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M, m /em/ *n* (pl **M's, m's** /emz/) Mirang(English) cafang a hleithumnak: *Moscow starts with (an) M.*

M abbr **1** (med) (a hleice in hnipuan tivekah); a lai (a tum le tee karlak). **2** (m) Roman nambat siar ih thawngkhat (*Millenium*). **3** /em/ (Brit) Mawṭaw zin pengtah *Heavy traffic on M 25.*

m abbr **1** Mipa (*m=*male). **2** nupi pasal nei zo: (*m=*married). **3** a pa tinak (*m=*masculine). **4** a hlat a nai tahnak miṭa: (*m=*metres): *run in the 5000m.* **5** nambat siar million (*m=*million) *population 10m.*

ma /ma:/ *n* nu: *I'm going now, ma.*

MA /em 'ei/ (US **AM**) Ca phun 16 *Master of Arts.*
○ *has an MA in Physics.* ○ *Marion Bell, MA (London).*

ma'am /mæm or, rarely, ma:m/ *n* 1 siangpahrang bawinu asilole nunau hnatuan upa ṭihzahnakh kawhnak. **2** (US) nunau pakhat mawi deuh ih biaknakah hmanmi *Can I help you, ma'am?*

Mac *n* (Brit) Mackintosh hmin a tawi zawngih kawhnak.

mac¹ *n* (US) theihthiam lo mi kawhnak: *Hey, mac! what are you doing?*

mac² /mæk/ *n* [sing] (US *infml*) (used to address a man whose name one does not know): *Hey, mac! What do you think you're doing?*

macabre /mə'ka:brə/ *adj* thih thuhla, ṭihnungza: *It's a macabre ghost story.*

macadam /mə'kædəm/ *n* lungto phahmi lamzin: *This is a macadam road.*

▷ **macadamize** *v* lungto phah: *macadamized roads.*

macaroni /mækə'rəʊni/ *n* rialdip tahrat in hri vekih tuahmi rawl (khohsuai).

□ **macaroni cheese** cawhnawi-khal thawn rawimi khohsuai hmeh.

macaroon /mækə'ru:n/ *n* cini, arti le almond thingrah rialdip thawn tuahmi sangper.

macaw /mə'kɔ:/ *n* Amerika ram um meisau kilaw.

mace¹ /meis/ *n* **1** raldo nakih hmanmi hreitlung. **2** bawiuapaihhrolmi ceimawimi Bawiuapa kianghrol.

□ **mace-bearer** *n* bawu kianghrol kengtu.

mace² /meis/ *n* rawl hmuimerter dingih hmanmi thingrah rialdip.

macerate /mæsə'reit/ *v* [I, Tn] (*fml*) (cause sth to) neemter, hnipter.

▷ **maceration** /mæsə'reiʃn/ *n* [U].

Mach /ma:k, mæk/ *n* vanzam ih khulvai le aw ih khulvai (rannak) taṭṭhimnak: *An aircraft is flying at Mach two.* vanzam cu aw ih lethnih rangin a zam.

machete /mə'tʃeti; US -'ʃeti/ *n* thlanglam

Amerika ih hmanmi nam hlaai, namtong.

machiavellian /mækiə'veliən/ *adj* thil ngah duh ih hrokhrawl le bum hman: *a machiavellian person, scheme, plot.*

machination /mæki'neiʃn/ *n* thusual tumtah, thupte ih siatnak tuah tum.

machine /mə'ʃi:n/ *n* **1** [C] minung, meisa, tisakhu tivek tha hmanin thil tampi pehzom aw ih a caangmi khawl: *machines have replaced human labour in many industries. sewing machine, washing machine, etc.* **2** [C] (*fig*) khurkhua ruat lo in a cangvai ih hna a ṭuanmi minung: *Years of doing the same job can turn you into a machine.* **3** [CGp] pawlkom le mipi a kaitu mibur pakhat: the (political) party machine The public relations machine covered up the firm's heavy losses. **4** (idm) **a cog in the machine** ⇨ cog.

▷ **machine** *v* **1** tan, hnawt, tuah: *The chair had been machined smooth.* **2** ṭhi (thil puan): *I have to machine the hem.*

machinery /mə'ʃi:nəri/ *n* **1** (a) khawl ih a cangvaihnak zawn: *the machinery of a clock.* (b) khawl: *much new machinery has been installed.* **2** pawlkompi ih hnatuan umzia: *reform the machinery of the Government.*

machinist /mə'ʃi:nɪst/ *n* khawl thilri a tuahremtu; a mawngtu.

