/ *v* [I. Ipr] ~ (to/into ...) ramdangih va vaih. Cf **EMIGRATE**.

▷ **immigrant** /ɪ'migreɪnt/ *n* ramdangih umta ding mivai: *Irish immigrants* ○ *illegal immigrants* ○ [attrib] *the immigrant population.*

**immigration** /ɪ'mɪgreɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U, C] vaih thu/va vaihnak: *restrictions on immigration* ○ [attrib] *immigration officials* ○ *immigration controls.* **2** [U] (also **immigration control**) vanzam le timbaw cawlhnak hmun ih ramdang in a ra mi pawl an caken pawl ceknak zung: *go/pass through immigration.*

**imminent** /ɪ'mɪnənt/ *adj* (esp of **unpleasant events**) a ra cang dingmi (thil duhnung lomi): *no warning of imminent danger* ○ *An announcement of further cuts in government expenditure is imminent.*

▷ **imminence** /-ens/ *n* [U]: *the imminence of nuclear war.* **imminently** *adv*.

**immobile** /ɪ'məʊbaɪl/ *US -bl/ adj* **1** a cangvai thei lo, thawn a theih lomi: *Her illness has made her completely immobile.* **2** thawn lo te'n a ummi: *The deer stood immobile among the trees.*

▷ **immobility** /ɪ'mə'bɪləti/ *n* [U] cangvai thei lonak.

**immobilize, -ise** *v* [Tn] **1** cangvaiter lo: *A whole tank regiment was completely immobilized by enemy air attacks.* ○ *This alarm immobilizes the car.* ○ *The firm has been immobilized by a series of strikes.* **2** mi naa, kut ke kiakmi dam seh tiah cang thei lo ih tuah.

**immobilization, -isation** /ɪ'məʊbəlaɪ'zəʃn/ *US -lɪz-/ n* [U].

**immoderate** /ɪ'mɒdərət/ *adj* a tawkwawn lo, a hleifuan tuk: *immoderate eating/drinking habits.*

▷ **immoderately** *adv*.

**immodest** /ɪ'mɒdɪst/ *adj* felfai lo/ fel lo (nupa sualnak ah); thil mawi lo (a tha lo): *immodest talk, behaviour, etc.* **2** mah le mah khaisang aw, zum aw zet: *If I may be immodest for a moment, let me tell you about the latest book that I've written.*

▷ **immodestly** *adv*. **immodesty** *n* [U].

**immolate** /ɪ'məleɪt/ *v* [Tn] (fml) mi pakhat raithawinak ih thah.

▷ **immolation** /ɪ'mə'leɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**immoral** /ɪ'mɒrəl *US* /ɪ'mɔ:rəl/ *adj* **1** ziaza sia, nun thiang lomi: *It's immoral to steal.* **2** nu le pa pawl-awknak ah ziaza tha lo ih nungmi: *Some*



people still think it is immoral to have sex before marriage. ○ an immoral young man ○ immoral earnings, eg from prostitution.

▷ **immorality** /ɪməˈræləti/ *n* [U] ziaza siatnak; nun thiàng lo nun: a life of immorality.

**immorally** /-rəli/ *adv*: behave immorally. Cf AMORAL.

**immortal** /ɪmɔːtl/ *adj* **1** nung ringring, thi thei lomi: *The soul is immortal.* **2** (a) a kumkhua hminthang ringringmi, cin ringring ding a simi: *the immortal Shakespeare.* (b) rei a daihmi: *immortal fame/glory.*

▷ **immortal** *n* (usu *pl*) **1** reipi tiàng hminthangmi milai: *Beethoven is regarded as one of the immortals of classical music.* **2** thih ti a um lomi, kumkhua nungmi, a hleice in khuahlan Greece le Rome pathian pawl.

**immortality** /ɪmɔːtələti/ *n* [U] thi thei lo sinak: *man's belief in immortality.*

**immortalize, -ise** /ɪmɔːtəlaɪz/ *v* [Tn] kumkhua nungter, hminthangter: *Wigan pier, as immortalized in George Orwell's book 'The Road to Wigan Pier'.*

**immovable** /ɪmuːvəb/ *adj* **1** thawn a theih lomi: *an immovable stone column* ○ (law) *immovable property*, eg buildings and land. **2** a thlengaw lomi: *immovable in purpose, intent, etc.*

▷ **immovably** /-əbli/ *adv*.

**immune** /ɪmjuːn/ *adj* [usu *pred*] **1** ~ (to/against *sth*) a naa thei lomi/natnak ih neh lomi: *I'm immune to smallpox as a result of vaccination.* **2** ~ (to *sth*) thil pakhat khat in a poimawhter thei lomi: *immune to criticism, abuse, opposition, etc.* **3** ~ (from *sth*) thil pakhat cang lo ding in a khammi, luatmi: *immune from additional taxes* ○ *immune from prosecution.*

▷ **immunity** /ɪmjuːnəti/ *n* [U] **1** ~ (to/against *sth*) nat khamtheinak, nat suan-awknak kham theinak (nat kham): *immunity to measles* ○ *This vaccine will give you immunity for two years.* **2** ~ (to/*sth*) poisatter lonak; thei lonak: *immunity to criticism.* **3** ~ (from *sth*) mi ih mawhpup thei lonak, luatternak: *immunity from persecution* ○ *diplomatic immunity.*

**immunize, -ise** /ɪmjunaɪz/ *v* [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sb** (against *sth*) nat ngah neithe lo, nat suan lo dingih sisun: *Have you been immunized (against smallpox) yet?* Cf INOCULATE, VACCINATE.

**immunization, -isation** /ɪmjunaɪ'zeɪʃn; US -nɪz-/ *n* [U, C]: *government plans for (a) mass immunization against measles.*

**immunology** /ɪmjʊnələdʒi/ *n* [U] nat suanawk thei lo lam fimzirnak.

**immure** /ɪmjʊə(r)/ *v* [Tn] (*fml*) thawng thlak; mi in, in tong hlah seh tiah mah le mah kharhkhum aw, relhhlo: *immured in a cold dungeon* ○ *He immured himself in a small room to work undisturbed.*

**immutable** /ɪmjuːtebl/ *adj* (*fml*) thlengtheih lomi,

a thlengaw dah lomi: *an immutable decision* ○ *immutable principles/laws.*

▷ **immutability** /ɪmjuːtəbɪləti/ *n* [U].

**immutably** /-əbli/ *adv*.

**imp** /ɪmp/ *n* **1** khuavang fate, khawsia fate. **2** nauhak panghel zetmi: *What a little imp you are!*

**impact** /ɪmpækt/ *n* **1** [U] (a) thil pahnih khawngaw: *the impact of a collision* ○ *The bomb exploded on impact*, ie at the moment of collision. (b) thil pahnih an khawn awknak ih hmual: *He collapsed under the full impact of the blow.* **2** [C usu *sing*] ~ (on/upon *sb/sth*) thu pakhat (lole) thil pakhat tuahnak ah a dang parih hmual a neih dan: *Her speech made a tremendous impact on everyone.* ○ *the impact of new methods, technology, etc on modern industry.*

▷ **impact** /ɪmpækt/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] thil pakhat a dang thil sungah khauh zet ih hei than. **2** [Ipr, Tn] ~ (on) *sth* (esp US) thil pakhat ruangih pakhat parih a cangmi. **impacted** *adj* (of a tooth) khabe ruh thawn a cepcih ruangah a kho thei lomi haa: *an impacted wisdom tooth.*

**impair** /ɪm'peə/ *v* [Tn] tha a dorter (lole) thil siatter: *Loud noise can impair your hearing.* ○ *Today's attack has seriously impaired attempts to achieve peace in the area.* ○ *impaired vision.*

▷ **impairment** *n* [U].

**impala** /ɪm'pala/ *n* (*pl* unchanged or ~s) Africa ram ih zukneng phunkhat.

**impale** /ɪm'peɪl/ *v* [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sb/sth** (on *sth*) mi pakhat, lole, thil pakhat a hriammi thil pakhat thawn sun: *In former times, prisoners' heads were impaled on pointed stakes.*

▷ **impalement** *n* [U].

**impalpable** /ɪm'pælpəbl/ *adj* (*fml*) **1** tham le dai a theih lomi: *impalpable darkness, horror, fear.* **2** theihhar.

**impanel** = EMPANEL.

**impart** /ɪm'pɑːt/ *v* (*fml*) **1** [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sth** (to *sth*) thiatnak, sinak seu: *He presence imparted an air of elegance (to the ceremony).* ○ *impart spin to a racket ball.* **2** [Tn, Dn.pr] ~ **sth** (to *sb*) theihter, sim phuang: *I have no news to impart (to you).*

**impartial** /ɪm'paːʃl/ *adj* tanbul nei lo: *an impartial judge, judgement.* Cf PARTIAL **2**.

▷ **impartiality** /ɪm,paːʃrɪələti/ *n* [U]: *They showed complete impartiality in discussing these sensitive issues.* **impartially** /-ʃəli/ *adv*: *treat prisoners impartially.*

**impassable** /ɪm'pɑːsəbl; US -pæs/ *adj* (of a road, route, etc) feh tlang theih lomi: *country lanes that are often impassable in winter* ○ *roads made impassable by fallen trees.*

**impasse** /æmpæs; US 'ɪmpæs/ *n* ti suak thei si lo ih a pit tawpmi: *The negotiations had reached an impasse, with both sides refusing to compromise.*

## impassioned

**impassioned** /ɪm'pæʃnd/ *adj* thinlung muril tiang langter, theihter: *an impassioned plea for mercy.*

**impassive** /ɪm'pæsiʋ/ thinlung ah a tha, a sia, lungsia, lungawi tivek nei lomi: *an impassive expression.*

▷ **impassively** *adv*: *The accused sat impassively as the judge sentenced him to ten years in prison.*

**impassiveness, impassivity** /ɪmpæ'siʋəti/ *ns* [U].

**impatient** /ɪm'peɪʃnt/ *adj* **1** (a) ~ (at sth/with sb) thil pakhat/mi pakhat ah daiten um thei lo/ thinsau thei lo/thinheng olmi/thintawi: *Don't be so impatient! The bus will be here soon.* ○ *You're too impatient with her; she's only a child.* (b) thinsau thei lo: *another impatient glance at his watch.* **2** [pred] ~ (to do sth); ~ (for sth) thil pakhat tuah hiar zet, lole, thil pakhat cangseh ti duh zetmi: *Many graduates are impatient to become managers.* ○ *impatient for the summer holidays to come.* **3** [pred] ~ of sth (fml) thil pakhat parah ngaithiam thei lo: *impatient of delay.*

▷ **impatience** /ɪm'peɪʃns/ *n* [U]: *the government's growing impatience with the unions.*

**impatiently** *adv*: *We sat waiting impatiently for the film to start.*

**impeach** /ɪm'pi:tʃ/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (for sth) a mawh tiah lupu, sual puh (ta-za-suai): *The committee decided to impeach the President.* ○ *impeach a judge for taking bribes.* **2** [Tn] (fml) mi pakhat parah zumlonak nei: *impeach sb's motives.*

▷ **impeachable** *adv* (of crime) lupu (ta-za-suai) thei: *an impeachable offence.*

**impeachment** *n* [U].

**impeccable** /ɪm'pekəbl/ *adj* mawh nei lo, theihnak nei lo/a sual lo: *Your English is impeccable!* ○ *impeccable behavior, manners, style, etc.*

▷ **impeccably** /-bli/ *adv*: *He was impeccably dressed for the occasion.*

**impecunious** /ɪm'pɪkjuːniəs/ *adj* (fml) paisa nei lo.

▷ **impecuniously** *adv*. **impecuniousness** *n* [U].

**impedance** /ɪm'pi:dəns/ *n* [U] electric daat feh khamtu.

**impede** /ɪm'pi:d/ *v* [Tn] mi pakhat (lole) thil pakhat ih thansonak/cangvaihnak rak dawn/kham: *The development of the project was seriously impeded by a reduction in funds.*

**impediment** /ɪm'pedimənt/ *n* **1** ~ (to sb/sth) thansonak, lole, cangvaihnak rak dawnkhamtu: *The main impediment to growth was a lack of capital.* **2** tisa cangvaihnak ah famkim lonak: *a speech impediment, eg a lisp or a stammer.*

**impedimenta** /ɪm'pedrɪmentə/ *n* [pl] (fml or joc) khualtlawnnak ah lam feh khulfungtertut: *He*

*came with his wife, six children, four dogs and various other impedimenta.*

**impel** /ɪm'pel/ *v* (-il-) [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-t] ~ sb to sth hneek; mi thinlung ah tuah duhnak a cangter: *Impelled by feelings of guilt, John wrote to apologize.* ○ *The President's speech impelled the nation to greater efforts.* ○ *I felt impelled to investigate the matter further.* Cf COMPEL.

**impending** /ɪm'pendɪŋ/ *adj* [esp attrib] a cang/a si tengteng ding mi: *his impending arrival, departure, retirement, visit, etc.*

**impenetrable** /ɪm'penitrəbl/ *adj* **1** ~ (to sth) luh theih lo, ti tlang a theih lo: *an impenetrable jungle, swamp, fortress, etc* ○ *impenetrable darkness, fog, etc, ie that cannot be seen through* ○ (fig) *his impenetrable ignorance.* **2** theih thei lo, relcat suak theih lomi: *an impenetrable difficulty, mystery, problem, etc* ○ *This history book is completely impenetrable to me.*

▷ **impenetrability** /ɪm'penitrə'bɪləti/ *n* [U].

**impenetrably** /-bli/ *adv*.

**impenitent** /ɪm'penitənt/ *adj* (fml) (tuahsuak mi parah) sirawknak umlo/ningzah hmanh lomi.

▷ **impenitence** /-əns/ *n* [U]. **impenitently** *adv*.

**imperative** /ɪm'perətɪv/ *adj* **1** [usu pred] thurang/thupoi/a rangzet ih tuah a tul mi: *It is imperative that we make a quick decision.* **2** fialmi, thu pekmi: *an imperative tone of voice that had to be obeyed.* **3** (grammar) tuah lo theih lomi: *'Go!' is in the imperative mood.* Cf INDICATIVE, INFINITIVE, SUBJUNCTIVE.

▷ **imperative** *n* **1** (grammar) fialnak: *In 'Go away!' the verb is in the imperative.* ○ *'Go!' is an imperative.* **2** poimawh zet/tul zet mi: *Survival is our first imperative.* ○ *a moral imperative.*

**imperatively** *adv*.

**imperceptible** /ɪmpe'septəbl/ *adj* theitham lo; a fatet tuk ruangah hmuhtam lomi, a nuamte tukih theitham a si lo: *an imperceptible change in temperature* ○ *an almost imperceptible shift of opinion.*

▷ **imperceptibly** /-əbli/ *adv*: *Almost imperceptibly her expression changed.*

**imperfect** /ɪm'pɜːfɪkt/ *adj* **1** a famkim lo: *an imperfect copy* ○ *imperfect knowledge, understanding, etc of sth.* **2** [attrib] (grammar) grammar zirnak ah, a cangcia zomi asinan a kim hrih lomi (more usually called *continuous* or *progressive*): *the imperfect tenses in French.*

▷ **imperfect** *n* the imperfect [sing] (grammar) a cangciami, a kim hrih lo, pakhat lawng a simi: *'I was speaking' is in the imperfect.*

**imperfection** /ɪmpə'fekʃn/ *n* **1** [U] famkim lonak: *My father never tolerated imperfection.* **2** [C] poimawhnak: *The only slight imperfection in this painting is a scratch in the corner.* ○ *the house's structural imperfections.*

**imperfectly** *adv*.

**imperial** /ɪmˈpiəriəl/ *adj* **1** [usu attrib] (a) siangpahrang thawm a pehpar mi: *the imperial palace, guards, servants* ○ *imperial power, trade*. (b) singpahrang vek a simi: *with imperial generosity*. **2** [attrib] Englih (khat sawm za) thil ti tahnak (metric system a si lomi): *an imperial pint, gallon, pound, etc.*

▷ **imperially** /-riəl/ *adv.*

**imperialism** /ɪmˈpiəriəlɪzəm/ *n* [U] (*usu derog*) mi ram uk duhnak:

▷ **imperialist** /ɪmˈpiəriəlɪst/ *n* (*usu derog*) mi ram va uktu, cumi si duhnak neitu, lole, tha pektu: [attrib] *imperialist policies*.

**imperialistic** /ɪmˈpiəriəlɪstɪk/ *adj.*

**imperial** /ɪmˈperəl/ *v* (-II-; US also -I-) [Tn] (*fml*) ðihphannak ah thlenter: *The security of the country had been imperilled.*

**imperious** /ɪmˈpiəriəs/ *adj* (*fml*) mi hngal, mi va nehsawh hmang, mi ukduh zet: *an imperious look, command, gesture.*

▷ **imperiously** *adv.*: *The envoys were dismissed imperiously.* **imperiousness** *n* [U].

**imperishable** /ɪmˈperɪʃəbl/ *adj* (*fml*) siat thei lo, hloral thei lo; ðawih thei lo: *imperishable goods* ○ (*fig*) *imperishable glory.*

**impermanent** /ɪmˈperɪənb/ *adj* (*fml*) a hmun lo mi, rei daih lo, a laang.

▷ **impermanence** /-əns/ *n* [U].

**impermeable** /ɪmˈpɜːmiəbl/ *adj* (of a substance) tidai a zuntlang thei lomi: *an impermeable membrane*. Cf PERMEABLE (PERMEATE).

**impermissible** /ɪmˈpɜːsəbl/ *adj* (*fml*) sianglo.

**impersonal** /ɪmˈpɜːsənl/ *adj* **1** (*usu derog*) mah bul hrang tel lo: *a vast impersonal organization* ○ *a cold impersonal stare* ○ *Giving people time to get to know one another will make the meeting less impersonal.* **2** (*usu approv*) zobul tinak si lo: *an impersonal discussion.*

▷ **impersonally** /-sənəli/ *adv.*

**impersonate** /ɪmˈpɜːsəneɪt/ *v* [Tn] **1** mi nun le umdan cawng: *He can impersonate many well-known politicians.* **2** mi bum duh ah midang pakhat ah cang: *He was caught trying of impersonate a military officer.*

▷ **impersonation** /ɪmˈpɜːsənəɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] midang vek va cannak: *He does some brilliant impersonations of the president.*

**impersonator** *n* midang pakhat va cangtu: *a famous female impersonator*, ie a man who impersonates women on the stage.

**impertinent** /ɪmˈpɜːtɪnənt/ *adj* ~ (to sb) mi ziang siarlo, mi upat duh lo, mi zumaw: *impertinent remarks* ○ *an impertinent child* ○ *It would be impertinent to suggest that he was always wrong.*

▷ **impertinence** /-əns/ *n* [U]: *I've had enough of your impertinence.*

**impertinently** *adv.*

**imperturbable** /ɪmpəˈtɜːbəbl/ *adj* ol te'n buai thei lo/ don tam lo – dai zet ih um thei: *She was*

*one of those imperturbable people who never get angry or upset.*

▷ **imperturbability** /ɪmpəˈtɜːbəbl/ *n* [U].

**imperturbably** /ɪmpəˈtɜːbəbəl/ *adv.*

**impervious** /ɪmˈpɜːviəs/ *adj* ~ (to sth) **1** tidai le, daat khu a feh tlang thei lomi, tidai khaan: *This material is impervious to rain-water.* **2** thil dang in a poiter thei lomi, thil dang ih a siatsuah thei lomi: *impervious to criticism, argument, fear.*

**impetigo** /ɪmˈpɪtəɡəʊ/ *n* [U] a suan aw theimi vun hma.

**impetuous** /ɪmˈpetsuəs/ *adj* thuruat lo ih thil ti hluahhlo: *an impetuous young man* ○ *impetuous behaviour* ○ *It would be foolish and impetuous to resign over such a small matter.*

▷ **impetuosity** /ɪmˈpetsʊəsəti/ *n* [U]. **impetuously** *adv.*

**impetus** /ɪmˈpɪtəs/ *n* **1** [U *sing*] ~ (to sth/to do sth) a rang deuh ih thil cangtertu: *The treaty gave (a) fresh impetus to trade.* **2** [U] thil pakhat cangvaitertu hmual, thazaang.

**impiety** /ɪmˈpiəri/ *n* (a) [U] (Pathian le biaknak) ðihzahnak um lo. (b) [C *usu pl*] cuvek ðihzah upatnak a um lomi tong, cangvaih dan.

**impinge** /ɪmˈpɪndʒ/ *v* [Ipr] ~ on/upon sth (*fml*) thil pakhat parah hmual nei: *In his sleepy state, the sound of a car driving up to the house scarcely impinged on his consciousness.*

**impious** /ɪmˈpiəs/ *adj* (*fml*) Pathain le biaknak ziang siar lo.

▷ **impiously** *adv.*

**impish** /ɪmˈpɪʃ/ *adj* khuavang vek, panghel, huatsuak.

▷ **impishly** *adv.* **impishness** *n* [U].

**implacable** /ɪmˈplækəbl/ *adj* thlang a theih lo, lole, diriam thei lo: *implacable hatred, fury, opposition* ○ *an implacable enemy, rival, etc.*

▷ **implacably** /-əbəl/ *adv.*: *implacably opposed to the plan.*

**implant** /ɪmˈplɑːnt; US -ˈplænt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (in sth) **1** mi pakhat thinlungah ruahnak pakhat neihter: *implant religious beliefs in young children.* **2** taksa parah taksa dang rak ben: *In this operation the surgeons implant a new lens (in the eye).*

▷ **implant** /ɪmˈplɑːnt; US -ˈplænt/ *n* [C] taksa parih bunmi/benmi thil.

**implantation** /ɪmˈplɑːnˈteɪʃn; US -ˈplænt-/ *n* [U].

**implausible** /ɪmˈplɔːzəbl/ *adj* zum thei lomi, thudik lo: *an implausible story, excuse, theory, etc.* Cf PLAUSIBLE.

**implement<sup>1</sup>** /ɪmˈplɪmənt/ *n* hnaʔuannak thilri: *farm implements* ○ *Man's earliest implements were carved from stone and bone.* ⇨ Usage at MACHINE.

**implement<sup>2</sup>** /ɪmˈplɪmənt/ *v* [Tn] tuahsuak tuah: *implement plans, policies, a programme of reforms, etc.*

▷ **implementation** *n* [U].

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**implicate** /ɪmˈplɪkət/ v [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (in sth) thil tha lo tuahnak ah tel ve: *His enemies tried to implicate him (in the murder).* ○ He was deeply implicated (ie involved) in the plot.

**implication** /ɪmˈplɪˈkeɪʃn/ n 1 [C, U] ~ (for sb/sth) mi pakhat (lole) thil pakhat ti duh sannak (langhngan ih theihter lo): *Study the implications of the president's statement.* ○ The new report has far-reaching implications for the future of broadcasting. ○ Failure to say 'No' may, by implication, be taken to mean 'Yes'. 2 [U] thudik lo tuahnak ah rak telvenak: *The trial resulted in the implication of several major figures in the organization.*

**implicit** /ɪmˈlɪsɪt/ adj 1 ~ (in sth) fiang fukki lo te'n tisan, theih cia a simi: *implicit assumptions* ○ an implicit threat ○ obligations which are implicit in the contract. 2 [U] rinzet mi rori: *I have implicit faith in your abilities.*

▷ **implicitly** adv: trust sb implicitly.

**implode** /ɪmˈpləʊd/ v [I, Tn] kuai theh (lole) a sunglam ah tlaak: *The light bulb imploded.* Cf EXPLODE 1.

▷ **implosion** /ɪmˈpləʊʒn/ n [C, U].

**implore** /ɪmˈplɔː(r)/ v [Tn, Dn-t] thungaithlak ih dil/sut: *"Help me," he implored.* ○ implore sb's forgiveness, mercy, etc ○ They implored ter to stay. ⇒ Usage at ASK.

▷ **implore** adj: She gave him an imploring look. **imploringly** adv.

**imply** /ɪmˈplaɪ/ v (pt, pp **implied**) 1 [Tn, Tf] langhngan si loin theihthiam dingin rak sim/langter; ti duhsan: *His silence implied agreement* ○ implied criticism ○ I don't wish to imply that you are wrong. 2 [Tn] a cang thei ding/a si thei ding langter: *Freedom does not necessarily imply responsibility.* ○ The fact she was here implies a degree of interest. Cf INFER.

**impolite** /ɪmˈpɒləɪt/ adj ʒong dan, um dan tha lo, mawi lo: *Some people still think it is impolite for men not to stand up when a woman comes into the room.*

▷ **impolitely** adv. **impoliteness** n [U].

**impolitic** /ɪmˈpɒlətɪk/ adj (fml) fim lo, ruat thiam lo: *It might be impolitic to refuse his offer.*

**imponderable** /ɪmˈpɒndərəbəl/ adj 1 ziang tivek in a cang ding ti theih theilo/tah a theih lo.

▷ **imponderable** n (usu pl) thil pakhat ih a thatzia (lole) thinlung umzia: *the great imponderables of love and power.*

**import<sup>1</sup>** /ɪmˈpɔːt/ v [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (from...); ~ sth (into...) ramdang ihsin leimi thilri, lole, ramdang ihsin thunlut: *The country has to import most of its raw materials.* ○ cars imported from Japan ○ meat imported (into the United Kingdom) ○ the latest pop music imported from America. Cf EXPORT<sup>2</sup>.

▷ **importation** /ɪmˈpɔːteɪʃn/ n [U, C]: a ban on the importation of drugs.

**import<sup>2</sup>** /ɪmˈpɔːt/ n 1 [C esp pl] ramdang ihsin thunluhmi thilri, hnaʒuan tivek pawl: *Britain's food imports (from the rest of the world)* ○ restrict cheap foreign imports. 2 [U] ramdang ihsin lutter mi thilri pawl: *the import of coal* ○ tariffs on the import of manufactured goods ○ [attrib] import controls. Cf EXPOST<sup>1</sup>.

**import<sup>3</sup>** /ɪmˈpɔːt/ v [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (to sb) (fml) ramdang thilri maih ramsung ih luhter: *What did these developments import to them?*

▷ **import** /ɪmˈpɔːt/ n 1 [U] thil pakhat a thupitnak, a langnak: *matters of no great import.* 2 [sing] ti duhsanmi: *the hidden import of his speech.*

**important** /ɪmˈpɔːnt/ adj 1 ~ (to sb/sth) thupi ih ruah mi, man nei ih ruah mi: *an important decision, announcement, meeting* ○ It is vitally important to cancel the order immediately. ○ It is important that students (should) attend/for students to attend all the lectures. ○ They need more money now but, more important, they need long-term help. ○ It's important to me that you should be there. 2 (of a person) mi thupi; thunei thei mi: *She was clearly an important person.* ○ It's not as if he was very important in the company hierarchy.

▷ **importance** /-tns/ n 1 [U] ~ (to sb/sth) a thupitnak, thupi zet ih ruahnak: *the importance of industry to the economy* ○ They attached very great importance to the project, ie They considered it to be very important. ○ a matter of the utmost political importance ○ These issues now assume even greater importance. 2 (idm) **full of one's own importance** ⇒ FULL.

**importantly** adv: *Strut about importantly* ○ More importantly, can he be depended on?

**importunate** /ɪmˈpɔːtʃənət/ adj (fml) thlah lo baang lo in dil thei: *an importunate beggar.*

▷ **importunately** adv.

**importunity** /ɪmˈpɔːtʃuːnəti/ n [U, C esp pl]: irritated by his constant importunities.

**importunate** /ɪmˈpɔːtʃənət/ v (fml) 1 [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-t] ~ sb (for sth) mi pakhat hnenah nin um ko ih catbang loin thil dil: *importune one's creditors for an extension of the borrowing period/to extend the borrowing period.* 2 [I, Tn] (nunau tisa zuar-aw mi) mipa pawl leem tum: *arrested for importuning.*

**impose** /ɪmˈpəʊz/ v 1 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (on sb/sth) (a) thuneihnak in mi pakhat parah cawhkuanter, siah kuanter, thawng (kum) ziangzat thlak ding ti thu nei: *impose a fine, sentence, term of imprisonment, etc* ○ impose a further tax on wines and spirits. (b) mi parah (an duh, duh lo mi le tuah nuam lo ding) thil tuahter/titer: *impose one's rule (on a people)* ○ impose restrictions, limitations, restraints, etc (on trade). 2 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (on sb) mai thupom zawng kha mi pakhat khi a duh khal ah duh lo khal ah



pomter ve: *She imposed her ideas on the group.*  
**3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **oneself/sth (on sb)** duhnalo in cohlanter/titer hramhram: *She'd never think of imposing herself.* ○ *He imposed his presence on us for the weekend.* **4** (phr v) **impose on/upon sb/sth** mi pakhat a duh lo cingin (hriing phah in) a hnenih sin thil ngah duhnak nei duh: *I hope it's not imposing on you/your hospitality, but could I stay to dinner?*

▷ **imposing** *adj* mi hnawtmet duh, a nasami, a tum mi rap: *an imposing facade, building, person, personality.* **imposingly** *adv.*

**imposition** /ɪmˈpəʒɪʃn/ *n* ~ (on sb sth) **1** [U] a hramhram in mi parih thuneihnak, thil vatinak: *The imposition of the tax on books caused a sharp rise in price.* **2** [C] mi bumnak/ a dik lo na'n mi in pom (a thu) thei dingih tuah: *I'd like to stay if it's not too much of an imposition (on you).*

**impossible** /ɪmˈpɒsəbl/ *adj* **1** a cangthei lo/tuah a theih lo: *It's impossible for me to be there before 8:00 p.m.* ○ *It is virtually impossible to predict the future accurately.* ○ *an almost impossible task* ○ *It's an impossible story, ie it cannot be believed.* **2** a cangthei lomi, tuar a theih lomi: *an impossible situation* ○ *their son is impossible, eg He is very badly behaved.*

▷ **impossibility** /ɪmˈpɒsəˈbɪləti/ *n* [U, C]: *the impossibility of any improvement* ○ *a logical impossibility.*

**the impossible** *n* [sing] tuahsuak a theih lomi thil: *ask for, want, attempt, do the impossible.*

**impossibly** /-əbəl/ *adv*: *impossibly difficult.*

**impostor** /ɪmˈpɒstə(r)/ *n* mi bum duh ah midang siawktertu, midang cangtu.

**imposture** /ɪmˈpɒstʃə(r)/ *n* [C, U] (fml) (action of) tihrimnak in midang va si-awktternak.

**impotent** /ɪmˈpɒtənt/ *adj* **1** [usu pred] thil ti suak thei lo, cahnak nei lo, zaangfakza a simi: *Without the chairman's support, the committee is impotent.* **2** (of men) nu le pa (mipa le nunau) tisa pawlawknak a ti thei lomi, zahmawh a zeemi.

▷ **impotence** /-əns/ *n* [U] ziang ti thei lonak, nu le pa tisa pawlawknak ti thei lonak: *political impotence* ○ *fear of impotence.*

**impotently** *adv.*

**impound** /ɪmˈpaʊnd/ *v* [Tn] **1** upadi a si vek in thil va co/rak lak: *impound goods, property, belongings, etc.* **2** mawtawka upadi vekin a retnak hmun ah colhter lo, lole, ramsa sumhnam vakvai pawl a neitu ih ra lak hlanlo thawngah rak khum.

**impoverish** /ɪmˈpɒvərɪʃ/ *v* [Tn] **1** farahter: *an elderly impoverished writer.* **2** thil pakhat tha lo deuh ih canter: *Heavy rain and excessive use have impoverished the soil.* ○ *Our lives would have been greatly impoverished if we had not known our dear friend.*

▷ **impoverishment** *n* [U].

**impracticable** /ɪmˈpræktɪkəbl/ *adj* tuah dingah a cang thei lo/si thei lo; thil tuah thiam lo: *an impracticable scheme.*

▷ **impracticability** /ɪmˈpræktɪkəˈbɪləti/ *n* [U]. **impracticably** /-klɪ/ *adv.*

**impractical** /ɪmˈpræktɪkl/ *adj* **1** a cang thei lomi, a si thei lomi: *It was impractical to think that we could build the house in one month.* **2** a thu cun a thei/a thiam zet, a ngaingai tuan ding ahcun a thiam lo: *an academically clever but totally impractical young man.*

▷ **impracticality** /ɪmˈprɪˈkeɪʃn/ *n* [U, C].

**impractically** /-klɪ/ *adv.*

**imprecation** /ɪmˈprɪˈkeɪʃn/ *n* (fml) thukam, lole, camsiatnak: *mutter imprecations.*

**imprecise** /ɪmˈprɪˈsaɪs/ *adj* a cekci a si lo/fiang lo: *imprecise thoughts, statements, measurements.*

▷ **imprecisely** *adv.*

**imprecision** /ɪmˈprɪˈsɪzn/ *n* [U]: *imprecision in his use of legal terms.*

**impregnable** /ɪmˈpregnəbl/ *adj* (a) tha zet le khauh zet ih tuahmi a si hrangah luh a theih lo, lole, neh le lak a theih lo: *an impregnable fortress.* (b) (fig) neh/siat theih lo: *impregnable arguments, defenses, reserve.*

▷ **impregnability** /ɪmˈpregnəˈbɪləti/ *n* [U].

**impregnably** /-əbəl/ *adv.*

**impregnate** /ɪmˈpregneɪt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (with sth)** (a) thilri phunkhat sungah thilri a dang cawkrawiter: *water impregnated with salt.* (b) thil phunkhat parah thil dang pakhat in a sinak langter: *The drawing is impregnated with the artist's personality.* **2** [Tn] (fml) ci keuhter.

**impresario** /ɪmˈprɪˈsɑːriəʊ/ *n* hla le laam puai ih hruaitu, hohatu.

**impress** /ɪmˈpres/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (with sth)** mi ih uar le upat, mi thinlung sungah a taap: *The sights of the city never fail to impress foreign tourists.* ○ *The girl impressed her fiancé's family with her liveliness and sense of humour.* ○ *We were most impressed with/by your efficiency.* **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **sth on/upon sb** mi thinlung sungah thu pakhat poimawh zet ih hei cuangter: *His words impressed themselves on my memory.* ○ *The manager impressed on his office staff the importance of keeping accurate records.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (in/on sth)** thil pakhat na pin hei nam ih (pungsan) a neh pianzia cuangter: *designs impressed on/in wax.*

▷ **impress** /ɪmpres/ *n* (fml) thil pakhat parah a dang thil napi namnak in a langmi, a neh.

**impression** /ɪmˈpreʃn/ *n* **1** ~ (on sb) mi thinlung ah reipi tiang a caam ta mi hmuh dan: *His first speech as president made a strong impression on his audience.* ○ *create an unfavourable impression.* **2** (esp sing) ~ (of sth/doing sth/that...) (unclear or uncertain) ruahnak/ruahdan: *My general impression was that he seemed a pleasant man.* ○ *I had the distinct impression*

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that I was being followed. ○ one's first impressions of (ie one's immediate reaction to) the new headmaster ○ He gives the impression of being a hard worker/that he works hard, ie It seems as if he works hard. ○ 'I always thought you were a nurse.' 'I wonder how you got that impression?' 3 ding a bang: The room's lighting conveys an impression of spaciousness. 4 ~ (of sb) hnihsuakza in mi umdan le tongdan va cawng: The students did some marvellous impressions of the teachers at the end-of-term party. 5 thil dang parah thil pakhat in a neh: the impression of a leaf in a fossil. 6 cabu tuahcia rialsalnak: the fifth impression. Cf EDITION 2. 7 (idm) be under the impression that... ruahsualnak nei/a si hmang ti ih ruah: I was under the impression that you were coming tomorrow.

▷ **impressionism** /-ʃənɪzəm/ n (usu **Impressionism**) [U] kum zabi 19 hnulam ih France ram ih thiamtharmi zuk suai dan.

**impressionist** /-ʃənɪst/ 1 (usu **Impressionist**) 19 zabi ih thiamtharmi zuk suai dan a hmang thiamtu. 2 mi umtudan nomnak men ah cawn a thiam zettu. — *adj* (usu **Impressionist**) mi duhawng zuk suai daan a thiamtu: *Impressionist painters, works, exhibitions.*

**impressionistic** hmuh thiam/ruat thiam dingin sim: a purely impressionistic description of the incident.

**impressible** /ɪmˈpreʃənəbl/ *adj* thinlung neh a ol mi: *children at an impressible age* ○ *impressible young people.*

▷ **impressibility** /ɪmˈpreʃənəˈbɪləti/ n [U].

**impressive** /ɪmˈprɪˈmeɪtə(r), -ˈmɑːtə(r)/ *adj* tumnak, mawinak le thupitnak in mi hipmi/mi thinlung a la theimi: *an impressive ceremony, building, speech, performance* ○ *His collection of paintings is most impressive.*

▷ **impressively** *adv.* **impressiveness** n [U].

**imprimatur** /ɪmˈprɪˈmeɪtə(r), -ˈmɑːtə(r)/ n (a) cabu pakhat rial theinak ding lungkimnak (siannak) thu; (Roman Catholic Bu) ih pekmi. (b) (fig) thil tuah thei dingih siannak thu: *give the scheme one's imprimatur.*

**imprint** /ɪmˈprɪnt/ v [Tn-pr] ~ **sth in/on sth** (a) a neh (pungsan) lang/cuang thei dingin thil pakhat parah napi in nam: *imprint one's hand in soft cement.* (b) (fig) thu pakhat/thil pakhat thinlung ah cuang tata dah: *details imprinted on his memory/mind.*

▷ **imprint** /ɪmˈprɪnt/ n 1 ~ (in/on sth) thil napi in nam ruangih a cuang mi a neh: *the imprint of a foot in the sand.* 2 (usu sing) ~ (on sb sth) a cuang tata, a lang ta: *Her face bore the deep imprint of suffering.* 3 cabu suahtu ih hmun le umnak, cabu hmin ngannak hmun cahmai ih nganmi.

**imprinting** /ɪmˈprɪntɪŋ/ n [U] ramsa faano pawl

in anmaih ci le phun pawl an theih theinak, a bik ah an nu an theihtheinak.

**imprison** /ɪmˈprɪzn/ v (esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr) ~ **sb (in sth)** thawngthlak, lole, thawngthlak vekih (ret) khum: *Several of the rioters were imprisoned for causing a disturbance.* ○ *conditions in which young mothers feel virtually imprisoned in their own homes.*

▷ **imprisonment** /-mən/ n [U] thawngthlaknak: *sentenced to one year's, ten years', life, etc imprisonment.*

**improbable** /ɪmˈprɒəbəl/ *adj* a si ngai (lole) a cang ngai ding ti a fiang lo; si awm um lo: *an improbable idea, event, result* ○ *It is very/most improbable that the level of unemployment will fall.*

▷ **improbability** /ɪmˈprɒəbəlɪtɪ/ n (a) [U] a si ngaingai lo dingmi/a cang taktak lo dingmi a awm lonak: *the improbability of his being recaptured.* (b) [C] a si ngaingai ding/a cang taktak ding ti fiang te ih sim thei lomi: *Don't worry about such improbabilities, as floods and earthquakes.*

**improbably** /-əbəl/ *adv.*

**impromptu** /ɪmˈprɒmptʃu/ *adj, adv* ralring lo, timtuah cia lo, ruatcia lo ih tuahmi: *an impromptu speech, news conference, performance, etc* ○ *He spoke impromptu.*

▷ **impromptu** n tuahhruak/tihruak: *an impromptu by Schubert.*

**improper** /ɪmˈprɒpə(r)/ *adj* 1 dik lo, daithlang ih thil tuahmi: *improper use of a tool, word, drug, etc.* 2 thil mawi lo, remcang lo: *Laughing and joking are considered improper behaviour at a funeral.* 3 hrokhrawl, thudik a si lo: *improper business practices.* Cf **PROPER**.

▷ **improperly** *adv.*

□ **improper fraction** nambat then eg.  $\frac{11}{9}$  ah a tangta hnakin a tlunta a tam sawnmi (a daan ahcun tangta sawn khi a tam sawn ringring ding). Cf **PROPER FRACTION (PROPER)**.

**impropriety** /ɪmˈprəpraɪəti/ n (fml) (a) [U] umdan mawi lo, hrokhrawl: *The investigation revealed no impropriety.* (b) [C] hiti vekih umdan.

**improve** /ɪmˈpruːv/ v 1 [I, Tn] (cause sth to) thangso, tha deuh: *His work is improving slowly.* ○ *Her health is gradually improving, ie after an illness.* ○ *The Post Office aims to improve its quality of service.* ○ *The fertility of the soil has been greatly improved by the use of pesticides.* ○ *He studied harder to improve his French.* ○ *a new improved washing-power.* 2 (phr v) **improve on/upon sth** thil tha deuh ih tuah, tha deuh ih canter: *The German girl improved on her previous best performance in the 100 metres.* ○ *This achievement has never been improved on.*

▷ **improvement** n 1 [C, U] ~ (on/in sth) thansonak, thatsin deuhnak: *cause a distinct/significant/marked improvement in working*

conditions ○ a slight, gradual, etc improvement in the weather ○ This year's car is an improvement on (ie is better than) last year's model. ○ There is room for further improvement in your English. **2** [C] a thatnak betsin, lole, a that lam ih thleng aw: home improvements ○ [attrib] a road improvement scheme.

**improvident** /ɪmˈprɒvɪdənt/ adj (fml) hmai lam tɔlnak hrang ruah ti um lo, heu lakter: improvident spending habits.

▷ **improvidence** /-əns/ n [U].

**improvidently** adv.

**improvise** /ɪmˈprɒvaɪz/; US also ɪmˈprəˈvaɪz/ v [I, Tn] **1** timcianak um lo ih hla phuah, tɔng, lole, thil tuah (ticop): The pianist forgot his music and had to improvise (the accompaniment). ○ an improvised speech. **2** thil ummi pohpoh thawn thil tuah: As we've not got the proper materials, we'll just have to improvise. ○ a hastily improvised meal.

▷ **improvisation** /ɪmˈprəˈvaɪzɪʃn/; US also ɪmˈprəˈvaɪzɪʃn/ n [U, C].

**imprudent** /ɪmˈpruːdənt/ adj (fml) ruat lo, fim lo, khawruat lo: It would be imprudent (of you) to resign from your present job before you are offered another.

▷ **imprudence** /-ns/ n [U].

**imprudently** adv.

**impudent** /ɪmˈpruːdənt/ adj umdan tha lo; (hoiher tha lo) mi upat lo: an impudent child, grin, question.

▷ **impudence** /ɪmpudəns/ n [U]: I've had enough of your impudence!

**impudently** adv.

**impugn** /ɪmˈpjʊːn/ v [Tn] (fml) zum lonak sim/eel: impugn sb's motives, actions, morals, etc.

**impulse** /ɪmˈpʌls/ n **1** (a) [C] ~ (to do sth) ruat ta lo ih thil tuah duhnak thinlung: He felt an irresistible impulse to jump. ○ check/curb/resist an impulse. (b) [U] ruat ta lo ih thil tuah lohli: a man of impulse. **2** [C] tawtoktu, nawttu: give an impulse to industrial expansion. **3** [C] thahri/ electric circuit timi ah tham pang/dai ngah pang asile zik ti ih a caang/a tha a suakmi: nerve impulses. **4** (idm) **on impulse** ruatta lo ih ti vohvimi: On impulse, I picked up the phone and rang my sister in Australia.

□ **impulse buying** ruatcia lo ih thil lei.

**impulsion** /ɪmˈpʌlʃn/ n [C] ~ (to do sth) (fml) hiar zetnak (thil tuah ding): the impulsion to break away and make a new life.

**impulsive** /ɪmˈpʌlsɪv/ adj (of people or their behaviour) ruat ta lo ih thinlung ih suak poh thil tuah theimi: an impulsive man, comment, decision, departure.

▷ **impulsively**: react, behave impulsively. adv.

**impulsiveness** n [U].

**impunity** /ɪmˈpjʊːnəti/ n [U] (idm) **with impunity** cawhkuan luatnak: You cannot break the law

with impunity.

**impure** /ɪmˈpjʊə(r)/ adj **1** (dated) lungthiang lo/a baal (tisa duhnak lam ah): impure thoughts, motives, actions. **2** a baal, a fai lo. **3** thildang thawn rawi awmi (thil phun khat lawng si lo) a hliir lo: impure metals.

▷ **impurity** /ɪmˈpjʊərəti/ n **1** [U] thil baal, a thiang lomi (phunkhat hliir si lo). **2** [C] rawicih a si tikih thil pakhat baaltertu: remove impurities from silver.

**impute** /ɪmˈpjʊːt/ v [Tn-pr] ~ sth to sb/sth (fml) mawhter/mawhsiat: He imputed the failure of his marriage to his wife's shortcomings.

▷ **imputation** /ɪmˈpjʊːteɪʃn/ n [U, C] (fml) mawhpuhnak: imputation of guilt.