□ **machine code** (also **machine language**) kompiṭa ih theihthiam dingih khummi.

machine-gun *n* a zangte hmeh tikah a pehpheh in cerek tampi a kapsuak theimi meithal: *set up a machine-gun.* *v* **machine-gun**: *They machine-gunned the troops.*

machine-made *adj* khawl ih tuahmi.

machine-readable *adj* kompiṭa ih theih dingih thunmi: *convert a book into a machine-readable form.*

machine tool thil tannak le tuahremnak ih hmanmi a phunphun.

NOTE ON USAGE: Compare **machine**, **tool**, etc. A **machine** consists of moving parts powered by electricity, etc and is designed for a specific job. An (**electrical**) **appliance** is a machine used in the house, such as a washing-machine or dishwasher. An **apparatus** is a system of connected machines, wires, etc: *the apparatus for lighting the stage.* A **tool** is an object held in the hand, often used by people in their jobs, eg a hammer, drill or spanner. An **instrument** is a tool designed for a technical task, eg a surgeon's knife. It may have some moving parts and be used in a technical operation, eg a microscope or meter. An

implement is a tool generally used outdoors, especially in gardening or farming, eg a plough, rake or spade. **Device** and **gadget** are more general terms. **Device** is often used implying approval of a useful machine or instrument: *a labour-saving device* ○ *a clever device for locking windows*. **Gadget** is more informal and can suggest disapproval: *Their kitchen is full of the latest gadgets*. ○ *All these modern gadgets are more trouble than they're worth*.

machismo /mə'tʃɪzməʊ, US mə'kɪzməʊ/ *n* mipa si ruangih porh awk tuknak; pacang tha si hngalhngawn pinak.

macho /'mætʃəʊ/ *n* mipa sinak langter duh tuknak: *He thinks it's macho to drink a lot and get into fights*.

mackerel /'mækrəl/ *n* tipi sungih um eiṭha nga tjal.

mackerel sky mero a thuaṭhuah ih ummi van.

mackintosh /'mækɪntəʃ/ *n* ruah-khaan korpi.

macro- *comb form* tum, tum zet ih tawltreimi: *macrobiotic, macroeconomics*.

macrobiotics /'mækrəʊbɪə'tɪks/ *n* in-ei thiam nakin nun sau dingih mi bom dan; dat dawm hmanglo ih thlaici cinmi in-ei dan. **macrebiotic food** dat dawm hmang lo ih cinmi thlirawl.

macrocosm /'mækrəʊkɒzəm/ *n* **1** lei le van boruak zate. **2** ziang hmuahhmuah a huaptu.

mad /mæd/ *adj* (-**dder**, -**ddest**) **1** (a) aa, thluak siat: *a mad person*. (b) molh: *You must be mad to drive so fast*. **2** (infml) ~ **about/on sth/sb** duhtuk, at cih: *He is mad about her* ○ *He's mad on football* ○ *a crowd of football-mad little boys*. **3** ~ (with **sth**) (infml) lungtho tuk, thin sup thei lo: *The crowd is mad with excitement*. **4** **mad at** thinheng tuk: *She is mad at the dog for eating her shoes*. **5** ui at nat. **6** (idm) **hopping mad** ⇨ HOP¹. **like mad** rang zet/tuk: *smoke, run, work, etc like mad*. (as) **mad as a hatter/a March hare** (infml) aa, thluak hmaan lo. **mad keen (on sb/sth)** (infml) thil pakhat khat tuah paih/zuam: *She's mad keen on hockey/on Arthur Higgins*.

stark raving/staring mad ⇨ STARK.

▷ **madly** nasa takin: *madly bent on further conquest*. at thlakih: *She's madly in love with him*.

madness *n* atnak; mi-aa vekih nun: *His madness cannot be cured*.

□ **madhouse** *n* **1** hnahnok zet le thawmvang nei zetmi inn khaan: *This classroom is a madhouse*.

madman /-mən/, **madwoman** *ns* person who is insane.

madam /mædəm/ *n* **1** nunau pakhat upat nakih kawhnak: *Can I help you, madam?* **2** thu ngai lo ih vak fala note: *She is a real little madam*. **3** taksa zuar pawl hotu nunau.

Madame /mə'dɑːm US mə'dæm/ *n* (abbr **Mme**) (pl **Mesdames** /meɪ'dɑːm/) (abbr **Mmes**): *Madame*

Lee from Hong Kong.

madapple /mæd'æpl/ *n* bokbawn.

madcap *adj* [attrib], *n* (typical of a) thu ruat lo ih cangvaimi: *a complete madcap*. *adj* *a madcap adventure*.

madden /mædn/ *v* thinhengter: *It maddens me*.