**in** /ɪn/ adv part (For special uses with many vs, eg come in, give in, see the v entries) **1** (to a position) thil pakhat sungih hei umnak 'sungah': The top drawer is the one with the cutlery in. ○ I'm afraid I can't drink coffee with milk in. ○ She opened the bedroom door and went in. ○ The children were playing by the river when one of them slipped and fell in. ○ The door opened and in walked my father. **2** (of people) inn le hnaʔuannak ah rak um: Nobody was in when we called. ○ She's usually in by seven o'clock. ○ I'm afraid the manager isn't in to day. Cf out **2**. **3** (of train, bus, etc) zin netnak, cawlhnaak ah um: The train was in when we got to sth station. ○ It's due in (ie It should arrive) at 6 o'clock. **4** (of farm animals or crops) sum hnam le rawl, in ih tlun: The cows will be in for milking soon. ○ We need help to get the wheat in. **5** (of the tide) um; a kaithang san bik caan: It's one o'clock. The tide must be in. ○ Is the tide coming in or going out? ○ (fig) My luck's in — I won a new car in a raffle. **6** (of letters, cards, etc) pek zo; ngah zo: Applications must be in by 30 April. ○ Entries should be in on Monday morning. **7** duh, uar (duh saal): Miniskirts are (coming) in a gain. **8** (of fruit, fish, etc) zuar in um, lole, ngah thei a sinak: Strawberries are never in for long. ○ Do you have any fresh salmon in at the moment? **9** hril; rasal; um: Labour came in after the war. ○ The club president has been in since 1979. **10** (sport) (a) (in cricket, baseball, etc) lehnak ah: England were in first. ○ He had only been in for 10 minutes when Jones bowled him out. (b) (in tennis, badminton, etc) tennis le badminton lehnak ah: Her service was in. (c) (of the ball in football, hockey, etc) bawhlung le hockey lehnak ah: It's in — we've got a goal! Cf out **16**. **11** (of a coal or wood fire) meihol le thing tih laimi ah — ah rero: The fire was still in when we got home. **12** (idm) **be in for sth** (infml) (a) rehshiat/ thinhennak pakhat khat tong ding vekih um: He's in for a nasty shock/surprise! ○ I'm afraid we're in for a storm. (b) tuah ve/lek ve dingin tum: Are you in for this game of whist? ○ I'm in

for the 1000 metres. **be/get in on sth** (infml) tel ve; thei ve, lut ve: I'd like to be in on the scheme.   
 ○ Are ou in on her secret? **be (well) in with sb** (infml) rualṭha aw zet: He's well in with the boss.   
**have (got) it in for sb** (infml) huat; a parah thinheng: That teacher has always had it in for me. **in and out (of sth)** hmunkhat in lut suak rero: He's been in and out of hospital (ie often ill and in hospital) all year.

▷ **in-** (forming compound ns) **1** (infml) duh; uar: It's the in-thing to do at the moment. ○ the in-place to go. **2** duh ve zet: an in-joke.

□ **in-tray** n siar lai ding/zoh lai ding ca pawl retnak cakuang. Cf OUT-TRAY (OUT).

**in<sup>2</sup>** /ɪn/ prep (For special uses with many ns and vs, v entries.) **1** (indicating place) (a) 'ah' tican a si: the highest mountain in the world ○ a country in Africa ○ She lives in a small village in France. ○ the biggest shop in twon ○ islands in the Pacific Ocean ○ children playing in the street ○ not a cloud in the sky ○ swimming in the pool ○ standing in the corner of a room (Cf standing at the corner of the street) ○ It's in a drawer. ○ I read about it in the newspaper. ○ Can you see the dog in the picture? (b) sungah, ah tican a si: lying in bed (Cf sitting on the bed) ○ sitting in a chair, ie an armchair ○ Leave the key in the lock. ○ a cigarette in her mouth ○ What have you got your hand/pocket? **2** (indicating movement) cangvaih dan a sawhkhik deuh, 'ah' tican: He dipped his pen in the ink. ○ Throw it in the fire. ○ She got in her ar and drove off. **3** tikcu a sawh 'ah' tican: in the twentieth century ○ in 1999 ○ in spring, summer, etc ○ in March (Cf on 18 March) ○ in the past. Usage at TIME<sup>2</sup>. **4** (a) tikcu 'sungah' ti a sawh: return in a few minutes, hours, days, months, etc ○ It will be ready in a week ○ She learnt to drive in three weeks, ie After 3 weeks she could drive. (b) (used after a negative or first, last, etc) tikcu sung a sawh, kum tampi 'sung': I haven't seen him in years. ○ It's the first/only letter I've had in 10 days. **5** tikcu sung a sawh, zarhkhat 'ah' ni sarih a um: seven days in a week ○ eight pints in a gallon ○ There's a cover charge included in the total. ○ I recognize his father in him, ie His character is partly similar to his father's. **6** (indicating ratio) 'ah' tican cuzat 'ah' cuzat: a slope/gradient of one in five ○ taxed at the rate of 15p in the pound ○ One in ten said they preferred their old brand of margarine. **7** thilthuam 'hruk': dressed/clothed in rags ○ the man in the hat ○ the woman in white ○ in uniform, mouting, disguise, armour ○ in high-heeled shoes ○ in a silk shirt. **8** (indicating physical surroundings, circumstances, etc) (kiangkap umtudan) ruah lak 'ah'; nisa lak 'ah': go out in the rain, sun, cold, etc. **9** (indicating the state or condition of sb/sth) 'in'; thinheng

'in': in order ○ in a mess ○ in good repair ○ in poor health ○ in a rage ○ in a hurry ○ in fun ○ in poverty ○ in ruins ○ in anger, ie angrily. **10** (indicating form, shape, arrangement or quantities) 'in' tican a burbur in: a novel in three parts ○ stand in groups ○ sit in rows ○ her hair in a pony-tail ○ curtains hanging in folds ○ Tourists queue in (their) thousands to see the tomb. **11** (indicating the medium means, material, etc) 'in' tican; Mirang ṭong 'in': speak in English ○ write a message in code ○ written in biro, ink, pencil, etc ○ printed in italics, capitals, etc ○ say it in a few words ○ speak in a loud voice ○ pay in cash (Cf by cheque). **12** (used to introduce the name of a particular person) 'ah'; Jim ah huatsuah a kim: We have lost a first-rate teacher in Jim. ○ You've got a real trouble-maker in Wilkins. ○ You will always find a good friend in me, ie I will always be a good friend to you. **13** 'ah' ca siar 'ah', kanan 'ah': He's behind the others in reading but a long way ahead in arithmetic. ○ lacking in courage ○ equal in strength ○ a country rich/poor in minerals ○ blind in one eye ○ three feet in length, depth, diameter, etc. **14** (indicating sb's occupation, activity, etc) 'ah'; ralkap 'ah': in the army/navy/air force ○ in business, insurance, computers, journalism, etc ○ He's been in politics (ie a politician) all his life. ○ killed in action, ie While fighting as a soldier ○ In (ie While) attempting to save a child from drowning, she nearly lost her own life. **15** (idm) **in that** /in ðæt/ (never taking stress) a si ruangah/hrangah: Privatization is thought to be beneficial in that it promotes competition.

**in<sup>3</sup>** /ɪn/ n (idm) **the ins and outs (of sth)** a sinak hmuahhmuah a terek tiangin: Know all the ins and outs of a problem ○ He's been here for years; he should know the ins and outs of the job by now.

**in-<sup>4</sup>** (also **im-**) pref (with vs forming ns and vs) verb thawn kom ih ns le vs ah canter: intake ○ imprint. **2** (with ns forming vs) n thawn kom ih verbs ah canter: inflame ○ imperil.

**in-<sup>2</sup>** (also **il-, im-, ir-**) pref (forming adjs, advs and ns) adj, advs, ns canternak: infinite ○ illogical ○ immorally ○ irrelevance. Usage at UN-.

**-in** /ɪn/ (forming compound ns) (becoming dated) compound ns canternak: a sit-in ○ teach-ins.

**in** abbr (pl unchanged or **ins**) (also symb “”) inch: 4 in x (ie by) 2 in (4" x 2") ○ He is 6ft 2 in (tall). Cf FT, YD.

**inability** /məˈbɪləti/ n [U] ~ (to do sth) ti/tuah thei lonak: his inability to understand mathematics.

**inaccessible** /ɪnækˈsesəbl/ adj ~ (to sb) thlen le ton theih lo: an inaccessible mountain reatreat ○ His busy schedule made him completely inaccessible to his students. ○ (fig) philosophical theories that are inaccessible to (ie cannot be understood by) ordinary people.



- ▷ **inaccessibility** /ɪnækˌsesəˈbɪləti/ *n* [U].  
**inaccessibly** /ɪnækˌsesəbli/ *adv*.
- inaccurate** /ɪnˈækjərət/ *adj* famkim lo, a sual, a dik lo: *an inaccurate report, tatement, description, etc.*  
 ▷ **inaccruacy** /ɪnˈækjərəsi/ *n* (a) [U] famkim lonak/thelhnak, sualnak: *an unacceptable level of inaccuracy.* (b) [C] a dik lo ih simmi/reلمي: *There are so many inaccuracies in this report that it will have to be written again.*
- inaction** /ɪnˈæksn/ *n* [U] cangvai lo ih um, tuah lo, um menmen.
- inactive** /ɪnˈæktɪv/ *adj* 1 (tisa in) cangvai lo: *If you weren't so inactive you wouldn't be so fat!* ○ *Some animals are inactive during the daytime.* 2 hna tuan lo, hman lo ih um: *an inactive machine.* 3 telpi rero lo/tel ih tuah ve lo: *inactive members of the music society.*  
 ▷ **inactivity** /ɪnˈæktɪvəti/ *n* [U]: *A holiday need not mean inactivity.*
- inadequate** /ɪnˈædɪkwət/ *adj* 1 a daih lo, thil pakhat hrangah famkim lo: *The safety precautions are totally inadequate* ○ *inadequate supplies, income, preparation.* 2 a daih aw lo/ti thei caw lo: *feel inadequate when faced by a difficult problem.*  
 ▷ **inadequacy** /ɪnˈædɪkwəsi/ *n* 1 [C, U] daih lonak, kim thei lonak: *the inadequacy of our resources* ○ *realize one's personal inadequacy.* 2 [C] thelhnak, palhnak, santlaih lonak: *the inadequacies of the present voting system.*  
**inadequately** /ɪnˈædɪkwətli/ *adv*.
- inadmissible** /ɪnədˈmɪsəbl/ *adj* cohlaan theih lo/saan a theih lo: *inadmissible evidence.*  
 ▷ **inadmissibility** /ɪnədˈmɪsəbɪləti/ *n* [U].  
**inadmissibly** /ɪnədˈmɪsəbli/ *adv*.
- inadvertent** /ɪnədˈvɜːtənt/ *adj* (of actions) tihrim ih tuahmi si lo, ti pangmi: *an inadvertent slop, omission, etc.*  
 ▷ **inadvertence** *n* [U].  
**inadvertently** *adv* tum lopi in: *She inadvertently telephoned the wrong person.*
- inadvisable** /ɪnədˈvaɪzəbl/ *adj* [usu pred] aat thlak, a tha lo: *It is inadvisable to have too much sugar in your diet.*  
 ▷ **inadvisability** /ɪnədˈvaɪzəbɪləti/ *n* [U].
- inalienable** /ɪnˈeɪlɪənəbl/ *adj* [usu attrib] (fml) then a theih lo, lak sak hlo a theih lo: *inalienable rights.*
- inane** /ɪˈnæm/ *adj* aatthlak, aathna, sullam neilo: *an inane remark, question, etc* ○ *inane conversation.*  
 ▷ **inanely** *adv*: *They grinned inanely.*
- inanity** /ɪˈnænəti/ *n* (a) [U] duhsannak um lomi, aathna. (b) [C] sullam nei lo ih thil tuahmi.
- inanimate** /ɪnˈænimət/ *adj* 1 nunnak um lo/nei lo: *A rock is an inanimate object.* 2 thazaang lo, thathawtnak um lo: *inanimate conversation.*
- inapplicable** /ɪnˈæplɪkəbl, also ɪnəˈplɪkəbl/ *adj* ~ (to sb/sth) hman theih lo (mi pakhat, lole, thil pakhat ah): *The rules seem to be inapplicable to this situation.*  
 ▷ **inapplicability** /ɪnˈæplɪkəˈbɪləti, also ɪnəˈplɪkəˈbɪləti/ *n* [U].  
**inapplicably** /ɪnˈæplɪkəbli, also ɪnəˈplɪkəbli/ *adv*.
- inappropriate** /ɪnəˈprəʊpriət/ *adj* ~ (to/for sb/sth) a remcang lo, a kaih lo, a tlak lo: *an inappropriate comment, name, moment* ○ *clothes inappropriate to the occasion* ○ *It seems inappropriate for us to intervene at this stage.*  
 ▷ **inappropriately** *adv*: *inappropriately dressed for the funeral.*  
**inappropriateness** *n* [U].
- inapt** /ɪnˈæpt/ *adj* a pehpar aw lo (a seng lo), a remcang lo, hman theih lo: *an inapt remark, question, translation.*  
 ▷ **inaptitude** /ɪnˈæptɪtjuːd; US -tuːd/ *n* [U] ~ (for sth) thil pakhat hrangah thiam (ti theinak) kaih nei lo.  
**inaptness** *n* [U].
- inarticulate** /ɪnəˈtɪkjələt/ *adj* 1 ruahnak (lole) sim duhmi fiangte'n sim thei lo: *a clever but inarticulate mathematician.* 2 a fiang lomi thu sim/sim duhmi simfiang lomi: *an inarticulate speech, essay, sound* ○ *speaking in an inarticulate mumble.* 3 tongfang in simfiang lo: *Her actions were an inarticulate cry for help.*  
 ▷ **inarticulately** *adv*.  
**inarticulateness** *n* [U].
- inasmuch as** /ɪnəzˈmʌtʃn/ *conj* (fml) a sinak in/ruangah: *He is a Dane inasmuch as he was born in Denmark, but he became a British citizen at the age of 30.*
- inattention** /ɪnəˈtenʃn/ *n* [U] ~ (to sb/sth) ngai that lonak; daithlannak: *work marred by inattention to detail.*  
 ▷ **inattentive** /ɪnəˈtentɪv/ *adj* ~ (to sb/sth) mi pakhat (lole) thil pakhat parah hna in ngai thalo, ruat sak lo: *inattentive to the needs of others.*  
**inattentively** *adv*.  
**inattentiveness** *n* [U].
- inaudible** /ɪnəˈdɪbl/ *adj* hna ih ngai ah theih thei lo (lole) a ring lo: *speak in an almost inaudible voice.*  
 ▷ **inaudibility** /ɪnəˈdɪbɪləti/ *n* [U].  
**inaudibly** /ɪnəˈdɪbli/ *adv*.
- inaugural** /ɪˈnɔːgjʊərəl/ *adj* [attrib] puai meeting onnak thu sim hmaisai bik thawn a pehparmi: *an inaugural speech, lecture, meeting, etc.*
- inaugurate** /ɪˈnɔːgjʊreɪt/ *v* 1 [Tn, Cn-n/a] ~ sb (as sth) mi upa, lole, ram hruaitu mi zapi hmai ah theiinternak tuah: *inaugurate the President* ○ *He will be inaugurated as president in January.* 2 [Tn] pawlkom khawm, lole, thil tuah thok, lole, in on puai, thil zoh puai (exhibition) tivek ah onnak hmin sinnak tuah (thoknak): *inaugurate a conference, an organization, a scheme, etc* ○ *The city library was inaugurated by the mayor.*

## inauspicious

**3** thil tharthawhnak theiinternak: *Concorde inaugurated a new era in aeroplane travel.*

▷ **inauguration** /ˌɪnɔːɡjʊ'reɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] (act of) thil tharthawh, mipi theiinternak puai, thil pakhat ih a thawh kehnak, thawh puai; thoknak: *the President's inauguration* ○ [attrib] *the President's inauguration speech.*

**inaugurator** *n* thil thar pakhat a thawh kehnak puai ah thusimtu.

**inauspicious** /ˌɪnɔː'spɪʃəs/ *adj* tikcu tha lo, hmailam ah thil ti ding mi hlawhtlin thei lonak dingih siathmuh a langmi: *an inauspicious occasion, event meeting, etc.*

▷ **inauspiciously** *adv.*

**inauspiciousness** *n* [U].

**inboard** /ˌɪnbɔːd/ *adj, adv* (situated) lawngsung, vanzamleng sung: *an inboard motor.*

**inborn** /ˌɪnbɔːn/ *adj* suahkeh in a um mi (ramsa, minung in): *an inborn talent for music.*

**inbred** /ˌɪnbred/ *adj* **1** a suahkehpi mi: *inbred sense of duty.* **2** a naih-awmi umkhatter ih suakmi: *The long nose on these dogs is an inbred characteristic.*

▷ **inbreeding** /ˌɪnbriːdɪŋ/ *n* [U] minung, lole, ramsa ci khat sungin hrinmi: *deformities caused by inbreeding.*

**inbuilt** /ˌɪnbɪlt/ *adj* = BUILT-IN (BUILD).

**Inc** (also **inc**) /ɪŋk/ *abbr* (US) Incorporated: *Manhattan Drugstores Inc.* Cf LTD, PLC.

**incalculable** /ˌɪnkælkjʊləbl/ *adj* **1** siar caw lo: *do incalculable harm to sb's reputation.* **2** simcia theih lo: *a person of incalculable moods.*

▷ **incalculably** /-əblɪ/ *adv.*

**incandescent** /ˌɪnkæn'desnt/ *adj* (a satnak ruangah) a vaammi.

▷ **incandescence** /-sns/ *n* [U].

□ **incandescent lamp** elektrik mei inn.

**incantation** /ˌɪnkæn'teɪʃn/ *n* (a) [C] dawi camnak: *chant incantations to the evil spirits.* (b) [U] hivek camnak hmanmi, dawi cam tuahnak.

**incapable** /ˌɪnkeɪpəbl/ *adj* **1** [pred] ~ of sth/doing sth thil ti thei lo: *The children seem to be totally incapable of working quietly by themselves.* ○ *incapable of telling a lie, ie too honest to do so* ○ *incapable of sympathy.* **2** thil ti thei lo: *As a lawyer she's totally incapable.* **3** (idm) **drunk and incapable** ⇒ DRUNK.

▷ **incapability** /ˌɪnkeɪpə'bɪləti/ *n* [U].

**incapably** *adv.*

**incapacitate** /ˌɪnkə'pæsɪteɪt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (for sth/from doing sth) mi pakhat thil tuah thei loih tuah: *be incapacitated by an accident* ○ *Poor health incapacitated him from working/for work all his life.* **2** mi pakhat thil a tuah theimi tuah thei lo dingih upadi hmanngin kham.

**incapacity** /ˌɪnkə'pæsəti/ *n* [U] ~ (to do sth); ~ (for sth/doing sth) thil ti thei lonak/a tūl ding zat thazaang nei lo/cah lonak: *his increasing incapacity for work* ○ *society's incapacity to*

*deal with the growing numbers of the elderly.*

**incarcerate** /ɪn'kɑːsəreɪt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (in sth) (fml) hmun khat ah khum/thawng ah ret/khum: *He was incarcerated (in the castle dungeon) for years.*

▷ **incarceration** /ɪn'kɑːsə'reɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**incarnate** /ɪn'kɑːneɪt/ *adj* (following ns) **1** minung pian kengmi: *The guards were sadistic beasts and their leader was the devil incarnate.* **2** minung vekin: *virtue incarnate.*

▷ **incarnate** /ɪn'kɑːneɪt/ *v* [Tn] (fml) **1** minung pianzia ah cang; mi sunglut. **2** (ruahnak, thil thudik le a tha) langter. **3** (of a person) minung sinak ih thiamnak nei: *He incarnates all the qualities of a successful manager.*

**incarnation** /ˌɪnkɑːneɪt/ *n* **1** [C] mi pakhat a hlei ih fel thatnak nei; tisa ih cantermi: *She's the very incarnation of goodness.* **2** [C, U] (instance of) minung sungluhnak: *the nine incarnations of Vishnu* ○ *He believed he had been a prince in a previous incarnation.* **3** the Icarion [sing] (in Christianity) Pathian sinak ihsin Jesuh ah minung cannak.

**incautious** /ɪn'kɔːʃəs/ *adj* ralring lo, ralrinnak nei lo, ruatnak nei lo.

▷ **incautiously** *adv.*

**incendiary** /ɪn'sendɪəri; US -dɪəri/ *adj* **1** inn kangter thei dingmi: *an incendiary bomb, device, attack.* **2** miseenpi buaiter dingmi (tong le thuruat): *an incendiary speech.*

▷ **incendiary** *n* meisa bung (bomb).

**incense**<sup>1</sup> /ɪnsens/ *n* [U] (smoke from a) meisa ih ur tikah a rim a thaw zet mi thil, biaknak lam ah khangthawinak in hmanmi rimhmui.

**incense**<sup>2</sup> /ɪn'sens/ *v* [Tn esp passive] mi pakhat thinhengter zet: *The decision to reduce pay levels incensed the work-force.* ○ *He felt deeply incensed by/at the way he had been treated.*

**incentive** /ɪn'sentɪv/ *n* [C, U] ~ (to so sth) mi pakhat thil tuah duh dingin thapeknak: *the offer of cash incentives* ○ *an incentive to work harder* ○ *They don't try very hard, but then there's no incentive.* ○ [attrib] *an incentive scheme.*

**inception** /ɪn'sepʃn/ *n* [sing] (fml) thil pakhat a thawhnak, a thok: *He had been director of the project since its inception.*

**incessant** /ɪn'sesnt/ *adj* cawlbang loin: *a week of almost incessant rain* ○ *an incessant stream of visitors.*

▷ **incessantly** *adv:* *complain incessantly.*

**incest** /ɪn'sest/ *n* [U] naih-aw tuk ruangah, thitaw thei lomi nu le pa sualnak (eg a pa le a fanu, farnu le tapa).

▷ **incestuous** /ɪn'sestʃuəs; US -tʃuəs/ *adj* **1** cuvek sualnak thawng a pehpar aw mi: *an incestuous relationship.* **2** (derog) hmun pakhat ih hnaʔuan tlaang mi bur, naihaw tete ih a pehtlai tlangmi: *Theatre people are a rather incestuous group, I find.*

..... incestuously adv.

**inch** /ɪntʃ/ *n* **1** (abbr **in**) thil tahnak a saulam pi khat ih 1/12 a si mi, ruhpi bok pakhat: *a pile of books 12 inches high*. **2** malte, lole, tawite: *He escaped death by an inch*. ○ *We argued for an hour but he wouldn't budge* (ie change his attitude or ideas) *an inch*. **3** lei parih a li mi tidai letmah pakhat, lole, vuur in letmah pakhat a khuh: *Three inches of rain fell in Manchester last night*. **4** (idm) **by inches** malte lawng; fangfang (sau lam/hlat lam): *The car missed me by inches*. **every inch** (a) hmun zate in: *The police examined every inch of the house for every inch of the house for clues*. (b) a zate in/a pumpuluk in: *He looked every inch a gentleman*. **give sb an inch (and he'll take a mile/yards)** (saying) malte in thum aw la, tam sinsin a lo ngeen ding. **inch by inch** kar khat tete in/nuam tete in: *They climbed the steep mountain inch by inch*. **within an inch of sth/doing sth** a nai zet/zikte: *He came within an inch of being killed*. **5** (phr *v*) **inch (sth) forward, past, through, etc (sth)** hmaihoi hnak zawn lamah nuam teten thin vivo/ thawn vivo: *inch the car forward* ○ *He inched (his way) through the narrow passage*.

**inchoate** /ɪnˈkəʊet/ *adj* (fml) a thok pekte puitling hrih lomi: *inchoate ideas, attitudes, wishes, etc*.

**incidence** /ɪnˈsɪdəns/ *n* [sing] **1** ~ of sth thil pakhat candan le a zat: *This area has a high incidence of crime, disease, unemployment, etc*. **2** khawtleu ih thilri pakhat a kap dan: *the angle of incidence*.

**incident**<sup>1</sup> /ɪnˈsɪdənt/ *n* **1** a pehpar ih thil cang mi: *He could remember every trivial incident in great detail*. **2** ram khat le ram khat ral sinak lam ih ti-awknak: *border incidents*. **3** [C, U] misenpi ih buai pi mi: *The demonstration proceeded without incident*. ⇒ Usage at OCCURRENCE.

**incident**<sup>2</sup> /ɪnˈsɪdənt/ *adj* [pred] ~ to/upon sb/sth (fml) thil a cang thei theumi/si dah theumi: *the risks incident of the life of a test pilot* ○ *responsibilities incident upon one as a parent*.

**incidental** /ɪnˈsɪdəntl/ *adj* **1** a pehpar ih thil cangmi: *incidental expenses*. **2** a rak tel ve, si vemi: *incidental music for a play*. **3** [pred] ~ (to sth) a cang thei theumi: *the risks that are incidental to exploration* ○ *additional responsibilities that are incidental to the job*. **4** a cang pang theimi.

▷ **incidentally** /-tli/ *adv* **1** thudang hei bet ah: *Some people, and incidentally that includes Arthur, just won't look after themselves properly*. **2** amah a si dandan in.

**incinerate** /ɪnˈsɪnəreɪt/ *v* [Tn] meisa khangih siatter/siat suah theh, vutvai cang theh.

▷ **incineration** /ɪnˈsɪnəreɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**incinerator** /ɪnˈsɪnəreɪtə(r)/ *n* thil khangnak cet.

**incipient** /ɪnˈsɪpiənt/ *adj* (fml) a thok pek/a

thoknak: *signs of incipient tooth decay*.

**incise** /ɪnˈsaɪz/ *v* [Tn] (a) aat. (b) thil a hak mi, eg. lungto parah ca lole zuk pakhat khat thil hriamhrei pakhat hmangin ngan, khuar.

▷ **incision** /ɪnˈsɪzn/ *n* [C, U] aat, ahmi, eg sibawi in minaa parah nat tuahnak ih taksa a aat mi: *make a deep incision in the thigh*.

**incisive** /ɪnˈsaɪsɪv/ *adj* fiang zet le a cekci a simi: *incisive comments, criticism, advice, etc* ○ *an incisive mind*.

▷ **incisively** *adv*.

**incisiveness** *n* [U].

**incisor** /ɪnˈsaɪzə(r)/ *n* a hriam zetmi thil (rawl) tantu ha 8 sungin pakhat a simi, uihaa.

**incite** /ɪnˈsaɪt/ *v* **1** [Tn-pr, Dn-t] ~ sb (to sth) tawtok; forh: *incite the workers to violence/against the government* ○ *The captain was accused of inciting other officers to mutiny*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] thil pakhat cangter/suakter: *incite a riot/breach of the peace*.

▷ **incitement** *n* [U, C] ~ (to sth) thil pakhat cangter ding ih tawtoknak, forhnak: *incitement to defy authority*.

**incivility** /ɪnˈsɪvɪləti/ *n* (fml) **1** [U] tong dan, hoiher dan in mi ziangsiar lonak: Cf UNCIVIL. **2** [C] um dan/tong dan mawi lo, tha lo.

**incl** *abbr* including; inclusive: *total £29.53 incl tax*.

**inclement** /ɪnˈklemənt/ *adj* (fml) thli a tam ih a daimi: *inclement weather*.

▷ **inclemency** /-ənsi/ *n* [U].

**inclination** /ɪnˈklɪneɪʃn/ *n* **1** [C, U] ~ (to/for/ towards sth); ~ (to do sth) thil pakhat tuah duhnak thinlung neihnak, tuah duhnak: *I have little inclination to listen to you all evening*. ○ *She is not free to follow her own inclination in the matter of marriage*. **2** [C] ~ to sth; ~ to be/ do sth a cang thei theumi: *He has an inclination to stoutness/to be fat*. ○ *The car has an inclination to stall on cold mornings*. **3** (a) [U] thil pakhat a pur (a ding lo) dan, a sawn dan. (b) [C] a sawn lam: *a small inclination just beyond the trees*. **4** [C usu sing] khatlam ah a kawi: *an inclination of his head*.

**incline**<sup>1</sup> /ɪnˈklaɪn/ *v* **1** [Ipr] ~ towards sth khatlam ah sawn: *The land inclines towards the shore*. **2** [Tn] taksa ruangpi hmailam ah kuun: *She inclined her head in prayer*. **3** (fml) (a) [Tn-pr, Tnt] ~ sb towards sth thil pakhat tuah dingin forhfiat, duh dan zawn thlun: *His love of languages inclined him towards a career as a translator*. ○ *His sincerity inclines me to trust him*. (b) [Ipr] ~ to/towards sth taksa/tisa in, lole, ruahnak in khatlam ih si duh: *He inclines to laziness*. ○ *She inclines towards depression*.

▷ **inclined** *adj* [pred] **1** ~ (to do sth) thinlung duhnak tan nei: *I'm inclined to trust him*. ○ *We can go for a walk, if you feel so inclined*. **2** ~ to do sth siduh/tuahduh: *He's inclined to be lazy*. ○ *The car is inclined to stall when it's cold*.

## incline

*outside.* **3 ~ to do sth** (used to make what is said sound less strong) ruahnak phundang te nei: *I'm inclined to believe he's innocent.* ○ *Generally speaking, I'm inclined to agree with you.* **4** thil pakhat khat ah suahkeh (suahpi) thil ti theinak: *Louise is very musically inclined.*

□ **inclined plane** a hmai a sawngmi/a rawn lomi.

**incline**<sup>2</sup> /'ɪŋklaɪn/ *n* a sawn/a puur: *a gentle/steep incline.*

**inclose** = ENCLOSE.

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**include** /ɪn'kluːd/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tg] telhchih: *The conference delegates included representatives from abroad.* ○ *The tour included a visit to the Science Museum.* ○ *Does the price include VAT?* ○ *Your duties include checking the post and distributing it.* **2** [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sb/sth (in/among sth)** cutiang kha tiang tel in: *include an article (in a newspaper)* ○ *We all went, me/myself included,* ie I was among those who went. ○ *Detailed instructions are included in the booklet.* ▷ **including** /ɪn'kluːdɪŋ/ *prep* (minung/thil) tel in: *£57.50, including postage and packing* ○ *The band played many songs, including some of my favourites.* ○ *Sales up to and including last month amounted to £10000.*

**inclusion** /ɪn'kluːʒn/ *n* [U] ~ **(in sth)** telh chihnak: *the inclusion of the clause in the contract.*

**inclusive** /ɪn'kluːsɪv/ *adj* **1** ~ **(of sth)** tel ve in, rak telhchih in: *The price is £800, inclusive of tax.* ○ *inclusive terms,* ie with no extra charges, eg at a hotel. **2** (following *ns*) cutiang, khatiang tel in: *from Monday to Friday inclusive* ○ *pages 7 to 26 inclusive.*

▷ **inclusively** *adv.*

**incognito** /ɪŋkɒɡ'nɪːtəʊ; US ɪŋ'kɒɡnətəʊ/ *adj* [pred], *adv* sinak a thup in, mi ih theih lo te'n hmel thleng in: *He didn't want to be recognized, so he travelled incognito.*

▷ **incognito** *n* (pl ~ **s**) hmel thleng; a sinak thup.

**incoherent** /ɪŋkəʊ'hɪərənt/ *adj* **1** a fiang lo: *an incoherent explanation.* **2** fiangte ih sim lomi: *talk incoherent gibberish.*

▷ **incoherence** /-əns/ *n* [U].

**incoherently** *adv.* Cf COHERENT (COBERE).

**incombustible** /ɪŋkəm'bʌstəbl/ *adj* (fml) a kaang thei lomi.

**income** /ɪŋkʌm/ *n* [C, U] tuanman ngahmi tangka, lole, paisa a thang hrangih retmi in tangka ngahmi: *a family with two incomes,* eg when the husband and wife both do paid work. ○ *Tax is payable on all income over £2000.* ○ *high/low income groups* ○ *a useful source of income for the charity.*

□ **income tax** tangka ngahmi zawn in siah lakmi: *reduce the standard rate of income tax.* Cf CAPITAL LEVY (CAPITAL<sup>2</sup>).

NOTE ON USAGE: **1 Income** is the most

general word for money we receive from work, investments, etc. It can be **earned** or **unearned income**. **2 Pay** is a general word for money we regularly receive from an employer for work done. **Pay-day** is the day of the week/month when this money is received. **3 Wages** are paid weekly (sometimes daily) and usually in cash. They are based on an hourly, daily or weekly rate or on a certain amount of work done. **Wage-earners** are usually manual workers: *A postman's wages are £180 per week.* **4 A salary** is paid monthly and directly into a bank account. The amount of **salary** received is quoted at a yearly rate: *a salary of £12000 a year/per annum.* Professional people and those who work in offices receive a **salary**: *The company is offering a salary of £20000 per annum.* **5 A fee** is a payment to a lawyer, doctor, etc for professional services: *I thought the accountant's fee rather high.*

**incoming** /ɪŋkʌmɪŋ/ *adj* [attrib] **1** ra lut lam a simi: *the incoming tide* ○ *incoming* (ie enemy) *artillery fire* ○ *incoming telephone calls* ○ *incoming passengers.* **2** hril thar a simi: *the incoming president.*

**incommensurable** /ɪŋkə'mənʃərəbl/ *adj* [usu pred] (also **incommensurate**) ~ **(with sb/sth)** (fml) mi pakhat tahnak, lole, thil pakhat thaw ih tahthim theih a si lomi.

**incommensurate** /ɪŋkə'məntʃərət/ *adj* [usu pred] (fml) **1** ~ **(to/with sth)** a kaih aw lo mi, a si thiam lo: *His abilities are incommensurate to the task.* **2** = INCOMMENSURABLE.

**incommode** /ɪŋkə'mənʃər/ *v* [Tn] (fml) remcang lo (lole) a harnak.

▷ **incommodious** /ɪŋkə'məʊdiəs/ *adj* (fml) nuam lo, zinfē (a fatet tuk ruangah).

**incommodiously** *adv.*

**incommunicable** /ɪŋkə'mjuːnɪkəbl/ *adj* pawl, kom, pehtlai, biak a theih lo.

**incommunicado** /ɪŋkə'mjuːnɪkəˈdɔː/ *adj* [pred], *adv* midang thaw pehtlaihawk a theih lo: *The prisoner was held incommunicado.*

**incomparable** /ɪn'kɒmprəbl/ *adj* tahthim ding a um lo: *incomparable singing, hospitality, food.*

▷ **incomparability** /ɪn'kɒmpərə'bɪləti/ *n* [U].

**incomparably** /ɪn'kɒmprəblɪ/ *adv.*

**incompatible** /ɪŋkəmpə'təbl/ *adj* **1** ~ **(with sb)** lungawi in umtlang le tuantlang thei lo: *temperamentally, sexually, socially incompatible* ○ *I've never seen such an incompatible couple.*

**2** ~ **(with sth)** a remcang thei lo: *behaviour that is totally incompatible with the aims of the society.*

▷ **incompatibility** /ɪŋkəmpə'təbɪləti/ *n* [U, C].

**incompetent** /ɪn'kɒmpɪtənt/ *adj* **1** tuahsuak theinak ding thiamnak a nei lo: *I suppose my application has been lost by some incompetent*



- bureaucrat. ○ criticized for his incompetent handling of the problem. **2** ti thei lo/tuan thei lo: incompetent to judge.
- ▷ **incompetence** /-əns/ *n* [U] thil ti thei lonak: He was dismissed for incompetence.
- incompetent** *n* thil ti thei lo pa/nu.
- incompetently** *adv.*
- incomplete** /ɪŋkəm'plɪt/ *adj* sambau, a kim lo: an incomplete set of results.
- ▷ **incompletely** *adv.*
- incompleteness** *n* [U].
- incomprehensible** /ɪn,kəmprɪ'hensəbl/ *adj* theihthiam a si lo, theih har: technical expressions that are incomprehensible to ordinary people.
- ▷ **incomprehensibility** /ɪn,kəmprɪ,hensə'bɪləti/ *n* [U].
- incomprehensibly** /-səblɪ/ *adv.*
- incomprehension** /ɪn,kəmprɪ'hensən/ *n* [U] theih thei lonak: Her explanations were met with blank incomprehension.
- incompressible** /ɪŋkəm'presəbl/ *adj* nam theih lo, hlom theih lo: incompressible gases/liquids.
- inconceivable** /ɪŋkən'sivəbl/ *adj* **1** (ɪnfml) zum ding harmi: It seems inconceivable that the accident could have happened so quickly. **2** ruah ban a silo, zum ding har: the inconceivable vastness of space.
- ▷ **inconceivably** *adv* ruahban loin: The task proved inconceivably more difficult than we had imagined.
- inconclusive** /ɪŋkən'kluːsɪv/ *adj* tumtahnak fiangte in a um lo, relcatnak a um lo: inconclusive arguments, discussions, evidence, etc.
- ▷ **inconclusively** *adv.* **inconclusiveness** *n* [U].
- incongruous** /ɪn'kɒŋgruəs/ *adj* lamdang, phundang; kiangkap umdan/a ummi thawn a phundang deuh a simi: slow traditional methods that seem rather incongruous in this modern technical age.
- ▷ **incongruity** /ɪŋkɒŋ'gruːəti/ *n* **1** [U] a kaih awk lonak; bangawk lonak: the apparent incongruity of a scientist having a simple religious faith. **2** [C] a kaihaw/a remcang aw thei lomi thil.
- incongruously** *adv.*
- inconsequent** /ɪn'kɒnsɪkwənt/ *adj* **1** sidan vek in a thlun lomi, simcia le tuah dah zomi vek a si lo. **2** = INCONSEQUENTIAL.
- ▷ **inconsequence** /ɪn'kɒnsɪkwəns/ *n* [U].
- inconsequently** *adv.*
- inconsequential** /ɪn,kɒnsɪkwənʃl/ *adj* (also **inconsequent**) a thupi lo, a ʃukʔak: inconsequential details, events, questions.
- ▷ **inconsequentially** /-ʃəlɪ/ *adv.*
- inconsiderable** /ɪŋkən'sidrəbl/ *adj* a fate mi, a man mal, simtlak lo: a not inconsiderable sum of money, ie a large sum of money.
- inconsiderate** /ɪŋkən'siderət/ *adj* mi zawnruat lo; zawnruahnak nei lo: How could you have been so inconsiderate? ○ inconsiderate behaviour, remarks.
- ▷ **inconsiderately** *adv.* **inconsiderateness** *n* [U].
- inconsistent** /ɪŋkən'sɪstənt/ *adj* **1** [usu pred] ~ (with sth) (thil/thu pakhat thawn) a rem aw lo mi/a linglet in a si mi: Such behaviour is inconsistent with her high-minded principles. ○ His account of the events was inconsistent. **2** a hmun lomi/a thleng aw thei: He is inconsistent in his loyalty: sometimes he supports us, sometimes he's against us.
- ▷ **inconsistency** /-ənsɪ/ *n* (a) [U] hmun ringring lonak: inconsistency in the standard of his work. (b) [C] hmun lonak: She noticed several minor inconsistencies in his argument.
- inconsistently** *adv.*
- inconsolable** /ɪŋkən'səʊləbl/ *adj* hneem theih lomi: inconsolable grief ○ The children were inconsolable when their father died.
- ▷ **inconsolably** /-əblɪ/ *adv*: weep inconsolably.
- inconspicuous** /ɪŋkən'spɪkjʊəs/ *adj* theih thiam a si lo, fiang lo: a small inconspicuous crack in the vase ○ The newcomer tried to make herself as inconspicuous as possible, ie tried to avoid attention.
- ▷ **inconspicuously** *adv.*
- inconspicuousness** *n* [U].
- inconstant** /ɪn'kɒnstənt/ *adj* (fml) **1** (minung) thinlung le tumtahmi a thleng ringring, thu pelh thei: an inconstant lover. **2** a thleng aw theimi.
- ▷ **inconstancy** /-ənsɪ/ *n* [U, C].
- incontestable** /ɪŋkən'testəbl/ *adj* eel theih si lo/ eel ding lo thil/lungkim lo a theih lo: an incontestable fact.
- ▷ **incontestably** /-əblɪ/ *adv.*
- incontinent** /ɪn'kɒntɪnənt/ *adj* **1** zun le ek suup thei lo: People after become incontinent when they get very old. **2** nu le pa (mipa nunau) pawl awknak ah tisa a suup thei lo.
- ▷ **incontinence** /-əns/ *n* [U].
- incontrovertible** /ɪŋkɒntrə'vɜːtəbl/ *adj* a fiangtuk ruangah eel theih si lo: incontrovertible evidence.
- ▷ **incontrovertibility** /ɪn,kɒntrəvɜːtə'bɪləti/ *n* [U].
- incontrovertibly** /ɪŋkɒntrə'vɜːtəblɪ/ *adv*: incontrovertibly true.
- inconvenience** /ɪŋkən'vɪniəns/ *n* (a) [U] a nom lonak, zinfenak, harnak, remcang lonak: He apologized for the inconvenience he had caused. ○ put sb to, suffer great inconvenience. (b) [C] hnaihnoktetu; remcang lotetu: having to change trains is a small inconvenience ○ put up with slight inconveniences.
- ▷ **inconvenience** *v* [Tn] nuam loter; hnaihnokt: The companies were greatly inconvenienced by the postal delays.
- inconvenient** /ɪŋkən'vɪniənt/ *adj* remcang lo: They arrived at an inconvenient time — we had

## incorporate

just started the meal. ○ Living such a long way from the shops can be very inconvenient.

▷ **inconveniently** adv.

**incorporate** /ɪn'kɔ:pəreɪt/ v **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (in/into sth) pakhat ah rak telh cih, rak telh: *Many of your suggestions have been incorporated in the new plan.* (b) [Tn] telh; telh cih: *The new car design incorporates all the latest safety features.* **2** [Tn] (US) thil pakhat sungah rak telh: *We had to incorporate the company for tax reasons* ○ *a company incorporated in the USA.*

▷ **incorporate** /ɪn'kɔ:pəreɪt/ adj upadi daan vekin pawlkhawm.

**incorporated** /ɪn'kɔ:pəreɪtɪd/ adj (US) (abbr **Inc**) upadi duhnak vekin pawlkommi (kompani tivek): *Nelson Inc.*

**incorporation** /ɪn'kɔ:pə'reɪʃn/ n [U] pawl komnak.

**incorporeal** /ɪn'kɔ:pə'reɪəl/ adj (fml) hmuh theih tham theih in a si lo/ruangpi um lo.

**incorrect** /ɪn'kɔ:rekt/ adj **1** a dik lo, a hmaan lo, a si lomi: *an incorrect answer* ○ *incorrect conclusions.* **2** si dingmi vekin a si lo: *incorrect behaviour.*

▷ **incorrectly** adv: *answer incorrectly.*

**incorrectness** n [U].

**incorrigible** /ɪn'kɔ:rɪʒəbl/ US -'kɔ:r-/ adj (of people or their faults) remsal theih lo: *an incorrigible liar, gambler, gossip, etc* ○ *incorrigible habits.*

▷ **incorrigibility** /ɪn'kɔ:rɪʒə'bɪləti/ n [U].

**incorrigibly** /ɪn'kɔ:rɪʒə'bli/ adv.

**incorruptible** /ɪn'kɔ:rəptəbl/ adj **1** nawhthuh pek ih siatsuah theih lo: *Judges should be incorruptible.* **2** a thu a ɬawt thei lo.

▷ **incorruptibility** /ɪn'kɔ:rəptə'bli/ n [U].

**incorruptibly** /ɪn'kɔ:rəptə'bli/ adv.

**increase**<sup>1</sup> /ɪn'kri:s/ v [I, Ipr, T, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (from **A**) (to **B**) a tam ih karh, tamter, tuumter, ɬang: *The population has increased from 1.2 million 10 years ago to 1.8 million now.* ○ *The rate of inflation has increased by 2%.* ○ *increased profits* ○ *He increased his speed to overtake the lorry.*

▷ **increasingly** /ɪn'kri:sɪŋli/ adv tam deuhdeuh: *increasingly difficult, important, popular* ○ *Increasingly, people are realizing that our basic problems are not economic ones.*

**increase**<sup>2</sup> /ɪn'kri:s/ n **1** [C, U] ~ (in sth) a karhzai; ɬangmi: *Greater spending on education is expected to lead to a large increase in the number of students.* ○ *an increase of nearly 50% over/ on last year* ○ *a wage increase* ○ *Some increase in working hours may soon be needed.* **2** (idm) **on the increase** (infml) a karh sinak/a karh zai ih um: *The number of burglaries in the area seems to be on the increase.*

**incredible** /ɪn'kredəbl/ adj **1** zum theih lo: *What an incredible story!* **2** (infml) zum dingah a har, mangbangza a simi: *He earns an incredible*

*amount of money.* ○ *We had an incredible (ie extremely good) holiday!* ○ *She's an incredible actress.*

▷ **incredibility** /ɪn'kredə'bɪləti/ n [U].

**incredibly** /ɪn'kredə'bli/ adv **1** a hleifuan/a si luarmi: *incredibly hot weather.* **2** zum theih lo dingin a um mi, mangbangza zet: *Incredibly, no one had ever thought of such a simple idea before.*

**incredulous** /ɪn'kredjʊləs; US -dʒu:l/ adj zum duh lo, zum thei lo, zum lonak langter: *an incredulous look, stare, gaze, etc.*

▷ **incredulity** /ɪn'krɪ'dju:ləti; US -'du:-/ n [U]: *an expression of shock and utter incredulity.*

**incredulously** adv.

**increment** /ɪn'krəmənt/ n a ɬang (thlahlawh): *Your salary will be £12000 a year, with annual increments of £500.*

▷ **incremental** /ɪn'krə'mentl/ adj: *incremental increases.*

**incrementally** /-təli/ adv.

**incriminate** /ɪn'krɪmɪneɪt/ v [Tn] sual puh; sual ti langter: *She refused to make a statement to the police in case she incriminated herself.* ○ *incriminating evidence.*

▷ **incrimination** /ɪn'krɪmɪ'eɪʃn/ n [U].

**incriminatory** /ɪn'krɪmɪ'nətri, -neɪtəri/ adj sual puhnak.

**incrustation** /ɪn'kra'steɪʃn/ n **1** [U] a hakmi a lengphaw ih rak cannak. **2** [C] a hakmi a leng tuamtu: *incrustations of barnacles on the hull.*

**incubate** /ɪn'kjubeɪt/ v **1** (a) [I, Tn] op; arti keuh dingin op: *a bird incubating (her eggs).* (b) [I] arti keuhter dingih rak hlumter. **2** [I, Tn] (medical or biology) (of bacteria, etc) pakhat ihsin pakhat cannak dingih a ɬulmi (hmun, dai tivek): *Some viruses incubate very rapidly.* ○ *incubate germs in a laboratory.* **3** [I, Tn] (fig) nuam tete in a cang mi; nuam tete in a ɬang rero mi: *plans for revolution that had long been incubating in their minds.*

▷ **incubation** /ɪn'kjʊbeɪʃn/ n **1** [U] arti keuhternak: *artificial incubation*, ie hatching by artificial warmth. **2** [C] (also **incubation period**) (a) (medical) arti op caan sung. (b) (fig) tummi thil pakhat tuahsuak theinak ding caan. **incubator** /ɪn'kjubətə(r)/ n arti keuhternak thilri. Cf **HATCHERY** (HATCH<sup>2</sup>).

**incubus** /ɪn'kjubəs/ n (pl ~ **es** or **-bi** /-baɪ/) (a) khuavang khawsia, ih lai ah mi nam thei. Cf **SUCCUBUS**. (b) (rhet) mumang, manglam.

**inculcate** /ɪn'kʌlkəɪt; US ɪn'kʌl-/ v [Tn, Rn-pr] ~ **sth** (in/into sb); ~ **sb with sth** (fml) thinlung ah thun sak, thinlung ah taapter: *inculcate in young people a respect for the law* ○ *inculcate young people with a respect for the law.*

**incumbent** /ɪn'kʌmbənt/ adj **1** [pre] ~ **on/upon sb** (fml) a si cia zomi; ɬuanvo nei: *It is incumbent upon all users of this equipment to familiarize themselves with the safety procedure.* **2** [usu

- attrib] a tuān rero lai: *the incumbent president*.  
 ▷ **incumbent** *n* upa a tuān rero laitū (biakinn): *the present incumbent of the White House*, ie the US President.  
**incumbency** /-ənsɪ/ *n* a tuān rero laitū ih dinhmun.
- incur** /ɪn'kʊ:(r)/ *v* (-rr-) [Tn] thil tha lo, mah parih thlengter; mah le mah harsat ngahter: *incur debts, great expense, sb's anger*.
- incurable** /ɪn'kjʊərəbl/ *adj* damter theih lo, thasal theih lo: *incurable diseases, habits*.  
 ▷ **incurable** *n* dam theih lo pa/nu, a dam theih lo natnak a neitu: *a home for incurables*.  
**incurably** /-əblɪ/ *adv*: *incurably ill, stupid, optimistic*.
- incurious** /ɪn'kjʊəriəs/ *adj* (fml) theih a duh lo; theih duhnak nei lo.
- incursion** /ɪn'kʊ:ʃn; US -ʒn/ *n* (fml) ~ (into/on/upon sth) **1** hmun pakhat rinlopi ih va do hruak, va nor hruak: *repel a sudden incursion of enemy troops (into/on one's territory)*. **2** (fig) mi pakhat ih caan tha, lole, amah te a um lai ah va hnaihok: *I resent these incursions into/upon my leisure time*.
- incurred** /ɪn'kʊ:vd/ *adj* a sunglam ah a kual, a sung lam ah a kur.
- Ind** *abbr* (politics) Independent (candidate): *Tom Lee (Ind)*.
- indebted** /ɪn'detɪd/ *adj* ~ to sb (for sth) paisa baak, lole, mi pakhat ih tuahthatnak (bawm, tha pek, thufim sim) ruangah a parah lungawinak (sam theih lo tiang lungawinak): *be (deeply, greatly, etc) indebted to sb for his help, advice, encouragement, etc*.  
 ▷ **indebtedness** *n* [U].
- indecent** /ɪn'di:snt/ *adj* **1** (um dan, tong dan ti mi ah) ngai nuam lo, zoh mawi lo, mitkemza: *That short skirt of hers is positively indecent*. **2** [usu attrib] a rem lo/ a mawi lo: *leave a party in indecent haste*, ie too early or too soon too be polite. Cf **DECENT**.  
 ▷ **indecently** /-nsɪ/ *n* **1** [U] ngai nuam lo, lole, zoh rem lo ih umnak: *arrested by the police for gross indecency*, eg indecent exposure. **2** [C] cuvek sinak.  
**indecently** *adv*.  
 □ **indecent exposure** mi lakah zahmawh (zang/su) hei langter hrim sualnak.
- indecipherable** /ɪndr'saɪfrəbl/ *adj* a san leh theih lomi: *an indecipherable code, signature, scribble, etc*.
- indecision** /ɪndr'sɪzn/ *n* [U] ~ (about sth) thu khiak thei lonak/ti le ti lo ding ti thu then theih lonak, awloksongnak: *He stood outside the door in an agony of indecision*.
- indecisive** /ɪndr'saɪsɪv/ *adj* (a) a netnak a si le si lo fiang hrih lomi: *an indecisive battle, answer, meeting*. (b) ti duhmi hrih thei lo, awloksong ih um, thu fiang thei hrih lo: *He's too indecisive to make a good leader*.  
 ▷ **indecisively** *adv*.
- indecorous** /ɪn'dekerəs/ *adj* (fml) mawi lo zet; sia zet: *forced to make a hasty and indecorous departure without his trousers*.  
 ▷ **indecorously** *adv*.
- indecorum** /ɪndr'kɔ:rəm/ *n* [U] (fml) mawi lo zet ih nuncannak.
- indeed** /ɪn'di:d/ *adv* **1** a si ngai; a si tak; si taktak, a ngai in a si taktak ti langternak ih hmanmi tongfang (a) (used to emphasize an affirmative reply): *'Did he complain?' 'Indeed he did.'* ○ *'Do you agree?' 'Yes indeed.'* (b) (intensifying an *adj*, an *adv* or a *n* in an exclamation) a si tak ual; a si ngaingai hi: *That is indeed remarkable! That is indeed a remarkable thing!* **2** (used after *very* + *adj* or *adv* to emphasize a statement, description, etc) a ngaingai ahcun: *Thank you very much indeed!* ○ *I was very sad indeed to hear about it.* ○ *a very big elephant indeed*. **3** (fml) thil/thu pakhat zum lo tuk tikah hei sawnmi tongfang: *I don't mind. Indeed, I am delighted to help.* ○ *I was annoyed, indeed furious, over what happened.* **4** (as a comment or response) hmuh ve dan simi (a) (expressing surprise, but not disbelief) khawruah har ih simmi, a sina'n zum lonak lam a si lo: *'I saw a ghost!' 'Indeed? Where was it?'* (b) (expressing disbelief and even scorn) zum lo tuk lam ah kawkpah ih tongmi: *'A ghost indeed! I've never heard anything so ridiculous!'* (c) (showing interest of a critical or an ironical kind) poimawh terzet mi parih tongmi: *'When will the weather improve?' 'When, indeed!'*
- indefatigable** /ɪndr'fætɪgəbl/ *adj* (fml **approv**) baanglo, thlahlo ih um/tha nau lo ih zuam ringring/baan tawk nei lo: *indefatigable workers* ○ *an indefatigable campaigner for civil rights*.
- indefensible** /ɪndr'fensebl/ *adj* run a theih lo, ngaithiam theih lo, a dik ti ih ti theih lo: *indefensible behaviour, rudeness, harshness, etc*.  
 ▷ **indefensibly** /-əblɪ/ *adv*: *indefensibly rude*.
- indefinable** /ɪndr'faməbl/ *adj* a ciangkuang lomi, a fiang lomi, a cekci lo: *an indefinable air of mystery*.  
 ▷ **indefinably** /-əblɪ/ *adv*.
- indefinite** /ɪn'defɪnət/ *adj* **1** fiang lo, mangmarau: *He has rather indefinite views on the question*. ○ *He gave me an indefinite answer*, ie neither 'yes' nor 'no'. **2** ziangtik tiang a si ding ti sim theih lo: *She'll be away for an indefinite period*.  
 ▷ **indefinitely** *adv*: *You may have to wait indefinitely*.  
 □ **indefinite article** (grammar) a (lole) an. Cf **DEFINITE ARTICLE** (**DEFINITE**).
- indelible** /ɪn'deləbl/ *adj* phiāt a theih lo, olten hnawt hlo theih lo: *an indelible pencil*, ie one that makes such marks ○ (fig) *indelible shame* ○ *an indelible memory*.

▷ **indelibly** /-əbli/ *adv.*

**indelicate** /ɪn'delɪkət/ *adj* (*fml* often *euph*) (mi pakhat ih ðong dan, hoiher) a mawi lo, a ðha lo, duhzawng lo: *indelicate remarks* ○ *It was indelicate of you to mention her marriage problems.*

▷ **indelicacy** /-kəsɪ/ *n* **1** [U] ðhalo, mawi lo sinak. **2** [C] ðong mawi lo, zoh rem lo ih umnak.

**indemnify** /ɪn'demnɪfaɪ/ *v* (*pt, pp -fied*) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (**from/against sth**) (law or commerce) upadi in, lole, sum tuah lam ah, mi parah sunnak pakhat rak tuah ruangah (sunter ruangah) kuanliam dingih thukam: *indemnify sb against harm, damage, loss, etc.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (**for sth**) (*fml*) mi ih paisa pek sakmi hrangah paisa liam sal/rul sa: *I undertook to indemnify them for expenses incurred on my behalf.*

▷ **indemnification** /ɪn'demnɪfɪ'keɪʃn/ *n* (*fml*) **1** [U] kuanliamnak. **2** [C] kuanliam, rulhsalnakh ngahmi.

**indemnity** /ɪn'demnəti/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (**against/for sth**) thil siat ding le sunnak a um pang le tiah khaamnak (*aamakhkan*) siatsuahnak le sunnak tuahmi hrangah kuannak: [attrib] *an indemnity fund.* **2** [C] tangka, thilri tivek pawl kuanliamnak ih pekmi: *The victorious nations are demanding huge indemnities from their former enemies.*

**indent** /ɪn'dent/ *v* **1** [Tn] thil pakhat parah hei phaiter, thil a tlang/zim/kap khuar, pemter: *an indented* (ie very irregular) *coastline.* **2** [I, Tn] (cangan tikah) a thoknak zungpibok pakhat tan in ngan thok: *Please indent the first line of each paragraph.* **3** [Ipr] ~ (**on sb**) **for sth** (commerce esp *Brit*) zung in mi pakhat hnenah thil cah: *indent on the firm for new equipment*, ie place an order for which the firm will pay.

▷ **indent** /ɪn'dent/ *n* (commerce esp *Brit*) zungthu in cahmi (thilri), zung hmin in thil cah.

**indentation** /ɪn'den'teɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] thil cah thu hla/ca. (INDENT 1, 2). **2** [C] (a) ~ (**in sth**) thil rawt ngahmi ah a neh tangmi: *the deep indentations of the Norwegian coastline.* (b) cangan thoknak ah mal lai a lawngih tanmi.

**indentures** /ɪn'dentʃəz/ *n* [pl] (esp *formerly*) lungkim awknak ca, hnañuan zir lungkim awknak ca.

▷ **indenture** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (**to sb**) mi pakhat zir phah ih hnañuan dingih saang: *His son was indentured to the local blacksmith.*

**independence** /ɪndɪpendəns/ *n* [U] ~ (**from sb/sth**) mi hnen/thu pakhat in zalennak, mah le mah uk-awknak (rampi zalennak): *young people who want independence from their parents* ○ [attrib] *independence celebrations*, eg of a newly independent country.

□ **Independence Day** Rampi Zalennak ngah Ni; American colony pawl Britain uknak sungin Zalennak an ngahni 4 July 1776.

**independent** /ɪndɪ'pendənt/ *adj* **1** ~ (**of sb/sth**)

midang rinsan lo, midang ih ukmi si lo mahte ding thei: *old enough to be independent of one's parents* ○ *She never borrows anything; she's far too independent for that.* ○ *Barbados was once a British colony, but now it's independent.* **2** ~ (**of sb/sth**) a pehpar aw lo, a dangdang ih um: *Two independent investigators have reached virtually the same conclusions.* **3** bul ta (kumpi siloin) tangka thawn dinmi: *independent television* ○ *the independent sector in education* ○ *independent schools.* **4** ðanbul um lo: *independent evidence, proof, etc.* **5** ðanmi nei lo (*impartial*): *an independent witness, observer, etc* ○ *We demand an independent inquiry into the government's handling of the affair.*

▷ **independent** *n* (abbr **Ind**) (politics) ukawknak (naingnganzi) ah party neilo ih mahte ding mi: *stand as an independent.*

**independently** *adv*: *Scientists in different countries, working independently of each other, have come up with very similar results.*

□ **independent means** midang rin loih mahte tangka ngahnak nei: *a woman of independent means.*

**indescribable** /ɪndɪ'skraɪəbəl/ *adj* a ðat tuk/a sia tuk ruangah kaa ih a si dan sim thei lo: *indescribable squalor.*

▷ **indescribably** /-əbli/ *adv*: *indescribably beautiful, awful, filthy, etc.*

**indestructible** /ɪndɪ'strʌktəbəl/ *adj* siatbal theih lo; siat thei lo: *Furniture for young children needs to be indestructible.* ○ (*fig* *joc*) *I'm pretty indestructible; it takes more than a bout of flu to lay me low.*

▷ **indestructibility** /ɪndɪ'strʌktə'bɪləti/ *n* [U].

**indeterminable** /ɪndɪ'tɜːmɪnəbəl/ *adj* (*fml*) (thu) relcat a theih lomi/a si ding ti theih lo.

**indeterminate** /ɪndɪ'tɜːmɪnət/ *adj* (a) hitin si seh ti theih lo, ciangkuan lo, fiang lo: *a sort of indeterminate colour; half-way between grey and brown.* (b) (mathematics) a sinak a cekci rel theih lomi: *an indeterminate quantity.*

▷ **indeterminacy** /-nəsi/ *n* [U].

**index** /ɪndeks/ *n* (pl ~**es**; in sense 2, ~**es** or **indices** /ɪndɪ'siːz/; in sense 3, **indices**) **1** (a) cabu sungih ummi hmin le thutlangpi a hawlnak (khihmuahnak). (b) (also **card index**) ca siarnak inn (*library*) ah a hawlnak ding ih tuahmi, cabu hmun pawl nganmi ca tlap (*card*). **2** (a)

thil man a kai hlan le a kai hnu zohñhim dingin hmuhkhawmnak: *the cost-of-living index.* (b) ~ (**of sth**) (*fig*) theih theinak; zohñhimnak; langtertu: *The increasing sale of luxury goods is an index of the country's prosperity.* **3** (mathematics) nambat fate, lole, cafang in vei ziat zaiter le amah thawn a bangaw ding ti a hmuhtu; a sullam langtertu (*exponent*): *In b<sup>3n</sup> + x, 3 and n are indices.*



▷ **index** *v* **1** (a) [Tn] thil a hawlolnak cangan: *The book is not well indexed.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (in **sth**) hawlolnak ding cazin sungih khum: *index all the quoted names in a book.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (to **sth**) thilri man kainak ih a pehtlaimi nihlawh, lahkha, pinsin tivek pawl. **Indexation** /ˌɪndeksˈseɪʃn/ *n* [U] thilri man kaitertu a ruang hawlnak (INDEX 2a) of wages, pensions, etc.  
 □ **index finger** *n* kutzung ah zungpi sangtu a simi, mehtok.  
**index-linked** *adj* (of wages, pensions, etc) thilri man a kai vekin nihlawh, thlahlawh, pinsin tivek kai sakmi.  
**Indian** /ˈɪndiən/ *n*, *adj* **1** India ram minung. **2** = AMERICAN INDIAN (AMERICAN): *an Indian ceremony, encampment.* **3** (idm) **Indian/single file** ⇨ FILE<sup>3</sup>. **an Indian summer** (a) ʔhaal (India ram ih ruahpi sur lo, nisa rocar tikcu). (b) (fig) a lehnu lam ih a ʔhami, ti suak theimi.  
 □ **Indian club** *n* palaang pian vek thingtan/lehna, cah zirnak ih hman mi thingtan.  
**Indian corn** vainim  
**Indian hemp** = CANNABIS; kaanza; sii-chauk.  
**Indian ink** *n* a hnaang mi cati dum, zuk suainak ih hman mi.  
**indiarubber** /ˌɪndiəˈrʌbər/ *n* khedan cafung ih nganmi phiahnak sialriat, phiatnak sialriat, khephiat.  
**indicate** /ˈɪndikeɪt/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tf, Tw, Dn-pr, Dpr-f, Dpr-w] ~ **sth** (to **sb**) thil pakhat kut zungih khihbmuh/sawh: *a sign indicating the right road to follow* ○ *With a nod of his head he indicated to me where I should sit.* (b) [Tn, Tf, Tw] thil pakhat a si mi khihbmuh/langter: *A red sky at night indicates fine weather the following day/indicates that the following day will be fine.* (c) [Tn] a tahnak (cuaithlainak, nazi, speedometer) thilri ah ziangzat a si ti khihbmuh: *The speedometer was indicating 95 mph.* **2** [Tn, Tf, Tw, Dn-pr, Dpr-f, Dpr-w] ~ **sth** (to **sb**) thu pakhat fiang kohki ih sim: *The minister has indicated that he may resign next year.* ○ *She has not indicated how she proposes to react.* **3** [Tn esp passive] a ʔlnak langter: *With the government's failure to solve the problem of unemployment, a fresh approach is indicated.* ○ *a diagnosis of advanced cancer indicating an emergency operation.* **4** [I, Tf] mawʔawka a meisen in lam kel a feh ding a hmuh (signal): *Why don't you indicate!* ○ *He indicated that he was turning right, but then he turned left!*  
 ▷ **indication** /ˌɪndɪˈkeɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] khihbmuhnak. **2** [C, U] ~ (of **sth/doing sth**); ~ (as to **sth/that...**) cutin a si, khatin a si ti ih ʔong thlak ve mi (remark); mit, kut le ke hmangin sim duhmi hmuhnak (gesture); ʔong si loin phunkhat khat in khihbmuh mi (sign) tivek pawl ih khihbmuh (langter)nak: *She gave no indication of having*

*heard us.* ○ *Can you give me some indication as to your intentions?* ○ *There are indications that the situation may be improving.*

**indicative** /ˌɪndɪkətɪv/ *adj* (grammar) thusuhmi, lole, thusimmi: *the indicative mood.* Cf IMPERATIVE **3**, INFINITIVE, SUBJUNCTIVE. **2** [pred] ~ of **sth/that...** (fml) khihbmuh, lole, cutin a ʔha ding ti ih simmi: *Is a large head indicative of high intelligence?* ○ *Their failure to act is indicative of their lack of interest/indicative that they have no interest in the problem.*

**indicator** /ˈɪndɪkətə(r)/ *n* **1** simtu/hmuhtu minung, lole, thil: *Litmus paper can be used as an indicator of the presence of acid in a solution.* **2** tlangleng, vanzamleng, tivek a feh caan le a thlen caan nganmi ca: *a train indicator* ○ *an arrivals indicator.* **3** khihbmuhthu thilri/cet: *a traffic-indicator* ○ *His left-hand/right-hand indicator is flashing.*

**indices** *pl* of INDEX.

**indict** /ˈɪndɪt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (for **sth**) (law) mi pakhat a sual ti ih mawhpuh: *He was indicted for murder/on three counts of murder.*

▷ **indictable** *adj* sualpuh theih a simi: *indictable offences*, ie that may be tried by a jury.

**indictment** *n* **1** [C] (a) ~ (against **sb**) mi pakhat ih mawhnak (sualnak - ʔhatlonak) ca ngan in ʔuʔhen zungih pekmi: *bring in an indictment against sb.* (b) ~ of **sb/sth** (fig) mi pakhat a mawhnak thuhla: *The rise in delinquency is an indictment of our society and its values.* **2** [U] sual puhnak, sualpuh rak co.

**indifference** /ˌɪndɪfrəns/ *n* [U] ~ (to **sb/sth**) (mi pakhat, thil pakhat parah) poisat lonak/duhnak nei lo/ziangsiar lonak: *He treated my request with indifference.* ○ *It's a matter of complete indifference to me*, ie I do not care about it. ○ *her indifference to their appeals.*

**indifferent** /ˌɪndɪfrənt/ *adj* **1** [usu pred] ~ (to **sb/sth**) (mi, lole, thil parah) ziang rak siar lo, thei duh lo: *How can you be indifferent to the sufferings of starving people?* ○ *explorers indifferent to the dangers of their journey.* **2** ti thei lo/a sinak niam: *an indifferent book, wine, meal* ○ *a very indifferent athlete.*

▷ **indifferently** *adv*: *He nodded indifferently.* ○ *The team played indifferently today.*

**indigenous** /ˌɪndɪdʒɪnəs/ *adj* ~ (to **sth**) (fml) ram pakhat ih a si mi/ ram pakhat ih um (native); ram hluumtu/taing-yin-ta: *Kangaroos are indigenous to Australia.* ○ *the indigenous language, culture, etc*, ie of the people regarded as the original inhabitants of an area.

**indigent** /ˌɪndɪdʒənt/ *adj* (fml) farah, nunhar.

▷ **indigence** /-əns/ *n* [U] (fml) farahnak.

**indigestible** /ˌɪndɪdʒestəbl/ *adj* pum sungah rawl rial thei lo; sungsia: *Fried onions can be indigestible.* ○ (fig) *indigestible statistics*, ie hard to understand.

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▷ **indigestibility** /ɪndɪdʒestəˈbɪləti/ *n* [U].  
**indigestion** /ɪndɪdʒestʃən/ *n* [U] pum sungah rawl rial thei lo ih nuam lo kawpuar nat: *suffer from indigestion* ○ *have an attack of indigestion* ○ [attrib] *indigestion pills/tablets*, ie taken to cure indigestion.  
**indignant** /ɪnˈdɪgnənt/ *adj* ~ (with sb)/(at/over/about sth) thinheng le ziangsiar lo ih um: *She was most indignant with me when I suggested she might try a little harder.* ○ *He was terribly indignant at what he saw as false accusations.*  
▷ **indignantly** *adv*.  
**indignation** /ɪndɪgˈneɪʃn/ *n* [U] ~ (against sb)/(at/over/about sth) thil a dik lo ti ruahnak in thinhennak: *general indignation at the sudden steep rise in bus fares* ○ *arouse sb's indignation* ○ *Much to my indignation, he sat down in my seat.* ○ *righteous indignation*, ie which one considers appropriate an justified (but others usu do not).  
**indignity** /mˈdɪgnəti/ *n* 1 [U] mualpho ningzahnak: *be subjected to indignity and humiliation.* 2 [C] ʔongnak le tuahnak in mi mualphoter: *The highjackers inflicted all kinds of indignities on their captives.*  
**indigo** /ɪnɪɡəʊ/ *n* [U] 1 hnipuan a pianrong buhnak ih hman mi a pawldup pian suaktermi — hramhnah le kung = ʔing: *a tropical night sky of deepest indigo.*  
**indirect** /ɪndɪˈrekt, -dər-/ *adj* 1 rak feh kualmi/dingte in a si lo, a velkualmi: *an indirect route* ○ *indirect lighting*, ie by reflected light. 2 thu pakhat a thlaam lawng in sim mi: *make an indirect reference to sth* ○ *an indirect answer to a question.* 3 a si cawlh lomi; a pehzom cawlh lomi; a thupi lo a nauta deuhmi: *an indirect cause, reason, result.* Cf DIRECT.  
▷ **indirectly** *adv*.  
**indirectness** *n* [U].  
□ **indirect object** (*grammar*) ti duhsan mi ih a sangtu, eg *him* (= to him) in *Give him the money.* Cf OBJECT<sup>1</sup> 5.  
**indirect question** (*grammar*) kelkawi ih thusuhnak.  
**indirect speech** (also **reported speech**) (*grammar*) simsin mi ʔong: *In indirect speech, 'Hesaid, "I will come"' becomes 'He said he would come.'*  
**indirect tax** Kumpi hnenah siah pek siloin thilman a hlei ih siah pek.  
**indiscernible** /ɪndɪˈsɜːnəbl/ *adj* felfai teih theih thei lo: *an indiscernible difference.*  
**indiscipline** /ɪnˈdɪsɪplɪn/ *n* [U] daan neilo, duh poh ummi.  
**indiscreet** /ɪndɪˈskri:t/ *adj* ralrinnak nei lo zet ih ʔong, tuah, ralrinnak nei lo: *Don't tell her any secrets; she's so indiscreet.* ○ *One indiscreet remark at the wrong moment could ruin the whole plan.*

▷ **indiscreetly** *adv*.  
**indiscretion** /ɪndɪˈskreʃn/ *n* 1 [U] ruattanak nei lo. 2 [C] (a) ruattanak nei lo ih ʔong, lole, thil tuah: (b) milai nuncan dan kel pahsiat: *committing youthful indiscretions.*  
**indiscriminate** /ɪndɪˈskrɪmɪnət/ *adj* (a) ~ (in sth) hril le ruatta lo ih thil tuah: *indiscriminate in his choice of friends.* (b) ciamciam ih ruatta loin tuah: *indiscriminate praise* ○ *indiscriminate bombing of enemy targets*, eg that might kill civilians as well as damage military sites.  
▷ **indiscriminately** *adv*.  
**indispensable** /ɪndɪˈspensəbl/ *adj* ~ (to sb/sth); ~ (for sth/soing sth) um lo theih lo, tuah lo theih lo: *Air, food and water are indispensable to life.* ○ *A good dictionary is indispensable for learning a foreign language.*  
**indisposed** /ɪndɪˈspəʊzd/ *adj* [pred] 1 (often *euphed*) (slightly) a nuam aw lo/dam lemlo, khawhuam lo: *She has a headache and is indisposed.* 2 [pred] ~ to do sth (*fml*) tuah duhnak nei lo: *I felt indisposed to help him.*  
▷ **indisposition** /ɪndɪspəˈziːʃn/ *n* [C, U] 1 (often *euph*) malte nat; dam lemlo. 2 ~ to do sth (*fml*) tuah duh lonak.  
**indisputable** /ɪndɪˈspjuːtəbl/ *adj* eel theih lo.  
▷ **indisputably** *adv*: *indisputably the best tennis player in the world.*  
**indissoluble** /ɪndɪˈsɒljubl/ *adj* (*fml*) ti sungah a zup thei lo/ʔhendarih a theih lo: *indissoluble bonds of friendship between the two men* ○ *The Roman Catholic Church regards marriage as indissoluble.*  
▷ **indissolubility** /ɪndɪˈsɒljʊbɪləti/ *n* [U].  
**indissolubly** /ɪndɪˈsɒljʊblɪ/ *adv*.  
**indistinct** /ɪndɪˈstɪŋkt/ *adj* fiang lo, ciangkkuang lo: *indistinct speech* ○ *indistinct sounds, memories.*  
▷ **indistinctly** *adv*.  
**indistinctness** *n* [U].  
**indistinguishable** /ɪndɪˈstɪŋɡwɪʃəbl/ *adj* ~ (from sth) a bangaw lonak thleidan a theih lo/a bangaw: *Its colour makes the moth indistinguishable from the branch it rests on.*  
▷ **indistinguishably** /-əblɪ/ *adv*.  
**indium** /ɪndɪəm/ *n* [U] (*chemistry*) zinc timi canphio lak ih telmi thir vut tete.  
**individual** /ɪndɪˈvɪdʒuəl/ *adj* 1 [attrib] (esp after *each*) pakhat tete in/bulpak: *Each individual person is responsible for his own arrangements.* 2 [usu attrib] (a) pakhat ciar: *food served in individual portions* ○ *It is difficult for a teacher to give individual attention to children in a large class.* (b) bulpak ciar in: *an individual effort, contribution, etc.* Cf COLLECTIVE. 3 milai, ramsa pakhat ciar sinak in: *an individual style of dress* ○ (*approv*) *He writes in a very individual way*, ie an original way, not derived or imitative.  
▷ **individual** *n* 1 milai pakhat: *the rights of an/*

the individual compared with those of society as a whole. **2** (infml) milai phundang ce a si mi: a pleasant, unpleasant, etc individual ○ What a stragng individual! **3** (approv or derog) mi lamdang, mi phundang (unusual or accentric person): He's quite an individual!

**individually** /-dʒuəli/ adv a dang tete in, pakhat tete in, a paak in: speak to each member of a group individually.

**individualism** /ˌɪndɪˈvɪdʒuəlɪzəm/ n [U] **1** midang ruat loin mah thute ih nuncannak. **2** rampi, lole, mi senpi duhdan ih cangvaihnaak si loin, pumpak cio zalen zet ih cangvaihnaak.

▷ **individualist** /-əlɪst/ n **1** mahte, bulpak te um duhnak neitu: a rugged individualist. **2** mahte bulpak te um dan a lungkim pitu.

**individualistic** /ˌɪndɪˈvɪdʒuəlɪstɪk/ adj mah bulpak ummi, bulpak ih thu pomdan sinak a hmang.

**individualistically** /-klɪ/ adv.

**individuality** /ˌɪndɪˈvɪdʒuələtɪ/ n **1** [U] mi pakhat midang thawn a dan-awknak umdan pawl: a man of marked individuality ○ the individuality of sb's work, style, etc. **2** [U] a dangdang ih umnak: The state often presents a threat to individuality. **3** **individualities** [pl] mah pakhat sinak lawngih nuncan duhnak: cater for different people's individualities.

**individualize, -ise** /ˌɪndɪˈvɪdʒuəlaɪz/ v **1** [Tn] mah pakhat sinak langter: Does your style of writing individualize your work? ○ Prisoners try to individualize their cells by hanging up pictures, etc. ○ individualized writing paper, ie made for a particular person with his/her address, etc printed on it. **2** [I, Tn] a dangte ih hei tuah/dangte ih thleidan.

**indivisible** /ˌɪndɪˈvɪzəbl/ adj thentheih lo.

▷ **indivisibility** /ˌɪndɪˈvɪzəbɪlətɪ/ n [U].

**indivisibly** /ˌɪndɪˈvɪzəblɪ/ adv.

**Indo-** comb form India ram/mi thawn a pehpar: the Indo-Pakistan border.

□ **Indo-European** /ˌɪndəʊˈjʊərəˈpiːən/ adj Europe le Asia kontinent niluhnak lam ih hman hmaisa bikmi ʔong, eg Mirang ʔong (English), France ʔong, German ʔong, Latin ʔong, Greek ʔong, Sweden ʔong, le Hindi ʔong tivek pawl.

**indoctrinate** /ˌɪndɒktrɪneɪt/ v [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-t] ~ **sb** (with sth/against sb/sth) (usu derog) thupomnak mi parah duh le duh lo khalle zirh ih zumter, hnek: teachers who indoctrinate children with antisocial theories ○ a religious organization which indoctrinates young people against their parents/to disobey their parents.

▷ **indoctrination** /ˌɪndɒktrɪˈneɪʃn/ n [U] ~ (with/ingainst sth) thupom dan a hramhram ih zum dingih zirhawk: indoctrination of prisoners ○ indoctrination of converts in the ways of their new religion.

**indolent** /ˌɪndələnt/ adj (fml) zaangzel, khulfung.

▷ **indolence** /-əns/ n [U].

**indolently** adv.

**indomitable** /ˌɪndɒmɪtəbl/ adj (fml approv) neh a theih lo/a sung pek aw thei lo: indomitable courage ○ an indomitable will.

▷ **indomitably** /-əbli/ adv.

**indoor** /ˌɪndɔː(r)/ adj [attrib] inn sung ta, lole, inn sungih tuahmi, ummi: indoor games, photography, activities ○ an indoor swimming-pool ○ indoor clothes. Cf OUTDOOR.

**indoors** /ˌɪndɔːz/ adv inn sungah: go/stay indoors ○ kept indoors all week by bad weather. Cf OUTDOORS.

**indorse** = ENDORSE.

**indrawn** /ˌɪndrɔːn/ adj [attrib] a sungah thun, a sungah thaw in hiip/hawp: All that betrayed his surprise was a sharply indrawn breath.

**indubitable** /ˌɪndjuːbɪtəbl/; US -ˈduː-/ adj (fml) mangbang lo dingmi, mangbang lo in.

▷ **indubitably** /-əbli/ adv: That is indubitably the best course of action.

**induce** /ˌɪndjuːs; US -duːs/ v **1** [Cn-t] (a) mi pakhat mah duhzawng tuah dingih lem: We couldn't induce the old lady to travel by air. (b) mi pakhat thil pakhat tuah dingih forhfiat/thil pakhat tuah dingih fial: What induced you to do such a stupid thing? **2** [Tn] (a) cangter: illness induced by overwork. (b) (medical) nau suakter: an induced labour ○ We'll have to induce her.

▷ **inducement** n [C, U] ~ (to do sth) (a) leem/tha peknak: They have little inducement to work harder. (b) (euph) thilri/paisa pek thup; nawhthuh: offer sb an inducement.

**inducible** adj lem theih.

**induct** /ˌɪndʌkt/ v [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-n/a] ~ **sb** (to/into as sb/sth) tuah dan vekin hnaʔuan pek/sungtel ih ret: induct sb to/into the priesthood/as a priest.

**induction** /ˌɪndʌkʃn/ n [U] **1** ~ (into sth/as sb/sth) luhternak: the induction of new employees into their jobs ○ his induction as a priest ○ [attrib] an induction course, ie to give a new employee, entrant, etc general knowledge of future activities, requirements, etc. **2** sang (nau suak dingih sang): the induction of labour, ie in childbirth. **3** logic ih thil ruahdan le ʔuatdan phunkhat. Cf DEDUCTION 1. **4** (physics) hiiptheinak huham a neimi electric, magnetic ti pawl ah hiip theinak huham a suah theimi. **5** (engineering) a alh theimi fuel mixture kha cet engine sungah alh dingih hrualut ternak: [attrib] a fuel-induction system.

□ **induction-coil** n (physics) electric a malmi.

**induction motor** (physics) electric tha suahtu electric motor.

**indulge** /ˌɪndʌldʒ/ v **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ oneself/sb (with sth) duat/duhnak thlun/mah duhdudh tuah/nei: They indulge their child too much; it's bad for his character. ○ I'm really going to indulge myself tonight with a bottle of champagne.

(b) [Tn] (fml) duhnak thlun; kham le hnaihnohknak um lo te in tipehter: *If you will indulge me for one moment* (ie allow me to continue to speak), *I think I can explain the matter to you.* **2** [Tn] lungkimter: *Will you indulge my curiosity and tell me how much it cost?* ○ *She indulges his every whim.* **3** [I, Ipr] ~ (in sth) mah le mah thil pakhat khat ah nuam aw: *I shall forget about dieting today. I'm just going to indulge*, ie eat and drink what I like. ○ *Indulge in (the luxury of) a long hot bath.*

▷ **indulgent** /-ənt/ adj duat duhnak si mi; duhduh tuah siangmi: *indulgent parents*, ie parents who allow their children to have or do anything.

**indulgently** adv.

**indulgence** /ɪnˈdʌlɡəns/ n **1** [U] duatnak, duhduh tuah siannak: *a life of (self-) indulgence*, ie gratifying oneself ○ *If I may crave your indulgence for one moment....* **2** [U] ~ in sth mah lungkim zawng tuahnak: *Constant indulgence in bad habits brought about his ruin.* **3** [C] mi pakhat ih duhmi thlunnak: *A cigar after dinner is my only indulgence.* **4** (a) [C] (Roman Catholic ih hmanmi) sualnak ruangih cawhkuan ding ihsin luatarnak. (b) [C] hiti vekin sual ihsin luatarnak: *selling indulgences.*

**industrial** /ɪnˈdʌstriəl/ adj **1** [attrib] cetzung lam: *industrial workers* ○ *industrial development.* **2** cetzung lam ih hmanmi: *industrial diamonds.* **3** cetzung thātha, tumpipi tampi um: *an industrial country, society, etc* ○ *the industrial areas of England.*

▷ **industrialism** /-ɪzəm/ n cetzung thansohternak lam.

**industrialist** /-ɪst/ n cetzung neitu.

**industrialize, -ise** /-aɪz/ v [Tn] cetzung tampi ram sungah din: *the industrialized nations.*

**industrialization, -isation** /ɪnˈdʌstriələɪzəʃn; ʊs -lɪz-/ n [U].

**industrially** /-əli/ adv.

□ **industrial action** hnaʔuan thu ih, lungkim lo ruangah hnaʔuan duhlo ih nuar/ngol: *take industrial action*, ie strike.

**industrial alcohol** cetzung hrangih tuahmi zu; zureu.

**industrial dispute** hnaʔuantu (cetzung) le an upa pawl thutarnak.

**industrial estate** cetzung pawl saknak hmun, khawpaw deuh ah a si theu. Cf TRADING ESTATE (TRADE²).

**industrial relations** hnaʔuantu le hnaʔuan neitu pawl an pehtlaih awknak: *setting up a combined workers/management committee to foster good industrial relations.*

**the Industrial Revolution** kum zabi 18 le 19 sungah Mirang (Britain) le nitlaknak lam ram tampi cu cetzung/cet ih cangvaihnak in a hung suakmi thansonak.

**industrious** /ɪnˈdʌstriəs/ adj hnaʔuan zet, law.

▷ **industriously** adv.

**industriousness** n [U].

**industry** /ˈɪndəstri/ n **1** [C, U] (a) cetzung/thil suahnak cetzung: *Britain's coal industry* ○ *heavy industry*, ie producing large goods, eg steel or cars ○ *nationalized industries.* (b) sum ngah theinak ding a phunphun hnaʔuannak: *the catering, hotel, tourist, entertainment, etc industry.* **2** [U] (fml) mi-law/mi-taima sinak: *praise sb for his industry* ○ *The industry of these little ants is wonderful to behold.* **3** (idm) **a captain of industry** ⇨ CAPTAIN.

**inebriated** /ɪnɪˈbrɪeɪtɪd/ adj [usu pred] (fml or joc) zu ri: (fig) *inebriated* (ie uncontrollably excited) *by his success.*

▷ **inebriate** /ɪnɪˈbrɪət/ adj, n (fml) zuri ringring/ zu in zongsangnak.

**inebriation** /ɪnɪˈbrɪeɪʃn/ n [U] (fml or joc) zu rit.

**inedible** /ɪnˈedɪbl/ adj (fml) ei tha lo: *The fish was quite inedible.* Cf UNEATABLE.

**ineffable** /ɪnˈefəbl/ adj (fml) (thil a mak tuk ih) kaa ih sim theih lo: *ineffable joy, beauty, etc.*

▷ **ineffably** /-əbli/ adv.

**ineffective** /ɪnɪˈfektɪv/ adj hmual nei lo: *use ineffective methods* ○ *She is totally ineffective as a teacher*, ie She cannot teach satisfactorily.

▷ **ineffectively** adv.

**ineffectiveness** n [U].

**ineffectual** /ɪnɪˈfektʃʊəl/ adj hlawhtling lo mi/ thāhnem lo: *make ineffectual attempts to do sth* ○ *ineffectual as a leader, teacher, etc* ○ *a well-meaning but ineffectual person.*

▷ **ineffectually** /-tʃʊəli/ adv.

**inefficient** /ɪnɪˈfɪʃnt/ adj **1** (cet, tivek) thaten a ʔuan thei lomi: *an inefficient system, method, use of resources, etc.* **2** (minung) tikcu le thazaang cemlak men in hnaʔuan a sawt lomi: *dismissed for being inefficient* ○ *an inefficient management, administration, body of workers, etc.*

▷ **inefficiency** /-nsɪ/ n [U]: *dismissed for inefficiency.*

**inefficiently** adv.

**inelastic** /ɪnɪˈlæstɪk/ adj rabar vekin dir thei lo, a neem lo duhduh ih rem theih lo: (fig) *This timetable is too inelastic. You must allow for possible modifications.*

**inelegant** /ɪnˈelɪɡənt/ adj zohrem lo, mawi lo: *an inelegant gesture, reply.*

▷ **inelegance** /-ənʃ/ n [U].

**inelegantly** adv.

**ineligible** /ɪnˈelɪdʒəbl/ adj ~ (for sth/to do sth) a tlaak lo: *ineligible for the job, for promotion* ○ *Any person under the age of 18 is ineligible for benefit.*

▷ **ineligibility** /ɪnˈelɪdʒəbɪləti/ n [U].

**ineluctable** /ɪnˈlʌktəbl/ adj (fml) luat theih lo: *the victim of ineluctable fate.*



- ▷ **ineluctably** /-əbli/ *adv.*
- inept** /'inept/ *adj* (a) ~ (at sth/doing sth) thiam lo/ tuah thiam lo: *I've never heard anyone so inept at making speeches.* ○ *His inept handling of a minor problem turned it into a major crisis.* (b) a caan remcang lo (ah tuah/ʔong): *an inept remark.*
- ▷ **ineptitude** /'ineptitju:d; US -tu:d/ *n* (a) [U] thiam lohnak. (b) [C] thiam lo cangvai; thiam lo ʔong/sim.
- ineptly** *adv.*
- inequality** /'inɪkwələti/ *n* (a) [U] ziang tivek (tumlam/ʔatlam tivek) khal ah a ruang awlo, a bang aw lo: *fight against political, racial, etc inequalities in wealth cause social unrest.*
- inequitable** /in'ekwɪtəbl/ *adj* (fml) hmaan lo, dik lo, ta-za lo: *an inequitable division of the profits.*
- ▷ **inequitably** /-əbli/ *adv.*
- inequity** /in'ekwəti/ *n* (fml) (a) [U] ʔuʔthen dan dik lonak, thudik lo: *the inequity of the system.* (b) [C] a dik lonak.
- ineradicable** /in'rædɪkəbl/ *adj* (esp of sth bad) ti loh theih lo, a khohkhah zetmi, a hnget zet: *ineradicable faults, failings, prejudices, etc.*
- ▷ **ineradicably** /-əbli/ *adv.*
- inert** /'ɪnɜ:t/ *adj* 1 thazaang nei lo: *She lay there inert; I thought she must be dead.* ○ (physics) *inert matter.* 2 (derog) cangvaihnak ah khulrang lomi: *an inert management team.*
- ▷ **inertly** *adv.* **inertness** *n* [U].
- **inert gas** helium, neon tivek sii dang thawn cawh tikah a daat a cangvai lomi.
- inertia** /'ɪnɜ:ʃə/ *n* [U] 1 (usu derog) (a) thazaang um lo: *I'm unable to throw off this feeling of inertia.* (b) a thlengaw lo mi: *Because of the sheer inertia of the system many badly needed reforms were never introduced.* 2 (physics) a mahte a cangvai lomi thil cangter asile, hmailam ah ding zet ih a ʔhawn mi.
- ▷ **inertial** /'ɪnɜ:ʃl/ *adj* a cangvai lomi; a dang thil pakhat in a duhnak vekin a cangvaipi mi: *a missile's inertial guidance system.*
- **inertia reel** amah te fekzet ih a ngerh aw theimi thil ngerhnak leng fate.
- inertia seat-belt** tohkham thawn a ʔemʔawn awcih theimi taikap.
- inertia selling** (esp Brit) mi pakhat in a cah lo nan i leizang seh tiah thil hei kuat.
- inescapable** /in'ɪskeɪpəbl/ *adj* pelh a theih lo, kian a theih lo, luat lo: *be forced to the inescapable conclusion that he is a liar.*
- ▷ **inescapably** /-əbli/ *adv.*
- inestimable** /in'estɪməbl/ *adj* (fml) a man sim/ ʔuat theih lo: *The value of your assistance is inestimable.*
- ▷ **inestimably** /-əbli/ *adv.*
- inevitable** /in'evɪtəbl/ *adj* 1 a cang tengteng dingmi: *an inevitable disaster* ○ *It seems inevitable that they'll lose.* 2 [attrib] (infml often joc) hmuh ʔheumi/hna ih theih ʔheumi; hmuhʔhang: *a tourist with his inevitable camera.*
- ▷ **inevitability** /in'evɪtəbɪləti/ *n* [U].
- the in evitable** *n* [sing] a cang tengteng dingmi thil: *accept the inevitable.*
- inevitably** /-əbli/ *adv* cang lo thei loin: *The train was inevitably delayed by the accident.*
- inexact** /inɪg'zækt/ *adj* a cekci lo: *Weather forecasting is an inexact science.*
- ▷ **inexactitude** /inɪg'zæktɪtju:d; US -tɪtʊd/ *n* (a) [U] a cekci silonak. (b) [C] hiti vek a simi: (joc euph) *a terminological inexactitude*, ie a lie.
- inexcusable** /inɪk'skju:zəbl/ *adj* ngai thiam/sual zah thei lo: *inexcusable conduct, delays, inefficiency.*
- ▷ **inexcusably** /-əbli/ *adv:* *inexcusably rude, late, etc.*
- inexhaustible** /inɪg'zɔ:stəbl/ *adj* a pehzom rori mi, cem thei lo: *an inexhaustible supply of sth* ○ *My patience is not inexhaustible*, ie I will eventually become angry or impatient.
- ▷ **inexhaustibly** /-əbli/ *adv.*
- inexorable** /in'eksərəbl/ *adj* cawl lo baang lo: *inexorable demands, pressures, etc* ○ *the inexorable march of progress.*
- ▷ **inexorability** /in'eksərəbɪləti/ *n* [U].
- inexorably** /in'eksərəbɪl/ *adv.*
- inexpedient** /inɪkspi:diənt/ *adj* (fml) ʔhahnem lo, ʔangkai lo: *It would be inexpedient to inform them at this stage.*
- ▷ **inexpediency** /-ənsɪ/ *n* [U].
- inexpensive** /inɪk'spensɪv/ *adj* a man mi, a man har/khung lo.
- ▷ **inexpensively** *adv.*
- inexperience** /inɪk'spiəriəns/ *n* [U] ~ (in sth) ton le hmuhnak nei lo, a har a ol rak tep dah lo: *failure due to inexperience* ○ *You must forgive my inexperience in these matters.*
- ▷ **inexperienced** *adj* ~ (in sth) hmuh le ton nei lomi: *inexperienced in love, business, negotiation.*
- inexpert** /in'ekspɜ:t/ *adj* ~ (at sth) thiam lo: *inexpert advice, guidance, etc.*
- ▷ **inexpertly** *adv:* *an inexpertly executed stroke.*
- inexpiable** /in'ekspiəbl/ *adj* (fml) ngaihdam theih lo.
- inexplicable** /inɪk'splɪkəbl/ *adj* simfiang theih lo: *an inexplicable phenomenon.*
- ▷ **inexplicability** /inɪk'splɪkəbɪləti/ *n* [U].
- inexplicably** /inɪk'splɪkəbɪl/ *adv:* *Inexplicably, she never turned up.*
- inexpressible** /inɪk'spresəbl/ *adj* a maktuk ih kaa in sim theilo: *inexpressible sorrow, anguish, joy, etc.*
- ▷ **inexpressibly** /-əbli/ *adv:* *inexpressibly sad.*
- inextinguishable** /inɪk'stɪŋgwɪʃəbl/ *adj* (fml) hmit a theih lo, ti hloh a theih lo: *the inextinguishable flame of liberty* ○ (fig) *inextinguishable hope, love, desire, etc.*
- ▷ **inextinguishably** /-əbli/ *adv.*

## inextremis

**inextremis** /ɪnɪk'strɪmɪs/ (Latin) **1** (fml) *thupoi cakkhai: This alarm button is only to be used in extremis.* **2** (religion) (Roman Catholic Biaknak) a thi zik thlang: *administer the last sacrament to sb in extremis.*

**inextricable** /ɪnɪk'strɪkəbl/, ɪn'ek'strɪkəbl/ *adj* **1** *then theih lo/a dangdang in siter theih lo: In the Middle Ages, philosophy and theology were inextricable.* **2** *luat a theih lo: inextricable difficulties.*

▷ **inextricably** *adv*: *Her career was inextricably linked with his.*

**inf** *abbr* below, further on; hnuai ah, baak ah (in a booik, etc) (Latin *infra*). Cf *SUP* *abbr*.

**infallible** /ɪn'fæləbl/ *adj* **1** *siatnak, palhnak tuah thei lo, sual thei lo: None of us is infallible.* **2** *famkim zet: a journalist with an infallible nose (ie instinct) for a story.* **3** *tisual, le tlawlh um lo, hmual nei ringring: an infallible remedy, cure method, test.*

▷ **infallibility** /ɪn'fælə'bɪləti/ *n* [U] **1** *sual le palh um thei lonak: the doctrine of Papal infallibility.* **2** *sual a nei ti a pumhlum ih zum: I can't claim infallibility for this method.*

**infallibly** /-əbl/ *adv* **1** *ti sual ti um lo in: infallibly accurate.* **2** *tlawlh pang um loin; hmaanhmaan: Every day she arrives, infallibly, five minutes late. I could time my watch by her!*

**infamous** /ɪnfəməs/ *adj* **1** ~ (for sth) *mi nun tha lo ih hminthang: an infamous traitor* ○ *a king infamous for his cruelty.* **2** (fml) *mi siava, mi ngiaufiau: his infamous treatment of her.*

▷ **infamously** *adv*.