▷ **maddening** /'mædnɪŋ/ *adj* thinheng za: *Her laziness is quite maddening*. **maddeningly** *adv* *He's maddeningly stupid*.

madder /'mædə(r)/ *n* a par aire ih a zaammi hram thawn tuahmi pat sen.

made *pt,pp* of MAKE¹.

Madeira /mə'dɪərə/ *n* Madeira tikulh ihsin suakmi zu-rang.

Mademoiselle /mædəmwə'zel/ French tɔŋ a si ih Miss ti thawn a bang aw, (asilole) fala no tinak a si.

Madonna /mə'dɒnə/ *n* **The Madonna** nuthiang Mary. **madonna** Mary ih zuk, lem.

madrigal /'mædrɪɡl/ *n* awnmawi tello ih sakmi hlap.

maelstrom /'meɪlstrɒm/ *n* **1** tiherrh maksak. **2** buainak nasa zet: *the maelstrom of war*.

maestro /maɪstrəʊ/ *n* (pl ~s or **maestri** /maɪstri/) awnmawi le hla ih hminthang pawl: cui pawl hmin hmai ih retmi: *Maestro Robertson* ○ *the maestri of the seventeenth century*.

Mafia /'mæfɪə; US mɑːf-/ *n* **1 the Mafia** Sicilly tikulh, Italy le Amerika ih ummi Kumpi dodaltu misual pawl: *a Mafia boss, a Mafia gang*. **2 mafia** a thupten mipi a nehkhuhthu ti ih ruahmi mi pawlkhat: *The town hall mafia will prevent this plan going through*.

▷ **Mafioso** /mæfɪ'əʊsəʊ/ *n* (pl **Mafiosi** /-si/) Mafia sungtel.

magazine¹ /'mæɡə'zɪn; US 'mæɡəzɪn/ *n* zarhtin (asilole) thlatin suahmi thu a phunphun ngannak cabu: *Time magazine, Women's magazine*.

magazine² /'mæɡə'zɪn; US 'mæɡəzɪn/ **1** meithal, cerek, hriamnam retnak hmun. **2** meithal parih cerek bawm. **3** mi zuknak kemra sungih filim retnak.

magenta /mə'dʒentə/ *adj, n* sendup puanthan buhnak.

maggot /'mæɡət/ *n* sa le cawhnawikhal parih ti a ti theitu pa-ngang: *People use maggots as bait when they go fishing*.

▷ **maggoty** *adj* pangang thawn a khatmi.

Magi /'meɪdʒaɪ/ *n* (pl) **the Magi** Naute Jesuh hnenih laksawng kengtu nisuah lam mimif pathum pawlih pun hnam.

magic /'mædʒɪk/ *n* **1** daw, dawithiamnak: *They believe that it was all done by magic*. ○ *black/white magic*. daw vek: *This soap works like magic — the stains just disappear*. **2** mitkher: *She is very good at magic; she can conjure a rabbit out of her hat*. **3** mi a hiip theimi: *the magic of Shakespeare's story; Her piano playing is*

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absolute magic!

▷ **magic** *adj* mangbangza, a t̃ha tuk: *We had a magic time today.* ○ *You got the ticket? Magic!*
magic *v* (pt, pp **magicked**) hloter: *As soon as the trouble began, his bodyguards magicked him away.*

magical /-kl/ *adj* **1** dawī thawn pehpar in: *a wizard's magical hat.* **2** mi a hiip, duh a nungmi: *a magical view over the calm waters of the bay.*
magically *adv.*

magician /mædʒɪˈʃɪən/ *n* dawithiam, mitkherthiam.
magic carpet (khuavang thuanthū sungah) a zuangih minung a phur theimi pher.

magic eye minung um le um lo sim theitu electric thil, sangka on le kharnak electric thil: *The door is opened and closed by a magic eye.*

magisterial /ˈmædʒɪˈstriəl/ *adj* **1** thu neitu upa sinak, cumi langternak: *a magisterial manner, statement, pronouncement.* **2** thu t̃hentu bawī ih tuahmi: *magisterial decisions, proceedings.*

▷ **magisterially** *adv.*

magistrate /ˈmædʒɪstreɪt/ *n* thu t̃hentu bawī: *They came up before the magistrate.*

▷ **magistracy** /ˈmædʒɪstrəsi/ *n* thu t̃hentu bawī ih hnaʔuan, thu t̃hentu bawī pawl: *He has been elected to the magistracy.*

magma /ˈmægmə/ *n* leilung sungih a tlorh a tii mi lungto.

magnanimous /mæɡˈnæniməs/ *adj* terhsiannak, ngaidamnak maksak: *He's a magnanimous person.* ○ *a magnanimous gift.*