**infamy** /ɪnfəmi/ *n* (fml) **1** (a) [U] *mi nun tha lo sinak, that lonak, siatvatnak hminthan.* (b) [C] *nun thalo: guilty of many infamies.* **2** [U] *hmualpho: His name will live in infamy, ie He will always be held in disgrace.*

**infancy** /ɪnfənsi/ *n* [U] **1** (a) *sentet lai: in early infancy.* (b) (Brit law) *upadi ah kum 18 tanglam minung, nauhak.* **2** (fig) *tuam thawh pek: The project was cancelled while it was still in its infancy.*

**infant** /ɪnfənt/ *n* **1** *kum; kum 2, 3 a simi nauhak, tualleng: infants, older children and adults* ○ [attrib] *our infant son* ○ *infant voices* ○ *infant mortality rate*, ie percentage of children that die in the first few years of life ○ *an infant teacher*, ie one who teaches infants ○ (fig) *In its first general election the infant (ie newly-formed) Social Democratic Party won few seats.* **2** (Brit law) *Mirang (England) upadi ah kum 18 tang milai (minor).*

□ **infant prodigy** *nauhak te lai ihsin a hleice in fimthiam mi, nauhak te'n a fimthiam zet mi.*

**infant school** *nauhak kum 7 tiang kainak tlawng.*

**infanticide** /ɪnfəntɪsaɪd/ *n* **1** [U] (a) *nauhak thah ih sualnak: commit infanticide.* (b) (formerly)

*nauhak neih duh lo ih naute thattu pa/nu.*

**infantile** /ɪnfəntaɪl/ *adj* **1** [usu attrib] *naute sinak in pehpar mi: infantile diseases.* **2** (derog) (nauhak upa deuh; upa) *nauhak bang: infantile behaviour.*

▷ **infantilism** /ɪnfəntɪlɪzəm/ *n* [U] *ruangpi le thinlung thang lo ih nauhak vek si ringring nak, thanrehnak.*

□ **infantile paralysis** (dated) *nauhak thahri nat.*

**infantry** /ɪnfəntri/ *n* [U, Gp] *leipar ralkap: We have less infantry and armour than the enemy.* ○ *The infantry is/are defending well.* ○ [attrib] *an infantry regiment.* Cf *CAVARY*.

□ **infantryman** /-mən/ *n* (pl -men) *lei ralkap pakhat.*

**infatuated** /ɪnfætʃʊətiəd/ *adj* ~ (with/by sb/sth) (usu derog) (temporarily) *mi pakhat caan tawite sung nazet ih va caai (duh): It's no use talking to him: he's completely infatuated.* ○ *She's infatuated by his good looks.* ○ (fig) *He's so infatuated with the idea that he can't talk about anything else.*

▷ **infatuation** /ɪnfætʃʊ'eɪʃn/ *n* [U, C] ~ (with/for sb/sth) *duhzetnak: His infatuation with her lasted six months.* ○ *This is only a passing infatuation, not to be taken too seriously.* ○ *develop an infatuation for sb.*

**infect** /ɪnfekt/ *v* [esp passive: Tn, Tn.pr] ~ sb/sth (with sth) **1** *natnak suan: The laboratory animals had been infected with the bacteria.* ○ *an infected wound* ○ *Clean the infected areas with disinfectant.* ○ *Police have sealed off infected areas of the country.* **2** (fig derog) (mi pakhat thinlungah) *ruahnak dik lo khat: a mind infected with racial prejudice.* **3** (fig approv) *mi pakhat thinlung ah lungawi, soparnak a khat: Her cheerful spirits and bubbling laughter infected the hole class, ie They became happy too.*

**infection** /ɪnfekʃn/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (with sth) (a) *natnak rulcawng dai ruangih ngahmi natnak: be exposed to infection* ○ *the infection of the body with bacteria.* (b) *thinlung ah ruahnak tha lo khat: the infection of young people with dangerous ideologies.* **2** [C] *mit ih hmuh thei lo rulcawng fate ruangah ngahmi natnak: spread/pass on an infection* ○ *People catch all kinds of infections in the winter.* ○ *an airborne/a waterborne infection.* Cf *CONTAGION*.

**infectious** /ɪnfekʃəs/ *adj* **1** (of a disease) *natnak rulcawng ih canter mi: Flu is highly infectious.* **2** [usu pred] (of a person) *a suan aw thei mi: While you have this rash you are still infectious.* **3** (fig approv) *midang hnenah zamrang in va zaih mi: infectious enthusiasm* ○ *an infectious laugh.*

▷ **infectiously** *adv: laugh infectiously.*

**infectiousness** *n* [U]. Cf *CONTAGIOUS*.

**infer** /ɪnfɜː(r)/ *v* (-rr-) [Tn, Tnpr, Tf] ~ sth (from sth) *thu pakhat ruat ciamco hnu ah a si thlang*

ti ih laak: *It is possible to infer two completely opposite conclusions from this set of facts.* ○ *Am I to infer (from your remarks) that you think I'm not telling the truth?* Cf IMPLY.

▷ **inference** /ɪnfərəns/ *n* **1** [U] hivek ih ruahnak laaknak: *If he is guilty then by inference so is she,* ie This conclusion follows logically from the same set of facts. **2** [C] ~ (from sth) (that ...) ruahnak thlaknak: *Is that a fair inference (to draw) from his statement?* ○ *She'd begun spending a lot of money, and the obvious inference was that she'd stolen it.*

**inferential** /ɪnfərənʃl/ *adj*: inferential proof.

**inferentially** /-ʃəli/ *adv*.

**inferior** /ɪnfɪəriə(r)/ *adj* ~ (to sb/sth) nauta deuh, a tha lo deuh, a thatnak ah a niam deuh, thupi lo deuh: *A captain is inferior to a major.* ○ *be socially inferior* ○ *make sb feel inferior* ○ *inferior goods, workmanship.* Cf SUPERIOR.

▷ **inferior** *n* (minung) mi nauta: *one's social inferior* ○ *We should not despise our intellectual inferiors.*

**inferiority** /ɪnfɪəriərətɪ/ *US* -'ɔ:r/ *n* [U] niam sawn sinak, nauta sawn ih ruah-awknak: *feelings of inferiority.*

□ **inferiority complex** (psychology) mi ka bang lo ti ih mah le mah ruah-awknak, nausiah awknak. Cf SUPERIORITY COMPLEX (SUPERIOR).

**infernal** /ɪnfəːnl/ *adj* **1** (rhet) (a) hell thawn a pehpar aw mi: *the infernal regions.* (b) tha lomi, thinnatnak: *infernal cruelty.* **2** [attrib] (infml) hnaihok za; nin um: *That infernal letephone hasn't stopped ringing all day!* ○ *an infernal nuisance.*

▷ **infernally** /-nəli/ *adv*: infernally rude.

**inferno** /ɪnfɜːnəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ s /-z/) **1** hell vek a si mi hmun le hma, thil umzia: *the inferno of war.* **2** mei-alh pi ih siatsuah mi hmun: *The place was a blazing, raging, roaring, etc inferno.*

**infertile** /ɪmfɜːtaɪl/ *US* -tl/ *adj* ram tha lo, lei sia, faa-cing: *infertile land* ○ *an infertile couple, ie unable to have children.*

▷ **infertility** /ɪmfəˈtɪləti/ *n* [U].

**infest** /ɪnfest/ *v* [usu passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (with sth) (derog) (of pests, vermin, insects, etc) zinghnam, cucik, kharbok a bur ih rak um: *a warehouse infested by rats* ○ *clothing infested with lice* ○ *a garden infested with weeds.*

▷ **infestation** /ɪnfəˈsteɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] (instance of) cucik kharbok pawl a rual ih um khi: *an infestation of cockroaches.*

**infidel** /ɪnfɪdəl/ *n* (arch derog) biaknak nei lo, zummi nei lo.

**infidelity** /ɪnfɪdələti/ *n* [C, U] (fml) (act of) rintlak lo sinak, (nupa) pasal par (lole) nupi par ah rinsan (nu le pa sualnak) tlak lo ih umnak: *willing to forgive her husband's little infidelities.*

**infield** /ɪnfɪld/ *n* **the infield** **1** (a) (in cricket) cricket lehnak ih suahnak sangka fate kiang

hmun. (b) [pl v] a lektu fielders pawl umnak. **2** (a) [sing] (in baseball) diamon riin ih huapmi hmun. (b) [pl v] cumi hmun sung um lektu. Cf OUTFIELD.

▷ **infielder** *n* cricket or baseball bualrawn sungih a lektu.

**infighting** /ɪnfaitɪŋ/ *n* [U] **1** boxing thong awknak ah a lektu pahnih te naih aw zet ih um, lole, pakhat le pakhat kup aw/pom aw ih um. **2** (fig infml) lehnak ah tihnungza ih a do awtu: *I gather a lot of political infighting went on before he got the top job.*

**infill** /ɪnfɪl/ (also **infilling**) *n* [U] **1** a lawngmi khahternak. **2** a lawngmi khatertu.

**infiltrate** /ɪnfɪltreɪt/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (through sth) (into sth) (of liquid, gases, etc) luangtlang thei: *The thick fog seemed to have infiltrated through the very walls into the room.* ○ (fig) the depths of the ocean, where no light can infiltrate. **2** [Tn-pr] **A into B** / ~ **B with A** nuamte ih lut-suak: *infiltrate poison into the water-supply/infiltrate the water-supply with poison.* **3** [Ipr, Tn] ~ (through sth) (into sth) (esp military or politics) mi theih lo dingin a thup te ih lut: *troops infiltrating through enemy lines into occupied territory* ○ *our entire organization had been infiltrated by enemy agents.* **4** [Tn-pr] (esp military or politics) ~ **sb/sth into sth**; ~ **sth with sb/sth** a thup te'n telter/lutter: *infiltrate spies into a country* ○ *infiltrate an organization with one's own men.*

▷ **infiltration** /ɪnfɪltreɪt/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (of sth) (into sth) ra zun, rak lutnak: *infiltration of poisonous chemicals into the water-supply.* **2** ~ (of sb/sth into sth); ~ (of sth with sb/sth) (esp military or politics) (a) [U] pakhat khat milai, thuhla a thupte in lutternak: *the infiltration of spies, troops, etc into an area, organization, etc* ○ *the infiltration of an organization with one's agents.* (b) [C] hi tivek ih tuahnak.

**infiltrator** /ɪnfɪltreɪtə(r)/ *n* (minung) rak luttu: *left-wing infiltrators.*

**infinite** /ɪnfɪltreɪtə(r)/ *adj* (a) a kap, a neet ti um lo, cem thei lo: *infinite space.* (b) tah theih lo (a kauh, a tum lam): *The infinite goodness of God* ○ *have infinite faith/an infinite amount of faith in sb* ○ *a painting restored with infinite care* ○ *You need infinite patience for this job.*

▷ **the Infinite** *n* [sing] (rhet) Pathian.

**infinitely** *adv* **1** cemnet ti um loin: *The particles in an atom are infinitely small.* **2** (esp with comparatives) situkmi: *infinitely better, taller, wiser, etc (than sb/sth else)* ○ *infinitely preferable (to sb/sth else).*

**infinitesimal** /ɪnfɪnɪˈtesɪml/ *adj* a fate tuk; a mal tuk: *an infinitesimal increase.*

▷ **infinitesimally** /-məli/ *adv*.

**infinitive** /ɪnfɪnɪtɪv/ *n* (grammar) **1** 'to' thawn, lole, 'to' lo thawn hmanmi *verb*: *a verb in the*

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*infinitive* ○ [attrib] *the infinitive form*. **2** (idm) **split an infinitive** ⇒ SPLIT.

**infinitude** /ɪnˈfɪnɪtjuːd/; US -tuːd/ *n* (fml) **(a)** [U] cem ti um lo, a kap, a tlaang ti um lo, cu tia kha tia ti theih lo: *the infinitude of God's mercy*. **(b)** [C] cem ni um lo nambat (kanan ŋuatnak ah): *an infinitude of small particles*.

**infinity** /ɪnˈfɪnəti/ *n* **1** [U] cem ti um lonak: *the infinity of space*. **2** [U] ziangzat hlaa ti sim theih lonak: *gaze into infinity*, ie vaguely into the distance ○ *Parallel lines meet at infinity*. **3** [U] (mathematics) nambat a dang pawl hnakin a tam sawn ti ih ruahnak (expressed by the symbol ∞) : *Multiply y by infinity*. **4** [sing] siar caw lo zat: *an infinity of stars, of troubles, of things to do*.

**infirm** /ɪnˈfɜːm/ *adj* **1** tar, lole, natnak ruangih tha nei lo, cak lo, derdai: *walk with infirm steps*. **2** ~ of sth (fml) tumtah tuk lomi: *infirm of purpose, will, etc*, ie not purposeful, not resolute.

▷ **the infirm** *n* [pl v] mi cak lo, mi derdai, tha nei lo: *support for the aged and infirm*.

**infirmity** /ɪnˈfɜːməti/ *n* [C, U] cak lo, tha um lo sinak: *Old age and infirmity had begun to catch up with him*. ○ *infirmity of purpose* ○ *Deafness and failing eyesight are among the infirmities of old age*.

**infirmity** /ɪnˈfɜːməti/ *n* **1** sizung. **2** tlawng tivek misenpi/mirual umnak ih minaa le tuahmawh pawl tuamhlawnnak innkhaan.

**inflamm** /ɪnˈfleɪm/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb/sth (with/to sth) mi pakhat thin hengter, lole, thinlung tho ciamco ih tuah, ai-thokter: *a speech that inflamed the crowd with anger/to a high pitch of fury*.

▷ **inflamed** *adj* ~ (by/with sth) **1** (of a part of the body) takpum parah a sen, a ling ih hma um: *inflamed eyes* ○ *an inflamed boil* ○ *a nose inflamed by an infection*. **2** (fig) thin hengter, thintok ko ih tuah: *inflamed by sb's words* ○ *inflamed with passion*.

**inflammable** /ɪnˈfæməbl/ *adj* **1** a kaang ol mi: *Petroleum — Highly inflammable*, eg on a notice. Cf NON-FLAMMABLE. ⇒ Usage at INVALUABLE. **2** (fig infml) ai-thok ol, thin tho ol, lau ko ih tuah theihmi: *a man with an inflammable temper*.

**inflammation** /ɪnˈflæməɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] taksa vunpar ih a sen, a thakmi hma: (an) *inflammation of the lungs, liver, etc*.

**inflammatory** /ɪnˈflæməri/; US -tɔːri/ *adj* **1** (derog) thinhengter theimi, lole, thintho, thinlaur theimi: *inflammatory remarks, speeches, words, etc*. **2** a sen ih a thakmi: *an inflammatory condition of the lungs*.

**inflate** /ɪnˈfleɪt/ *v* **1** **(a)** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (with sth) mawŋawka ke, rubber dip tivek thli phawt: *a fully inflated tyre*. **(b)** [I] thli, daat khu thawn khatter: *With a supply of compressed air the large balloon inflated in a matter of seconds*. **2** [Tn]

(fig) mi pakhat thinlung tuum dingih tuah: *flattery that would inflate the most modest person's ego*. **3** [I, Tn] tangka a zat ŋhan. Cf DEFLATE, REFLATE.

▷ **inflatable** /-əbl/ *adj* puar ko ih phot theihmi: *an inflatable dinghy*.

**inflated** *adj* **1** thli thawn khat a puarmi. **2** (derog) pawrhmi: *an inflated opinion of oneself* ○ *inflated language*, ie full of impressive words, but little meaning. **3** (of prices) thil man a ŋhang ciamco mi (tangka a zat ŋhan ruangah).

**inflation** /ɪnˈfleɪʃn/ *n* [U] **1** puar ko ih thli hei phawtmi. **2** tangka suahmi a zat ŋhan ruangih thil man kainak: *control/curb inflation* ○ *galloping* (ie severe and rapid) *inflation*.

**inflationary** /ɪnˈfleɪʃnəri/; US -neri/ *adj* tangka a zat ŋum ciamcomi: *The inflationary spiral*, ie economic situation in which prices and wages rise in turn as the supply of money is increased ○ *inflationary wage claims*.

**inflect** /ɪnˈflekt/ *v* [Tn] **1** (grammar) ŋongfang (word) pakhat ih a cemnak awfang thleng: *Most English verbs are inflected with 'ed' in the past tense*. **2** aw santer le niamter: *By inflecting the voice more one can hold the attention of an audience*.

▷ **inflected** *adj* (of language) a cemnak awfang a thlengmi: *Latin is a more inflected language than English*.

**inflection** (also **inflexion**) /ɪnˈflekʃn/ *n* **1** (grammar) **(a)** [U] awfang thleng. **(b)** [C] thleng dingah dunglam bettu ret (eg -ed, -ing). **2** [U] awthluk (niam le sang). Cf INTONATION, STRESS **3**.

▷ **inflectional** /-ʃənəl/ *adj* cuvek a simi: *inflectional endings/forms*, eg -ed.

**inflexible** /ɪnˈfleksəbl/ *adj* **(a)** kawiter, kualter theih lo: *made of an inflexible plastic*. **(b)** (fig) thleng theih lo, mah duh vekin merh theih lo, duhpoh ih tuah theih lo: *an inflexible will, determination, purpose, etc* ○ *an inflexible attitude, rule, system*.

▷ **inflexibility** /ɪnˈfleksəbɪləti/ *n* [U].

**inflexibly** /-əbli/ *adv*.

**inflict** /ɪnˈflɪkt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (on sb) naater, tuarter: *inflict a severe wound on sb* ○ *inflict a crushing defeat on the enemy*. **2** [Tn-pr] ~ sb/sth on sb (infml often joc) thil ŋha lo tuarter: *apologize for inflicting oneself/one's company on sb* ○ *My uncle is inflicting himself on* (ie visiting) *us again this weekend*.

▷ **infliction** /ɪnˈflɪkʃn/ *n* **(a)** [U] tuarternak: *the unnecessary infliction of pain and suffering*. **(b)** [C] tuarmi buainak/harsatnak.

**in-flight** /ɪnˈflaɪt/ *adj* [usu attrib] vanzamleng a zuan laifang ih thil cang, thil tuahsak: *in-flight refueling, entertainment*.

**inflorescence** /ɪnˈflɒːresəns/ *n* (botany) a kung parih pangpar a par um dan/a kung parih pangpar a burpi ih pami.



**inflow** /ɪnfləʊ/ *n* **1** [U] rak luanglut. **2** [C, U] **(a)** a luutlam: *an inflow of 25 litres per hour* ○ [attrib] *an inflow pipe*. **(b)** (fig) tampi lut: *an inflow of cash, capital, etc.*

**influence** /ɪnfluəns/ *n* **1** [U] ~ **(on sth)** mi thinlung nehnak huham; thil umdan kaihrui: *the influence of the moon (on the tides), of the climate (on agricultural production), etc.* **2** **(a)** [U] ~ **(on sb/sth)** mi pakhat ih cangvaihnaak parih thil ti theinak: *the influence of parents on their children* ○ *have a good, bad, beneficial, harmful, civilizing, pernicious, etc influence on sb's behaviour, character, etc* ○ *a young ruler under the influence of his chief minister* ○ *escape sb's influence*. **(b)** [C] ~ **(on sb/sth)** minung, thuhla tivek parah thil ti theinak: *Those so-called friends of hers are a bad influence on her.* ○ *Religion has been an influence for good in her life.* ○ *We are subject to many influences.* ○ *The influences at work in this case (ie factors causing it to develop in a particular way) are hard to disentangle.* **3** [U] ~ **(over sb/sth)** mi pakhat ih nuncan nundan uk theinak huham: *His parents no longer have any real influence over him.* **4** [U] ~ **(with sb)** mi pakhat hnen ihsin thiltha ngah theinak: *use one's influence (with sb)* ○ *She has great influence with the manager and could no doubt help you.* **5** (idm) **under the influence (of alcohol)** (fml or joc) zu tantuk innak thawng in/zu in tuknak ruangih sinak: *be charged with driving under the influence.*

▷ **influence** *v* **1** [Tn] mi nun, khawruah, cangvaih dan thlengter: *the belief of astrologers that planets influence human character* ○ *I don't want to influence you either way, so I won't tell you my opinion.* ○ *It's clear that her painting has been influenced by Picasso.* **2** [Cn.t] thil pakhat tuah ding ko ih cangter, leem: *What influenced you to behave like that?*

**influential** /ɪnfluːənʃl/ *adj* **1** ~ **(in sth/doing sth)** mi nundan, thil umdan, parah danglam ko ih mah duh vekih tuah thei: *factors that are influential (ie have an important effect) in reaching a decision* ○ *an influential speech.* **2** neihnak, dinhmun tivek ruangah midang mah duhduh vekih siter: *a committee of influential businessmen, union leaders, etc.*

**influenza** /ɪnfluːˈɛnzə/ *n* [U] (fml) (also *infl flu* /flu:/) a suan aw theimi rulcawng ruangah khawsik luna, ruhsep le hnar le dang naa in raibur vekih hnappod mi nat, influenza natnak.

**influx** /ɪnflʌks/ *n* ~ **(into ...)** minung, lole, thilri tampipi ih rak thleng ciamco: *frequent influxes of visitors* ○ *an influx of wealth.*

**inform** /ɪnˈfɔ:m/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-f] ~ **sb (of/about sth)** theihter, sim: *'Some money is missing.'* *'Have you informed the police?'* ○ *Keep me informed (of/about what happens).* ○ *inform oneself of the facts*, ie find out all that needs to be known ○

*He informed the police that some money was missing.* **2** [Ipr] ~ **against/on sb (law)** mi pakhat ih mawhnak midang hnenih sim/va than: *One of the criminals informed against/on the rest of the gang.* **3** [Tn] (fml) a tulmi pawl sim: *the sense of justice which informs all her writings.*

▷ **informant** /-ənt/ *n* **1** thu ra thlent, simtu: *The journalist did not want to reveal the identity of his informant.* **2** (linguistics) tong zirtu ih sutmi pawl rak simtu.

**informed** *adj* thuthei: *an informed critic, member of the public, etc* ○ *informed criticism* ○ *an informed guess*, ie based on some knowledge.

**informer** *n* thu rak simtu (misual lo le mi tha lo tlanhlo ih thu).

**informal** /ɪnˈfɔ:ml/ *adj* **1** thil ti dan ding vek si lo, zung thil ti dan vek si lo: *an informal (ie friendly) manner, tone, atmosphere, person* ○ *an informal (ie not official) arrangement, gathering, meeting, occasion, visit.* **2** (of dress, behaviour, etc) nunphung dan vekih hruk loin mah duhzawng vekih hruk le um. **3** (of language, speech, writing) biakaw men vekih ngan le tongmi: *an informal letter.* Cf COLLOQUIAL, SLANG.

▷ **informality** /ɪnˈfɔ:məli/ *n* **1** [U] ol-ai zawng ih um/hmang/tuah dan. **2** [C] dankel ih tuah lonak.

**informally** /ɪnˈfɔ:məli/ *adv*: *They told me informally (ie unofficially) that I had got the job.*

**information** /ɪnfəˈmeɪʃn/ *n* [U] **1** thu theihternak, thu theihmi: *For your information (ie This is sth you may wish to know), the library is on the first floor.* ○ (ironic) *I'm perfectly able to look after myself, for your information.* ○ (fml) *My information is that (ie I have been told that) they have all left.* **2** ~ **(on/about sb/sth)** thu hla sim/thei (hnaa in), lole, rak ton: *give, pass on, receive, obtain, seek, find, collect, etc information (on/about sb/sth)* ○ *For further information please write to...* ○ *a useful bit/piece of information* ○ [attrib] *an information bureau, desk, etc.* **3** (idm) **a mine of information** ⇒ MINE<sup>2</sup>.

□ **information science** (also **information technology**) thuhla khawl dan, suahsal dan kuat dan zirnak (computer le telephone pawl hmang in).

**informative** /ɪnˈfɔ:mətɪv/ *adj* thu theihter ding nei zet, thu sim thei zet: *an informative book, film, lecture, speaker.*

**infra** /ˈɪnfɹə/ *adv* (Latin fml) a hnuai ah, dungah: *see infra.* Cf VIDE.

□ **infra dig** /dɪg/ [pred] (infml often joc) mah sinak thawn a mawi aw lo; a te nau sawn/dinhmun: *Dancing in the street is rather infra dig for a bank manager!*

**infra-red** *adj* vangro pianzia (rong) ih um rong sen tang um rong (mi in hmuh a theih lo. Cf ULTRAVIOLET.

**infrastructure** *n* **(a)** pawlkom, thil ti dan tivek

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pawl ih telhchihmi thil then (*parts*) a nauta deuh pawl. (b) (*economics*) lampi, tlangleng, in tidai, electric mei tivek pawl.

**infra-** *pref* (with *adjs*) below; a tang: *infra-red*. Cf **ULTRA-**.

**infraction** /ɪnˈfrækʃn/ *n* (*fml*) (a) [U] daan buar, upadi buarnak. (b) [C] buarnak: a *minor infraction of the rules*.

**infrequent** /ɪnˈfriːkwənt/ *adj* si/ti tam lo, veikhat tete lawng: *infrequent visits, performances, etc.*

▷ **infrequency** /-kwənsi/ *n* [U].

**infrequently** *adv*.

**infringe** /ɪnˈfrɪndʒ/ *n* 1 [Tn] (a) buar, pah (daan, upadi tivek): *infringe the regulations, a copyright agreement, etc.* (b) buaipei/hnaihok: *infringe sb's liberty, right, etc.* 2 [Ipr] ~ **on/upon** sth pal sak, siat sak: *infringe upon the rights of other people*.

▷ **infringement** /-mənt/ *n* (a) [U] buainak, buaiternak: *laws subject to frequent infringement*. (b) [C] thlun lonak: *an infringement of the highway code, of copyright, of sb's privacy*.

**infuriate** /ɪnˈfjuəriət/ *v* [Tn] mi pakhat thinhengter zet: *I was infuriated by/with their constant criticism*.

▷ **infuriating** *adj* thinhengza; thintokza, aithokza: *infuriating delays*.

**infuriatingly** *adv*: *Infuriatingly, I just messed my plane*.

**infuse** /ɪnˈfjuːz/ *v* 1 [Tn-pr] ~ **sth into sb/sth**; ~ **sb/sth with sth** khahter, cakter: *infuse new life, energy, etc into the workers* ○ *infuse the workers with new life, energy, etc.* 2 (a) [Tn] a rim hrangah, lole, si hman dingah lakphak, lole, thinghnah tisa sungih ciah. (b) [I] (of tea or herbs) lakphak, lole, thinghnah — a hang in dingih ti ih ciah: *Don't drink the tea until it has finished infusing*.

**infusion** /ɪnˈfjuːzən/ *n* 1 [U] ~ **of sth (into sb/sth)** khahternak, cahternak: *infusion of new life (into the enterprise)* ○ *This company needs an infusion of new blood*, ie needs new employees to give it vigour. 2 (a) [U] laphak, thinghnah ciah. (b) [C] laphak, thinghnah tivek pawl ciahmi ti.

**ingenious** /ɪnˈdʒiːniəs/ *adj* (a) ~ **(at sth/doing sth)** (of a person) thil thiam/tuah thiam thei: *So you fitted that wire through that little hole there: that's very ingenious!* ○ *ingenious at solving difficult crossword puzzles*. (b) siam tharmi: *an ingenious device, gadget, etc.* (c) (of an idea) a tha ih a thar: *an ingenious plan, method, solution, etc.*

▷ **ingeniously** *adv*.

**ingenuity** /ɪndʒɪˈnjuːəti/; US -ˈnuː-/ *n* [U] harsatnak thazet le a thar ih tuahsuaknak.

**ingénue** /ˈæŋɡeɪnjuː/; US ˈændʒənuː/ *n* thinthiang mi nunau nauhak (baisakup sungih langter theu mi vek): [attrib] *an ingénue role*.

**ingenuous** /ɪnˈdʒenjuəs/ *adj* (*fml*) mi bum nei lo,

thei lo, nun thiang mi: *an ingenuous smile*.

▷ **ingenuously** *adv*. **ingenuousness** *n* [U].

**ingest** /ɪndʒest/ *v* [Tn] (*fml*) 1 rawl dawlh. 2 (*fig*) thil zuuk, thinlung ah khawl: *ingest information*.

**ingle-nook** /ɪŋɡl nʊk/ *n* tappi kiang ih hmun lawng.

**inglorious** /ɪnˈɡlɔːriəs/ *adj* 1 ningzakza, mualpho theimi: *an inglorious defeat* ○ *a new play which suffered the inglorious fate of being taken of after only three days*. 2 [usu attrib] (*rhet*) thei lo, lang lo: *an inglorious name*.

▷ **ingloriously** *adv*.

**ingoing** /ɪŋɡəʊɪŋ/ *adj* [attrib] a ra lutlam: *the ingoing (ie new) tenant of a flat*.

**ingot** /ɪŋɡət/ *n* (usu **brick-shaped**) phahlei vekih tuahmi sui le ngun tlang.

**ingrained** /ɪnˈɡreɪnd/ *adj* 1 (of habits, tendencies, etc) kopcih, benchihmi (nundan, si thei dan hlun theih lo a si mi): *ingrained prejudices, suspicions, assumptions, etc.* 2 (of dirt, stains, etc) hnawt le phiat theih lo a si mi baal, thil rong kopmi: *deeply ingrained dirt*.

**ingratiate** /ɪnˈɡreɪʃieɪt/ *v* [no passive: Tn, Tn-pr] (*fml derog*) ~ **oneself (with sb)** tlon ciamco mi lungtong dingin tuah/pawrh ciamco, a duh zawngmi hei tuah: *She tried to ingratiate herself with the director, in the hope of getting promotion*.

▷ **ingratiating** *adj* (*derog*) tlon thiam: *an ingratiating smile*. **ingratiatingly** *adv*.

**ingratitude** /ɪnˈɡrætɪtjuːd/; US -tuːd/ *n* [U] thil tuah that mi parah lomnak nei lo; lungawi nei lonak.

**ingredient** /ɪnˈɡriːdiənt/ *n* 1 thil a phunphun rak pawlh/rawi khawm mi lakih phunkhat khat a si mi: *the ingredients of a cake* ○ *Mix all the ingredients in a bowl*. 2 (*fig*) tuahmi sungih rawi mi thil: *the ingredients of a/sb's character, of success, of happiness, etc.*

**ingress** /ɪŋɡres/ *n* [U] (*fml*) luh, luh theinak: *a means of ingress*. Cf **EGRESS**.

**in-group** /ɪn ɡruːp/ *n* (usu *derog*) sungta pawl (pawlkom um).

**ingrowing** /ɪnɡrəʊɪŋ/ *adj* [usu attrib] a sunglam hoi ih rak thang: *an ingrowing toenail*, ie one growing into the flesh.

**inhabit** /ɪnˈhæbɪt/ *v* [Tn] um, luah: *an island inhabited only by birds*.

▷ **inhabitable** *adj* um/luah theih.

**inhabitant** /-ənt/ *n* umtu, luahtu (minung, lole, ramsa): *the local inhabitants* ○ *the oldest inhabitants, of the island*.

**inhale** /ɪnˈheɪl/ *v* [I, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (into sth)** (a) sunglam ah huup/thaw hiip: *inhale deeply* ○ *miners who have inhaled coal dust into their lungs*. (b) hliik: *Smokers who inhale are likely to become addicted to nicotine*.

**inharmonious** /ɪnhɑːˈəʊniəs/ *adj* (*fml*) aw suah bang lo, bangaw lo, rem lo.

▷ **inharmoniously** *adv*. **inharmoniousness** *n* [U].

**inherent** /ɪnˈhɪərənt, -her-/ *adj* ~ (in sb/sth) rak um ciami, suahpi mi: *an inherent distrust of foreigners* ○ *an inherent weakness in a design* ○ *the power inherent in the office of President.*  
▷ **inherently** *adv*: *a design which is inherently weak.*

**inherit** /ɪnˈherɪt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (from sb) **1** a thi mi ih ro luah; ro co: *a son inheriting an estate, a title, etc (from his father)* ○ *She inherited a little money from her grandfather.* **2** cithlahtu zon/pupa hnen ihsin ngah: *She inherited her mother's good looks and her father's bad temper.* **3** (fig) hmaisa hnen ihsin co: *This government has inherited many problems from the previous one.*

▷ **inheritance** /-əns/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (of sth) (from sb/sth) ro conak: *The title passes by inheritance to the eldest son.* ○ (fig) *the inheritance of good looks from one's parents* ○ [attrib] *inheritance tax.* **2** [C] ~ (from sb) ro thil: *When she was 21 she came into (ie received) her inheritance of ill-feeling.* Cf LEGACY.

**inheritor** *n* rocotu.

**inhibit** /ɪnˈhɪbɪt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (from sth/doing sth) thil tuah thei lo dingin kham/hnaihok: *Shyness inhibited him from speaking.* **2** [Tn] thil pakhat tuah ngah lo dingin kham, phean: *an enzyme which inhibits a chemical reaction.*

▷ **inhibited** *adj* (a) (of people) supnak neih, thinlung umdan langter lo ih um: *She's too inhibited to laugh at jokes about sex.* (b) (of behaviour) amah te ih cangmi si lo: *a nervous inhibited laugh.*

**inhibitedly** *adv.*

**inhibition** /ɪnˈhɪbɪʃn, ɪnˈb-/ *n* **1** [U] suupnak: *Inhibition of natural impulses may cause psychological problems.* **2** [C] a si dan ding vekih um lonak: *Alcohol weakens a person's inhibitions, ie makes him behave more naturally.* ○ (infml) *She had no inhibitions about asking for more, ie did so without hesitation.*

**inhospitable** /ɪnˈhɒspɪtəbl/ *adj* (a) (of people) mileng, mikhual zoh tha lo, khual sia: *It was inhospitable of you not to offer her a drink.* (b) (fig) (of places) um a theih lo, um dingah a nuam lo: *an inhospitable coast.*

▷ **inhospitably** *adv.*

**inhuman** /ɪnˈhju:mən/ *adj* minungpi parah zawnruah zaangfahnak nei lo, huaisen le siava: *inhuman behaviour, treatment, etc* ○ *That man is an inhuman monster!* ○ *It was inhuman to refuse him permission to see his wife.*

▷ **inhumanity** /ɪnˈhju:mənəti/ *n* [U] mi dang/minung parah zawnruah zaangfahnak, neih lonak: *man's inhumanity to man.*

**inhumane** /ɪnˈhju:məin/ *adj* mi ih tuarnak ruatsak lo, zaangfah nei lo: *inhumane treatment of animals, prisoners, the mentally ill, etc* ○ *an*

*inhumane law, policy, decision, etc.*

▷ **inhumanely** *adv*: *animals slaughtered inhumanely.*

**inimical** /ɪnɪmɪkl/ *adj* [usu pred] ~ (to sb/sth) (fml) **1** rem lo, dodalmi: *countries that are inimical to us/to our interests.* **2** siatter thei: *actions that are inimical to friendly relations between countries.*

▷ **inimically** /-kəli/ *adv.*

**inimitable** /ɪnɪmɪtəbl/ *adj* (thil umdan a mak tuk ih) cawnthiam lomi: *Frank Sinatra's inimitable style of singing.*

▷ **inimitably** /-əbli/ *adv.*

**iniquitous** /ɪnɪkwɪtəs/ *adj* **1** (fml) siava, a dan vek si lo, a dan lo: *an iniquitous system, regime, etc.* **2** (of a price, charge, etc) a mawi lo zet ih khung/saang: *Have you seen this bill? It's iniquitous!*

▷ **iniquitously** *adv.*

**iniquity** /ɪnɪkwəti/ *n* **1** (a) [U] (rhet) siatvat/that lohnak/dan lo zet, dik lo zet sinak: *He regards the city as a place where all forms of iniquity are practiced.* (b) [C] that lonak, dik lonak. **2** (idm) **a den of iniquity/vice** ⇒ DEN.

**initial** /ɪnɪʃl/ *adj* [attrib] a thawhnak: *the initial letter of a word* ○ *in the initial stages (ie at the beginning) (of sth)* ○ *My initial reaction was to refuse.*

▷ **initial** *n* (usu pl) ca a tawinak ih (ABC) ti vekih nganmi: *George Bernard Shaw was well-known by his initials GBS.* ○ *Sign your name and initials, ie your surname and the initial letters of your other names.*

**initial** *v* (-ll-US usu -l-) [I, Tn] hminsinnak tuah, hmin tawi ngan: *Initial here, please.* ○ *initial a note, document, treaty, etc.*

**initially** /-ʃəli/ *adv* a thawhnak ah, a hmaisa bik ah: *She came initially to spend a few days, but in the end she stayed for a whole month.*

**initiate** /ɪnɪʃɪet/ *v* **1** [Tn] (fml) tuah thok, thok: *initiate plans, schemes, social reforms, etc* ○ (law) *initiate proceedings against sb, ie prosecute sb.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (into sth) (a) cohlang, pawlkomnak pakhat ah sungtel ah rak cohlang, lole, rak telh: *initiate sb into a religious sect, secret society, etc.* (b) thilthup rak theihter, thil a thoknak zirh: *an older woman who had initiated him into the mysteries of love.*

▷ **initiate** /ɪnɪʃɪetid/ *n* mi pawlkom pakhat ah tharmi, milai.

**the initiated** /ɪnɪʃɪetid/ *n* [pl v] thu lamdang deuh le thuthup theitu mi malte pawl: *the government's secret defence committee, known to the initiated as DefCom.*

**initiation** /ɪnɪʃɪeɪʃn/ *n* [U] **1** ~ (of sth) (fml) thil tuah thoknak: *the initiation of an investigation.* **2** ~ (into sth) thil pakhat khat ah rak cohlangnak: [attrib] *an initiation ceremony.*

**initiative** /ɪnɪʃətɪv/ *n* **1** [C] thil harsa rem thok, thawhnak: *it is hoped that the government's initiative will bring the strike to an end.* **2** the

**initiative** [sing] thil tuah dingih thu neih theinak neihnak: *The initiative has passed to us.* ○ *Because of the general's indecisiveness, our armies have lost the initiative to the enemy.* **3** [U] (approx) mahte ih thil ti thok thiamnak: *a man who lacks the initiative to be a leader* ○ *The child showed/displayed great initiative in going to fetch the police.* ○ [attrib] *an initiative test.* **4** [C] upadi thar suah dingih mi menmen ih thubur theinak. **5** (idm) **on one's won initiative** mi fial lo, mah palungthawh: *In the absence of my commanding officer, I acted on my own initiative.* **take the initiative** midang in tuahve vaangseh tiah a hmaisa bik ah hei tawthawh: *It's up to this country to take the initiative in banning nuclear weapons.*

**inject** /ɪn'dʒekt/ v **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (into sb/sth); ~ **sb/sth** (with sth) si dawhnak thim thawn si sun: *a drug that can be injected or taken by mouth* ○ *inject penicillin into sb/sb's arm, leg, etc* ○ *inject sb/sb's arm, leg, etc with penicillin* ○ *inject foam into a cavity wall.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (into sb/sth) (fig) ruahnak thar heithun/pek: *inject a few new ideas into the project* ○ *Try to inject a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.*

▷ **injection** /ɪn'dʒekʃn/ n ~ (of sth) (into sb/sth) **1** [U] siisunnak: *The morphine was administered by injection.* ○ [attrib] *a fuel-injection system.* **2** [C] siidawtnak: *a lethal injection of the drug* ○ *a course of injections* ○ *If you're going abroad, have you had your injections yet?* ○ *The firm would be revitalized by an injection of new funds.*

**injudicious** /ɪndʒuːdɪʃəs/ adj (fml) remcang lo, mawi lo: *injudicious remarks* ○ *Now would be an injudicious moment to ask for a rise.*

▷ **injudiciously** adv. **injudiciousness** n [U].

**injunction** /ɪn'dʒʌŋkʃn/ n (fml) zung thu pek, upadi zung ihsin ca thawn nganmi thu pek: *The government has sought an injunction preventing the paper from publishing the story.*

**injure** /ɪndʒə(r)/ v [Tn] naater/tuah mawh ih naa/pem: *injure oneself (by falling)* ○ *be slightly/seriously/badly injured in the crash* ○ (fig) *injure one's health (by smoking, drinking, etc)* ○ *malicious gossip which seriously injured her reputation.*

▷ **injured** adj **1** hmapu: *an injured man* ○ *an injured leg.* **2** daan lo ih mi va ti: (law) *the injured party*, ie person who has been wronged. **3** mi thin natter: *an injured look, voice, etc.*

**injured** n [pl v] thin nattermi pa/nu: *counting the dead and injured* ○ *All 14 injured were later discharged from hospital.* ○ [attrib] *on the injured list*, ie the list of people injured. ⇒ Usage at WOUND<sup>1</sup>.

**injurious** /ɪn'dʒʊəriəs/ adj (fml) **1** ~ (to sb/sth) tuahmawh thei a si mi/thil tha lo cangter thei, mi a natter thei, natnak: *Smoking is injurious to the health.* **2** mi par sualnak hei tuah:

*injurious treatment by sb* ○ *injurious remarks.*

**injury** /ɪndʒəri/ n ~ (to sb/sth) **1** [U] (a) tuahmawh: *Excessive dosage of this drug can result in injury to the liver.* ○ *a person prone to injury*, ie one who is easily or often injured. (b) (fig) thin natternak, hminsiatnak tivek: *injury to one's pride.* **2** [C] mi taksa ruang parih tuahmawhnak hmahliam, lole, hminsiatnak watuahmi: *In the crash he suffered severe injuries to the head and arms.* ○ *an eye injury* ○ (fig) *injuries to one's reputation.* **3** (idm) **add insult to injury** ⇒ ADD. **do sb/oneself an injury** (often joc) mah le mah nater, mi nater: *If you try and lift that suitcase you'll do yourself an injury!*

□ **injury time** (sport) lehnak ih thu neitu (referee) pa in, leh lai ih tuahmawh ruangah caan a cemmi kha leh caan cem tikah caan hlei a betmi.

**injustice** /ɪn'dʒʌstɪs/ n **1** [U] thudik lo: *a fierce opponent of injustice.* **2** [C] upadi vekih tuah lonak. **3** (idm) **do sb an injustice** (a) mi pakhat parah dik lo ih thuthen: *In saying this you do her an injustice.* (b) (fig) mi pakhat ih thatnak langter thei lo: *His latest novel does him an injustice*, ie does not show how well he can write.

**ink** /ɪŋk/ n **1** [U, C] ca-ti, ca-haang: *written in ink* ○ *different coloured inks* ○ [attrib] *an ink blot* ○ *a pen-and-ink drawing.* **2** [U] tipi nga phunkhat ih suahmi ti dum.

▷ **ink** v **1** [Tn] ca-ti thuh: *ink the roller of a duplicating machine.* **2** (phr v) **ink sth in** khedan in ngan ciami parah ca-ti ih cangan, lole, zuk suai.

**inky** /ɪŋki/ (-ier, -iest) adj **1** ca-ti in hnih ih baal: *inky fingers.* **2** cati vekih dum: *the inky darkness of a moonless night.*

□ **ink-bottle** n ca-ti palaang.

**ink-pad** (also **pad**) n tacik khih hmanmi ca-ti kuang fate, seal cati kuang.

**ink-pot** n ca-ti dur/thawl.

**inkstand** n ca-ti dur tohnak.

**ink-well** n khung parih ca-ti dur tonak kuar.

**inkling** /ɪŋkliŋ/ n [sing] ~ (of sth/that...) theih dah lo thu, lole, thuthup a thluathlam ih theihmi/a si awmmi: *Can you give me some inkling of what is going on?* ○ *The first inkling I had that all was not well was when the share prices began to fall.*

**inlaid** pt, pp of INLAY.

**inland** /ɪn'lænd/ adj [usu attrib] **1** (a) tiffinriat kap si loin leilam: *inland areas, towns, waterways, etc.* Cf COASTAL (COAST<sup>1</sup>). (b) (of a sea) lei ih kulhmi ti: *an inland sea such as the Caspian.* **2** (commerce esp Brit) ramsung ih: *inland trade*, ie domestic trade, as opposed to imports and exports.

▷ **inland** /ɪn'lænd/ adv ramsung ah, ramsung lam ah: *They live inland.* ○ *move further inland.*



- **Inland Revenue** (in Britain) siahhongtu acuzah (kumpi) zung. Cf INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (INTERNAL).
- in-laws** /ɪn lɔːz/ *n* [pl] (*infml*) pasal lam/nupi lam ih nu le pa, a suahpi pawl: *All my in-laws live far away.*
- inlay** /ɪnleɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **inlaid** /ɪnˈleɪd/) [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **A** (with **B**); ~ **B** (in/into **A**) a hmai rem zet dingah thing, lole, thir phel fate te rem zet ih ben, don: *ivory inlaid with gold* ○ *gold inlaid into ivory.*  
▷ **inlaid** *adj* **1** thil bencihmi: *a floor with inlaid tiles.* **2** thil mawi bencihmi: *an inlaid floor.*
- inlay** /ɪnleɪ/ *n* [C, U] **1** thil bencih: *a wooden jewel-box with (a) gold inlay.* **2** (in dentistry) haa kua sungih thil ziangmaw hrutdan.
- inlet** /ɪnlet/ *n* **1** tiffinriat/tili ihsin kutzung vekih lei lam ah a li mi ti. **2** thil ti luannak ong: *the fuel inlet* ○ [attrib] *an inlet pipe.* **3** a sungih thanmi, retmi thil.
- in loco parentis** /ɪn ˌləʊkə(r) pəˈrentɪs/ (*Latin*) pa, lole, nu ai ih tʃuanvo lak: *I stand towards her in loco parentis.*
- inmate** /ɪnmeɪt/ *n* mibur um tlangmi sungin pakhat a simi.
- in memoriam** /ɪn meˈmɔːrɪəm/ (*Latin*) (used in epitaphs, on gravestones, etc) ‘hngilh lonak’ thlanlung parih ngan theumi.
- inmost** /ɪnməʊst/ *adj* [attrib] **1** thil pakhat ih a sung lam bik simi: *the inmost recesses of the cave.* **2** (fig) bulta, lole, thuthup: *my inmost thoughts, feelings, etc.*
- inn** /ɪn/ *n* (Brit) zatlang hman mi inn, lole, riahnak khual inn, zu le in-ei ding rawl dawr fate. Cf HOTEL.  
□ **innkeeper** *n* rawl daar khual-inn kiltu/neitu.  
**Inn of Court** London khua ih upadi lam pawlpi neihmi inn.
- innards** /ɪnədʒ/ *n* [pl] (*infml*) **1** pumpi/ril pawl sungrih pawl: *a pain in my innards.* **2** thil ih a sung lam: *To mend this engine I’ll have to have its innards out.*
- innate** /ɪnreɪt/ *adj* (of a quality, feeling, etc) mi pakhat ih suahkeh nun: *innate ability, beauty, etc* ○ *an innate desire.*  
▷ **innately** *adv* suahkehpi vekin: *innately honest.*
- inner** /ɪnə(r)/ *adj* [attrib] **1** a sung: *an inner room.* Cf OUTER. **2** (of feelings) tarlang lomi: *If she had inner doubts, it was not apparent to anyone else.* **3** (idm) **the inner man/woman** (a) (*rhet*) mi pakhat ih thinlung/thlarau. (b) (*joc*) duk; duksia, duktha ka thaw le thaw lo sinak: *satisfy the inner man/woman.*  
▷ **innermost** /-məʊst/ *adj* [attrib] a sunglam bik: *the innermost depths of a forest* ○ *encouraging her to express her innermost feelings.*  
□ **inner circle** pawlkomnak pakhat sungah thuneitu mi malte, sung thuneitu pawl.  
**inner city** khua sungih a hlun bik hmun: [attrib]
- inner-city slums, decay, housing problems.*
- inner lane** = INSIDE LANE (INSIDE).
- inner tube** mawtaw lengke (*tyre*) a sungih um thli thun mi rubber kual.
- innings** /ɪnɪŋz/ *n* (pl unchanged) (in cricket) bawhlung bengtu ih bawhlung beng caan sung: *England made 300 runs in their first innings.* (idm) **have had a good innings** (*Brit infml*) nuam zetin reipi nung.  
▷ **inning** *n* (pl ~ **s**) (in baseball) team khat lam ih bawhlung thawi caan.
- innocent** /ɪnəsnt/ *adj* **1** ~ (of sth) sual lo/mawh nei lo: *They have imprisoned an innocent man.* ○ *innocent of a crime, a charge, an accusation.* **2** [attrib] tel lo nan rak tuar: *an innocent bystander* ○ *innocent victims of the bomb blast.* **3** mi ningnatnak tuah lo, poi tok lo: *innocent amusement, enjoyment, etc* ○ *It was a perfectly innocent question. Why get so worked up about it?* **4** a sia le a tha thei lo: *as innocent as a new-born babe.* **5** aat that: *Don’t be so innocent as to believe everything the politician tell you.* **6** [pred] ~ of sth (*fml*) sambau: *a bare room, innocent of any decoration.*  
▷ **innocence** /-sns/ *n* [U] ~ (of sth) sual lonak, mawh lonak: *do sth in all innocence*, ie without any evil intention or knowledge ○ *She protested her innocence*, ie kept saying she was innocent. ○ *Children lose their innocence as they grow older.*
- innocent** *n* misual lo, mawh nei lo, eg nauhak tivek.
- innocently** *adv.*
- innocuous** /ɪnɒkjʊəs/ *adj* (*fml*) **1** siatnak pek lo: *innocuous snakes, drugs.* **2** sual duhnak um lo: *a fairly innocuous remark, statement, etc.*  
▷ **innocuously** *adv.* **innocuousness** *n* [U].
- innovate** /ɪnəveɪt/ *v* [I] thleng/tharsuah: *prepared to innovate in order to make progress.*  
▷ **innovation** /ɪnəˈveɪʃn/ *n* (a) [U] tuah tharnak: *a period of innovation.* (b) [C] a thar suahnak: *one innovation after another* ○ *technical innovations in industry.*
- innovative** /ɪnəˈvətɪv/ (also **innovatory** /ɪnəˈvɛtəri/) *adj* (*approv*) tharter/ruahnak thar hman duh: *an innovative firm.*
- innovator** /ɪnəˈveɪtə(r)/ *n* a thar ih tuahtu/thlengt, tharsuahtu.
- innuendo** /ɪnjuːˈendəʊ/ *n* (pl ~**es** /-z/) [C, U] (*derog*) sim kualmi tɔŋ: *There have been too many unpleasant innuendoes in this debate and not enough facts.* ○ *He had been subject to a campaign of innuendo in the press.*
- Innuity** (also **Inuit**) /ɪnuːɪt, -njuː-/ *n* (pl unchanged) = ESKIMO.
- innumerable** /ɪnjuːməɾəbl/; US ɪˈnuː-/ *adj* siar caw lo. ⇒ Usage at INVALUABLE.
- innumerate** /ɪnjuːməɾət/ *adj* nambat siar thiam lo, tʃuat thiam lo.

## inoculate

- ▷ **innumeracy** /-rəsi/ *n* [U] nambat tuat le siar thiam lonak: *The problem of innumeracy and illiteracy among young people.*
- inoculate** /t'nɒkjʊleɪt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (with **sth**) (against **sth**) nat khamnak sii sun: *inoculate sb (with a vaccine) ○ inoculate sb against cholera.* Cf IMMUNIZE (IMMUNE), VACCINATE.
- ▷ **inoculation** /t'nɒkjʊleɪʃn/ *n* ~ (with **sth**) (against **sth**) (a) [U] sii sun/dawt. (b) [C] sii sun/dawt sinak: *have inoculations against cholera and yellow fever.*
- inoffensive** /ɪn'ɒfensɪv/ *adj* harnak/natnak pek lo: *an inoffensive remark, person.*
- ▷ *inoffensively* *adv.* **inoffensiveness** *n* [U].
- inoperable** /ɪn'ɒpərəbl/ *adj* **1** (of tumours, etc) sibawi pawl ih aat ih damter theih lomi. **2** (fml) tuanter a theih lo/ti a theih lo: *an inoperable solution to a problem.*
- inoperative** /ɪn'ɒpərətɪv/ *adj* (of laws, rules, etc) upadi, tuah mi daan tivek pawl thlun lo, lole, cangvai lo: *a bus train, air service that is inoperative ○ This rule is inoperative until further notice.*
- inopportune** /ɪn'ɒpətju:n/ *US -tu:n/ adj* (esp of time) remcang lo: *at an inopportune moment.*
- ▷ *inopportunistly* *adv.* arrive inopportunistly.
- inordinate** /ɪn'ɔ:dɪnət/ *adj* (fml) a hleifuan/hleice: *the inordinate demands of the tax collector ○ inordinate delays.*
- ▷ *inordinately* *adv.* inordinately fond of sth.
- inorganic** /ɪn'ɔ:gænik/ *adj* **1** thilnung tel lomi: *Rocks and minerals are inorganic.* **2** (fig) tuah cop — amahte ra cang lo: *an inorganic form of society.* Cf ORGANIC **2**.
- ▷ **inorganically** /-klɪ/ *adv.*
- **inorganic chemistry** carbon tel lo thil zirnak. Cf ORGANIC CHEMISTRY (ORGANIC).
- in-patient** /ɪn peɪ'fɪnt/ *n* sizung to minaa.
- input** /ɪnpu:t/ *n* ~ (into/to **sth**) **1** (a) [U] thil than: *the input of additional resources into the project.* (b) [C, U] thil an than taakmi: *an input of energy (to system) ○ electrical input.* (c) [C] thil cangnak ah system than/ret. **2** (computing) (a) [U] thuhla/data pawl computer sungih khum, rak ret, khawl. (b) [C, U] khummi thuhla. (c) [C] computer sungih cuvek thu khumnak hmun: [attrib] *an input key, code, level.* Cf OUTPUT **3**.
- ▷ **input** *v* (-tt-, pt, pp **input** or **inputted**) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (into/to **sth**) (computing) computer ah thunlut. Cf OUTPUT *v*.
- **input circuit** (computing) a thun lam kaitu circuit.
- input device** (computing) thuhla khawlnak hmun ihsin computer ah kuattu thil.
- inquest** /ɪŋkwɛst/ *n* ~ (on/into **sth**) **1** zungih sin thuhla zingzoinak, (thihnak thu pawl a si bik). **2** (infml) lungkim thei lomi parih relkxawmnak: *hold an inquest on the team's performance in the match.*

- inquietude** /ɪn'kwæɪtju:d/ *US -tu:d/ n* [U] (fml) thinlung dai lonak, dontamnak.
- inquire** (also **enquire**) /ɪn'kwæɪə(r)/ *v* (fml) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tw] ~ **sth** (of **sb**) mi ih thuhla sut/hlam: *inquire sb's name ○ 'How are you?' she inquired. ○ inquire where to go, how to do sth, etc ○ She inquired of me most politely whether I wished to continue.* **2** [I, Ipr] ~ **about sb/sth** thu um dan sut/zoi: *'How much are the tickets?' 'I'll inquire' ○ inquire at the information desk ○ inquire about trains to London.* **3** (phr *v*) **inquire after sb** mi pakhat ih harhdamnak, lole, nunkhawsak thu zingzoi: *People called to inquire after the baby. inquire into sth* zingzoi: *We must enquire further into the matter.*
- ▷ **inquirer** /ɪn'kwæɪə(r)/ *n* zingzoitu/hlamtu.
- inquiring** /ɪn'kwæɪərɪŋ/ *adj* [usu attrib] **1** thiam duhnak: *an inquiring mind.* **2** theih duhnak: *an inquiring look. inquiringly* *adv.*
- inquiry** (also **enquiry**) /ɪn'kwæɪəri/ *US 'ɪnkwəri/ n* **1** (a) [C] ~ (about/concerning **sb/sth**) (fml) thuhla sutnak: *In answer to your recent inquiry, the book you mention is not in stock. ○ I've been making (some) inquiries (ie trying to find out) about it. ○ [attrib] an inquiry desk/office.* (b) **inquiries** [pl] thuthang, lole, thuhla ngah theihnak hmun: *'How do I apply for this licence?' 'You want inquiries.'* ○ *directory inquiries*, ie giving information about telephone numbers. **2** [U] (fml) suhnak: *learn sth by inquiry ○ The police are following several lines of inquiry. ○ On inquiry (ie Having asked) I found it was true.* **3** [C] ~ (into **sth**) thu zingzoi: *hold an official inquiry ○ call for a public inquiry into safety standards.*
- **inquiry agent** bulpak ih neihmi thuzingzoitu.
- inquisition** /ɪnkwɪ'zɪʃn/ *n* **1** **the Inquisition** (also **the Holy Office**) RC bu ih thupom thawn a ralsan aw mi zumnak nei pawl hremnak petu dingah RC bu ih hrilmi pawlkom. **2** [C] ~ (into **sth**) (fml or joc) thusuhnak/thu zingzoinak: *I was subjected to a lengthy inquisition into the state of my marriage and the size of my bank balance.*
- inquisitive** /ɪn'kwɪzətɪv/ *adj* thuhla sut duh zet: *'What's that you're hiding?' 'Don't be so inquisitive!'*
- ▷ *inquisitively* *adv.* **inquisitiveness** *n* [U].
- inquisitor** /ɪn'kwɪzɪtə(r)/ *adj* *n* thu suttu.
- ▷ **inquisitorial** /ɪn'kwɪzɪtəriəl/ *adj* thu suttu vek. **inquisitorially** /-riəl/ *adv.*
- inroad** /ɪnrəʊd/ *n* (esp pl) **1** ~ (into **sth**) rin lopi ih mi ram siimnak: *inroads into enemy territory.* **2** (idm) **make inroads into/on sth** nuamte te'n hman/ai cem vivo: *Hospital bills had made deep inroads into her savings. ○ Already the children had made considerable inroads on the food.*
- inrush** /ɪnrʌʃ/ *n* (usu sing) hmakhat te ah lut ciamco: *an inrush of air, water, etc ○ an inrush of tourists, visitors, etc.*

**insalubrious** /ɪnsəˈluːbrɪəs/ *adj* (fml) harhdamnak a si lo, harhdam thei lo: *insalubrious alleys and slums.*

**insane** /ɪnˈsem/ *adj* thinlung dik lo, thluak kim lo/ thinlung kim lo: *an insane person* ○ *an insane desire, idea, decision, policy.*

▷ **the insane** *n* [pl v] thinlung hman lo, mi aa: *an institution for the insane.*

**insanely** *adv*: *insanely jealous.*

**insanity** /ɪnˈsænəti/ *n* [U] aatnak, thinlung kim lonak: *a plea of insanity*, ie a plea in a court of law that a crime was due to the defendant having a mental disorder.

□ **insane asylum** (dated) = MENTAL HOME (MENTAL).

**insanitary** /ɪnˈsænɪtri; US -teri/ *adj* harhdam theinak si lo: *insanitary living conditions.*

**insatiable** /ɪnˈseɪfəbl/ *adj* ~ (for sth) lungkim thei lo/duhham zet: *Another cake? You're insatiable!* ○ *an insatiable appetite, curiosity, desire, thirst (for knowledge), etc* ○ *a politician who is insatiable for power.*

▷ **insatiably** /-fəbli/ *adv*.

**insatiate** /ɪnˈseɪfət/ *adj* (fml) lungkim dah lo.

**inscribe** /ɪnˈskraɪb/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-n] ~ **A** (on/in **B**) ~ **B** (with **A**) thil pakhat ah hmin ngan/thil pakhat parah reipi daih dingih ca ngan/khuar: *inscribe verses on a tombstone/inscribe a tombstone with verses* ○ *inscribe one's name in a book/inscribe a book with one's name* ○ *The book was inscribed 'To Cyril, with warmest regards.'*

▷ **inscription** /ɪnˈskripʃn/ *n* thil pakhat parih cangan/lungto/tangka thir parih cafang ngan: *an illegible inscription carved on the doorpost* ○ *What does the inscription say?*

**inscrutable** /ɪnˈskruːtəbl/ *adj* theih thei a si lo, thil mangbangza: *the inscrutable ways of Providence* ○ *his inscrutable face*, ie which does not show what he is thinking.

▷ **inscrutability** /ɪnˈskruːtəˈbɪləti/ *n* [U].

**inscrutably** /ɪnˈskruːtəbli/ *adv*.

**insect** /ˈɪnsekt/ *n* **1** ke paruk nei nunghring/ cucikkharbok: [attrib] *an insect bite.* **2** (in incorrect but common usage) a bok ih vakmi nunghring (khuai, kharbok, sihte tivek).

▷ **insecticide** /ɪnˈsektiˈsaɪd/ *n* [C, U] cucikkharbok thahnak sii: [attrib] *an insecticide spray, powder, etc.* Cf PESTICIDE. **insecticidal** /ɪnˈsektiˈsaɪdl/ *adj*.

**insectivore** /ɪnˈsektɪvɔː(r)/ *n* cucik kharbok eitu ramsa/nunghring.

**insectivorous** /ɪnsektɪvərəs/ *adj* cucik kharbok ei: *Swallows are insectivorous.*

**insecure** /ɪnˈsɪkjʊə(r)/ *adj* **1** thinphan um/rinsan theih lo: *have an insecure hold/grip on sth*, eg when climbing ○ (fig) *an insecure arrangement, plan, etc* ○ *an insecure job*, ie from which one may be dismissed at any time ○ *insecure evidence*, ie not reliable enough to convict sb in

a court of law. **2** ~ (about sb/sth) mi pakhat, lole, thil pakhat a him ding ti theih lo, rin um lo: *an insecure person* ○ *She feels very insecure about her marriage.*

▷ **insecurely** *adv*: *insecurely fastened.*

**insecurity** /ɪnˈsɪkjʊərəti/ *n* [U]: *suffer from feelings of insecurity.*

**inseminate** /ɪnˈseminet/ *v* [Tn] a nu thil sungah (ramsa) a pa zangti (bua) hei thun, a dan vekin, lole, thun sak cop: *inseminate a cow.*

▷ **insemination** /ɪnˌsemɪˈneɪʃn/ *n* [U] bua-tii thun.

**insensate** /ɪnˈsenseɪt/ *adj* (fml) **1** hei dai ah theihnak nei lonak: *insensate rocks.* **2** lungsia/ lungawi ti um thei lo (aat ruangah): *insensate rage cruelty, etc.*

▷ **insensately** *adv*.

**insensibility** /ɪnˌsensəˈbɪləti/ *n* [U] (fml) **1** thinlung ziang hman thei lo/lungmit: *lying in a state of drugged insensibility.* **2** ~ (to sth) (a) tisa in theih thei lonak: *insensibility to pain, cold, etc.* (b) (derog) ziangvek thil khal ah lung harh thei lo: *insensibility to art, music, beauty, etc.* (c) (derog) thei duh lo, ruat duh lo/thinlung pek lo: *He showed total insensibility to the animal's fate.*

**insensible** /ɪnˈsensəbl/ *adj* (fml) **1** tuahmawhnak in ziang hman thei lo/lungfim lo: *knocked insensible by a falling rock.* **2** [pred] ~ (of sth) thei lo/ruat lo/theihpi lo: *be insensible of (one's) danger* ○ *I'm not insensible how much I owe to your help.* **3** [pred] ~ (to sb) taksa in thei lo: *insensible to pain, cold, etc.* **4** [attrib] (of changes) a fate, lole, a nuamte tuk ih theih tham si lo: *by insensible degrees.*

▷ **insensibly** /-əbli/ *adv*.

**insensitive** /ɪnˈsensətɪv/ *adj* **1** midang ih tuar dan ding theihpi lo/ruat sak lo: *It was rather insensitive of you to mention his dead wife.* **2** ~ (to sth) tisa in thei thei lo: *insensitive to pain, cold, etc* ○ (fig) *He's insensitive to criticism.*

▷ **insensitively** *adv*. **insensitivity** /ɪnˌsensətɪvəti/ *n* [U].

**inseparable** /ɪnˈseprəbl/ *adj* ~ (from sb/sth) a dangdang ah then a theih lo: *Rights are inseparable from duties.* ○ *inseparable* (ie extremely close) *friends.*

▷ **inseparability** /ɪnˌseprəˈbɪləti/ *n* [U].

**inseparably** /ɪnˌseprəbli/ *adv*.

**insert** /ɪnˈsɜːt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (in/into/between sth) thil pahnih karlak ah ther, than: *insert an additional paragraph in an essay, an advertisement in a newspaper, etc* ○ *insert a key into a lock* ○ *Insert your fingers between the layers and press them apart.*

▷ **insert** /ɪnˈsɜːt/ *n* ~ (in sth) therhmi cabu sungah le thuthangca tivek ah a hlei in nganmi bet saalmi: *an eight-page insert.*

**insertion** /ɪnˈsɜːʃn/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (into sth) thil pakhat sungah thannak: *the insertion of a coin into a*

## in-service

slot. **2** [C] hei thanmi thilri/ngan betmi.

**in-service** /'ɪnsɜːvɪs/ *adj* [attrib] hnaʔuan rero sung hnaʔuan phah: *the in-service training of teachers.*

**inset** /'ɪnset/ *n* a dang betmi zuk, ram zuk, thil pungsan suaimi tivek cahnah tlap parih ben mi, telheihmi.

▷ **inset** *v* (-**tt**-, *pt*, *pp inset*) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (**insto sth**) telheih, ca hmai tlangkap te ah rak ngancih: *For an explanation of the symbols see the key, inset left.*

**inshore** /ɪnˈʃɔː(r)/ *adj* [usu attrib] (of sth at sea) ti tlaang lam panmi: *an inshore current* ○ *inshore fisheries.*

▷ **inshore** *adv*: *fishing inshore or out at sea.*

**inside**<sup>1</sup> /ɪnˈsaɪd/ *n* **1** (a) [C usu sing] thil pakhat ih a sunglam: *The inside of the box was lined with silk.* ○ *The cup is stained on the inside.* ○ *chocolates with a creamy inside* ○ *Which paint is suitable for the inside of a house?* ○ *The room had been locked from/on the inside.* ○ *The insides of the cylinders must be carefully cleaned.* (b) [sing] lamzin, lole, sul pakhat ih a kualnak lam nai bik : *Daley Thomson is coming up on the inside.* (c) [sing] mawʔawka a zinpi ihsin a hlatnak bik kelam: *Walk on the inside to avoid the traffic fumes.* Cf OUTSIDE<sup>1</sup>. **2** [sing] (also **insides** /ɪnsaɪdz/ [pl]) (*infml*) sungriil pawl (pumpi le rilpi/te pawl): *a pain in his inside* ○ *My insides are crying out for food.* **3** (*idm*) **inside out** (a) a ling let: *wearing his socks inside out* ○ *Turn the blouse inside out before drying it.* ○ *My umbrella has blown inside out.* (b) felfai te'n, a zate in: *know a subject inside out* ○ *turn a cupboard, drawer, etc inside out*, ie search thoroughly by emptying it and looking through its contents. **on the inside** (a) pawl sungah, a sungah: *The thieves must have had someone on the inside to help them break in.* (b) (of motorists, motor vehicles, etc) lampi laifang ihsin a hlat biknak: *The driver behind me tried to overtake on the inside.*

▷ **inside** *adj* [attrib] **1** thil pakhat ih a sung lam/ sunglam: *He kept his wallet in an inside pocket.* ○ *What does your inside leg* (ie from the crutch to the inner side of foot) *measure?* ○ *the inside pages of a newspaper* ○ *choosing to run on the inside track.* **2** a sung um milai: *Acting on inside information, the police were able to arrest the gang before the robbery occurred.* ○ *The robbery appeared to have been an inside job.*

**insider** /ɪnˈsaɪdə(r)/ *n* pawlkom pakhat sungtel sinak ruangah thu theih theinak nei. **insider dealing** (also **insider trading**) sungtel hnen ihsin thu theihmi vekin thil zuar le lei.

□ **inside lane** mawʔaw zin pakhat ah mawʔaw pawl nuam te deuh ih fehnak zin: *After overtaking you should move back into the inside lane.*

**inside left, inside right** bawhlung lehnak ah a hmaisa bik tlar ih a kehlam bik/vorhlam bik ih dingtu/lektu, kehlam, vorhlam.

**inside**<sup>2</sup> /ɪnˈsaɪd/ (also esp *US inside of*) *prep* **1** a sung ah: *go inside the house* ○ *put it inside its cage* ○ *Inside the box there was a gold coin.* ○ *You'll feel better with a good meal inside you*, ie when you've eaten a good meal. Cf OUTSIDE<sup>2</sup>. **2** (of time) sungah: *The job is unlikely to be finished inside (of) a year.*

▷ **inside** *adv* **1** a sunglam pan in/a sunglam ah/a sunglam hoih in: *The coat has a detachable lining inside.* ○ *She shook it to make certain there was nothing inside.* ○ *The guests had to move inside* (ie indoors) *when it started to rain.* **2** (sl) thawnginn sung.

**insidious** /ɪnˈsɪdiəs/ *adj* (*fml derog*) theih thiam lo te in nuam tete in karh vivo mi siatter: *an insidious disease* ○ *insidious jealousy.*

▷ **insidiously** *adv*: *He had insidiously wormed his way into her affections.*

**insidiousness** *n* [U].

**insight** /ɪnˈsaɪt/ *n* ~ (**into sth**) **1** (a) [U] (*approv*) thil pakhat ih a sinak dik theih thei/hmuh theinak: *a person of insight* ○ *show insight into human character.* (b) [C] sungthu theih thei sinak: *She was given an unpleasant insight into what life would be like as his wife.* ○ *have/gain an insight into a problem.*

▷ **insightful** /-fʊl/ *adj* (*approv*) theihtheinak langter: *an insightful remark.*

**insignia** /ɪnˈsɪɡniə/ *n* [pl] (a) hnaʔuan upa sinak theihtheinak: *the insignia of office.* (b) ziang hnaʔuan, ziang pawl an si ti theihnak 'tacik'.

**insignificant** /ɪnˈsɪɡnɪfɪkənt/ *adj* a thupi lo, thupit lonak/duhsannak theih thei lo, fiang lo, theih tham lo: *The rate has fallen by an insignificant* (ie too small to be important) *amount.* ○ *an insignificant* (ie too small to be important) *amount.* ○ *an insignificant-looking little man who turned out to be the managing director.*

▷ **insignificance** /-kəns/ *n* [U]: *reduced to insignificance.* **insignificantly** *adv.*

**insincere** /ɪnˈsɪnərə(r)/ *adj* lungput dik lo.

▷ **insincerely** *adv.* **insincerity** /ɪnˈsɪnərəti/ *n* [U].

**insinuate** /ɪnˈsɪnjuet/ *n* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tf, Dpr-f] ~ **sth** (**to sb**) tiduhsanmi langter lo te ih mi ih thinlung nuam bang te'n: *What are you insinuating?* ○ *Are you insinuating that I am a liar?* **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **sth/oneself into sth** (*fml*) nuam te te'n ruangpi thawn lut: *insinuate one's body/person into a narrow opening* ○ (*fig derog*) *insinuate oneself into sb's favour*, ie ingratiate oneself with sb.

▷ **insinuation** /ɪnˈsɪnju'eɪʃn/ *n* (a) [U] nuam te te'n thing lung ih lutternak: *blacken sb's character by insinuation.* (b) [C] ~ (**that...**) ti duhsan mi theih thiam lo te ih sim/cohlanter



khi: *I object to your (unpleasant) insinuations!*  
**insipid** /ɪnˈsɪpɪd/ *adj* (derog) **1** a thawtnak a um lo zikte, thaw lemlo: *insipid food*. **2** (fig) duhnak le thathawhnak um lo/nei lo/theih duh paihnak um lo: *painted in pale, insipid colours* ○ *an insipid performance of the symphony* ○ *a good-looking but insipid young man*.  
 ▷ **insipidity** (also **insipidness**) *n* [U]. **insipidly** *adv*.  
**insist** /ɪnˈsɪst/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tf] ~ (on sth) napi in fial: ‘You really must go!’ ‘All right, if you insist.’ ○ *I insist on your taking/insist that you take immediate action to put this right*. **2** [Ipr] ~ on sth/doing sth duh deng/tuah duh tengteng: *I always insist on wholemeal bread*. ○ (fig) *She will insist on getting up early and playing her radio loud*, ie *She always does this, annoyingly*. **3** [Ipr, Tf] ~ on sth mi in zum lo hman ah ti duh/ tuah duh thotho: *She kept insisting on her innocence/insisting that she was innocent*.  
 ▷ **insistent** /-ənt/ *adj* ~ (about/on sth); ~ (that...) eeltu le duh lotu um nacing in tuah tum thotho/ ti tum thotho: *She’s a most insistent person; she won’t take ‘no’ for an answer*. ○ *You mustn’t be late; he was most insistent about that*. ○ (fig) *this job’s insistent demands* ○ (fig) **the insistent** (ie constantly and noticeably repeated): *ti nolh rero: horn phrase in the third movement of the symphony*.  
**insistence** /-əns/ *n* [U] ~ (about/on sth); ~ (that...) **insistently** *adv*.  
**in situ** /ɪnˈsɪtjuː/ (Latin) hmaisai ih a um cianak hmun ah.  
**insofar as** /ɪnˈsɒfɑːr əz/ = IN SOFAR AS (FAR<sup>2</sup>).  
**insole** /ɪnˈsəʊl/ *n* kadam ih kezaphak a sunglam.  
**insolent** /ɪnˈsələnt/ *adj* ~ (to/towards sb) mi ziangsiar lo le hmuhsuam ih um: *insolent children, remarks, behaviour*.  
 ▷ **insolence** /-əns/ *n* [U] ~ (to/towards sb) ziangsiar lo le hmuhsuam ih umnak: *That’s enough of your insolence, boy!* ○ *dumb insolence, ie expressed by behaviour rather than verbally*.  
**insolently** *adv*.  
**insoluble** /ɪnˈsɒljubl/ *adj* **1** (of substances) tidai sungah a zup thei lo. **2** (fig) simfiang a theih lomi/ruahsuak theih lomi: *an insoluble problem, mystery, riddle, etc*.  
**insolvent** /ɪnˈsɒlvənt/ *adj* leiba sam thei lo.  
 ▷ **insolvency** /-ənsɪ/ *n* [U].  
**insolvent** *n* leiba neitu.  
**insomnia** /ɪnˈsɒmniə/ *n* [U] itthat thei lonak/it thei lo natnak: *suffer from insomnia*.  
 ▷ **insomniac** /ɪnˈsɒmniæk/ *n* it thei lo pa/nu.  
**insomuch** /ɪnˈsəʊmʌtʃ/ *adv* ~ as... cuih thu ruangah/si vek tiangah: *This statement was important insomuch as it revealed the extent of their knowledge*.  
**insouciance** /ɪnˈsuːsiəns/ *n* [U] (fml) thinlung ah poisa loih umnak/donhar lonak, ngaihsak lonak.

▷ **insouciant** /-ʃɪənt/ *adj*.  
**Insp** *abbr* Inspector (esp in the police force): *Chief Insp (Paul) King*.  
**inspect** /ɪnˈspekt/ *v* **1** [Tn] (a) tha zet ih rak zohfel, cek: *The customs officer inspected my passport suspiciously*. (b) hnaʔuan le tuan lo/daan thlun le thlun lo, zunglam ihsin tuanvo nei ih va zoh (thlingthla): *inspect a school, factory, regiment, etc*. **2** [Tn.pr] ~ sb/sth for sth mi parah, lole, thilri parah ziang a um maw ti ih zohfel (cek): *inspect sb/sb’s head for lice dandruff, etc* ○ *inspect an object for fingerprints*.  
 ▷ **inspection** /ɪnˈspekʃn/ *n* **1** [U] thil rak cek nak: *On inspection (ie When inspected) the notes proved to be forgeries*. ○ *after inspection (of the factory) for signs of inefficiency*. **2** [C] ceknak: *carry out frequent inspections*.  
**inspector** /ɪnˈspektə(r)/ *n* **1** cektu bawi upa. **2** (Brit) palik bawi: *Inspector Davies*. **3** bus, lole, tlangleng ticket cektu.  
 ▷ **inspectorate** /ɪnˈspektərət/ *n* [CGp] a cektu bawi rual khat: *the primary schools inspectorate*.  
 □ **inspector of taxes** (also **tax inspector**) siah khon bawi.  
**Inspiration** /ɪnˈspəreɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (to do sth) thinlung thawhternak: *Wordsworth found (his) inspiration in/drew (his) inspiration from the Lake District scenery. It was a great source of inspiration to him*. ○ *Her work shows real inspiration*. ○ *I sat down to write my essay, but found I was completely without inspiration, ie could think of nothing to write*. ○ (saying) *Genius is 10% inspiration and 90% perspiration, ie hard work*. **2** [C] ~ (to/for sb) thatho tertu minung, lole, thilri/thil/thuhla: *This woman’s an inspiration to all of us, ie is so excellent that she inspires us*. **3** [C] (infml) thathawhnak ihsin a ra mi ruahnak tha; *Pathian hruainak: I’ve just had an inspiration: why don’t we try turning it the other way!*  
 ▷ **inspirational** /-ʃənl/ *adj* thathawh termi: *an inspirational piece of writing*.  
**inspire** /ɪnˈspaɪə(r)/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn.pr, Cn.t] ~ sb (to sth) tuah duhnak thinlung thawn khat: *His noble example inspired the rest of us to greater efforts*. ○ *The Lake District scenery inspired Wordsworth to write his greatest poetry*. **2** [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ sb (with sth)/ ~ sth (in sb) mi pakhat sungah ruahnak, tumtahnak thawn khat: *Our first sight of the dingy little hotel did not inspire us with much confidence/inspire much confidence in us*. ○ *inspire hope, loyalty, enthusiasm, etc in sb* ○ *gloomy statistics which inspired panic in the stock market/among the stockbrokers*.  
 ▷ **inspired** *adj* (approx) **1** thil tuah duhnak (hla, zukuai tivek) thawn a khat mi: *an inspired poet, artist, etc*. **2** thil thupi zet tuahsuak theinak cangtertu thathawhnak: *act like a man/woman*

*inspired*. **3** thathawhternak thawn tuahmi, timi: *an inspired work of art* ○ *an inspired effort* ○ *an inspired guess*, ie made by intuition rather than logic, but usu correct.

**inspiring** /ɪnˈspaɪərɪŋ/ *adj* **1** mi pakhat thil tuah duh ko ih thathawhter: *an inspiring thought*. **2** (usu with negatives) (*infml*) theih duhnak le tuah hiar thathawhnak rak khahter: *a book on a not very inspiring subject*.

**Inst** *abbr* Institute; Institution.

**inst** /ɪnst/ *abbr* (dated or *fml* commerce) instant (of this month): *your letter of the 6th inst*.

**instability** /ɪnstəˈbɪləti/ *n* [U] a tjunghmun thei lo: *mental instability*, ie liability to fits of madness ○ *the inherent instability of this chemical*, eg one which may blow up or catch fire.

**install** (US also **instal**) /ɪnˈstɔːl/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (in **sth**) bun/hman dingih thil bun: *install a heating or lighting system (in a building)* ○ *I'm having a shower installed*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/oneself** (in **sth**) dai te'n hmunkhat ah um: *be comfortably installed in a new home* ○ *She installed herself in her father's favourite armchair*. **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (in **sth**) ti dan vek hmangin mi pakhat thuneihnak dinhmun thar ah ret: *install a priest (in office)*.

▷ **installation** /ɪnstəˈleɪʃn/ *n* **1** (a) [U] upa dinhmun ah hei toh: *Installation requires several days*. ○ *the installation of the new vice-chancellor* ○ [attrib] *installation costs/charges*. (b) [C] thil bun: *carry out several installations*. **2** [C] (a) thil hei tohnak: *a heating installation*. (b) ral thilthuam retnak inn hmun: *attacking the enemy's missile installations*.

**instalment** (US usu **installment**) /ɪnˈstɔːlmənt/ *n* **1** ca suah mi sungah a thenthen suahmi ah thenkhat a si mi: *a story that will appear in instalments* ○ *Don't miss the next instalment!* **2** ~ (on **sth**) paisa pek dingmi ah caan khat sungah a thenthen ih pek mi ih thenkhat: *pay for a house by monthly instalments* ○ *keep up the instalments* (ie maintain regular payments) *on the house*. □ **instalment plan** (*esp* US) = HIRE PURCHASE (HIRE).

**instance** /ɪnstəns/ *n* **1** ~ (of **sth**) theih theinak dingih pekmi thuþhimnak pakhat: *I can quote you several instances of her being deliberately rude*. ○ **In most instances** (ie Mostly) **the pain soon goes away**. **2** (idm) **at the instance of sb** (*fml*) mi pakhat in poimawh zet ih dilnak/forhnak. **for instance** thuþhimnak ah, tinak men ah: *Several of his friends came: Ben, Carol and Mike, for instance*. **in the first instance** (*fml*) a thoknak ah, a tawthawh ah: *In the first instance I was inclined to refuse, but then I reconsidered*. **in this instance** tui tum ah, hi thu ah.

▷ **instance** *v* [Tn] hei thim in/thim ah.

**instant<sup>1</sup>** /ɪnstənt/ *adj* **1** [usu attrib] a si lohlimi, a

cang lohlimi: *a new book that was an instant success* ○ *feel instant relief after treatment* ○ *instant hot water*, ie as soon as the tap is turned on. **2** (of food preparations) hman le ei lohli thei: *instant coffee*, ie made by adding hot water or milk to a powder. **3** (*abbr inst*) (dated commerce) tu thla sung: *in reply to your letter of the 9th inst*. **4** [attrib] (*fml*) tul zet: *attend to sb's instant needs* ○ *in instant need of help*.

▷ **instantly** *adv* hmakhat te ah/veikhat te ah: *an instantly recognizable face*. — *conj* as soon as: *Tell me instantly he arrives*.

**instant<sup>2</sup>** /ɪnstənt/ *n* (*esp sing*) **1** veikhat te ah, ve te'n, atu rori: *Come here this instant!* ie at once! ○ *He left (at) that (very) instant*. ○ *leave on the instant of six o'clock*, ie not a second later than six ○ *I recognized her the instant (that)* (ie as soon as) *I saw her*. **2** caan tawite sungah: *I shall be back in an instant*. ○ *Help came not an instant too soon*. ○ *Just for an instant I thought he was going to refuse*.

**instantaneous** /ɪnstənˈteɪniəs/ *adj* hmakhat te ah a cang, lole, tuah: *Death was instantaneous*, eg in a fatal accident.

▷ **instantaneously** *adv*.

**instead** /ɪnˈsted/ *adv* ai ah, sawn: *We've no coffee. Would you like tea instead?* ○ *It will take days by car, so let's fly instead*. ○ *Stuart was ill so I went instead*.

□ **instead of** *prep* ai ah (minung/thil): *Let's play cards instead of watching television*. ○ *We sometimes eat rice instead of potatoes*. ○ *Instead of Graham, it was Peter who moved in*.

**instep** /ɪnsteP/ *n* (a) kezungpi le kemit karlak ke a tlunlam. (b) kedan a tlunlam.

**instigate** /ɪnstɪɡeɪt/ *v* [Tn] thil pakhat cangter, thokter: *instigate a strike, strike action, etc* ○ *The minister has instigated a full official inquiry into the incident*.

▷ **instigation** /ɪnstɪɡeɪʃn/ *n* [U] lungthawhternak, thuthawhnak, tawthawhnak: *At his instigation we concealed the facts from the authorities*, ie He encouraged us to do so.

**instigator** /ɪnstɪɡeɪtə(r)/ *n* thil tha lo tuah thokturtu/thil tha lo forhtu: *the instigators of violence in our society*.

**instil** (US **instill**) /ɪnˈstɪl/ *v* (-ll-) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (in/into **sb**) nuam te te'n thinlung sungah lutter/ mipakhat nuam te'n thil tha thinlung ah lutter: *instilling a sense of responsibility (in/into one's children)*.

▷ **instillation** /ɪnstɪˈleɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**instinct** /ɪnstɪŋkt/ *n* ~ (for **sth/doing sth**); ~ (to do **sth**) [U, C] **1** nu hrinnak in zirh mi si lo ih thil titheinak: *Birds learn to fly by instinct*. ○ *Birds have the instinct to learn to fly*. **2** ruat cia lo ih mahte thilti theinak: *When I saw the flames I acted on instinct and threw a blanket over them*. ○ *My first instinct was to refuse, but later I*

reconsidered. ○ *have an instinct for survival* ○ *Trust your instincts and marry him!* ○ *I'm afraid I gave way to my worst instincts and hit him.* ○ *The sight of the helpless little boy aroused her maternal instinct(s).* ○ *(ironic) have an instinct for doing or saying the wrong thing* ○ *(fig) I'm afraid he lacks the killer instinct, ie ability to be ruthless.*

▷ **instinctive** /ɪn'stɪŋktɪv/ *adj* ruahnak in, lole, zirhmi si lomi: *an instinctive fear of fire* ○ *an instinctive dislike of sb* ○ *an instinctive reaction.*

**instinctively** *adv*: *I instinctively raised my arm to protect my face.*

**institute**<sup>1</sup> /ɪn'stɪtjuːt/; *US* -tʊt/ *n* thil pakhat canternak dingih dinmi/tuahmi pawlkom, lole, thil zirnak hmunpi/innpi: *the Working Men's institute* ○ *the Institute of Chartered Surveyors.*

**institute**<sup>2</sup> /ɪn'stɪtjuːt/; *US* -tʊt/ *v* (fml) **1** [Tn] thil din, lole, tuah thok: *institute legal proceedings against sb* ○ *Police have instituted inquiries into the matter.* **2** [Tn] daan hmangin (biaknak lam saya) mi pakhat hnaŋuan pakhat ah khaisang.

**institution** /ɪn'stɪtjuːʃn/; *US* -tʊːʃn/ *n* **1** [U] dɪnsuakmi thu/daan/nunphung: *the institution of rules, customs, etc* ○ *institution of a bishop/ of sb as a bishop.* **2** [C] mi bomnak hrangih dinmi, inn, tlawng tɪvek: *living in an institution.* **3** [C] nunphung, lole, rak hman ʔeumi thilti dan pakhat (hlanlai pi ihsin rak neih ciami): *Marriage is a sacred institution.* ○ *Drinking tea at 4 pm is a popular British institution.* **4** [C] (infml usu *approx* or *joc*) thil pakhat khat tuahnak ah, lole, hmun pakhat ah hmuhʔhangmi pa/nu: *My uncle has become quite an institution at the club!*

▷ **institutional** /-ʃənəl/ *adj* pehtlaihnak thawn pehparmi: *institutional food* ○ *old people in need of institutional care.*

**institutionalize, -ise** /-ʃənəlaɪz/ *v* **1** [Tn] bomnak inn, tlawng ah ret. **2** [Tn] cuvek ih ret. **3** [Tn esp passive] daan ah cangter: **institutionalization, -isation** /ɪn'stɪtjuːʃənəlaɪz/; *US* -lɪz/ *n* [U].