▷ **magnanimity** /mæɡˈnɪməti/ *n* He shows great magnanimity to his opponents.

magnanimously *adv.*

magnate /ˈmæɡneɪt/ *n* milian, mi ropi: *He is a magnate among farmers.*

magnesium /ˈmæɡˈneɪt/ (*chemistry*) a alh a raangih a tleu zukzo theimi thil hak phunkhat (thir, dar, suan ti vek), mi zuk nakih tleukapnak ah tla an hman.

magnesia /mæɡˈniːʃə/ *n* thawtnak nei lo a varih a vutmi thil, sungdok si ih hmanmi.

magnesium /mæɡˈniːzɪəm; US mæɡˈniːzəm/ *n* [U] (*chemistry*)

magnet /ˈmæɡnɪt/ *n* **1** thir hiipu thir phunkhat. **2** mi a hiip theitu minung (asilole) thil: *This disco is a magnet for young people.*

▷ **magnetism** /ˈmæɡnɪtɪzəm/ *n* **1** magnet ih hnaʔuan zia. **2** nasa zet ih mi a hiip theimi: *the magnetism of a great actor.*

magnetize, -ise /ˈmæɡnətaɪz/ *v* **1** thil pakhat magnet ah tuah: *The screwdriver has been magnetized.* **2** nasa zet ih hiip: *She can magnetize the audience.*

magnetic /mæɡˈnetɪk/ *adj*: *a magnetic smile, personality.*

▷ **magnetically** /-kli/ *adv.*

magnetic field magnet thawn kulhmi hmun.

magnetic mine thir tum (asilole) tangphawlawng

a rat tikah a puak kuai theimi tipi sungih bomb.

magnetic needle kompass ih hmanmi sak le thlang a khiih theitu t̃himte.

magnetic north magnet t̃himte ih khiihmu mi saklam.

magnetic tape thir vut thawn erhmi plastic kual, aw khumnak le TV zuk khumnak ih hmanmi.

magneto /mæɡˈniːtəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ **s**) enzin khawl sungah meisa a suahtertu thilri.

Magnificat /mæɡˈnɪfɪkæt/ *n* the **Magnificat** Mary ih hla (Luka sungah).

magnificent /mæɡˈnɪfɪsnt/ *adj* a mawī zetmi, a nasa zetmi: *a magnificent place* ○ *her magnificent generosity.*

▷ **magnificence** /-sns/ *n.*

magnify /ˈmæɡnɪfaɪ/ *v* **1** tumter, kauter: *The bacteria is magnified to 1 000 times their actual size.* **2** porh: *They magnify the danger.* **3** thangt̃hat: *My soul do magnify the Lord.*

magnification /mæɡnɪfɪkeɪʃn/ *n* tumterawknak: *The object has been photographed at a magnification of x3.*

□ **magnifying glass** durbīng thlalang

magniloquent /mæɡˈnɪləkwənt/ *adj* mah le mah porh aw.

magniloquence /-əns/ *n* **magniloquently** *adv.*

magnitude *n* **1** a tum zia: *the magnitude of the epidemic was frightening.* **2** a thupit zia: *You don't appreciate the magnitude of her achievement.* **3** (*astronomy*) arsi ih tleu zia: *a star of the first magnitude.*

magnolia /mæɡˈnəʊliə/ *n* a par a raangih a hmui zetmi pangpar; ramkulh hmui par.

magnum /ˈmæɡnəm/ *n* laang khat tlem ti thawl.

magnum opus /ˈmæɡnəm ˈəʊpəs/ (*Latin*)

cangantu ih ti fuhnakkik ti ih ruah mi.

magpie /ˈmæɡpaɪ/ *n* **1** a awn celcel mi dum-rang vate, dawngkiang. **2** (a) thil khawlkhawm tu. **2** (b) t̃ong tam minung.

Magyar /ˈmæɡjaː(r)/ *n, adj* Hungary ram ih phunhnam tum bik le t̃ong.

maharaja (also **maharajah**) /ˈmɑːhəˈrɑːdʒə/ *n* India ram ih mi-uk hrin kawh nak.