**instruct** /ɪn'strʌkt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (in sth) cazirh, lole, thiamnak zirh: *instruct a class (in history), recruits (in drill), etc.* ⇒ Usage at TEACH. **2** [Tn-pr, Dn-t, Dn-w] ~ **sb** (about sth) mi pakhat thil tuah dingih thu pek: *instruct sb about his duties* ○ *I've instructed them to keep the room locked.* ○ *They haven't instructed us where to go.* ⇒ Usage at ORDER<sup>2</sup>. **3** [Dn-f esp passive] (esp law) thu pakhat sim: *We are instructed by our clients that you owe them £300.* **4** (law) mah ai-awh ah upadi thiam mi hmang: *Who are the instructing solicitors* (ie solicitors who are employing a barrister to act) *in this case?*

▷ **instructor** *n* zirhtu, zirnak (training) pektu: *a driving instructor.*

**instruction** /ɪn'strʌkʃn/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (in sth) zirh-awknak: *In this course, students receive*

*instruction in basic engineering.* **2** [C] ~ (to do sth/that...) (a) *thupek, tuah-fial/ter: leave, give detailed instructions* ○ *understand, carry out an instruction.* (b) (computing) *ʔongfang, code tɪvek pawl computer ih ret tikah a cangmi.* **3** **instructions** [pl] ~ (to do sth/that ...) mi pakhat khi thil pakhat a tuah dan sim: *follow the instructions on a tin of paint, in a car repair manual, etc* ○ *My instructions are that I am not to let anyone in, ie I have been ordered not to.* ○ *instructions to a lawyer.*

▷ **instructional** /-ʃənəl/ *adj* fim sim/thu sim mi: *instructional films.*

**instructive** /ɪn'strʌktɪv/ *adj* (approx) *thu zir ding um, thuhla theih ding tam: instructive books* ○ *The minister's visit to the prison was not instructive.*

▷ **instructively** *adv.*

**instrument** /ɪn'strumənt/ *n* **1** thil tuahnak ih hmanmi thilri: *a surgical instrument, eg a scalpel* ○ *an optical instrument, eg a microscope* ○ *instruments of torture.* **2** awnmawi suahtu thilri: *learning to play an instrument* ○ *the instruments of the orchestra.* **3** thil tahnak: *a ship's instruments* ○ [attrib] *an instrument panel.* ⇒ Usage at MACHINE. **4** (a) ~ **of sb/sth** pawlkom, lole, midang pakhat ih hman mi le uk mi: *We humans are merely the instruments of fate.* (b) ~ **of sth** thil pakhat cangtertu minung, lole, thil: *The organization he had built up eventually became the instrument of his downfall.* **5** ~ (of sth) ca thupi (capi) zet: *The king signed the instrument of abdication.*

▷ **instrumentation** /ɪn'strumən'teɪʃn/ *n* [U] **1** awnmawi tum ih thilri tum dingah, hla timtuahnak: *The instrumentation is particularly fine.* **2** thilri (science) lam ih hmanmi thilri: *monitoring the spacecraft's instrumentation.*

**instrumental** /ɪn'struməntl/ *adj* **1** [pred] ~ **in doing sth** thil pakhat tuahnak cangtertu minung: *Our artistic director was instrumental in persuading the orchestra to come and play for us.* **2** awnmawi tumnak thawn tummi: *instrumental music.*

▷ **instrumentalist** /-təlɪst/ *n* awnmawi tumtu. Cf VOCALIST (VOCAL).

**instrumentality** /ɪn'strumən'tæləti/ *n* [U] (fml) bomnak in/hman ʔha: *by the instrumentality of sb, ie by means of sb.*

**insubordinate** /ɪn'sə'bɔːdɪnət/ *adj* dodal, thu ngai lo.

▷ **insubordination** /ɪn'sə'bɔːdrɪneɪʃn/ *n* (a) [U] thu ngai lonak. (b) [C] thu ngai lo thu.

**insubstantial** /ɪn'səb'stænʃl/ *adj* **1** ruangpum um lomi, ruahnak lawng simi: *an insubstantial vision, figure, creature.* **2** hnget zet, lole, khaukhah zet ih tuah lomi, derdai: *Early aircraft were insubstantial constructions of wood and glue.* ○ (fig) *an insubstantial argument,*

## insufferable

*accusation, claim, etc.*

**insufferable** /ɪn'sʌfrəbl/ *adj* **1** tuar theih lo: *insufferable insolence*. **2** (of a person) mi ih ngaih lo dingih zum aw, mi porhaw: *he really is insufferable!*

▷ **insufferable** /-əbl/ *adv*.

**insufficient** /ɪnsə'fɪʃnt/ *adj* ~ (for sth/to do sth) a daih lo/thil pakhat tuahnak dingah a daih lo, a sam: *The case was dismissed because of insufficient evidence*.

▷ **insufficiency** /-fɪʃn/ *n* [U]. **insufficiently** *adv*.

**insular** /ɪnsjʊlə(r); US -sələr/ *adj* **1** ti-kulh thawn pehpar mi: *an insular climate, way of life*. **2** (derog) ruahnak mi can lo, ruahnak bi nei ih midang pawl lo: *an insular attitude* ○ *insular habits and prejudices*.

▷ **insularity** /ɪnsjʊ'lærəti; US -sə'l-/ *n* [U] hmuhnak fiak.

**insulate** /ɪnsjuleɪt; US -səl-/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (from/against sth) (with sth) khawsa a hiip lomi thil pakhat a tlun tuam (khuh) um ih rak himter: *material which insulates well* ○ *insulate pipes from loss of heat with foam rubber*. **2** [Tn-pr] ~ sb/sth from/against sth (fig) mi pakhat, lole thil pakhat thildang ih siat suah ding kham: *children carefully insulated from harmful experiences* ○ *Index-linked pay rises insulated them against inflationary price increases*.

▷ **insulated** *adj* hivek tuah ih siat dingih khammi: *an insulated wire*, ie to avoid an electric shock ○ *a well-insulated house*, ie to avoid loss of heat.

**insulating** *adj* cutivek kham thei: *insulating materials*.

**insulation** /ɪnsjʊ'leɪʃn; US -səl-/ *n* [U] (a) khamnak, himternak: *Foam rubber provides good insulation*. (b) cuti vekih hmanmi thil: *pack the wall cavity with insulation*.

**insulator** /ɪnsjuleɪtə(r); US -səl-/ *n* thil a khamnak electric daat kai lo dingih khamtu thil.

□ **insulating tape** electric tha kang lo dingih tuamnak, tep (tape) hri.

**insulin** /ɪnsjʊlɪn; US -səl-/ *n* [U] zinthlum sii, tisa/ruangpi sungih cini a zuk dan rak rem dingah la (pancreas) a suahtermi sii: [attrib] *People suffering from diabetes have to have insulin injections, because they cannot produce their own*.

**insult** /ɪn'sʌlt/ *v* [Tn] midang thinheng/thinnatternak dingih tuah/ʔong, hmuhsuam, zawmtai: *I felt most insulted when they made me sit at a little table at the back*.

▷ **insult** /ɪn'sʌlt/ *n* **1** ~ (to sb/sth) hmuhsuamnak, zomtaihnik mi duh lo, thinhennak dingih ʔongmi/tuahmi: *She hurled insults at the unfortunate waiter*. ○ *Don't take it as an insult if I go to sleep during your speech; I'm very tired*. **2** (idm) **add insult to injury** ⇒ **ADD**. **a calculated**

**insult** ⇒ **CALCULATE**. **an insult to sb's intelligence** hnaʔuan, simfiannak a ol tuk ih ruah rero tlak lo.

**insulting** *adj* thinhengter thei: *He was most insulting to my wife*. ○ *insulting remarks, behaviour*.

**insuperable** /ɪn'su:pərəbl or, in British use, -'sju:/ *adj* (fml) (of difficulties) harnak, neh theih lomi harsatnak: *insuperable barriers, obstacles, etc*. Cf **INSURMOUNTABLE**.

▷ **insuperably** /-əbl/ *adv*.

**insupportable** /ɪnsə'pɔ:təbl/ *adj* (fml) tuar theih lo, tuar zia si lo: *insupportable behaviour, rudeness, etc*.

**insurance** /ɪn'fʊərəns; US -'fʊər-/ *n* **1** [U, sing] ~ (against sth) thih pang, nat pang, hloh pang, siat pang tikah, tangka ruh ding lungkimnak (company; pawlkom): *People without insurance had to pay for their own repairs*. ○ *an insurance against theft, fire, etc* ○ *household, personal, etc insurance* ○ [attrib] *an insurance company*, ie one that provides this ○ *an insurance salesman*. **2** [U] hivek tuahnak hnaʔuan: *Her husband works in insurance*. **3** [U] kampani (company) ih cuvek ih pekmi tangka: *When her husband died, she received £50 000 in insurance*. **4** [C, U] ~ (against sth) (fig) sunnak um pang ding ti ih ralrinnak ih tuahmi (aa-mah-khan) lungkimnak ca: *He's applying for two other jobs as an insurance against not passing the interview for this one*.

□ **insurance broker** amkamnak tawlrel saktu (puai-sa, ku-sa-le).

**insurance policy** kampani (company) le amkam (insurance) tuahtu lungkimnak: (fig) *They regard nuclear weapons as an insurance policy against conventional attack*.

**insurance premium** amkam (insurance) tuahtu pa ih thlatin ti in maw a pek ʔheumi tangka.

**insure** /ɪn'fʊə(r); US ɪn'fʊər/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb/sth (against sth) thu poi cakkhai hrangih tangka pek dingih tuah: *insure oneself/one's life for £50 000* ○ *insure one's house against fire*. **2** (esp US) = **UNSURE**.

▷ **the insured** *n* [sing or pl v] sunnak hrangah paia cotu dingih tuah mi pa/nu (paia a cotu ding).

**insurer** /ɪn'fʊərə(r)/ *n* sunnak um tikih tangka liamtu ding bulpak milai kampani (company).

**insurgent** /ɪn'sɜ:dʒənt/ *adj* [usu attrib] acozah kumpi do, ramhnuai mi: *insurgent troops* ○ *an insurgent mob*.

▷ **insurgent** *n* acozah kumpi dotu ralkap: *an attack by armed insurgents*.

**insurmountable** /ɪnsə'məʊntəbl/ *adj* (fml) (of obstacles, difficulties, etc) neh theih lo mi: *The problems are not insurmountable*. Cf **INSUPERABLE**.

**insurrection** /ɪnsə'rekʃn/ *n* **1** [U] (rin lopi in kumpi do dingih) ralthawhnik. **2** [C] hivek



- ralakap.  
 ▷ **insurrectionist** /-ʃənɪst/ *adj* hivek ral thawhnak ih tel.
- int** *abbr* **1** interior; internal. Cf EXT 1. **2** international.
- intact** /ɪn'tækt/ *adj* himte/siatsuah lo: a box recovered from an accident with its contents intact ○ He can scarcely survive this scandal with his reputation intact.
- intaglio** /ɪn'taɪliəʊ/ *n* (pl ~s /-z/) **1** [U] thir, lole, thing khuar. **2** [C] (lung mankhung) pungsan aat ih tuah.
- intake** /'ɪnteɪk/ *n* **1** (a) [U] a tii, lole, dat khi cet sungih than. (b) [C] thil tii pawl luhnak cet: the fuel intake ○ [attrib] an intake pipe. **2** (a) [C, U] minung lut zat lakmi: an annual intake of 100 000 men for military service ○ Intake in state primary schools is down by 10%. (b) [CGp] cuvek milai pawl: This year's intake seems/seem to be quite bright.
- intangible** /ɪn'tændzəbl/ *adj* **1** fiangte ih theih thei lo: The old building had an intangible air of sadness about it. **2** (commerce) (of a business asset) pumsa ih a um lomi: the intangible value of a good reputation.  
 ▷ **intangibility** /ɪn'tændzə'bɪləti/ *n* [U]. **intangibly** *adv*.
- integer** /'ɪntɪdʒə(r)/ *n* (mathematics) nambat kim: 1, 2 and 3 are integer;  $\frac{3}{4}$  is not an integer.
- integral** /'ɪntɪgrəl/ *adj* **1** ~ (to sth) thil pakhat a kim suaknak dingih a ʔulmi: The arms and legs are integral parts of the human body; they are integral to the human body. **2** [usu attrib] a zate sungih telmi: an integral design. **3** [usu attrib] thil pakhat sung ih a telcia mi: a machine with an integral power source. **4** (mathematics) nambat kim thawn pehpar awmi.  
 ▷ **integrally** /-grəlɪ/ *adv*.  
 □ **integral calculus** (mathematics) branch of calculus concerned with finding out the sum total of a lot of extremely small numbers, and with applying this knowledge to calculating areas, volumes, etc. Cf DIFFERENTIAL CALCULUS (DIFFERENTIAL).
- integrate** /'ɪntɪgreɪt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (into sth); ~ A and B/~ A with B a kim theinak dingah kom: integrating private schools into the state education system ○ The buildings are well integrated with the landscape/The buildings and the landscape are well integrated. **2** [I, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sb) (into sth/with sth) mi phunkhat sungah tel: foreign immigrants who don't integrate well ○ integrating black people into a largely white community. Cf SEGREGATE.  
 ▷ **integrated** /-tɪd/ *adj* thil dangdang rem te'n komkhawm: an integrated transport scheme, eg including buses, trains, taxis, etc ○ an integrated personality, ie sb who is psychologically stable.
- integration** /ɪn'tɪgreɪʃn/ *n* [U] ~ (into sth) komkhawmnak: the integration of black children into the school system in the Southern States of America. Cf SEGREGATION (SEGREGATE).  
 □ **integrated circuit** very small electronic circuit(2b) made of a single small piece of semiconductor material (eg a silicon chip), designed to replace a conventional electric circuit of many parts.
- integrity** /ɪn'tegreɪti/ *n* [U] **1** miding le midik sinak: He's a man of integrity; he won't break his promise. ○ personal, commercial, intellectual, etc integrity. **2** a kimmi: respect, preserve, threaten, etc a nation's territorial integrity.
- integument** /ɪn'tegjʊmənt/ *n* (fml) (usu natural) a leng tuamtu (vun, hawng, a hi).
- intellect** /'ɪntələkt/ *n* **1** [U] ruat theinak le ngah theinak thinlung: a man of (great) intellect ○ Intellect distinguishes humans from other animals. **2** [C] thu ruat theinak: He was one of the most formidable intellects of his time.
- intellectual** /ɪn'telɪktsʊəl/ *adj* **1** [usu attrib] thu ruat thei: the intellectual faculties. **2** thu ruahnak hmang thiam: intellectual people ○ intellectual interests, pursuits, etc.  
 ▷ **intellectual** *n* mi thuruat thiam, mifim: a play, book, etc for intellectuals.
- intellectually** *adv*.
- intelligence** /ɪn'telɪdʒəns/ *n* **1** [U] thil thiam theinak, theih theinak, ruah theinak: a person of high, great, average, little, low intelligence ○ When the water pipe burst, she had the intelligence to turn off the water at the main. **2** (a) [U] thuhla, thuthang: an intelligence-gathering satellite ○ [attrib] the government's Secret Intelligence Service, ie organization that gathers such information, esp by spying. (b) [Gp] thuhla, thuthang khawmtu: Intelligence has/have reported that the enemy is planning a new attack.  
 ▷ **intelligent** /-dʒənt/ *adj* thil theithe zet, fim zet: an intelligent child ○ an intelligent expression on sb's face ○ intelligent questions, answers, remarks, etc ○ take an intelligent interest in sth. **intelligently** *adv*.  
 □ **intelligence test** thiam le thiam lo theihnak camipuai. Cf APTITUDE TEST (APTITUDE).
- intelligentsia** /ɪn'telɪdʒəntsɪə/ *n* the intelligentsia [Gp] (usu approv or derog) nunphung, calai lam ruat theitu mifim rual khat.
- intelligible** /ɪn'telɪdʒəbl/ *adj* theih olmi/thiam olmi: intelligible speech ○ a muddled explanation which was scarcely intelligible.  
 ▷ **intelligibility** /ɪn'telɪdʒə'bɪləti/ *n* [U] thil thei thei sinak.  
**intelligible** *adv*.
- intemperate** /ɪn'tempərət/ *adj* (fml) mah le mah a uk aw thei lo, sup thei lo: intemperate habits, ie esp excessive drinking of alcohol ○ His intemperate (ie thoughtlessly angry or rude)

remarks got him into trouble.

▷ **intemperance** /-pərəns/ *n* [U]. **intemperately** *adv*.

**intend** /ɪn'tend/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tt, Tg, Dn-n] tumtah/tiduhšan: *I meant it to be an informal discussion, but it didn't turn out as I intended (it should).* ○ *It's not what I intended (it to be).* ○ *I hear they intend to marry/intend marrying.* ○ *I intended to do it, but I'm afraid I forgot.* ○ *I don't intend to listen to this rubbish any longer!* ○ *He intends you no harm*, ie does not plan to harm you. (b) [Tf, Tnt] ti ding/tuah dingih tumtah: *I intend that you shall take over the business.* ○ *I intend you to take over.* ○ *You weren't intended* (ie supposed) *to hear that remark.* **2** [Dn-pr] ~ **sth** **for sb** mi pakhat hrangah thil pakhat rak ruatsak: *I think the bomb was intended for* (ie planned to harm) *me.* **3** [Cn-n/a] ~ **sth as sth** theihter duh: *Was that remark intended as* (ie supposed to be) *a joke?* **4** [Tn-pr] ~ **sth by sth** tiduhšan: *What did he intend by that remark?*

▷ **intended** /-dɪd/ *adj* **1** [attrib] tumtahmi/duhsanmi: *the intended meaning, result, effect, purpose.* **2** ~ **for sb/sth** [pred] mi pakhat, lole, thil pakhat hrang tumtah: *a book, course, programme, etc intended for children, adults, beginners, etc* ○ *water (not) intended for drinking.*

**intense** /ɪn'tens/ *adj* (-r, -st) **1** (of sensations) hmualnei zet, nasa zet: *intense heat, pain, etc.* **2** (of emotions, etc) tuar zet/thinlungah khauh zet ih um: *intense interest, anger, jealousy, convictions, etc.* **3** (of people) thinlung cangvai ol mi (eg, thinheng, lau, phang).

▷ **intensely** *adv*.

**intensify** /-sɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp -fied) [I, Tn] rohter, nasater: *Her anger intensified.* ○ *The terrorists have intensified their bombing campaign.*

**intensifications** /ɪn'tensɪfɪ'keɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**intensifier** /ɪn'tensɪfaɪə(r)/ *n* (grammar) ʔongfang (esp an *adj* or *adv*, eg *so, such, very*) pawl fuh deuhternak ih hmannak.

**intensity** /-səti/ *n* [U] **1** a natsat daan: *work with greater intensity.* **2** thinlung ih tuar dan: *I didn't realize the intensity of people's feelings on this issue.*

**intensive** /ɪn'tensɪv/ *adj* **1** (a) thil pakhat par lawngah ruahnak/tuahnak nasa zet ih bur ciamcomi: *intensive bombardment of a town* ○ *intensive farming*, ie aimed at producing large quantities of food by concentrating labour and care in small areas. (b) caan tawite sungah nasa zet ih tuahmi: *They teach you English in an intensive course lasting just a week; it's quite an intensive few days!* **2** famkim/tlamtling zet: *An intensive search failed to reveal any clues.* **3** (grammar) hmual neimi ʔongfang: *In 'It's a bloody miracle!', 'bloody' is used as an intensive word.*

▷ **intensive** *n* (grammar) huham neimi ʔongfang. **-intensive** (forming compound *adjs*) compound *adj* tuahnak ih hman a si: *a capital-intensive/labour-intensive industry.*

**intensively** *adv*.

□ **intensive care** (part of a hospital giving) sizung ah minaa besia nasa zet ih zohʔhat deuhtnak: *The accident victims are in/have been taken into intensive care.*

**intent**<sup>1</sup> /ɪn'tent/ *adj* **1** (of looks, attention, etc) duhnak, hiarnak le thinlung peknak thawn a khatmi: *watch with an intent gaze, look, expression, etc.* **2** [pred] ~ **on/upon sth/doing sth** (a) thinlung takih tumtahmi: *He's intent on getting promotion, and no one's going to stop him!* (b) thil pakhat ah thinlung pek zet ih ʔuan: *I was so intent (up)on my work that I didn't notice the time.*

▷ **intently** *adv*: *I listened intently to what she had to say.*

**intentness** *n* [U].

**intent**<sup>2</sup> /ɪn'tent/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (to do sth) (esp law) tumnak: *act with criminal intent* ○ *fire a weapon with intent to kill* ○ *arrest sb for loitering with intent*, ie for apparently intending to commit a crime. **2** (idm) **to all intents (and purposes)** taktak ahcun: *Although there was still a faint heartbeat, he was to all intents and purposes dead.*

**intention** /ɪn'tenʃn/ *n* **1** (a) [C, U] ~ (of doing sth/that...) tuahtummi: *What are your intentions?* ie What do you plan to do? ○ *She's keeping her intentions to herself*, ie not telling anyone what she plans to do. ○ *I came with the/every intention of staying, but now I've decided to leave.* ○ *My intention was to stay.* ○ *I have no intention of coming* (ie I shall certainly not come) *to this terrible place again!* ○ (dated) *Peter asked the young man if his intentions were honourable*, ie if he intended to marry his daughter, whom he was courting. (b) [U] (fml) tumtahnak nei: *I'm sorry I offended you; it wasn't my intention.* **2** [C] duhnak, lole, hmuitinmi/duh sanmi: *What do you think was the author's intention in this passage?* **3** (idm) **the road to hell is paved with good intentions** ⇒ ROAD. **with the best of intentions** ⇒ BEST<sup>3</sup>.

▷ **-intentioned** (forming compound *adjs*) ciamciam ih tumtah: *ill-intentioned* ○ *well-intentioned*.

**intentional** /ɪn'tenʃənal/ *adj* tuah hrinni/ti pang si lo tuahmi: *If I hurt your feelings, it was not intentional.* ○ *an intentional foul in football.*

▷ **intentionally** /-ʃənəli/ *adv* ti hrin in: *I would never intentionally hurt your feelings.*

**inter** /ɪn'tɜː(r)/ *v* (-rr-) [Tn] (fml) mithi ruak vui. Cf INTERMENT.

**inter-** *pref* (with *vs, ns* and *adjs*) **1** karlak/pakhat ihsin pakhat ah: *interleave* ○ *interface* ○

international. **2** ti tlang/tawm aw in: *interconnect* ○ *interlink*.

**interact** /ɪntər'ækt/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) rak si ton, khat le khat ti-aw veve: *chemicals that interact to form a new compound* ○ *ideas that interact*. **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb) (of people) pakhat le pakhat (minung) parah pawl-aw ton: *a sociologist studying the complex way in which people interact (with each other) at parties*.

▷ **interaction** /-ækʃn/ *n* (a) [U] ~ (among/ between sb/sth); ~ (with sb/sth) pawl-awk tonnak, ti-awk vevenak: *Increased interaction between different police forces would improve the rate of solving crimes*. (b) [C] pawl-aw sinak. **interactive** /-æktrɪv/ *adj* **1** ~ (with sb/sth) (of two or more people or things) mi pahnih, lole, thil pahnih pawl-aw khawm ih rak cangmi: *The psychotherapy is carried out in small interactive groups*. **2** (computing) computer le a hmangtu thupek-aw dan.

**inter alia** /ɪntər'eɪliə/ (Latin) tampi sung ihsin/ cuih mi pawl sungin.

**interbreed** /ɪntə'brɪd/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (with sth) ci dangdang (ramsa, thingkung) sungin keuh (thil kah-pia)ter: *These two types of dog can't interbreed/be interbred (with each other)*.

**intercede** /ɪntə'si:d/ *v* (fml) **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb) (for/on behalf of sb) mi pakhat ai-awh ih zaangfah dil/mi hrangih ngaihtiam dil sak: *We have interceded with the authorities on behalf of people unfairly imprisoned there*, ie asked them to release the prisoners. **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (between A and B) mi pahnih lakah rem-awk theinak tuah/mi karlak ih rem-awknak tuah.

▷ **intercession** /ɪntə'seʃn/ *n* (a) [U] mi hrang rak tisak/dil saknak. (b) [C] mi hrang dil saknak.

**intercept** /ɪntə'sept/ *v* [Tn] a karlak/lam lak ah rak kai, lole, cawlhter: *Reporters intercepted him as he tried to leave by the rear entrance*. ○ *Effective defence is a matter of intercepting their missiles before they can reach us*. ○ *The police had been intercepting my mail*, ie reading it before it was delivered.

▷ **interception** /ɪntə'sepʃn/ *n* (a) [U] lamkar lak ih rak kai/cawlhternak. (b) [C] lamlak ih kaihtonnak.

**interceptor** /-tə(r)/ *n* minung, lole, thilri lamlak ah a kaitu, cawlhtertu.

**interchange** /ɪntətʃ'eɪndʒ/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (with sb) (of two people, etc) thil pek awk ton, thleng aw: *We interchanged partners; he danced with mine, and I danced with his*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth/sb (with sth/sb) thil thleng aw ton: *interchange the front tyres with the rear ones*. **3** [I, Tn] thleng-awmi: *the city's brightly-lit Christmas decorations, with their constantly interchanging colours*.

▷ **interchange** /ɪntətʃ'eɪndʒ/ *n* **1** (a) [U] thleng-awk tonnak: *a regular interchange of letters*. (b) [C] thleng-aw ton sinak. **2** [C] mawṭaw zin tonkhawmnak ih zin tluan thleng-awknak.

**interchangeable** /ɪntətʃ'eɪndʒəbl/ *adj* ~ (with sth) thleng-awton thei a si mi: *a machine with interchangeable parts* ○ *True synonyms are entirely interchangeable (with one another)*.

**interchangeably** *adv*.

**inter-city** /ɪntə'sɪti/ *adj* [usu attrib] (of fast transport) (mawṭawka, tlangleng tivek pawl) khua le khua karlak lampi a cawl lomi: *an inter-city train, coach, etc* ○ *an inter-city air shuttle*.

▷ **inter-city** *n* (a) [U] khawpi karlak fehnak hnaṭuan: *travel by inter-city*. (b) [C] (infml) khuapi karlak peksomnak zintluan hmanmi tlangleng, mawṭaw tivek pawl: *catch the inter-city*.

**intercollegiate** /ɪntəkə'lɪ:dʒiət/ *adj* phunsang tlawng pakhat le pakhat karlak ih tuahmi: *intercollegiate games, debates, etc*.

**intercom** /ɪntəkəm/ *n* zung sung, vanzam sung ih biak-awknak cet thil: *make an announcement on/over the intercom* ○ *an intercom system*.

**intercommunicate** /ɪntəkə'mju:nɪkeɪt/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb) pakhat le pakhat pehzom-aw, biak-aw: *The lack of a common language made it very difficult to intercommunicate (with each other)*. **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) (also **interconnect**) (of two or more rooms, compartments, etc) inn khaan khaan hnih, lole, khaan hnih hnaki tam ah pakhat le pakhat pehzom theih-awknak ih tuahmi sangka, zaute tivek pawl: *We had intercommunicating rooms*.

▷ **intercommunication** /ɪntəkə,mu:nɪkeɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**intercommunion** *n* [U] thupom dan bang-aw lo pawl-awk; kawhhran dangdang rualrem zet ih kom-awk le biak-awk.

**interconnect** /ɪntəkə'nekt/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) **1** pehzom-awk: *It's strange how people's lives interconnect*. **2** = INTERCOMMUNICATE<sup>2</sup>.

▷ **interconnected** /-tɪd/ *adj* ~ (with sth) mi dang thawn/thil a dang thawn peh-awmi: *I see these two theories as somehow interconnected*.

**interconnecting** *adj* [attrib] a pehzom awmi (pahnih le pahnih hnaki tam): *an interconnecting corridor*.

**interconnection** /-nekʃn/ *n* (a) [U] pehzom awknak. (b) [C] khat le khat pehzomton awknak.

**intercontinental** /ɪntə'kontɪ'nentl/ *adj* ram (continent) pakhat le pakhat karlak/sung: *intercontinental travel*.

□ **intercontinental ballistic missile** (abbr ICBM) continent pakhat ihsin a dang continent a kaap thei nuclear dat cerek nei pukpi.

**intercourse** /ɪntəkɔ:s/ *n* [U] ~ (with sb); ~ (between sb and sb) pawl-aw; itkhat (fml) **1** =

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SEXUAL INTERCAUSE (SEXUAL). **2** minung le minung, ram le ram pawl-awknak: *a shy person who avoids all human intercourse.*

**interdenominational** /ˌɪntəˌdɪˌnəˌmɪˈneɪʃənəl/ *adj* kawhhran khat le khat bang-awknak, lole, ʔawm tlangmi.

**interdepartmental** /ˌɪntəˌdiːpɑːtˈmentl/ *adj* kumpi zung khat le khat karlak ah a simi.

▷ **interdepartmentally** /-təlɪ/ *adv.*

**interdependent** /ˌɪntəˌpɛndənt/ *adj* khat le khat ring-awtonmi/bawm-awtonmi: *All nations are interdependent in the modern world.*

▷ **interdependence** /-əns/ *n* [U].

**interdependently** *adv.*

**interdict** /ˌɪntəˈdɪkt/ *v* [Tn] (*fml*) **1** (*esp law*) kham (thil tuah ding kham) thil pakhat hman kham. **2** (in the Roman Catholic Church) RC biaknak ah mi pakhat khawmnak ah ʔuanvo nei lo dingih kham (siang lo) Bawipa Zanriah ei lo dingih kham.

▷ **interdict** /ˌɪntəˈdɪkt/ *n* (*fml*) (**a**) (*law*) zung ihsin tuah lo dingih kham. (**b**) (in the Roman Catholic Church) biaknak ah tel lo dingih kham.

**interdiction** /ˌɪntəˈdɪkʃn/ *n* [C, U] zirnak phunkhat hnakih tam.

**interdisciplinary** /ˌɪntəˌdɪsɪˈplɪnəri/ *adj* thu pakhat hnakih tam huap zirnak: *interdisciplinary studies* ○ *an interdisciplinary course, qualification, degree, etc.*

**interest**<sup>1</sup> /ˌɪntrəst/ *n* **1** [U, sing] ~ (**in sb/sth**) (theih) duhnak; (zir) duhnak: *feel, have, show, express (an) interest in sb or sth* ○ *a topic that arouses, provokes, stimulates, etc a lot of interest* ○ *Now he's grown up he no longer takes any interest in his stamp collection: he's lost all interest in it.* ○ *do sth (just) for interest/out of interest/for interest's sake*, ie (just) to satisfy a desire for knowledge. **2** [U] theih duhnak thil: *The subject may be full of interest to you, but it holds no interest for me.* ○ *Suspense adds interest to a story.* **3** [C] ruah zet mi thil/hiar zetmi thil: *a person of wide, varied, narrow, limited interests* ○ *Her main interests in life are music, tennis and cooking.* **4** [C usu pl] ʔathnemnak, hlawknak: *look after, protect, safeguard, etc one's own interests*, ie make sure that nothing is done to one's disadvantage ○ *He has your best interest at heart*, ie is acting for your advantage. **5** [C usu pl] ~ (**in sth**) mi pakhat ih ʔathnemnak a ngah thei dingmi thuhla: *He has considerable business interests.* ○ *American interests in Europe*, eg capital invested in European countries ○ *sell one's interest in a company.* **6** [C] ~ (**in sth**) mah bulpak ʔathnemnak: *If a Member of Parliament wishes to speak about a company with which he is connected, he must declare his interest.* **7** [U] ~ (**on sth**) (*finance*) tangka cawih awknak ah cawih man a ʔhang, a pung: *pay interest on a capital sum* ○ *the rate*

*of interest*, ie payment made by the borrower expressed as a percentage of capital ○ *interest at 10%* ○ [attrib] *the interest rate* ○ *an interest-free loan*, ie on which one does not have to pay interest. **8** [C usu pl] (*often derog*) sumtuah dawrtuah tlangmi burkhat: *landed interests*, ie landowners ○ *Powerful business interests* (ie large business firms collectively) *are influencing the government's actions.* ○ [attrib] *influential interest groups.* **9** (idm) **in sb's interest(s)** midang hlawknak: *sth that is not in the public interest* ○ *It would be in your interests to accept.* **in the interest(s) of sth** thil pakhat khat ʔhatnak dingah: *In the interest(s) of safety, no smoking is allowed.* **a vested interest** ⇨ VEST<sup>2</sup>. (**repay, return, etc sth**) **with interest** (**a**) (*finance*) a ʔhang thawn. (**b**) (*fig infml*) betcihmi: *return a blow, a kindness with interest.*

**interest**<sup>2</sup> /ˌɪntrəst/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **oneself/sb (in sth)** (**a**) duh; duhnak nei: *a topic that interests me greatly* ○ *Having lost his job, he'd begun to interest himself in local voluntary work.* ○ *It may interest you to know that she's since died.* (**b**) hiarter; thathoter: *Can I interest you in our latest computer?*

▷ **interested** /-tɪd/ *adj* **1** ~ (**in sth/sb**) thei duh zet, caak zet: *Are you interested in history?* ○ *I tried to tell him about it, but he just wasn't interested.* ○ *interested listeners* ○ *an interested look* ○ *I shall be interested to know what happens.* **2** ~ (**in sth**) a hlawk thei dingmi: *As an interested party* (ie sb likely to profit), *I was not allowed to vote.*

**interesting** *adj* thinlung tak ih theih duh zetmi: *interesting people, books, conversation.*

**interestingly** *adv*: *She was there but her husband, interestingly, wasn't.*

NOTE ON SUAGE: The adjective **interested** can mean **1** 'desiring to learn or know (about something)': *I am very interested in local history.* **2** 'having an involvement (in something)': *The lawyer invited the interested parties to discuss the problem.* **Uninterested** relates to sense 1: *She seemed completely uninterested what I had to tell her about my new job.* **Disinterested** relates to sense 2: *In financial matters it is important to get disinterested advice*, ie from somebody who is not directly involved.

**interface** /ˌɪntəˈfeɪs/ *n* **1** hmun pahnih hmai ʔawm-awmi. **2** (*computing*) thiltinak pahnih a pehtu electrical circuit. **2** (*fig*) thil pahnih tong-aw ih khat le khat thlang-awktarnak: *at the interface of art and science* ○ *at the cart/science interface.*

**interfere** /ˌɪntəˈfɪə(r)/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (**in sth**); ~ (**between sb and sb**) rak tel ve, hnaihok, buapi: *Don't interfere in matters that do not concern you!* ○ *It's unwise to interfere between*



husband and wife. **2** [Ipr] ~ **with sth** (a) mi ih siannak um lo ih thil rak tham, rak tok: *Who's been interfering with the clock? It's stopped.* (b) rak dawn, kham: *interfere with sb else's plans* ○ *Don't allow pleasure to interfere with duty.* **3** [Ipr] ~ **with sb** (a) thil tuah/tuan thei lo dingih hnaihok: *Don't interfere with him while he's working.* (b) (Brit euph) tisa ih sualpi: *The police reported that the murdered child had not been interfered with.*

▷ **interference** /ɪntə'fɪərəns/ *n* [U] **1** ~ (in/with sth) hnaihok ternak, buaiternak, tuahternak: *I don't want any interference from you!* **2** (a) (radio) radio sungah awdang lut ih a suakmi hnaihoknak: *interference from foreign broadcasting stations.* (b) (computing) biak-awknak circuit ih duh lomi thil. (c) (sport esp US) (in ice hockey, American football, etc) dan kaih lo ih lektu dang rak khamnak.

**interfering** *adj* [attrib] mi hnaihok thei: *She's an interfering old busybody!*

**interferon** /ɪntə'fɪərən/ *n* [U] taksa sungih natnak rulcawng lut thei lo dingih kham/dotu tisa dat (protein) phunkhat.

**interim** /ɪntərɪm/ *n* (idm) **in the interim** caan pahnih karlak: *'My new job starts in May.'* *'What are you doing in the interim?'*

▷ **interim** *adj* [attrib] a laangte sung hrang: *interim arrangements, measures, proposals, etc* ○ *an interim loan, payment, etc* ○ *an interim report*, ie one made before the main or final report.

**interior** /ɪn'tɪəriə(r)/ *n* **1** [C usu sing] sunglam: *the interior of a house* ○ *a house with a classical exterior and a modern interior* ○ [attrib] *an interior room* ○ *an interior-sprung mattress*, ie with springs inside ○ (fig) *an interior monologue*, ie bs's thoughts, eg as recorded in a novel. Cf EXTERIOR. **2 the interior** [sing] ram ih sunglam (tipi lam nai lo): *the jungles of the interior of Africa* ○ *explorers who penetrated deep into the interior.* **3 the Interior** [sing] ram sung thuhla (uknak lam): *the Department/Minister of the Interior.*

□ **interior decorator** *tin-baw-sii* thawn inn a sunglam sii thuhtu, inn sihihtu.

**interior design** inn a sunglam si thuh dan, le a sungih thilri ret dan, inn khaan then dan pawl tuah dan.

**interior designer** cuvek tuahtu.

**interject** /ɪntə'dʒekt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Tf] ~ **sth** (into sth) mi ɬonglai rak thlakhruak: *If I may interject a note of caution into the discussion...* ○ *When I brought up the question of funding, he quickly interjected that it had been settled.*

▷ **interjection** /ɪntə'dʒekʃn/ *n* (grammar) a ɬa, a sia, thinphang, lungkim lo, lungawinak thinlung sungih um veki ring zet ih au (eg *Oh!*, *Hurray!* or *For goodness sake!*).

**interlace** /ɪntə'leɪs/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (with sth) thiam tak ih tak, a kalh aw ih um: *interlacing branches* ○ *interlace sb's hair with ribbons.*

**interlard** /ɪntə'lɑ:d/ *v* [Tn-pr] ~ **sth with sth** (rhet often derog) ɬong hman dan ah, mi ɬong hman mi, lole, miphun dang ɬong rawi ruri ih ɬong hman: *essays liberally interlarded with quotations from the poets.*

**interleave** /ɪntə'li:v/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **B (between A)/~ A (with B)** cabu sung cahnah lakah cahnah fate ther: *The exercise book has plain pages interleaved between its lined ones/has lined pages interleaved with plain ones.*

**interline** /ɪntə'lam/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] **sth (with sth)** **1** hnipuan ɬit tikah, hlum deuh seh tinak ah a lakdan ɬit cih: *interline a coat (with wool, acrylic fibre, etc).* **2** (also **interlineate** /ɪntə'li:neɪt/) catluan le catluan karlak ah hmnsin duhmi ngan: *interline a book with notes, glosses, etc.*

▷ **interlining** /ɪntə'lamɪŋ/ *n* (usu sing) a lakdan puan.

**interlinear** /ɪntə'li:niə(r)/ *adj* (written or printed) catluan pakhat le pakhat karlak.

**interlink** /ɪntə'liŋk/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (with sth) (a) peh aw: *chains which interlink/are interlinked.* (b) (fig) thil pakhat thawn peh aw: *transport systems that interlink with each other* ○ *destinies that are interlinked.*

**interlock** /ɪntə'lɒk/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] a kilh-awtonmi; kilh-aw veve (khauh/fek seh tinak ah): *a system of interlocking parts* ○ *two pieces of machinery, pipe, etc that interlock* ○ *They walked along holding hands, their fingers interlocked.* ○ *interlock one pipe with another.*

▷ **interlock** /ɪntə'lɒk/ *n* **1** [C] (computing) pakhat ti hmais a lo le ziang khal cangvai thei lo ih hrennak. **2** [U] ceet ɬit puan.

**interlocutor** /ɪntə'lɒkjʊtə(r)/ *n* (fml) thu reltlangnak ah a telu: *my interlocutor*, ie the person talking to me.

**interloper** /ɪntələʊpə(r)/ *n* tel lonak dingah telu, mah thawn pehpar lomi ah va buaitu/ hnaihoktu: *Security guards were stationed at the door to deal with any interlopers.*

**interlude** /ɪntə'lʊd/ *n* **1** (a) baisakup tivek hmuh lai ih caan khat te cawlh caan: *There will now be a 15-minute interlude.* (b) caan pahnih karlak ih caanlawng sung: *a musical interlude.* **2** thil pahnih a cangmi karlak ih caan lawng: *a brief interlude of peace between two wars.* **3** caan karlak ih thil cang: *a comic interlude*, ie during a serious drama or during sb's life. ⇨ Usage at BREAK<sup>2</sup>.

**intermarry** /ɪntə'mæri/ *v* (pt, pp **-ried**) [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb) **1** (of racial, religious, etc groups) miphun dangdang, biaknak dangdang ɬit-aw: *blacks intermarrying with whites* ○ *Catholics*

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*intermarrying with Protestants.* **2** mah unau thit-awk: *cousins who intermarry (with one another), eg in a royal family.*

▷ **intermarriage** /ɪntə'mæɪdʒ/ *n* [U] mah unau thawn thit-awknak.

**intermediary** /ɪntə'mi:diəri; US -diəri/ *n* ~ (between sb and sb) mi pahnih le cu hnak ih tam karlak ih pehtlaihnak tuahtu palai: *They dislike each other too much to meet, so they conducted all their business through an intermediary.*

▷ **intermediary** *adj* palai sinak lam: *play an intermediary role in a dispute.*

**intermediate** /ɪntə'mi:diət/ *adj* ~ (between A and B) (a) thil, minung, umnak tivek pawl pahnih karlak ih um, lole, ra cangmi: *at an intermediate point, level, stage, etc* ○ *The pupa is at an intermediate stage of development; it is intermediate between the egg and the adult butterfly.* (b) a thok le a cemnak karlak: *an intermediate course, book, level.*

▷ **intermediately** *adv.*

□ **intermediate-range (ballistic) missile** a naih tuk lo, a hlat tuk lo, a lai hrawng kahnak pukpi (*missile*).

**internment** /ɪntɜːnmənt/ *n* (fml) [C, U] mi ruak phum; ruak vui. Cf **INTER**.

**intermezzo** /ɪntə'metsəʊ/ *n* (pl ~s or -zzi /-tsɪ/) (*music*) (a) lemcawn (*drama*), lole, thuanthu cawn (*opera*) pawl a karlak ih tum/tuahmi awnmawi/lemcawn tawite; *symphony*, lole, a dang thupipa ngai pawl ih karlak cantawite sung tuahmi. (b) tummi awnmawi tawite: *two intermezzi by Brahms.*

**interminable** /ɪntɜːmɪnəbl/ *adj* (usu derog) (thil rei tuk tuah/cang ruangah) nin um: *an interminable argument, debate, sermon, etc.*

▷ **interminably** /-əbli/ *adv*: *We had to wait interminably.*

**intermingle** /ɪntə'mɪŋɡl/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sb/sth) (with sb/sth) rawi-aw; cok-aw: *Oil and water will not intermingle.* ○ *a busy trading part, where people of all races intermingle (with each other)* ○ *a book which intermingles fact with fiction.*

**intermission** /ɪntə'mɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] thil a cang lai ih cawl caan: *a short intermission halfway through a film* ○ *The fever lasted five days without intermission.* ⇨ Usage at **BREAK**<sup>2</sup>.

**intermittent** /ɪntə'mɪtənt/ *adj* cawl thul, cang thul ih thil a feh reromi/tluangte'n thil cang lo ih rak cawl theumi, cawl dualdo: *intermittent flashes of light from a lighthouse* ○ *intermittent bursts of anger, energy, interest, etc* ○ *an intermittent fever.*

▷ **intermittently** *adv.*

**intermix** /ɪntə'mɪks/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sb/sth) (with sb/sth) minung, thil, ruahnak tivek a cokpawlh aw.

▷ **intermixture** /ɪntə'mɪkstʃə(r)/ *n* [C, U] cokpawlhna: *a confusing intermixture of fact and fiction.*

**intern<sup>1</sup>** /ɪn'tɜːn/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (in sth) thawngthlak, kulhmi sung ah khum.

▷ **internee** /ɪntɜːni/ *n* cuvek ih an khummi/retmi milai.

**internment** /ɪntɜːnmənt/ *n* [U]: *the internment of enemy aliens* ○ [attrib] *an internment camp.*

**intern<sup>2</sup>** (also **interne**) /ɪntɜːn/ *n* (US) (**Brit houseman**) sibawi ong thar sizung ah hnaʔuan zir phahih hnaʔuantu/bawmtu, hnaʔuan zir.

**internal** /ɪn'tɜːnl/ *adj* **1** a sung lam: *the internal workings of a machine* ○ *holding an internal inquiry (ie within an organization) to find out who is responsible* ○ (*mathematics*) *an internal angle*, eg one of the three inside a triangle. Cf **EXTERNAL**. **2** (*medical*) minung ruangpi a sunglam: *internal organs* ○ *internal medicine, ie medical study of the interior of the body* ○ (infml) *She's been having some internal problems.* **3** *thinlung sunglam te ah ruahnak cangvai: wrestling with internal doubts.* **4** (of examinations, etc) *tlawng ih (ca-mi-puai) tuah ih a hmat pekmi: an internal examiner*, ie one who marks papers from his own college, etc. **5** mah tualsung/ramsung thuhla: *internal trade, revenue, etc.* **6** (derived from) mah sung in suakmi: *a theory which lacks internal consistency*, ie of which the parts do not fit together ○ *internal evidence*, eg of when a book was written.

▷ **internalize, -ise** /-nəlaɪz/ *v* [Tn] (*psychology*) lungput, umdan, ʔong tivek pawl khi zir in mah ih sinak le khawruah ah canter, zirzawn.

**internalization, -isation** /ɪn'tɜːnəlaɪ'zeɪʃn; US -lɪz-/ *n* [U, C].

**internally** /-nəli/ *adv*: *medicine that is not to be taken internally*, ie not swallowed ○ *a theory which is not internally consistent.*

□ **internal combustion** ceet sung um salenda (*cylinder*) sungih daat khu kaang le puak dan: [attrib] *an internal-combustion engine.*

**Internal Revenue Service (US)** kumpi siahhkhon zung. Cf **INLAND REVENUE (INLAND)**.

**international** /ɪntə'næʃnəl/ *adj* ram khat le ram khat kar ih a simi, ram dangdang thawn a pehpar mi: *international sport, trade, law* ○ *an international agreement, conference, flight* ○ *an international call*, ie a telephone call to another country ○ *an international incident*, ie a crisis between two or more nations ○ *a pianist with an international reputation.*

▷ **international** *n* **1** (sport) (a) ram hnih le ram hnih hnak ih tam leh zuam-awknak: *the France-Scotland Rugby international.* (b) ram dangdang zuam-awknak ih teltu: *a retired Welsh Rugby international.* **2** **International** kum 1864, 1889, 1919 le 1937 ih dinmi socialist/communist

hnaŋuan pawlkhawm sungih palai a sangsang.  
**internationalize, -ise** /ɪntəˈnæʃnəlaɪz/ *v* [Tn] ram tampi ih kilkhawi le hoha mi: *Should the Suez and Panama Canals be internationalized?*  
**internationalization, -isation** /ɪntəˈnæʃnəlaɪˈzeɪʃn; US -lɪz-/ *n* [U].

**internationally** /-nəli/ *adv*: *an internationally known pianist.*

**Internationale** /ɪntənəˈfəʃnəl/ *n* **the Internationale** [sing] (revolutionary) Socialist ram pawl ih Rampi Hla.

**internationalism** /ɪntəˈɲæʃnəlɪzəm/ *n* [U] ram hmuahhmuah rualrem ih ʔankhawm a ʔul ti thupomdan.

▷ **internationalist** /-ʃnəlɪst/ *n* ram dangdang pawlawknak thu pomtu.

**interne** = INTERN<sup>2</sup>.

**internecine** /ɪntəˈniːsɪn/ *adj* khat lam khat lam siatsuah mi: *internecine strife, war, conflict, etc.*

**interpellate** /ɪnˈtɜːpeleɪt; US ɪntərˈpeleɪt/ *v* [Tn] (in some parliaments, eg the French and Japanese) kumpi ih uknak (*policy*) pawl zin le daan thlun lo ih thusuhnak.

▷ **interpellation** /ɪnˈtɜːpəleɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] cuvek ih tuahnak.

**interpenetrate** /ɪntəˈpenɪtreɪt/ *v* [I, Tn] bulpak sinak hlo ding ko khat lam le khat lam peh aw tlang, thil pahnih a darh aw thluh: *two cultures, originally distinct which have so interpenetrated (each other) as to become virtually a single culture.*

▷ **interpenetration** /ɪntəˈpenɪtreɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] pehtlang-awk thluhnak.

**interpersonal** /ɪntəˈpɜːsənəl/ *adj* mi pahnih karlak ih a simi, tuahmi: *interpersonal relations.*

**interplanetary** /ɪntəˈplænetrɪ; US -terɪ/ *adj* ni, arsi, le thlapi tivek karlak ih a simi: *an interplanetary flight.*

**interplay** /ɪntəpleɪ/ *n* [U] ~ (of A and B/between A and B) pakhat le pakhat sinak remsak-aw/ hmuahhmuah sak-awknak: *the subtle interplay of colours (ie their combined effect) in Monet's painting* ○ *the interplay between generosity and self-interest which influences people's actions.*

**Interpol** /ɪntəpɒl/ *n* [Gp] ram hmuahhmuah palik ho.

**interpolate** /ɪnˈtɜːpəleɪt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (into **sth**) (*fml*) **1** thurel lai ʔong lai baangter theimi thu rak ʔong, ʔong botcat: *If I may interpolate a comment, before you continue your speech....* **2** nganciami thuhla ah mah duhmi a dang thuhla rak betcih: *Close inspection showed that many lines had been interpolated into the manuscript at a later date.*

▷ **interpolation** /ɪnˈtɜːpəleɪʃn/ *n* (a) [U] cutivek cangan betnak; ngan betnak. (b) [C] cuvek ih tuahnak.

**interpose** /ɪntəˈpəʊz/ *v* (*fml*) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (between A and B) mi, lole, thilri karlak ah

ther: *He interposed his considerable bulk (ie body) between me and the window, so that I could not see out.* **2** [I, Tn] thu sim/sutnak in hnaihnoknak pek: *'But how do you know that?' he interposed.*

▷ **interposition** /ɪntəpəˈziʃn/ *n* (*fml*) (a) [U] karlak ih rak thernak. (b) [C] karlak ih rak ther.

**interpret** /ɪnˈtɜːprɪt/ *v* **1** [Tn] (a) a ti can simfiang: *interpret a difficult text, an inscription, sb's dream, etc.* (b) thil pakhat umdan, cangan tivek mi a duhsannak, sim duhnak rak let/sim, ʔong let: *interpret a role in a play* ○ *interpret a piece of music, ie as player or conductor* ○ *Poetry helps us to interpret life.* **2** [Cn-n/a] ~ **sth as sth** thu pakhat parah ruah dan sim: *'How would you interpret his silence?'* *'I would interpret it as a refusal.'* **3** [I, Ipr] ~ (for sb) ʔong let — ʔong phunkhat ih ʔongmi ʔong dang ah rak let: *Will you please interpret for me?* Cf TRANSLATE.

▷ **interpretation** /ɪnˈtɜːprɪteɪʃn/ *n* (a) [U] ʔongleh dan. (b) [C] a tican simfiangnak: *the conductor's controversial interpretation of the symphony* ○ *These facts allow of/may be given many possible interpretations.* ○ *What interpretation would you put/place on them?* ie How would you explain them?

**interpreter** *n* ʔong lettū. Cf TRANSLATOR (TRANSLATE).

**interpreting** *n* [U] ʔong leh dan/lehmi.

**interracial** /ɪntəˈreɪʃl/ *adj* mi phunkhat le phunkhat karlak, lole, miphun dangdang karlak ih simi/cangmi: *interracial conflict, harmony, cooperation, etc.*

**interregnum** /ɪntəˈregnəm/ *n* (pl ~s or -na /-nə/) **1** (a) ram pakhat ih uktu (siangpahrang) a thlengawh hlan sungih ram uktu ngaingai a neih lo sung caan. (b) pawlkom pakhat ah a hotu/hruaitu neih hlan sung. **2** (*fig*) cawhlhawh caan/banlawk caan.

**interrelate** /ɪntərɪˈleɪt/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (with sth) pakhat le pakhat peh zom-aw: *Many would say that crime and poverty interrelate/are interrelated (with one another).*

▷ **interrelated** *adj* a pehton-awmi: *a complex network of interrelated parts.*

**interrelation** /ɪntərɪˈleɪʃn/, **interrelationship** *ns* [U, C] ~ (of A and B/between A and B) pakhat le pakhat pehton awknak.

**interrogate** /ɪntərəˈgeɪt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (about sth) reipi thusut rero: *interrogate a prisoner* ○ *He refused to be interrogated about his friends.*

▷ **interrogation** /ɪntərəˈgeɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] cu thusuhnak: *several interrogations by police officers* ○ *The prisoner gave way under interrogation.* ○ [attrib] *interrogation techniques.*

**interrogator** *n* thu cittu/suttu.

**interrogative** /ɪntərəˈɡetɪv/ *adj* **1** (*fml*) thu sut, lole, thusuhnak lam: *an interrogative look, glance, remark, etc* ○ *in an interrogative tone,*

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manner, etc. **2** (grammar) thusuhnak tongfang a simi: *interrogative pronouns, determiners, adverbs, eg who, which, why.*

▷ **interrogative** *n* (grammar) thusuhnak tongfang.

**interrogatively** *adv.*

**interrogatory** /ɪntəˈrɒɡətəri/ *US -tɔːrɪ/ adj (fml)* sut vek a bangmi: *in an interrogatory tone, voice, manner, etc.*

**interrupt** /ɪntəˈrʌpt/ *v* **1** [Tn] thil a canglai/tuahlai cawlhther/banter: *Trade between the two countries was interrupted by the war.* ○ *We interrupt this programme to bring you a news flash.* **2** [I, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **(sb/sth) (with sth)** (derog) tong lai le thil tuah lai hnaihok: *Don't interrupt (me) while I'm busy!* ○ *Don't interrupt the speaker now; he will answer questions later.* ○ *Hecklers interrupted her speech with jeering.* **3** [Tn] a bangaw zetmi thil phunkhat sungah thildang rak um: *a vast flat plain interrupted only by a few trees.* **4** [Tn] zohnak/hmuhnak rak phen: *These new flats will interrupt our view of the sea.*

▷ **interrupter** *n* hnaihoktu.

**interruption** /ɪntəˈrʌpʃn/ *n* **(a)** [U] banlawknak: *Numerous interruptions have prevented me from finishing my work.* **(b)** [C] hnaihokknak: *Numerous interruptions have prevented me from finishing my work.*

**intersect** /ɪntəˈsekt/ *v* **1** [Tn esp passive] thil pakhat khi a dang thil pakhat in a then tan: *a landscape of small fields intersected by hedges and streams.* **2** [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ **(sth) (with sth)** (of lines, roads, etc) khat le khat tan aw, (cross) vekin: *The lines AB and CD intersect at E.* ○ *The line AB intersects the line CD at E.* ○ *How many times do the road and railway intersect (with one another) on this map?*

▷ **intersecting** *adj* cuvekih tan-awmi: *intersecting lines.*

**intersection** /ɪntəˈseksən/ *n* **1** [U] a tan-awmi. **2** [C] thil pahnih a tan-awknak. **3** [C] lamzin pahnih le pahnih hnakh tam a feh tannak, lamtek.

**intersperse** /ɪntəˈspɜːs/ *v* [Tn-pr] ~ **B among/between/in/throughout A; ~ A with B** darh, vorh, a karlak ah um ciamco/a karlak ih thil dang thlak: *intersperse flower beds among/between the trees* ○ *landscape of trees interspersed with a few flower beds* ○ *a day of sunshine interspersed with occasional showers.*

**interstate** /ɪntəˈsteɪt/ *adj* [usu attrib] ramkulh pakhat le pakhat karlak ih a simi: *interstate rivalry, tensions, highways.*

**interstellar** /ɪntəˈstelə(r)/ *adj* arsi pawl ih an karlak: *interstellar matter*, eg the masses of gas between stars ○ *interstellar communication.* Cf STELLAR.

**interstice** /mˈtɜːstɪs/ *n* (usu pl) ~ **(of/between/in sth)** (fml) thil pakhat ah a ong/a kuai/a kak fate:

*The interstices between the bricks let in cold air.*

**intertribal** /ɪntəˈtaɪbl/ *adj* hnam karlak ih a si/cangmi: *intertribal wars.*

**intertwine** /ɪntəˈtwain/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **(sth) (with sth)** (thil pahnih) an ngerh-aw, hrual-aw: *Their fingers intertwined.* ○ *His fingers intertwined with hers.* ○ *They intertwined their fingers.* ○ *He intertwined his fingers with hers.* ○ (fig) *Our fates seemed inextricably intertwined, ie linked.*

**interval** /ɪntəvl/ *n* **1** ~ **(between sth) (a)** thil pakhat hnu ih thil dang a cangmi karlak sung caan tawite, caan karlak: *the interval between a flash of lightning and the sound of thunder* ○ *go out, and return after an interval of half an hour.* **(b)** thil pahnih karlak ih hmun lawng: *They planted trees in the intervals between the houses.* **2** (Brit) thuanthucawn, baisakup le laam puainak ah a karlak ih thlakmi caanlawng tawite: *an interval of 15 minutes after the second act.* **3** thil pakhat canglai tuah lai ih banlawk caan: *an interval of silence to show respect for the dead* ○ *He returned to work after an interval in hospital.* ⇒ Usage at BREAK<sup>2</sup>. **4** (esp pl) thil a cangmi a pehpheh ih um lo sung: *sunny/showery intervals*, ie non-continuous periods of sunshine/rain ○ *She's delirious, but has lucid intervals.* **5** (music) aw pahnih ih a saan le a niam bang-aw lonak/danawknak: *an interval of one octave.* **6** (idm) **at intervals (a)** a cancan ah titawk umin: *At intervals she would stop for a rest.* ○ *He comes back to see us at regular intervals.* ○ *The runners started at 5-minute intervals.* **(b)** a kar thlak in: *The trees were planted at 20 ft intervals.*

**intervene** /ɪntəˈviːn/ *v* (fml) **1** [I] (of time) a karlak ih um/a karlak ah raa: *during the years that intervened.* **2** [I] (of events, circumstances) thil pakhat tuah lo/cang lo dingih rak dawn: *I will come if nothing intervenes.* ○ *We should have finished harvesting, but a storm intervened.* **3** [I, Ipr] ~ **(in sth/between A and B)** (of people) thil pakhat khat cang lo dingin mi karlak thu ah va lut ih telve: *When rioting broke out, the police were obliged to intervene.* ○ *intervene in a dispute, quarrelling* ○ *I intervened on her behalf to try and get the decision changed.*

▷ **intervening** *adj* a karlak caan ah: *When she came back, she found that much had changed in the intervening years.*

**intervention** /ɪntəˈvenʃn/ *n* ~ **(in sth)** [C, U] mi thu ah va telpi reronak: *armed intervention by one country in the affairs of another* ○ *He had been saved from death as if by divine intervention*, ie as though God had taken action to save him.

**interventionist** /-ʃənɪst/ *n* mi ram thu ah tel rerotu: [attrib] *interventionist policies.*

**interview** /ɪntəˈvjuː/ *n* ~ **(with sb)** **1** (hnaɬuan diltu kha hnaɬuan ngah tlak le tlak lo theihnakh ah) hmaiton ih thusuh ciamconak: *a job interview*



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 ○ I've got an interview with National chemicals.  
 ○ Applicants will be called for interview in due course. ○ [attrib] an interview panel. **2** thuthangca ngantu pawl ih ruahnak theih duh ih thusuhnak: a TV interview ○ I never give interviews. ○ In an exclusive interview with David Frost, the former president made many revelations. **3** mi pahnih thu poimawh thu reeltlaang duh ah hmaithon ih thu ruah-awknak: a careers interview ○ I asked for an interview with my boss to discuss my future.

▷ **interview** *v* **1** [I, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (for sth) hmaithon ih thu sut: I'm interviewing all this afternoon. ○ interview a number of candidates ○ We interviewed 20 people for the job. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (about sth) (of a reporter, etc) thu theih duh ih thu sut: interview the Prime Minister (about government policy).

**interviewee** /'intəvjuː/ *n* thu suh a cotu/thu an suhmi, milai.

**interviewer** /'intəvjuːə/ *n* thusuttu.

**interweave** /'intə'wi:v/ *v* (pt **-wove** /-'wəʊv/, pp **-woven** /-'wəʊvən/) rak tak ci: threads that interweave (with one another) ○ interweave wool with cotton/wool and cotton. **2** [usu passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (with sth) (fig) (a) pumkhat vekih nuntlang: Our lives are interwoven. ○ Your destiny is interwoven with mine. (b) (thil dangdang asinan hmunkhat ah) rawi-aw: primitive dance rhythms interwoven with folk melody.

**intestate** /'n'testət/ *adj* [usu pred] (law) thih hlan ah ro sem lomi/thu cah lo: die intestate.

▷ **intestacy** /'n'testəsi/ *n* [U] (law) ro sem lonak.

**intestine** /'n'testɪn/ *n* (usu pl) riilte: a pain in the intestines ○ Food passes from the stomach to the small intestine and from there to the large intestine. Cf ABDOMEN.

▷ **intestinal** /'n'testɪnl/ *adj* riilte lam a simi: intestinal disorders.

**intimate**<sup>1</sup> /'ɪntɪmət/ *adj* **1** ~ (with sb) (a) rualpi tha-aw zet/kom-aw zetmi; naih-aw zet: intimate friends ○ an intimate friendship ○ We had been intimate (ie very close friends) for some time. (b) (euph) mah nupi/pasal si lo thawn nu le pa pawl awknak tuah: She was accused of being intimate with several men. **2** pawl-aw duhnak tha petu: an intimate restaurant, atmosphere. **3** bulpak thu: tell a friend the intimate details of one's life ○ an intimate diary, ie one in which sb records private experiences, thoughts, emotions, etc. **4** [attrib] (fml) kim le thate: an intimate knowledge of African religions. **5** (idm) **be/get on intimate terms** (with sb) mi pakhat thawn thei aw zet le kom aw zet: We're not exactly on intimate terms, but we see each other fairly often.

▷ **intimacy** /'ɪntɪməsi/ *n* **1** [U] (a) thei aw le kom-aw zet sinak. (b) (euph) nu le pa pawl-aw. **2**

**intimacies** [pl] (rhet) tisa ih dai aw, eg, pomaw le hnamaw.

**intimate** *n* rualpi: Sir Reginald, known to his intimates as 'Porky'.

**intimately** *adv*.

**intimate**<sup>2</sup> /'ɪntɪmeɪt/ *v* [Tn, Tf, Tw, Dn-pr, Dpr-f, Dpr-w] ~ **sth** (to sb) (fml) thu theihter: He intimated his wishes with a slight nod of his head. ○ She has intimated (to us) that she no longer wishes to be considered for the post. ○ The judge has not intimated (to the jury) whether they will be allowed to reach a majority verdict.

▷ **intimation** /'ɪntɪmeɪʃn/ *n* (fml) (a) [U] kom-awknak. (b) [C] ~ (of sth/that...) thil theihternak: He has given us no intimation of his intentions/ what he intends to do.

**intimidate** /'ɪntɪmɪdeɪt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (into sth/doing sth) hring/hro; thih: intimidate a witness (into silence, into keeping quiet, etc), eg by threatening him.

▷ **intimidating** *adj* thih um, thihnung: The intimidating bulk of Mt Everest rose up before the climbers.

**intimidation** /'ɪntɪmɪdeɪʃn/ *n* [U] hrinnak; thihnak: give way to intimidation ○ keep people in order by intimidation.

**intimidatory** /'ɪntɪmɪdeɪtəri/ *adj* hrinnak um, mi thih um: intimidatory tactics.

**into** /'ɪntə, before vowels and finally 'ɪntu:/ *prep* **1** (a) a sunglam ah; a sung ah: Come into the house. ○ Throw it into the fire. ○ go into town ○ She dived into the swimming-pool. ○ (fig) He turned and walked off into the night. ○ put money into an account. Cf OUT OF. (b) lam hoih in/sawn hoih in: Speak clearly into the microphone. ○ Driving into the sun, we had to shade our eyes. (c) thil pakhat hei pah/tongnak zawn: I nearly ran into a bus when it stopped suddenly in front of me. ○ A lorry drove into a line of parked cars. **2** lam tiang: He carried on working long into the night. ○ She didn't get married until she was well into middle age. ○ We're usually into May before the weather changes. **3** (a) dangah: turn the spare room into a study ○ cut the paper into strips ○ fold the napkin into a triangle ○ collect the rubbish into a heap. Cf OUT OF. (b) sinak a thlengter: frighten sb into submission ○ shocked into a confession of guilt ○ She came into power in 1979. (See *n* entries for similar examples.) **4** zem ( ÷ ): 5 into 25 = 5. **5** (idm) **be into sth** (infml) hiar zet: be (heavily) into yoga, science fiction, stamp collecting.

**intolerable** /'ɪntələrəbl/ *adj* tuartheih lo: intolerable heat, noise, etc ○ intolerable insolence, behaviour, etc ○ This is intolerable: I've been kept waiting for three hours!

▷ **intolerably** /-əblɪ/ *adv*: intolerably rude.

**intolerant** /'ɪntələrənt/ *adj* ~ (of sb/sth) (usu derog) hmual tuar thei lomi : intolerant of

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opposition.

▷ **intolerance** /-əns/n [U]: *religious intolerance*.  
**intolerantly** *adv.*

**intonation** /ɪnˈtəneɪʃn/ n **1** [U] hla vek ih sak mi/a saal ih saal mi: *the intonation of a prayer*. **2** (a) [C, U] ʔong aw sang le niam: *In English, some questions have a rising intonation*. ○ *a change of intonation* ○ [attrib] *intonation patterns*. Cf INFLECTION 2, STRESS 3. (b) [C] awsuah: *speak English with a Welsh intonation*. **3** [U] (music) awnmawi, lole, hlasak awsuah ʔat le siat: *The violin's intonation was poor*.

**intone** /ɪnˈtəʊn/ v **1** [I, Tn] hla vekih sak. **2** [Tn] (fig) neem te'n tong.

**in toto** /ɪnˈtəʊtəʊ/ (Latin *fml*) a zate in.

**intoxicant** /ɪnˈtɒksɪkənt/ n riit thei.

**intoxicate** /ɪnˈtɒksɪkeɪt/ v (fml) **1** [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (with **sth**) mi va riiter; rii: *He'd been in the bar all night and was thoroughly intoxicated*. **2** [Tn-pr usu passive] ~ **sb** with **sth** (fig) thatho zet ih tuah: *intoxicated by success, by a sense of power, etc* ○ *intoxicated with joy, with the fresh air*.

▷ **intoxication** /ɪnˈtɒksɪˈkeɪʃn/ n [U] ritnak.

**intra-** *pref* (with *adjs*) sunglam, sung lala: *intramuscular* ○ *intramural*.

**intractable** /ɪnˈtræktəbl/ *adj* (fml) sim theih lo/ neh theih lo: *intractable children* ○ *an intractable problem*.

▷ **intractability** /ɪnˈtræktəbɪləti/ n [U].  
**intractably** /ɪnˈtræktəbli/ *adv.*

**intramural** /ɪnˈtræʃjərəl/ *adj* **1** phunsang tlawng ih tlawngta pawl hrang a simi: *intramural courses, studies, staff*. **2** (US) mah tlawng sung lala ta: *an intramural game, league*.

**intramuscular** /ɪnˈtræmʌskjələ(r)/ *adj* (medical) titsa karlak/titsa sungah: *an intramuscular injection*.

**intransigent** /ɪnˈtrænsɪdʒənt/ *adj* (fml *derog*) thuruah dan/lung put thleng duh lo; mi pawl duh lo/mi lungruh: *Owing to their intransigent attitude we were unable to reach an agreement*.

▷ **intransigence** /-əns/n [U]. **intransigently** *adv.*

**intransitive** /ɪnˈtrænsətɪv/ *adj* (grammar) (of verbs) transitive a si lomi. Cf TRANSITIVE.

▷ **intransitively** *adv.*

**intrastate** /ɪnˈtræsteɪt/ *adj* ramkulh sung lala ah a si mi: *intrastate highways*.

**intra-uterine** /ɪnˈtræʃjʊərəɪn/ *adj* (medical) sul sung a simi.

□ **intra-uterine device** (abbr **IUD**) (also **coil**) nau khannak dingih sul sungih an than mi hri kual.

**intravenous** /ɪnˈtrævɪnəs/ *adj* (medical) lunglam pan ih thisen kuattu thihri (vein) sung: *an intravenous injection*, ie into the bloodstream.

▷ **intravenously** *adv.*

**intrench** = ENTRENCH.

**intrepid** /ɪnˈtreɪpɪd/ *adj* (esp *rhet*) ʔihhrut lo/ralʔha: our intrepid hero.

▷ **intrepidity** /ɪnˈtrɛpɪdəti/ n [U] ʔihhrut lonak.

**intrepidly** /ɪnˈtreɪpɪdli/ *adv.*

**intricate** /ɪnˈtrɪkət/ *adj* thil a cipniar pawl kom khawm ih rak bunmi ruangah theih thei lomi: *an intricate piece of machinery* ○ *a novel with an intricate plot* ○ *the intricate windings of a labyrinth* ○ *an intricate design, pattern, etc*.

▷ **intricacy** /ɪnˈtrɪkəsi/ n (a) [U] theihthiam thei lonak. (b) **intricacies** [pl] theihharmi thil hnok: *unable to follow the intricacies of the plot*.

**intricately** /-ətli/ *adv.*

**intrigue** /ɪnˈtriːg/ v **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (with **sb**) (against **sb**) thil ʔha lo a thupte ih tuah/phiar: *She was intriguing with her sister against her mother*. ○ *Some of the members had been intriguing to get the secretary dismissed*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (with **sth**) mi thinlung ah theih duhnak pek/mi thinlung ah theih duhnak thokter: *What you say intrigues me; tell me more*. ○ *intrigue sb with an exciting story, a piece of news, etc*.

▷ **intrigue** /ɪnˈtriːg, ɪnˈtriːg/ n **1** [U] thuphiar, a thupte ih tuahmi thil ʔha lo: *a novel of mystery and intrigue*. **2** [C] (a) a thupte ih tuahmi ʔat lonak. (b) a thupte ih khawkhannak: *amorous intrigues*.

**intriguer** /ɪnˈtriːgə/ n a thupte ih thil ʔha lo tuahtu/phiartu.

**intriguing** *adj* theih duhnak neiter zetmi: *What an intriguing story!*

**intrinsic** /ɪnˈtrɪnsɪk, -zɪk/ *adj* (of value, quality) a pek ih neihmi man; sinak (zirmi si lo): *a man's intrinsic worth*, eg arising from such qualities as honour and courage, rather than how much he owns, etc ○ *the intrinsic value of a coin*, ie the value of the metal in it, usu less than the value of what it will buy. Cf EXTRINSIC.

▷ **intrinsically** /-kli/ *adv*: *He is not intrinsically bad*.

**intro** /ɪnˈtrəʊ/ n (pl ~s) (infml) introduction: *I'd like an intro to that girl you were talking to!* ○ (music) *There's an intro of eight bars before you come in*.

**introduce** /ɪnˈtrəʊdjuːs; US -duːs/ v **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (to **sb**) hmimsim ih hmel theihnak tuah: *Allow me to introduce my wife*. ○ *I don't think we've been introduced*, ie and therefore I do not know your name. ○ *I was introduced to the president at the party*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (to **sb**) thu rel thawhnak ih a thutlangpi sim: *The next programme is introduced by Mary Davidson*. **3** [Tn] upadi ih tuah dingah thu thunlut: *introduce a Bill before Parliament*. **4** [Tn-pr] ~ **sb** to **sth** (a) thutlangpi; tuhmaihrui sim: *The first lecture introduces new students to the broad outlines of the subject*. ○ *It was she who first introduced me to the pleasures of wine-tasting*. (b) thil hman thok: *introduce young people to alcohol, tobacco, drugs, etc*. **5** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (in/into **sth**) thil pakhat hmang thok: *The company is introducing a new family saloon this*

year. ○ *introduce computers (into schools)* ○ *introduce a ban on smoking in public places.* **6** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (into sth)** (fml) sungah thun: *introduce a hypodermic needle into a vein* ○ (fig) *introduce a subject into a conversation.* **7** [Tn] awnmawi tum thawh/cabu ih thuhmaihrui: *A slow theme introduces the first movement.*

**introduction** /ˌɪntrəˈdʌkʃn/ *n* **1** [C, U] ~ **(to sb)** hmeltheih tuahnak: *It is time to make introductions all round, ie introduce many people to one another.* ○ *a person who needs no introduction, ie who is already well-known* ○ *a letter of introduction, ie which tells sb who you are, written by a mutual acquaintance.* **2** [C] (a) ~ **(to sth)** a thupitnak ah hei thlentu thuhla — *thuhmaihrui: a short, brief, detailed, general, long, etc introduction* ○ *The introduction explains how the chapters are organize.* Cf PREFACE. (b) ~ **(to sth)** thu pakhat nganmi ih a thawhnak: *'An Introduction to Astronomy'.* **3** [sing] ~ **to sth** a hmaisai bik hmuhtonnak: *his introduction to modern jazz.* **4** [U] hmang thok: *the introduction of new manufacturing methods.* **5** [C] ~ **(in/into sth)** hmaisai bik ti thokmi thil, ziangmaw: *The rabbit is a relatively recent introduction in Australia.* **6** [C] (music) (awnmawi, cabu, lehnak tivek pawl) thok: *an eight-bar introduction.*

**introductory** /ˌɪntrəˈdʌktəri/ *adj* a thawhnak a simi: *some introductory remarks by the chairman* ○ *an introductory chapter.*

**introspect** /ˌɪntrəˈspekt/ *v* [I] (fml) mah ruahmi thate'n don-aw saal.

▷ **introspection** /ˌɪntrəˈspekʃn/ *n* [U] don-aw saalnak.

**introspective** /-ˈspektɪv/ *adj* (a) mah ruahnak donruat awk salmi: *an introspective person.* (b) hivek milai: *in an introspective mood* ○ *introspective writing.*

**invert** /ˌɪntrəˈvɜːt/ *n* thinlung ah a lenglam thu tel lo, mah thu lawng ruat ih ningzah nei, mi pawl paihlotu. Cf EXTROVERT.

▷ **inverted** /ˌɪntrəˈvɜːtɪd/ *adj* mahte um, mi pawl paih lo.

**introversion** /ˌɪntrəˈvɜːʃn; US -ˈvɜːtɪd/ *n* [U] mi pawl lo ih mah lawng te ih umnak.

**intrude** /ˌɪnˈtruːd/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn-pr] ~ **(oneself) on/upon sb/sth; ~ (oneself/sth) into sth** (esp fml) mi ih sawm lo le kawh lo ih thil va tuah, lole, va tong, va tel: *I don't wish to intrude, but could I talk to you for a moment?* ○ *I felt as though I was intruding on their private grief.* ○ *If I could intrude a note of seriousness into this frivolous conversation....*

▷ **intruder** *n* kawh lo ih mahte rak luttu (mi inn mi hmunah).

**intrusion** /ˌɪnˈtruːʒn/ *n* ~ **(on/upon/into sth)** (a) [U] sawm lo mah duhduh ih va lutnak amah te um mi va hnaihok le va pawlnak: *guilty of intrusion*

*upon sb's privacy.* (b) [C] cutivek tuah: *This newspaper article is a disgraceful intrusion into my private life.*

▷ **intrusive** /ˌɪnˈtruːsɪv/ *adj* mah duh ih mi inn, mi hmun lut hmang: *intrusive neighbours* ○ *the intrusive 'r' often heard between vowel sounds, eg in 'law and order'.*

**intuit** /ˌɪnˈtjuːɪt; US -tuː-/ *v* [I, Tn, Tf] (fml) mah theih ih thei: *incapable of intuiting (sb's intentions, feelings, etc).*

**intuition** /ˌɪnˈtjuːʃn; US -tuː-/ *n* (often approv) **1** [U] zirh lo mi mahte theih ih theih theinak: *know sth by intuition* ○ *Nobody told me where to find you. It was sheer intuition.* ○ *Intuition told me you were here.* **2** [C] ~ **(about sth/sth...)** ruat loin ngahmi theihnak: *I had a sudden intuition about the missing jewels.* ○ *I had an intuition that we would find them there.* ○ *My intuitions proved correct.*

▷ **intuitive** /ˌɪnˈtjuːɪtɪv; US -tuː-/ *adj* (a) ruat lo ih theih theinak: *intuitive knowledge* ○ *an intuitive feeling (about sb), approach (to sth), assessment (of sth), etc.* (b) cuvek fimnak nei: *Are woman more intuitive than men?* **intuitively** *adv*: *He seemed to know intuitively how to do it.*

**intumescence** /ˌɪntjuːˈmesns; US -tuː-/ *n* [U, C] (medical) a thling, taksa thling.

**Inuit** = INNUIT.

**inundate** /ˌɪnʌndet/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (with sth)** (fml) tidai in khuh: *When the river burst its banks the fields were inundated.* **2** [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (with sth)** (fig) ticawk lo tiang in mi pakhat thil tam zet kuat/pek: *We were inundated with enquires.*

▷ **inundation** /ˌɪnʌnˈdeɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] (fml) tidai khuh thehnak.

**inure** /ˌɪnjuə(r)/ *v* [usu passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **oneself/sb (to sth)** (fml) kellet, zongsang: *After living here for years I've become inured to the cold climate.* ○ *One cannot inure oneself a altogether to such malicious criticism.*

**invade** /ˌɪnˈveɪd/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **(sth) (with sth)** lut ciamco, ralkap thawn mi ram va siim, siatsuah ding le uk dingin: *He ordered the army to invade at dawn.* ○ *Alexander the Great invaded India with a large army.* (b) [Tn esp passive] (fig) siatsuah dingin a bur le tampi pi'n lut ciamco: *The cancer cells may invade other parts of the body.* ○ *a city invaded by tourists* ○ *a mind invaded with worries, anxieties, etc.* **2** [Tn] mi va buai/hnaihok: *invade sb's rights, privacy, etc.*

▷ **invader** *n* dotu, ra luttu, rak buaitertu.

**invalid** /ˌɪnˈvæɪd/ *adj* **1** bul le hram nei lo; sullam nei lo, saneem *an invalid argument, assumption, claim, etc.* **2** hman theih lo, a dik lo, tlaamtling lo ruangah cohlan theih lo/upadi ih theih pi lo/cohlan lo: *A passport that is out of date is invalid.* ○ *an invalid will* ○ *declare a marriage invalid.*

## invalid

▷ **invalidate** /m'vælidet/ *v* [Tn] sullam nei lo ih tuah: *faulty logic which invalidated her argument.*  
**invalidation** /m'væli'deɪʃn/ *n* [U] hman theih lo ih tuahnak: *The making of false statements could result in the invalidation of the contract.*  
**invalidity** /m'væli'dætɪ/ *n* [U] hman theih lo sinak: *the invalidity of his passport.*

**invalid<sup>2</sup>** /m'vælid, 'm'væli:d/ *n* hmunto (dam lo le hma pu ruangah tha nei lo): *He has been an invalid all his life.* ○ [attrib] *her invalid mother, father, etc* ○ *an invalid chair*, ie one with wheels on for moving an invalid easily.

▷ **invalid** *v* **1** (idm) **invalid sb home** (ralkap) dam lonak ruangah tlungter. **2** (phr *v*) **invalid sb out (of sth)** damlonak ruangih in tlunter (ralkap): *He was invalidated out of the army because of the wounds he received.*

**invalidism** /-ɪzəm/ *n* [U] hmuntanak; reipi damlonak: *a life of invalidism.*

**invalidity** /m'væli'dætɪ/ *n* [U] reipi dam lonak: [attrib] *an invalidity pension.*

**invaluable** /m'væljəbl/ *adj* ~ (to sb/sth) man nei tukmi/man khung zetmi: *an invaluable collection of paintings* ○ *invaluable help, advice, etc* ○ *Your help has been invaluable to us.*

NOTE ON USAGE: A few adjectives have misleading 'negative' affixes such as *in-* or *-less*. **1 Invaluable** means 'extremely valuable'. It is not the opposite of **valuable**, which is **valueless** (or **worthless**). **2 Priceless** means 'too valuable to be priced', ie 'having a very high price'. **3 Innumerable** and **numberless** mean 'too many to be counted' or 'very numerous'. **4 Flammable** and **inflammable** have the same meaning (opposite: **non-flammable**).

**invariable** /m'veəriəbl/ *adj* a thleng aw lomi/a ringring: *an invariable pressure, temperature, amount* ○ *a noun with an invariable plural* ○ *his invariable courtesy.*

▷ **invariability** /m'veəriə'bɪləti/ *n* [U].

**invariably** /m'veəriə'bli/ *adv*: *She invariably (ie always) arrives late.*

**invasion** /m'veɪzn/ *n* (a) [U] mi ram siimnak: *suffer invasion by enemy forces* ○ *the invasion of Poland by Germany in 1939.* (b) [C] ralsiim: *an outrageous invasion of privacy.*

**invasive** /m'veɪsɪv/ *adj* zai, karh/siatnak zaitermi: *invasive cancer cells.*

**invective** /m'vektɪv/ *n* [U] (fml) mi cam/tongsia, orsia: *a speech full of invective* ○ *let out a stream of invective.*

**inveigh** /m'veɪ/ *v* [Ipr] ~ **against sb/sth** (fml) mi va cam ciamco: *inveigh against God, destiny, the elements, the system.*

**inveigle** /m'veɪgl/ *v* [Tn-pr] ~ **sb into sth/doing sth** mi pakhat bum le forhfial in thil pakhat tuanter, hmun dangah fehter: *She inveigled him*

*into the house and robbed him while he slept.* ○ *He inveigled them into buying a new car, event though they didn't really want one.*

**invent** /m'vent/ *v* **1** [Tn] hlaan ih an tuah dah lomi thil thar tuah/thok; tharsuah: *Laszlo Biro invented the ball-point pen.* Cf DISCOVER 1. **2** [Tn] (often derog) ruatcop, phuahcop; a um dah lomi tuah: *Use an invented name, such as Anytown, not a real one.* ○ *Can't you invent a better excuse than that?*

▷ **inventive** /m'ventɪv/ *adj* **1** [attrib] thil thar tuah thei: *using one's inventive powers.* **2** (approv) thil thar tuah theinak nei: *an inventive mind* ○ *an inventive design.*

**inventor** *n* thil thar tuahtu, tharsuahtu.

**invention** /m'venʃn/ *n* **1** [U] (a) tharsuahmi thartuahnak/tuahmi: *the invention of radio by Marconi* ○ *a story of one's own invention*, ie invented by oneself. (b) tuah theinak nei. (c) (euph) a si lomi phuah thiam: *I'm afraid he is guilty of a good deal of invention.* **2** [C] sammi thil thar: *the scientific inventions of the 20th century.* **3** (idm) **necessity is the mother of invention** ⇒ NECESSITY.

**inventory** /m'ventɪrɪ/ US -tɔːrɪ/ *n* thil tanglai cazin: *keep/make a full, complete, careful inventory (of sth).*

▷ **inventory** *v* (pt, pp **-ried**) [Tn] cazin sungih ngan/khum: *inventory the contents of a house* ○ *These items have not been inventoried yet.*

**inverse** /m'vɜːs/ *adj* [usu attrib] a let lam a simi, linglet: *The number of copies the paper sells seems to be in inverse ratio/proportion to the amount of news it contains*, ie The more news, the fewer copies it sells.

▷ **inverse** /m'vɜːs/ *n* **the inverse** [sing] **1** (esp mathematics) a linglet/a letlam sinak: *The inverse of 2 (2/1) is 1/2.* **2** a let lam: *This is the inverse of his earlier proposition.*

**inversely** /m'vɜːsli/ *adv*: *inversely proportional to each other.*

**inversion** /m'vɜːʃn/ US m'vɜːrʒn/ *n* [U, C] (a) a linglet/a letta lam a simi/sinak: (an) *inversion of word order.* (b) (music) chord pakhat a can theinak dingah, a mal bik, aw (key note) pathum tul; cuvek (chord) pawl lingletnak: *A chord of C major with E in the bass is in the 1st inversion.*

**invert** /m'vɜːt/ *v* [Tn] a khuplam ih ret, lole, dunglam hmailam thleng: *invert a glass* ○ *invert the word order in a sentence.*

□ **inverted commas** (Brit) comma linglet, quotation mark, ie ' ' or " ".

**inverted snob** (derog) thil tha sawn/neihnak le thil a tha timi parah a tul lo zet in sual hawl ih soiseltu milai. **inverted snobbery** cuvek lungput le ruahnak nei milai.

**invertebrate** /m'vɜːtɪbreɪt/ *n*, *adj* (animal) zaangruh nei lo ramsa/nunghring: *Molluscs, insects and worms are all invertebrates.*



**invest** /ɪnˈvest/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (in sth/with sb) a miat/a ɰang ngah thei dingah company pakhat ah paisa ret, lole, thil lei/thil tuahnak hnaɰuannak ah tangka a ɰang ngah dingih hei phum: *The best time to invest is now.* ○ *invest £1000 (in government bonds)* ○ *invest (one's money) in a business enterprise* ○ *invest (money) with a firm.* **2** [Tn-pr] ~ sth in sth/doing sth tikcu, le zuamnak pek aw/mah hrang co dingmi ah caan le zuamnak pek: *invest one's time in learning a new language* ○ *invest all one's efforts in passing an exam* ○ *She's invested a lot of emotional energy in that business.* **3** [Ipr] ~ in sth (infml) a man a har ih a ɰami thil lei: *I'm thinking of investing in a new car.* **4** [Tn-pr, Cn-n/a] ~ sb (with sth/as sth) (fml) hnaɰuan upa, lole, thuneihnak: *The governor has been invested with full authority to act.* ○ *Prince Charles was invested as Prince of Wales in 1969.* **5** [Tn-pr] ~ sb/sth with sth (fml) sinak neihter: *The crimes committed there invested the place with an air of mystery and gloom.* **6** [Tn] (dated) (ralkap in khua, lole, kaksam) kulh.  
▷ **investment** *n* **1** [U] ~ (in sth) a ɰang ngah dingih tangka phum khi: *make a profit by careful investment.* **2** [C] ~ (in sth) (a) a miat ngah dingih phummi tangka: *an investment of £500 in oil shares.* (b) a miat ngah dingih phumnak company, lole, pawlkom: *Those oil shares were a good investment, ie have been profitable.* **3** = INVESTITURE.

**investigate** /ɪnˈvestɪɡeɪt/ *v* **1** [I, Tn, Tw] thu dik ngah dingih hawl le zingzoi: *The police were baffled, and Sherlock Holmes was called in to investigate.* ○ *Scientists are investigating to find out the cause of the crash/are investigating how the crash occurred.* ○ *The police are investigating the murder.* **2** [Tn] mi pakhat ih ziaza thuhla thei dingih thu sut/thlingthla: *Applicants for government posts are always thoroughly investigated before being appointed.* **3** [Tn] thil a terek tiang thei duh ih zir, hawl: *investigate the market for a product, ways of increasing profits, etc* ○ *We might be able to help you; I'll investigate the possibilities.* **4** [I] (infml) ziang a si ti thei duh ih va zingzoi: *'What was that noise outside? I'll just go and investigate.'*  
▷ **investigation** /ɪnˈvestɪɡeɪʃn/ *n* (a) [U] zingzoinak: *The matter is under investigation.* ○ *It is subject to investigation, ie It must be investigated.* (b) [C] ~ (into sth) zingzoinak: *Scientists are conducting an investigation into the causes of the accident.* ○ *carry out fresh investigations.*

**investigative** /ɪnˈvestɪɡətɪv/ *US* -geɪtɪv/, **investigatory** /ɪnˈvestɪɡətəri/ *US* -gətɔːrɪ/ *adjs* zingzoinak thu thawn a pehparmi: *investigative/investigatory methods used by the police* ○ *investigative journalism, ie in which reporters*

try to uncover important facts of public interest which have been concealed.

**investigator** /ɪnˈvestɪɡeɪtə(r)/ *n* zingzoi: *accident investigators who find out the causes of air crashes* ○ *insurance investigators.*

**investiture** /ɪnˈvestɪtʃə(r); *US* -tʃʊər/ (also **investment**) *n* [U, C] upa sinak, bawi peknak dan vekin tuahmi ap-awknak: *the investiture of the Prince of Wales.*

**inveterate** /ɪnˈvetərət/ *adj* (derog) **1** (of bad feelings, habits, etc) (ruahnak ɰa lo) reipi tiang daih: *inveterate hatred, prejudice, drunkenness, etc.* **2** (of people) thil ɰa lo suup thei lo ih tuah ringring, zongsang, cuaidah: *an inveterate smoker, drinker, gambler, liar, etc.*

▷ **inveterately** *adv.*

**invidious** /ɪnˈvɪdiəs/ *adj* mi ih rem lo ding le ngaih lomi, mi duhzawng lo: *an invidious comparison, distinction, argument, etc* ○ *You put me in an invidious position by asking me to comment on my colleague's work.*

▷ **invidiously** *adv.*

**invidiousness** *n* [U].

**invigilate** /ɪnˈvɪdʒɪleɪt/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (at sth) (Brit) camipuai tuahtu pawl kil: *invigilate (at) a history exam.*

▷ **invigilation** /ɪnˈvədʒɪleɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] camibuai kilnak: *pupils under invigilation.*

**invigator** /ɪnˈvɪdʒɪleɪtə(r)/ *n* camipuai kiltu.

**invigorate** /ɪnˈvɪɡəreɪt/ *v* [I, Tn] cakvak, bengvar deuhter: *I feel invigorated by all this fresh air!*

▷ **invigorating** *adj* cakvakter theitu: *an invigorating climate, morning, swim walk.*

**invigoratingly** *adv.*

**invincible** /ɪnˈvɪnsəbl/ *adj* (a cak tukih) neh theih lo: *an invincible army* ○ (fig) *an invincible will.*

▷ **invincibility** /ɪnˈvɪnsəˈbɪləti/ *n* [U]: *the apparent invincibility of their forces.*

**invincibly** /ɪnˈvɪnsəblɪ/ *adv.*

**inviolable** /ɪnˈvɪələbl/ *adj* (fml) siatsak theih lo/upat lo theih lo: *The people possess inviolable rights.* ○ *an inviolable oath, law, treaty.*

▷ **inviolability** /ɪnˈvɪələˈbɪləti/ *n* [U].

**inviolably** /ɪnˈvɪələblɪ/ *adv.*

**involute** /ɪnˈvɪələt/ *adj* [usu pred] ~ (from sth) (fml) siatbal theih lo, a hmun: *The treaty remained/stood involute, ie was not broken.* ○ *They considered themselves involute from attack.*

**invisible** /ɪnˈvɪzəbl/ *adj* **1** ~ (to sb/sth) hmuh theih lo: *distant stars that are invisible to the naked eye, ie that cannot be seen except with a telescope or binoculars.* **2** [usu attrib] (commerce) hmuh theih lo ɰuanmi: *invisible exports/trade.*

▷ **invisibility** /ɪnˈvɪzəˈbɪləti/ *n* [U].

**invisibly** /ɪnˈvɪzəblɪ/ *adv.*

□ **invisible ink** ngan tikah hmuh a theih lo mi cati — thil dang pakhat khat thawn tuah tik

## invite

lawngah hmuh a theih.