▷ **maharani** (also **maharanee**) /ˈmɑːhəˈrɑːni/ maharaja ih nupi (asilole) mi-uk nunau.

maharishi /ˈmɑːhəˈrɪʃiː/ *US* məˈhɑːrəʃiː/ *n* Hindu mifim.

mahatma /məˈhɑːtmə, məˈhætmə/ *n* fimnak le nun thianhlimnak ruangih kawhnak (India ram ah) *Mahatma Gandhi.*

mahlstick = MAULSTICK.

mahogany /məˈhɒɡəni/ *n* sen-pawl pianhmang nei innsung thuamhnaw tuahnak ih a t̃ha zetmi thing hak: *I'm going to use mahogany to make the table.* **2** sen-pawl pianhmang nei: *with skin tanned to a deep mahogany.*

▷ **mahogany** *adj* *She has a mahogany skin.*

maid /meɪd/ *n* **1** nunau hnenum: *We have a maid*

to do housework. **2** (arch) fala.
 □ **maid of honour** (a) mo dinpitu rual (b) siangpahrang bawinu kiltu fala.
maiden /meɪdn/ *n* (arch) fala, nunau tleirawl.
 ▷ **maidenhood** /-hʊd/ *n* (a) fala him sinak (b) fala si caan falat caan.
maidenly *adj* duhnung le umzia mawi nun: *her maidenly shyness*.
 □ **maiden aunt** pi fala (kum upa zo mi fala).
maidenhead /-hed/ *n* (arch) fala him sinak langtertu nunau thil sinmi thil paate.
maiden speech mi pakhat khat in Parliament ih a thusim hmaisa bik.
maiden voyage tangphawlawng pakhat ih hmaisa bik a khual tlawn.
mail¹ /meɪl/ *n* ca le thil kuat pawl lakkhawm, phur, zemdarh hnaŋuan: *The letter is in the mail*. **2** (a) carek ih kuatmi ca, thil tom: *There isn't much mail today* (b) tikcu caan pakhat ih lakkhawmmi ca, thil tom: *Is there another mail in the afternoon?* Cf **POST**³.
 ▷ **mail** *v* kuat: *I will mail it to you tomorrow*.
mailer *n* ca le thil malte sannak cadip.
 □ **mail-bag** *n* ca le thil tom sannak dip khoh.
mailbox *n* ca thlaknak kuang.
mailing list ca kuat theu ding ih neihmi hmin cazin: *Please add my name to your mailing list*.
mailman /-mæn/ *n* (pl **-men** /-mən/) (US) = **POSTMAN** (**POST**³) cazemtu.
mail order carek ihsin ca thawn thil lei dan le zuar dan: *a mail-order business, a mail-order catalogue*.
mailshot *n* thil leitu hnenih kuatmi thil zuarnak thuthan.
mail² /meɪl/ *n* thir benmi ralphaw.
 ▷ **mailed** *adj* (idm) **the mailed fist** hriamnam thawn hrinhronak.
maim /meɪm/ *v* taksa thenkhat caang thei lo ko ih siatsuah: *He was maimed in the First World War battle*.
main¹ /meɪn/ *adj* **1** a thupi bik, a hrampi: *My main concern is the welfare of the children*. **2** (idm) **in the main** a zate huap in, a tam bikin: *These businessmen are in the main honest*.
 ▷ **mainly** *adv* a bikin, a hleice in: *The people in street were mainly tourists*.
main clause thu pakhat a simsuak theitu catluan (*grammar*).
main deck tangphawlawng dot tlunta ih innleng zial don.
mainframe (also **mainframe computer**) *n* a nasa zetmi kompeuta phun khat. Cf **MICRO-COMPUTER**, **MINI-COMPUTER**.
mainland /-lənd/ *n* [sing] kiangkap tikulh tivek tello ram.
main line hmun thupi pahnih karlak ih tlangleng lamzin: *the main line from London to Conventry* ○ [attrib] *a main-line train, station*.
mainline *vi, vt* (sl) rit theinak si thahri sungih