**invisible mending** belhmi hmuh theih lo dingih puan belh.

**invite** /ɪn'vaɪt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-t] ~ **sb** (to/for **sth**) (a) (hmunkhat khat feh/tuah dingah) kaa in sawm: 'Are you coming to the party?' 'No, I haven't been invited.' ○ *invite sb for/to dinner/to have dinner* ○ *invite sb home/to one's house* ○ *invite sb to a party/to come to a party.* (b) a daan tein hmun khat ah feh ding, lole, thil tuah ding sawm: *Candidates will be invited for interview early next month.* ○ *I've been invited to give a talk at the conference.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (from **sb**) thuhla pakhat parah duhsaknak sim dingih sawm: *After his speech he invited questions and comments (from the audience).* **3** [Tn] thil tha lo a canter dingah sawm: *Leaving your car unlocked is just inviting trouble!* ○ *behaviour that is sure to invite criticism, hostility, ridicule, etc.* **4** [Tn] a hiip/forhnak a cangter: *Cover the jam! It's sure to invite the wasps.* ○ *Leaving the windows open is inviting thieves to enter.* **5** (phr *v*) **invite sb along** fehkhat dingih sawm. **invite sb away** hmun dang ah fehtlaang dingih sawm. **invite sb back** (a) inn ah thluun dingih sawm: *Shall we invite them back after the theatre?* (b) inntek te kha a mikhual in amah inn ah leeng dingih sawm. **invite sb down** rung keng dingin sawm: *They've invited us down to their country cottage for the weekend.* **invite sb in** inn sung luut dingih sawm. **invite sb out** khualeeng ah vaak tlang, lole, mawtaw to tivek nomnak hmang dingih sawm (duh awmi hrang pawl-awknak). **invite sb over/round** inn ah leng dingih sawm: *I've invited the Smiths round for drinks next Friday.* **invite sb up** inn tlun lam (tlun ta dot) kai dingah sawm.

▷ **invitation** /ɪn'vɪteɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] sawmnak: a letter of invitation ○ *Admission is by invitation only.* **2** [C] ~ (to **sth/to do sth**) hmunkhat ah ra; feh dingih sawmnak; thil pakhat tuah dingih sawmnak: *send out invitations to a party* ○ *I gladly accepted their invitation to open the fête.* ○ [attrib] an invitation card. **3** [C usu sing] ~ to **sb/sth** (to do **sth**) thil tha lo sawn ah cangter: *An open window is an invitation to burglars/an invitation to crime.*

**invite** /ɪn'vaɪt/ *n* (infml) kawhnak/sawmnak: *Did you get an invite?*

**inviting** /ɪn'vaɪtɪ/ *adj* mi leem thei/harter: an inviting look, smell, prospect, idea ○ an inviting smile, place, meal. **invitingly** *adv.*

**in vitro** /ɪn'vi:trəʊ/ (Latin) (biology) (of the fertilization of an egg) nu pumsung lo ih ci keuh: *in vitro fertilization* ○ an egg fertilized *in vitro*.

**invocation** ⇒ **INVOKE**.

**invoice** /ɪn'vɔɪs/ *n* ~ (for **sth**) (commerce) thil kuatmi cazin, a man ngan cih a simi: *make out an invoice for the goods.*

▷ **invoice** *v* (commerce) **1** [Tn] zuarmi le a man cazin tuah: *invoice the orders, goods, etc.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (for **sth**) / ~ **sth to sb** cuvek cazin kuat: *invoice sb (for an order, for goods, etc).*

**invoke** /ɪn'vəʊk/ *v* (fml) **1** [Tn] thil pakhat tuahnak ah a ruang hmang: *The government has invoked the Official Secrets Act in having the book banned.* **2** [Tn] (a) Pathian hmin sal ih bomnak dil. (b) khawsia ko: *invoke evil spirits.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (on/upon **sb/sth**) thlacam vek in bomnak dil: *invoke help, assistance, etc in a desperate situation* ○ *invoke vengeance (up)on one's enemies.*

▷ **invocation** /ɪn'vəkeɪʃn/ *n* ~ (to **sb**) (a) [U] thlaza cam zaangfah dil. (b) [C] thlacamnak, dilnak.

**involuntary** /ɪn'vɒləntəri/ *US -teri/ adj* tumtah lo ih tuah/tuah lam thei aw lo: *an involuntary movement of surprise, eg jumping when startled.* Cf **VOLUNTARY**<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **involuntarily** /ɪn'vɒləntəri/ *US in'vɒləntərəli/ adv.* **involuntariness** *n* [U].

**involute** /ɪn'vɒlʊt/ (also **involuted**) *adj* **1** theih har, a hnok. **2** (botany) (esp of leaves or petals in bud and of shells) thinghnah zim a sunglam ih a zualmi, hnah zual:

▷ **involution** /ɪn'vɒlʊʃn/ *n* [U, C].

**involve** /ɪn'vɒlv/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tg, Tsg] thil pakhat um a tultar: *The scheme involves computers.* ○ *The job involved me/my living in London.* **2** [Tn] telh cih/a poimawhter (minung/thil): *The strike involved many people.* ○ *a situation in which national security is involved.* **3** [Cn-pr] (a) ~ **sb/sth in** (doing) **sth** mi pakhat/thil pakhat cangvaihnak ah tel ve, telh ve: *Don't involve me in solving your problems!* (b) ~ **sb/sth in sth** mi pakhat, thil pakhat harsatnak ah luhpi: *involve sb in expense, a lot of trouble* ○ *He was involved in a heated argument.* (c) ~ **sb in sth** thu poimawh pakhat ah mi pakhat a telter: *The witness's statement involves you in the robbery.*

▷ **involved** *adj* **1** theihhar, a hnok: *an involved sentence, explanation, style of writing, etc.* **2** (a) ~ (in **sth**) rak tel ve, rak lut ve: *be/become/get involved in politics, criminal activities, etc.* (b) ~ (with **sb**) duh-aw, ngai-aw, naih-awtuk: *become emotionally involved with sb* ○ *He sees her often but doesn't want to get too involved.*

**involvement** *n* [U, C].

**invulnerable** /ɪn'vʌlnərəbl/ *adj* **1** ~ (to **sth**) natter, siatter theih lomi: *a fortification that is invulnerable to attack.* **2** (fig) him/siatsuah ol lomi: *in an invulnerable position.*

▷ **invulnerability** /ɪn'vʌlnərəbɪləti/ *n* [U].

**inward** /ɪn'wəd/ *adj* **1** a sunglam/sunglam (thinlung): *inward thoughts, feelings, doubts, etc* ○ *sb's inward nature.* **2** sunglam ah a hermi: *an inward curve.* Cf **OUTWARD**.

▷ **inward** (also **inwards**) *adv* **1** sunglam ah/

- .....
- sunglam pan in: *toes turned inwards*. **2** thinlung sungah; nunnak sungah (thlarau): *thoughts turned inwards* ○ *be inward-looking*, ie introvert. ⇒ Usage at FORWARD<sup>2</sup>.
- inwardly** *adv* **1** thinlung te in/thlarau in: *inwardly grateful, relieved, etc* ○ *grieve inwardly*, ie not show one's grief. **2** (idm) **groan inwardly** ⇒ GROAN.
- inwardness** *n* [U] thlarau sinak: *The true inwardness of Christ's teaching*.
- iodine** /aɪədiːn/; US -daɪn/ *n* [U] **1** (chemistry) tiffinriat tidai ihsin ngahmi aidin daat. **2** aidin a tii — natnak rulcawng thahnak ih hmanmi.
- iodize, -ise** /aɪədaɪz/ *v* [Tn] ci hei thlak/rawi/cok.
- IOM** *abbr* Isle of Man.
- ion** /aɪən/; US also 'aɪən/ *n* (chemistry or physics) electric daat a lutmi atom.
- ▷ **ionize, -ise** /aɪənaɪz/ *v* [I, Tn esp passive] ions cang dingih tuah. **ionization, -isation** /, aɪənaɪzəʃən/; US -nɪz-/ *n* [U].
- ion** (also **-ation, -ition, -sion, -tion, -xion**) *suff* (with *us* forming *ns*) *vs* thawn kom ih *ns* ah canternak: *confession* ○ *hesitation* ○ *competition*.
- ionic** /aɪˈɒnɪk/ *adj* (architecture) khuahlan Greek pawl ih lungto thuum hlumpi tel ih sakmi inn. Cf CORINTHIAN 2, DORIC.
- ionosphere** /aɪˈɒnəsfiə(r)/ *n* [sing] electric daatkhu a khatmi leilung tuamtu thlisah. Cf HEAVY SIDE LAYER, STRATOSPHERE.
- iota** /aɪˈəʊtə/ *n* **1** Greek cafang I, i. **2** (*fig*) (esp in negative expressions) si lo lam/lungkim lo zawng ih sim tikah hman mi — a fate bik/a mal bik: *not an iota of truth* (ie no truth at all) *in the story*.
- IOU** /aɪ əʊ 'juː/ *n* (informal) (*abbr* of *I owe you*) tangka ziangzat ka lo baak ti ih nganmi ca 'ka lo baak' tinak: *give sb an IOU for £20*.
- IOW** *abbr* Isle of Wight.
- IPA** /aɪ piː 'eɪ/ *abbr* International Phonetic Alphabet/Association; ram hmuahhmuah ih hmanmi aw suah hminsinnak cafang.
- ipso facto** /ɪpsəʊ 'fæktəʊ/ (*Latin*) (*fml*) a sinak in, a si ruangah: *He was an outstanding pupil and, ipso facto, dislike by the rest of the class*.
- IQ** /aɪ 'kjuː/ *abbr* intelligence quotient (a comparative measure of a person's intelligence) mi pakhat ih thu ruattheinak (*ngain*) tahnak: *have a high/low IQ* ○ *an IQ of 120*.
- ir-** IN<sup>-2</sup>.
- IRA** /aɪ ər 'eɪ/ *abbr* Irish Republican Army: *an IRA attack* ○ *a member of the IRA*.
- irascible** /ɪ'ræsəbl/ *adj* (*fml*) (of a person) thinheng ol.
- ▷ **irascibility** /ɪ'ræsə'bɪləti/ *n* [U] thinhen olnak.
- irascibly** /ɪ'ræsəbl/ *adv*.
- irate** /aɪ'reɪt/ *adj* (*fml*) thinheeng.
- ▷ **irately** *adv*.
- IRBM** /aɪ ɑː biː 'em/ *abbr* intermediate-range ballistic missile. Cf ICBM, MRBM.
- ire** /aɪə(r)/ *n* [U] (*fml*) thinhen/thinhennak.
- iridescent** /ɪrɪ'desnt/ *adj* (*fml*) **1** khaangro vekin a pianrong a phunphun nei. **2** a um hmun thawn tikah a piandaan a thawn/thleng theimi: *jewels sparkling with iridescent colours*.
- ▷ **iridescence** /-ɪ'desns/ *n* [U].
- iridium** /ɪ'rɪdiəm/ *n* [U] (chemistry) platinum phun taat-tuh raang.
- iris** /aɪərɪs/ *n* **1** (anatomy) mitmu dum. **2** iris pangpar phunkhat. Cf FLAG<sup>4</sup>.
- Irish** /aɪərɪʃ/ *adj* Ireland ram thawn pehpar mi, Irish miphun le daan: *the Irish Republic*, ie Eire.
- ▷ **Irish n 1 the Irish** [pl] Irish miphun. **2** (also **Erse**) [U] Ireland ih Celtic tong.
- **Irish coffee** wishky zu le cawhnawi khirh rawimi coffee.
- Irishman** /-mən/, **Irishwoman** *ns* (pl **-men** /-mən/, **-women** /-wɪmɪn/) Ireland mi mipa/nunau.
- Irish setter** (also **red setter**) hmul sen pawl nawn uico phunkhat.
- Irish stew** tuu sa/me sa khasuan sen le a dang hanghnah thawn suanmi tihang.
- irk** /ɜːk/ *v* [Tn] (esp in constructions with *it*) thinhengter, ningter: *It irks me to see money being wasted*. ○ *It irked him that she had thought of it first*.
- ▷ **irksome** /'ɜːksəm/ *adj* thinhengza, mi hnaihok: *an irksome task* ○ *irksome complaints*.
- iron**<sup>1</sup> /aɪən/; US 'aɪərn/ *n* **1** [U] (chemistry) thiir: *cast iron* ○ *wrought iron* ○ *scrap iron* ○ *as hard as iron* ○ [attrib] *iron ore*, ie rock containing iron ○ *an iron bar, gate, railing*, ie made of iron. **2** [C] a tanglam a per le ngil zet ih tuahmi puan hnawtnak thiir (*mipu; istari*): *a steam-iron*. **3** [C] (esp in compounds) thiir ih tuahmi bungrua: *fire-irons*, ie poker, tongs, etc used at a fireplace ○ *a branding-iron*, eg for marking cattle, etc. **4** a lu thiir ih tuahmi kauhti (golf) thawinak fung. Cf WOOD 4. **5** [C usu pl] thiir ten. **6** **irons** [pl] kutke killnak thiir cikcin: *put/clap sb in irons*, ie fasten his wrists and ankles in chains. **7** [U] iron daat telmi sii. **8** (*fig*) cak le khaukhah ti sim duhnak: [attrib] *have an iron constitution*, ie very good health ○ a man of iron ○ have a will of iron/an iron will ○ [attrib] *impose an iron rule*, ie rule very strictly. **9** (idm) **an iron fist/hand in a velvet glove** a sunglam ah (thinlung) khauh zet na'n a lenglam ah neem awter: **have many, etc irons in the fire** caan khatte sungah sirhsan ding thil hram tampi nei/um. **rule with a rod of iron** ⇒ RULE. **strike while the iron is hot** ⇒ STRIKE<sup>2</sup>.
- **the Iron Age** milai pawl ih thiir hman an thiam san.
- the Iron Curtain** (*fig*) the frontier separating the USSR and other communist countries of Eastern Europe from the West, seen by the West as a barrier to information and trade: *life behind the Iron Curtain* ○ [attrib] *Iron Curtain*

## iron

*countries*, ie countries of the Soviet bloc.

**iron foundry** thir eernak hmun.

**iron-grey** *adj*, *n* meikhu rong a simi: *iron-grey hair*.

**iron lung** thawthawttarnak ih hmanmi ruangpi tuamnak phaw.

**iron-mould** (-**mold**) *n* [U] thir ek tii, lole, cati baang.

**iron rations** ralkap tivek pawl hrangih rawl malte an kenmi (canphio kuang sungih retmi).

**ironstone** *n* [U] **1** (also **ironstone china**) a raang ih a hakmi leibeel. **2** thir cang ding leilung.

**ironware** /-weə(r)/ *n* [U] (esp domestic) thir thilri.

**ironwork** *n* [U] thir ih tuahmi thil.

**ironworks** *n* [pl, usu sing v]; (Brit) thir eernak hmun, thir thilri tuahnak hmun.

**iron**<sup>2</sup> /'aɪən; US 'aɪərn/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn] puan hnawtnak (*istari*) ih puan hnawt — puan ngil dingih hnawt: *This material irons well/easily*, ie the creases come out quickly. ○ *She was ironing (away) all evening*. ○ *I prefer to iron my shirts while they are still damp*. **2** (phr v) **iron sth out** (**a**) puan hnawtnak hman in a baal hnawtfai: *iron out creases*. (**b**) (*fig*) relkhawm in thuṭha lo/thu buai pawl cemter: *iron out misunderstandings, problems, difficulties, etc*.

▷ **ironing** *n* [U] **1** puanhnawt. **2** hnawt ṭulmi, hnawt zomi puan: *do the ironing*.

□ **ironing-board** *n* puanhnawt hmun cabuai.

**ironic** /aɪrənɪk/ (also **ironical** /aɪrənɪkl/) *adj* a linglet lam ih simmi — zumnak vekin thil a si lomi: *an ironic expression, smile, remark etc*, ie one showing that you do not expect to be taken seriously or literally. ○ *His death gave an ironic twist to the story*, eg because he died before he could enjoy the money he had stolen.

▷ **ironically** /-kli/ *adv* **1** a sim duhmi, ti duhmi a linglet lam in: *He smiled ironically*. **2** a va si kherkher: *Ironically, most people came to watch the match on the day it poured with rain*.

**ironmonger** /aɪənˈmʌŋɡə(r)/ *n* (Brit) (US **hardware dealer**) thir thilri (tuhmui, hrei tivek pawl) zuar le leitu.

▷ **ironmongery** /-ˈmʌŋɡəri/ *n* [U] (Brit) (US **hardware**).

**irony** /aɪərəni/ *n* **1** [U] thil um dan a linglet ih thusim: *‘That’s really lovely, that is!’ he said with heavy irony*. **2** [U, C] thu um dan rin lipi ih a si kherkhermi: *the irony of fate* ○ *He inherited a fortune but died a month later; one of life’s little ironies*.

**irradiate** /ˈreɪdiət/ *v* (fml) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (**with sth**) cerh (a tleu thawn); tleu ngahter. **2** [Tn-pr esp passive] ~ **sth with sth** (*fig*) vaangter; tleuter: *faces irradiated with joy*.

**irrational** /ˈɪræʃənəl/ *adj* **1** khawruat lo; aatthlak: *irrational fears, behaviour, arguments*. **2** khawruat thei lo: *behave like an irrational animal*.

▷ **irrationality** /ˈɪræʃənələti/ *n* [U].

**irrationally** /ˈɪræʃənəli/ *adv*.

**irreconcilable** /ˈɪrekənsaɪəbl/, ˈɪrekənˈsaɪəbl/ *adj* (fml) ~ (**with sb/sth**) (**a**) (of people) remter thei lomi; remaw sal thei lomi. (**b**) (of ideas, actions) thu ruah dan a deng-aw lomi/a bang thei lomi: *We can never agree — our views are irreconcilable*.

▷ **irreconcilably** /-əbli/ *adv*.

**irrecoverable** /ˌɪrɪˈkʌvərəbl/ *adj* (fml) ngah sal theih lo, lole, ṭhatter saal theih lo: *suffer irrecoverable losses*, eg in business.

▷ **irrecoverably** /-əbli/ *adv*.

**irredeemable** /ˌɪrɪˈdiːməbl/ *adj* **1** (finance) (**a**) (of government annuities, bonds, shares, etc) tangka pek sal ih cemter thei lomi, rul suak thei lo ih tangmi, tlen thei lo. (**b**) (of paper money) tangka ca khi tangka thir thawn thleng theih lomi. **2** (fml) ṭhat leh um lomi sunnak a simi: *an irredeemable loss, misfortune, etc*.

▷ **irredeemably** /-əbli/ *adv* (fml).

**irreducible** /ˌɪrɪˈdjuːəbl/; US -ˈduːs-/ *adj* (fml) **1** a malsin, lole, fate sin ih ṭhum theih lomi: *Expenditure on road repairs has been cut to an irreducible minimum*. **2** ol-ai deuh ih tuah a theih lomi: *a problem of irreducible complexity*.

▷ **irreducibly** /-əbli/ *adv*.

**irrefutable** /ˌɪrɪˈfjuːtəbl, also ˈɪrɪfjuːtəbl/ *adj* (fml) eel a theih lomi/a theih a si ti a theih lomi: *an irrefutable argument* ○ *irrefutable evidence, proof, etc*.

▷ **irrefutably** /-əbli/ *adv*: *irrefutably the greatest living violinist*.

**irregular** /ˈɪrɪɡjələ(r)/ *adj* ~ (**in sth**) **1** ruangrai/ pungsan a tluang lomi: *a coast with an irregular outline*, eg with many bays, inlets, etc. **2** hmaanhmaan te'n a cang lomi, ra lo, feh lomi tivek pawl/a bangaw lomi: *an irregular pulse* ○ *occur at irregular intervals* ○ *be irregular in attending class*. **3** dan vek le thu um cia thawn a kalh aw a simi: *an irregular practice, situation* ○ *keep irregular hours*, eg get up and go to bed at unusual times ○ *His behaviour is highly irregular*. **4** (grammar) plural ih tuah tikah ‘s’ ‘es’ bet lomi nouns: ‘Child’ has an irregular plural, ie ‘children’. ○ *irregular verbs*. **5** (of troops) a hmun ringringmi ralkap.

▷ **irregular** *n* (usu pl) ralkap bupi sung um mi a si lo pa.

**irregularity** /ˌɪrɪˈlɛvənt/ *n* **1** [U] hmaanhmaan si lonak, bangrep lonak. **2** [C] hmaanhmaan a si lo mi thil: *the irregularities of the earth’s surface* ○ *There were some irregularities in the accounts, eg figures that were not correct*.

**irregularly** *adv*.

**irrelevant** /ˈɪrɪˈlɛvənt/ *adj* ~ (**to sth**) a pehpar/ a zom-aw lomi, a kaih/a deng aw lo: *irrelevant remarks* ○ *What you say is irrelevant to the subject*.

▷ **irrelevance** /-əns/ *n* [U] zom-awk lonak,



- pehpar lonak.  
**irrelevancy** /-ənsɪ/ *n* **1** [U] = IRRELEVANCE. **2** [C] pehpar aw lomɪ: *Let us ignore these irrelevancies.*  
**irrelevantly** *adv.*  
**irreligious** /rɪˈlɪdʒəs/ *adj* sakhua lo, biaknak nei lo, biaknak duh lo: *an irreligious act, person.*  
**irremediable** /ɪrɪˈmɪ:dɪəbl/ *adj* (fml) rem theih lo, ʃatter sal a theih lo: *an irremediable loss, mistake.*  
 ▷ **irremediably** /-əblɪ/ *adv.*  
**irremovable** /ɪrɪˈmu:vəbl/ *adj* ʃawn theih lo.  
**irreparable** /ɪˈrepərəbl/ *adj* (of a loss, an injury, etc) rem a theih lo, ʃatter sal theih lo: *irreparable damage, harm, etc.*  
 ▷ **irreparably** /-əblɪ/ *adv.*  
**irreplaceable** /ɪrɪˈpleɪsəbl/ *adj* ai-rawl a theih lo, a ai-ah a dang ret theih lo: *an irreplaceable antique vase, the only one of its kind.*  
**irrepressible** /ɪrɪˈpresəbl/ *adj* sup theih lo: *irrepressible laughter, envy, high spirits, etc* ○ *You cannot keep her quiet for long; she's irrepressible!*  
 ▷ **irrepressibly** /-əblɪ/ *adv.*  
**irreproachable** /ɪrɪˈprəʊtʃəbl/ *adj* mawhthluk ding um lo, sawi baang lo, ʃelh/mawhna um lo: *irreproachable conduct.*  
 ▷ **irreproachably** /-əblɪ/ *adv.*  
**irresistible** /ɪrɪˈzɪstəbl/ *adj* **1** (a nasa tuk ih) do theih lo: *an irresistible temptation, urge, impulse, etc* ○ *His arguments were irresistible.* **2** (a ʃa tuk ih) sup kham theih lo: *On such a hot day, the sea was irresistible,* ie *We couldn't resist the desire to swim in it.* ○ *With her beauty, wit and charm, he found her irresistible.*  
 ▷ **irresistibly** /-əblɪ/ *adv.*  
**irresolute** /ɪˈrezələt/ *adj* (fml) thinlung awloksong ih um; thinlung ʃen aw theih lo; ciangkuan lo; hei sup duatdi/thinlung ah laklawh zet ih um.  
 ▷ **irresolutely** *adv.*  
**irresolution** /ɪˈrezəluːʃn/ *n* [U].  
**irrespective** /ɪrɪˈspektɪv/ **irrespective of** *prep* (a thuhla) siar loin; telhch lo; ruat loin: *The laws apply to everyone irrespective of race, creed or colour.*  
**irresponsible** /ɪrɪˈspɒnsəbl/ *adj* (of people, actions, etc) ʃuanvo nei lo; poimawh lo: *an irresponsible child* ○ *irresponsible behaviour* ○ *It is irresponsible of you not to prepare students for their exams.* Cf RESPONSIBLE 4.  
 ▷ **irresponsibility** /ɪrɪˈspɒnsəˈbɪləti/ *n* [U].  
**irresponsibly** /-əblɪ/ *adv.*  
**irretrievable** /ɪrɪˈtri:vəbl/ *adj* (fml) ngah sal theih lo/rem sal theih lo: *an irretrievable loss* ○ *The breakdown of their marriage was irretrievable.*  
 ▷ **irretrievably** /-əblɪ/ *adv.*  
**irreverent** /ɪˈrevərənt/ *adj* a zarhmi thil parah ziangsiar lo, hmaizah nei lo.  
 ▷ **irreverence** /-əns/ *n* [U].  
**irreverently** *adv.*  
**irreversible** /ɪrɪˈvɜ:səbl/ *adj* letter sal theih lo: *He suffered irreversible brain damage in the crash.*  
 ▷ **irreversibly** /-əblɪ/ *adv.*  
**irrevocable** /ɪˈrevəkəbl/ *adj* (fml) ʃheng theih lo; ʃulh sal theih lo; neta bik dinhmun: *an irrevocable decision, judgement, etc* ○ (finance) *an irrevocable letter of credit.*  
 ▷ **irrevocably** /-əblɪ/ *adv.*  
**irrigate** /ɪˈrɪgeɪt/ *v* [Tn] **1** tihriat (thil phunnak dingah) ih ti pek: *irrigate desert areas to make them fertile.* **2** (medical) hmaa khi tidai toih sak ringring.  
 ▷ **irrigable** /ɪˈrɪgəbl/ *adj* tihriatnak tuah a theih mi.  
**irrigation** /ɪrɪˈgeɪʃn/ *n* [U]: [attrib] *an irrigation project* ○ *irrigation canals.*  
**irritable** /ɪˈrɪtəbl/ *adj* thinheng ol; ol te'n ai-thok thei.  
 ▷ **irritability** /ɪˈrɪtəˈbɪləti/ *n* [U]. **irritably** /-əblɪ/ *adv.*  
**irritant** /ɪˈrɪtənt/ *adj* (thil) aithokter thei, thinhengter thei: *a substance that is irritant to sensitive skins.*  
 ▷ **irritant** *n* (a) nuam lo thinteutertu thil. (b) (fig) rak hnaihnoctu thil: *The noise of traffic is a constant irritant to city dwellers.*  
**irritate** /ɪˈrɪteɪt/ *v* [Tn] **1** thinhengter; thintawiter, aithokter: *irritated by/at the delay* ○ *It irritates me to have to shout to be heard.* **2** (a) (biology) taksa ruangpi hmunkhat khat ah takzater, thakter: *Acid irritates the stomach lining.* (b) hma suakter; vun senter: *The smoke irritates my eyes.*  
 ▷ **irritation** /ɪrɪˈteɪʃn/ *n* (a) [U] taksa sen bo. (b) [C] a nom lonak.  
**irruption** /ɪˈrʌpʃn/ *n* [C] (fml) ~ (into sth) hmakhatte ah pah lut, lut phutphi: *the irruption of a noisy group of revelers.*  
**is** ⇒ BE.  
**Is** *abbr* Island(s); Isle(s); tikulh: (the) Windward Is, ie Islands ○ (the) British Is, ie Isles. Cf I *abbr.*  
**ISBN** /aɪ es biː ˈen/ *abbr* International Standard Book Number: *ISBN 0 19 8611315*, eg on the cover of a book.  
**ISD** /ɪˈaɪ es ˈdiː/ *abbr* international subscriber dialling.  
**-ise** ⇒ -IZE.  
**-ish** *suff* **1** (with *ns* forming *adjs* and *ns*) (language or people) *nouns* ah beetchi in *nouns* le *adj* ih canternak beettu: *Danish* ○ *Irish.* **2** (with *ns* forming *adjs*) (esp derog) *noun* ah beetchi ih *adj* cangternak: *childish* ○ *bookish* ○ *stand-offish.* **3** (with *adjs*): *reddish* ○ *twentyish.*  
 ▷ **-ishly** (with sense 2 forming *advs*).  
**isinglass** /aɪzɪŋɡlɑːs/; *US* -glæs/ *n* [U] nga phu sungih um hmuhtlang theihmi thil.  
**Islam** /ɪzˈlɑːm; *US* ˈɪslɑːm/ *n* **1** [U] Prophet Muhammad ih zirhnak pawl hram a bunmi Muslim biaknak. **2** [sing] Muslim pawl, Muslim

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- ram pawl. ⇒ Usage CHRISTIAN.  
 ▷ **Islamic** /ɪzˈlæmɪk; US ɪsˈlɑːmɪk/ *adj.*  
**island** /aɪlənd/ *n* **1** (abbrs **I, Is**) tikulh (ti ih kulh mi leilung): *a group of tropical islands* ○ [attrib] *The Shetlanders are an island race.* **2** = TRAFFIC ISLAND (TRAFFIC).  
 ▷ **islander** *n* tikulh um milai.  
**isle** /aɪl/ *n* (abbrs **I, Is**) (esp in poetry and proper names) tikulh tinak, biazai tongfang a si: *the Isle of Wight* ○ *the British Isles.*  
 ▷ **islet** /aɪlət/ *n* ti-kulh fate.  
**ism** /ɪzəm/ *n* (*usu derog*) a lamdang mi ruah dan, cin le dan: *behaviourism and all the other isms of the twentieth century.*  
**-ism** *suff* **1** (with *vs* ending in *-ize* forming *ns*): *baptism* ○ *criticism.* **2** (a) (with *ns* forming *ns*) *ns* khi *ns* bet ih *ns* thar canternak: *heroism* ○ *Americanism.* (b) (with proper *ns* forming uncountable *ns*) *proper ns* thawn hmang ih uncountable *ns* ih canternak: *Buddhism* ○ *Communism.* (c) (with *ns*) *ns* thawn betmi: *alcoholism.* (d) (with *ns*) *ns* thawn betmi: *sexism* ○ *racism.*  
**isn't** ⇒ BE.  
**is(o)-** *comb form* a dang thawn komcihmi cafang: *isobar* ○ *isometric.*  
**ISO** /aɪ es ˈəʊ/ *abbr* International Standardization/Standards Organization. Cf ASA 2, BSI.  
**isobar** /aɪsəbəː(r)/ *n* zuk parih riin, a hleice in tikcu pakhat kaar sungih thlisah zia a bangawmi hmunhama hmuahhmuah zomtu zuk ih riin.  
**isolate** /aɪsələt/ *v* [Tn esp passive, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (from **sb/sth**) amah lawngte umter; a paak ih ret; tan (midang thawn komter lo): *isolate a problem*, ie in order to deal with it separately ○ *When a person has an infectious disease, he is usually isolated (from other people).* ○ *Several villages have been isolated by heavy snowfalls.* **2** ~ **sth** (from **sth**) (chemistry) thilri (science) thil a komaw ih ummi ihsin pakhat then suah: *Scientists have isolated the virus causing the epidemic.*  
 ▷ **isolated** *adj* **1** a dangte ih um: *an isolated outbreak of smallpox* ○ *an isolated case, instance, occurrence, etc.* **2** a paak ih um: *an isolated building* ○ *lead an isolated existence*, eg as a lighthouse-keeper.  
**isolation** /aɪsəˈleɪʃn/ *n* [U] **1** ~ (from **sb/sth**) a paak. **2** (idm) **in isolation** (from **sb/sth**) a dang ciarih then in: *examine each piece of evidence in isolation*, ie without considering the others ○ *Looked at in isolation, these facts are not encouraging.*  
 □ **isolation hospital, isolation ward** nat suan aw theimi nei pawl retnak sizung.  
**isolationism** /aɪsəˈleɪʃənɪzəm/ *n* [U] ~ (from **sth**) mi ram thu le midang thu ah tel lo ih a dangte ih um thupomdan, sangka khar ih umdan.  
 ▷ **isolationist** /-ʃənɪst/ *n, adj* (person) a dangte

- ih um ding ti thupomnak a neitu mi pak.  
**isometric** /aɪsəˈmetrɪk/ *adj* **1** a kauhlam, a saulam le a tunglam a bangawmi/a tia awmi. **2** (in physiology) (of muscle action) ruangpi caangter ol ih taksa tit caangter mi. **3** (of a drawing, etc) without perspective, so that lines along the three axes are of equal length.  
**isomorph** /aɪsəˈmɔːf/ *n* hmuh theimi thil a si ih a dang thil thawn a bangaw/bangrep cekci nak.  
 ▷ **isomorphic** /aɪsəˈmɔːfɪk/ (also **isomorphous** /aɪsəˈmɔːfəs/) *adj.*  
**isosceles** /aɪˈsɒsəliːz/ *adj* (geometry) (of a triangle) kap pahnih a sau lam a bangrepmi kilthum nei zuk.  
**isotherm** /aɪsəθɜːm/ *n* khawhlum dan a bangrepmi hmunhama hmuhtu riin.  
**isotope** /aɪsəˈtəʊp/ *n* one of two or more forms of a chemical element with different atomic weight chemical properties: *radioactive isotopes*, ie unstable form s of atoms used in medicine and industry.  
**issue** /ɪˈʃuː, ˈɪʃuː/ *n* **1** (a) [U] feh, suak, pawl, luang: *the place/point of issue.* (b) [sing] a lenglam ah pawl ih luang: *an issue of blood*, eg from a wound. **2** (a) [U] hman ding/zuar dingih suahmi: *buy new stamps on the day of issue* ○ *the issue of rifles and ammunition to troops* ○ *the issue of a new edition of this dictionary.* (b) [C] voikhat ih thil suah zat: *a special issue of stamps/banknotes/shares* ○ *emergency issues of blankets to refugees.* (c) [C] tikcu tinte suakmi ca: *the July issue*, eg of a magazine. **3** [sing] (fml) a phi, a ra cangmi, ngahmi: *await the issue* ○ *bring a campaign to a successful issue.* **4** [C] thurel dingmi ih a thutlangpi/thuhrampi: *a vital, political, topical, etc issue* ○ *debate an issue* ○ *raise a new issue* ○ *evade/avoid the issue* ○ *confuse the issue.* **5** [U] (law) fate/cithlah, faa nei, faa suak: *die without issue*, ie childless. **6** (idm) (**the matter, point, etc**) **at issue** rel ding thuhla, thupoimawh bik: *What's at issue here is the whole future of the industry.* **force the issue** ⇒ FORCE<sup>2</sup>. **make an issue (out) of sth** rel ding thupipa ih canter: *It's only a small disagreement — let's not make an issue of it.* **take issue with sb (about/on/over sth)** lungkimpi lo, el.  
 ▷ **issue** *v* (fml) **1** [Ipr, Ip] ~ **from sth**; ~ **out/forth** (from **sth**) thil pakhat in a pawl, a suak: *blood issuing from a wound* ○ *smoke issuing (forth) from a chimney.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (to sb)/sb with sth** hman dingah zem suah: *issue visas to foreign visitors* ○ *issue warm clothing to the survivors* ○ *issue them with warm clothing.* **3** [Tn] suah; cabu, thilri pawl rak zaihter (milu, paisa lem). **4** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (to sb)** theihter/ thil kuat darh: *issue orders, instructions, etc* ○ *The minister issued a statement to the press.* **5** [Ipr] ~ **from sth** (fml) a ra cangsuakmi, ngahmi.  
**-ist** *suff* **1** (with *vs* ending in *-ize* forming *ns*) *-ize*

thawn cemmi *vs* khi *ns* ih canternak: *dramatist*  
 ○ *publicist*. **2** (with *ns* ending in *-ism*) *-ism*  
 thawn cemmi *ns* khi *ns* ih canternak: *atheist* ○  
*socialist*. **3** (with *ns* forming *ns*) *ns* khi *ns* ih  
 canternak: *physicist* ○ *motorist* ○ *violinist*.

NOTE ON USAGE: Both **-ist** and **-ite** form nouns indicating people who have certain beliefs. **-ist** suggests a strong belief in a theory, religion, etc: *She's a convinced Marxist, Buddhist, etc.* Nouns with **-ite** generally indicate a follower of someone or a member of a group. They are often used in a derogatory way: *a committee full of Unionites, Thatcherites, etc.*

**isthmus** /ɪsməs/ *n* (*pl* **-es**) khatlam khatlam ah tidai um ih leilung a sawl mi ih a fatet zawnnak bik leizum hngawng: *the Isthmus of Panama*.

**it** /ɪt/ *pers pron* (used as the subject or object of a *v* or after a *prep*) **1** (a) ramsa, lole, thil pakhat hmin ai ih hmanmi 'a' 'amah' tican: *'Where's your car?' 'It's in the garage.'* ○ *Did you hit it?* ○ *Fill a glass with water and dissolve this tablet in it.* ○ *We've got £500. Will it be enough for a deposit?* (b) naute, 'baby' ai ah 'it' hman a si: *Her baby's due next month. She hopes it will be a boy.* ○ *The baby next door kept me awake. It cried all night.* **2** thil thuhla theih cia mi/sim zomi; sim sal tikah hmin airawl ih hmanmi 'a' tican: *When the factory closes, it (ie this event) will mean 500 redundancies.* ○ *Yes, I was at home on Sunday. What about/of it?* **3** (used to identify a person) mi pakhat a sawh duh sanmi: *It's the milkman.* ○ *It's Peter on the phone.* ○ *Was it you who put these books on my desk?* **4** (idm) **this/that is it** (a) hihi/khami si: *We've been looking for a house for months and I think this is it.* (b) hi ruangah: *That's just it — I can't work when you're making so much noise.* (c) a cem riai 'a' tinak: *I'm afraid that's it — we've lost the match.*

▷ **its** /ɪts/ *possess det* 'ta' tinak: *We wanted to buy the table but its surface was damaged.* ○ *Have you any idea of its value?* ○ *The dog was howling — its paw was hurt.* ○ *The baby threw its food on the floor.*

**it**<sup>2</sup> /ɪt/ *pron* **1** (used in the normal subject or object position to indicate that a longer subject or object has been placed at the end of a sentence): *It appears that the two leaders are holding secret talks.* ○ *Does it matter what colour it is?* ○ *It's impossible (for us) to get there in time.* ○ *It's no use shouting.* ○ *She finds it boring staying/to stay at home.* ○ *I find it strange that she doesn't want to travel.* **2** (used in the normal subject position to make a statement about time, distance or weather): *It's ten past twelve.* ○ *It's our anniversary.* ○ *It's two miles to the beach.* ○ *It's a long time since they left.* ○ *It was raining*

*this morning.* ○ *It's quite warm at the moment.* ○ *It's stormy out at sea.* **3** *kiangkap, lole, a cangmi: If it's convenient I can see you tomorrow.* ○ *It's getting very competitive in the car industry.* **4** (used to emphasize any part of a sentence): *It's Jim who's the clever one.* ○ *It's Spain that they're going to on holiday.* ○ *It was three weeks later that he heard the news.*

**IT** /aɪ'ti/ *abbr* (computing) Information Technology.

**ita** /aɪ ti/ *abbr* initial teaching alphabet (a partially phonetic system used to teach reading).

**Italian** /ɪ'tæliən/ *adj* Italy ram ih nunphung, tong le milai.

▷ **Italian** *n* Italy rammi.

**Italianate** /ɪ'tæljənət/ *adj* Italy umdan a bangmi.

**italic** /ɪ'tælik/ *adj* **1** (of printed letters) kutngan vek a bangmi ca khenca, cawang sawn: *This sentence is in italic type.* Cf ROMAN **3**. **2** kutngan pat le hriamte ih nganmi: *write in italic script* ○ *an italic pen-nib.*

▷ **italicize, -ise** /ɪ'tælisaɪz/ *v* [Tn] a bang ih ca khen ngan.

**italics** *n* [pl] kutngan vek a sawn ih ngan mi ca: *Examples in this dictionary are in italics.*

**Italo-** *comb form* Italy thawn a pehparmi: *the Italo-Swiss frontier.*

**itch** /ɪtʃ/ *n* **1** [C usu *sing*] tithak parih thakthak: *suffer from, have, feel an itch.* **2** [*sing*] ~ **for sth/to do sth** (*infml*) ti duh zet; hiar natsatnak: *have an itch for adventure* ○ *She cannot resist the/her itch to travel.* **3** (idm) **the seven-year itch** (*joc infml*) thit-awh hnu kum sarilh ah a suakmi hurnak.

▷ **itch** *v* **1** [I] a thak (tisa khawih duhnak ih thak): *scratch where it itches* ○ *Scratch yourself if you itch!* ○ *Are your mosquito bites still itching?* **2** [Ipr, It] ~ **for sth/to do sth** (*infml*) thil pakhat duh zetnak nei: *pupils itching for the lesson to end* ○ *I'm itching to tell you the news!* **3** (idm) **have an itching palm** tangka ah duhham zet.

**itchy** *adj* (**-ier** /ɪtʃiə(r)/, **-iest** /ɪtʃiɪst/) **1** thak zetmi (khawih duh zetmi): *an itchy scalp*, eg caused by dandruff. **2** (idm) (**get/have**) **itchy feet** (*infml*) tlawng vivo; vak vivo duh, ke thak. **itchiness** *n* [U].

**it'd** /ɪtəd/ *contracted form* **1** it had ⇒ HAVE. **2** it would ⇒ WILL<sup>1</sup>, WOULD<sup>2</sup>.

**-ite** *suff* (with proper *ns* forming *ns*) proper *ns* thawn *ns* ih canternak: *Labourite* ○ *Thatcherite.* ⇒ Usage at **-ist**.

**item** /aɪtəm/ *n* **1** cazin sungih a um mi thu; cazin sungah a kop in ummi: *the first item on the agenda* ○ *number the items in a catalogue.* **2** thuthang: *There's an important news item/item of news in today's paper.*

▷ **item** *adv* (used to introduce each of several articles in a list) cazin sungih thil hmin pawl

sal/ngan thawhnak ih ngami/salmi khal, cumi khal: *item, one chair; item, two carpets, etc.*

**itemize, -ise** /aɪtəmaɪz/ *v* [Tn] thil hmin pawl cazin sung ih khum: *an itemized list, account, bill, etc.*

**iterate** /ɪtəreɪt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Tf, Tw, Dpr-f, Dpr-w] (fml) salmi bang sal rero; puhhluh. Cf REITERATE.

▷ **iteration** /ɪtə'reɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**itinerant** /aɪtɪnərənt, ɪtɪnərənt/ *adj* [usu attrib] tlawng vivo mi; vaak vivo mi: *an itinerant musician, entertainer, preacher, etc.*

**itinerary** /aɪtɪnərəri, ɪtɪnərəri; US -reri/ *n* feh lainak ding cazin, tlawng zomi cazin: *keep to depart from, follow one's itinerary.*

**-ition** ⇒ -ION.

**-itis** *suff* (with *ns* forming uncountable *ns*) **1** (medical) countable *ns* khi uncountable *ns* ih cangernak: *appendicitis* ○ *tonsillitis*. **2** (infml esp joc) luartuk hiarnak: *World Cup-itis*.

**it'll** /ɪl/ *contracted form* it will ⇒ WILL<sup>1</sup>.

**ITN** /aɪ ti: 'en/ *abbr* (Brit) Independent Television News: news at 10 on ITN.

**its** ⇒ IT<sup>1</sup>.

**it's** /ɪts/ *contracted form* **1** it is ⇒ BE. **2** it has ⇒ HAVE.

**itself** /ɪtself/ *reflex, emph pron* (only taking the main stress in sentences when used emphatically) **1** (*reflex*) (used when the animal, thing, etc causing the action is also affected by it) amah lala, amah le a mah — ramsa le thilri ah hmanmi: *The wounded horse could not raise itself from the ground.* ○ *The committee decided to award itself a pay increase.* **2** (*emph*) (used to emphasize an animal, a thing, etc): *The name itself sounds foreign.* **3** (idm) **by itself** (a) amah te'n: *The machine will start by itself in a few seconds.* (b) amah lawng: *the statue stands by itself in the square.*

**ITT** /aɪ ti: 'ti/ *abbr* Internaitonal Telephone and Telegraph Corporation: *work for ITT.*

**ITV** /aɪ ti: 'vi/ *abbr* (Brit) Independent Television: *watch a film on ITV* ○ *an ITV documentary.* Cf

BBC, IBA.

**-ity** *suff* (with *adjs* forming *ns*): *purity* ○ *oddity*.

**IUD** /aɪ ju: 'di/ (also **IUCD** /aɪ ju: si: 'di/) *abbr* intra-uterine (contraceptive) device; faa khamnak.

**I've** /aɪv/ *contracted form* I have ⇒ HAVE.

**-ive** *suff* (with *vs* forming *ns* and *adjs*) (person or thing) *vs* thawn *ns* le *adjs* ah canternak: *explosive* ○ *captive* ○ *descriptive*.

**ivory** /aɪvəri/ *n* **1** [U] vuiho vek a var ih a ngil zetmi thil: [attrib] *an ivory statuette*. **2** [C] vuiho: *a priceless collection of ivories*. **3** [U] vui-ho vekih varmi: [attrib] *an ivory skin, complexion, etc* ○ *ivory-coloured silk*. **4** (idm) **an ivory tower** harsatnak tong lemlo in mi hnakh ngah cuangmi nomnak nun nung: *live in an ivory tower* ○ [attrib] *lead an ivory-tower existence*.

**ivy** /aɪvi/ *n* [U] a zaammi hri kuang hring: [attrib] *an ivy leaf*.

▷ **ivied** /aɪvɪd/ *adj* ivy hri ih khuhmi: *ivied walls*.

**-ize, -ise** *suff* (with *ns* and *adjs* forming *vs*) **1** *ns* le *adjs* thawn kom ih *vs* canternak = vekih tuah: *dramatize* ○ *miniaturize*. **2** actor treat with the qualities of: *criticize* ○ *deputize*. **3** sungah re: *containerize* ○ *hospitalize*.

▷ **-ization, -isation** (forming *ns*): *immunization*.

**-izationally, -isationally** (forming *advs*): *organizationally*.

NOTE ON USAGE: **1** In some words ending with the sound /aɪz/ **-ize** and **-ise** are equally acceptable spellings: *emphasize/emphasise, criticize/criticise*. **-ise** is more common in British than in US English. In this dictionary both spellings are shown when both are possible. **2** There are some words which, because of their origin, are always spelt with **-ise**: *advertise* (US also *advertize*), *advise, comprise, despise, exercise, etc.* **3** Some people criticize the over-use of **-ize** or **-ise** to form words such as *burglarize* (= 'burgle') or *hospitalize* (= 'send to hospital').