thun: *She mainlined heroin into a vein in her arm*.
mainmast tangphawlawng ih puanzar thuam thupibik.
mainsail /'meɪnsəl/ *n* puanzar thuam pi ih temcihmi hri.
mainspring **1** nazi sungih spring thirkual. **2** ti-duh-sanmi thupi bik: *Her jealousy is the mainspring of the novel's plot*.
mainstay /-steɪ/ *n* **1** tangphawlawng puanzar ih hripi bik. **2** a thupi bik, a hrampi: *Protein is the mainstay of life*.
mainstream *n* tuah dan thlur bik: *the mainstream of political thought*.
main² /meɪn/ *n* **1** (a) tidai ratnak tidawng hrampi (asilole) electric hripi bik. (b) khawpi sung hnawm luangmi ton awknak tidawngpi. **2** (arch) tipi thuanthum. **3 the mains** — *We takeover electric current from the mains*.
main³ /meɪn/ *n* (idm) **with might and main** thazaang neih hmuah in.
main brace /'meɪnbreɪs/ *n* (idm) **splice the main brace**.
maintain /meɪn'teɪn/ *v* **1** a umkeel ih kilkhawi, pehzomter: *maintain friendly relations* ○ *maintain law and order*. **2** sumpai thawn bawm, cawm: *earn enough to maintain the family in comfort*. **3** thil pakhat tha ko ih tuah, ret. *Engineers maintain the roads*. **4** a dik ti ih ŋan: *He maintained that he is innocent*.
maintenance /'meɪntənəns/ *n* [U] **1** umkeel ih ret le kilkhawinak: *the maintenance of good relations between countries*. **2** mi pakhat cawmnaŋ ding Daan ih pek termi paisa: *He has to pay maintenance to his ex-wife*.
 □ **maintenance order** paisa pek ding daan thupek.
maisonette (also **maisonnette**) /,meɪzə'net/ *n* **1** minung um thei nak innkhan. **2** inn fate.
maize /meɪz/ *n* vainim.
Maj *abbr* Major ralbawi (bo thum tlun deuh) *Maj. Smith*.
majestic /mə'dʒestɪk/ *adj* a thupimi, a rura mi: *This ship looks majestic in her new colours*.
 ▷ **majestically** /-klɪ/ *adv* rura nei zetin, thupi zetin: *She strode majestically through the palace*.
majesty /'mædʒəsti/ *n* **1** sunglawi le rura neih zetnak: *all the majesty of royal ceremonies* ○ *the majesty of the mountain scenery*. **2** Majesty siangpahrang kawhnaŋ ih hmanmi: *Your Majesty*.
major¹ /'meɪdʒə(r)/ *adj* **1** a thupi, a tum, a nasa mi: *a major road* ○ *a major operation* ○ *major problems*. **2** (awn mawi) aw peknak Key = C major, E flat major.
 ▷ **major** *v* phunsang tlawngah a hleice ih zir: *She majored in English at University*. ○ *Her major is Physics*. *Major league football*.
major² /'meɪdʒə(r)/ *n* ralbawi.

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□ **major-general** ralbawi tumpi.

majority /mə'dʒɔrəti; US -'dʒɔ:r/n **1** Mi tam sawn: *A/The majority of people seem to prefer TV to radio.* **2** hril awknak ih neh awk zat (hleih zat): *She was elected by a majority of 3500.* **3** pitling kum leitek: *The age of majority is eighteen* ○ *She reaches her majority next month.* **4** (idm) **in the majority** — a tam sawn: *Who favours the proposed changes are in the majority.* **the silent majority** mai ruahnak a simsuak ngam lotu mipi pawl.

□ **majority verdict** thu thentu tamsawn lungkimnak ih thencatmi thusuak.

make¹ /meik/ v (**made, made**) **1** (a) tuah, cangter, dinsuah: *She makes her own clothes* ○ *I made myself a cup of coffee* ○ *God made man* (b) phunkhat in phunkhat ah tuah: *glass is made into bottles.* (c) rem, timtuah: *Please make your bed before breakfast.* **2** thil pakhat thlek, siat: *The holes in the cloth were made by moths.* **3** tuahser, din: *These rules were made to protect children.* **4** ngan: *She makes a treaty with John.*

► **CANG, TUAH, LANGTER** **5** cangter: aw, hnahnok, buaithlak: *She's always making trouble (for her friends).* **6** siter: *The news made her happy* ○ *She made clear her objections* ○ *His actions made him universally respected* ○ *Can you make yourself understood in English?* ○ *The full story was never made public.* **7** hramhram ih cangter, tuahter. ○ *They made me repeat the story.* ○ *She must be made comply with the rules.* ○ *Onions make your eyes water.* ○ *Her jokes make us all laugh.* ○ *I couldn't make my car start this morning* ○ *What makes you say that?* ○ *Nothing will make me change my mind.* **8** siter cop: *You've made my nose too big* ○ *The novelist makes his heroine commit suicide at the end of the book.* **9** hril, hnaṭuan pek: *They made him king* ○ *He was made spokesman by the committee.* ○ *She made him her assistant.* **10** mi pakhat/thil pakhat cangter: *this isn't important, I don't want to make an issue of it.* ○ *Don't make a habit of it/Don't make it a habit.* ○ *She made it her business to find out who was responsible.*

► **THIL PAKHAT CANG SUAK** **11** ṭhangso, ṭhlengaw: *If you train hard, You'll make a good footballer.* ○ *He will never make an actor.* ○ *She would have made an excellent teacher.* **12** rian, ṭhahnem: *That will make a good ending to the book.* ○ *This hall would make an excellent theater.* **13** ṭluk-aw, bang-aw: *5 and 7 make 12.* ○ *A hundred pence makes one pound.* ○ *How many members make a quorum?* ○ *His thrillers make enthralling reading.* **14** siar cih: *That makes the tenth time he's failed his driving test!*

► **NGAH NEH** **15** thil pakhat ngah, co: *She makes \$15000 a year.* ○ *He made a fortune on the stock market.* ○ *How much do you stand to make?* **17** (phe kah nakah) (a) phe pakhat thawn bum ngah: *She made her ten of hearts.* (b) bumnak in mineh (c) dek cok: *It's my turn to make.* **18** (sl) nunau pakhat pawl ngah: *The guy doesn't make the girl until the last chapter.*

► **SULLAM DANGDANG PAWL** **19** tuat, ruat: *What time do you make it?/What do you make the time?* ○ *How large do you make the audience?* ○ *I make the distance about 70 miles.* **20** man, ban, feh thei: *Can your car make a hundred miles per hour?* (b) lam feh: *We've made 30 miles today.* (c) ban thei: *Do you think we'll make Oxford by midday?* *The train leaves in five minutes — we'll never make it.* ○ *I'm sorry I couldn't make your party last night.* ○ *He made sergeant in six months.* *The story made the front page of the newspaper.* **21** hmaisuang, thubur, pe siang: *Has she made you an offer for your car?* ○ *The employers made a new offer to the work force.* ○ *I made him a bid for the antique table.* **22** thil pakhat ih a thil ti thei zia simnak: *a good wine can make a meal.* ○ *It was the beautiful weather that really made the holiday.* **23** tuah zik, tuah zik vekih um: *He made as if to strike her.* ○ *She made to go but he told her to stay.* **24** ei: *We made a good breakfast before leaving.* ○ *She made a hasty lunch.* **25** n thawn kom tikah a ti can cu v ih sim duhmi thawn a bang aw: *She made a decision = She decided.* **26** (idm) **make do** = lungkim taktak a si lo nan tuah ṭulmi: *We were in a hurry so we had to make do with a quick snack.* ○ *There isn't much of it but you will have to make it do.* **make good** milian ah cang: *He made good as a businessman.* **make (something) good** kuan, liam, rulsal: *She promised to make good the loss.* ○ *The plaster will have to be made good before you paint it.* tuahsuak: *He made good his promise.* **make it** hnaṭuan hlensuah: *He has never really made it as an actor.* **make the most of** hlawk ko ih tuah, ahlawk ngah: *It's my first holiday for 2 years so I'm going to make the most of it.* ○ *She really tries to make the most of herself.* **make much of** (a) cing thei, thei thei, ṭhathnempi: *I couldn't make much of his speech — it was all in Spanish.* (b) thupit ter, uar: *He always makes much of his humble origins.* ○ *She was always made much of by her friends.* **made nothing of**: a har a bangmi olten tuahsuak. **make or break** a ṭha (asilole) a sia lam ih suahter: *The council's decision will make or break the local theatre.* ○ *It's make-or-break time for the local theatre.* **make love** ⇒ LOVE¹. **make merry** ⇒ MERRY.

27 (phr v) **make after** dawī, dum, thlun: *The policemen made after the thief.*

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make at nor, zon: *The robber made at him with a knife.*

make away with oneself mah le mah that aw.

make away with sth = MAKE OFF WITH STH.

make for hlawhtling-ter, thathnem-ter: *Constant arguing doesn't make for a happy marriage.* **be made for each other** an kaih aw zet: *Ann and Robert seem to be made for each other.* **make ... into** thleng: *We're making our attic into an extra bedroom.* **make of** theifiang: *What are we to make of her behavior?* ○ *I can make nothing of this scribble.*

make off khulrang in tlanhlo: *The thieves made off in a stolen car.*

make off with fir ih tlanpi: *Two boys made off our boxes while we're not looking.*

make out ti suak, um thei: *How did he made out while his wife was away?* ○ *How are you making out with Mary?* **make — out** thei: *What a strange person she is! I can't make out what she wants.*

make — out hmuthei, siarthei: *I could just make a figure in the darkness.* ○ *Can you make out what that sign says?* **make — out** ngan: *The doctor made me out a prescription.* ○ *He made out a cheque for \$10.* **make out if/wether** thei fiang: *I can't make out if she enjoys her job or not.* **make out that** ti ih sim: *He made out that he had been robbed.* **make out to be** ruat bangtuk: *She's not as rich as people make her out to be.*

make — over pakhat khat ah thleng: *The ground floor has been made over into a workshop.* **make — over** midang pek: *He has made over the whole property to his son.*

make up hmai ceimawi: *She spent an hour making up before the party.* ○ *She's always heavily made up.* **make... up** (a) tuahmi, finkhawm mi: *Animal bodies are made up of cells.* ○ *Society is made up of people of widely differing abilities.* (b) retkhawm: *She made up a basket of food for the picnic.* ○ *He makes up a bundle of clothes for sale.* (c) phun dangdang rawi ih tuah: *The doctor made up the prescription.* (d) hnipuan ih thit: *Can you make up this dress length for me?* (e) ikkhun timtuah: *We made up the bed in the guestroom for our guest.* (f) zanthing bet: *The fire needs making up.* (g) mawṭaw lamzin hakter. (h) ca nam dingih timtuah. (i) phuah: *Stop making things up.* ○ *Making up a story.* (j) kimter: *We have 10 players, so we need one more to make up the team.* (k) rul, kuan: *You must make up the time you wasted by working late tonight.*

make up for airawl: *Hard work can make up for a lack of intelligence.*

make up for (for sth) sam kir: *How can I make up for the way I've treated you?*

make up to tlon: *He's always making up to the boss.*

make it up to kuansal: *Thanks for buying my ticket—I'll make it up to you later.*

make up tawh-awknak banter: *Have they made it up yet?*

make up one's mind ruatcat: *I've made up my mind not to smoke anymore.*

make with (US sl) zamrangten tuah, pek: *Make with the beers, boy!*

make it with (sl) nunau pakhat pawl ngah: *Terry made it with Sharon on the back seat of his car.*

□ **make-believe** n zum awkter, thinlung ih suangtuah, ruahmi: *He lives in a world of make-believe.*

make-up n 1 hmaihnih: *Her make-up is smudged.* 2 (a) mi pakhat ih zia: *Jealousy is not part of his make-up.* (b) kaihkhawm: *We've to change the make-up of the committee.* 3 [C] cahmai parih canganmi pawl tuah remṭhat.

make² /meik/ n 1 thil pakhat sersiam zia: *He has a coat of excellent make.* 2 thiltuahnak hmun, hrampi: *What make of radio is it?* ○ *There are cars of all makes.* 3 (idm) **on the make** (a) maihrang ngah nakih zuam. (b) nupa pawl awk duh ih lem rero.

maker /'meikə(r)/ n 1 *the Maker, Our Maker, sersiamtu; Pathian.* 2 thil tuahtu: *a dressmaker.* 3 (idm) **meet one's Maker** thi.

makeshift /'meikweit/ n & adj a laangte ih hman sungmi: *use empty crate as a makeshift.*

make-weight /'meikweit/ n 1 cuai tahmi a kimnak dingih betmi. 2 betmi, ṭhelhbawh, man nei lemlo thil, asilole minung.

making /'meikɪŋ/ n (idm) **the making of** tuahser, remṭha, ṭhangso lai: *These two years of hard work will be the making of him.* **have the makings of** hung pitlinnak hrangih ṭulmi si-nak pawl: *She has the makings of a good lawyer.* **in the making** ṭhang rero; tuahser lai: *This novel is the work of a writer in the making.*

mal- (ṭongfang bet a um ṭul) a sia, a famkim lo: *maladjusted, maladministration, malfunction, malnutrition.*

malachite /'mæləkatt/ n ceimawinak le hlawnthil ih hmanmi lunghring.

maladjusted /'mælədʒʌstɪd/ adj thinlung famkim lo ruangah kiangkap le midang thawn umtlang theilo: *This is a school for maladjusted children.*

▷ **maladjustment** /'mælədʒʌstmənt/ n.

maladministration /'mælədʒmɪni'streɪʃn/ n uk awk dan dik lo, ṭawnṭai.

maladroit /'mælə'drɔɪt/ adj fimkhur lo: *His handling of the negotiations was maladroit.* Cf ADROID.

▷ **maladroitly** adv. **maladroitness** n [U].

malady /'mælədi/ n natnak: *Violent crime is one of the maladies afflicting modern society.*

malaise /'mæleɪz/ n nuam cuca lo ih um, natnak cekci sim theih lo: *You can see signs of malaise*

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malapropism

in our office.

malapropism /'mæləprɒpɪzəm/ *n* tɔŋfang hmanrawi sual ruangih hnihsuak a cangmi: eg 'an ingenious (for ingenious) machine for peeling potatoes'.

malaria /mə'leəriə/ *n* khurh nat.

▷ **malarial** *adj*.

malcontent /mælkəntent/ *n, adj* lungkim ti nei lo, mi dodal hman: *All the trouble is being caused by a handful of malcontents.*

male /meɪl/ *adj* **1** apa, mipa. **2** pang-par a par na'n, ci nei lo. **3** electric le thilri hrek khat ah a vun sawhtu.

▷ **male** *n* a pa, mipa.

□ **male chauvinism** nunau hnakin kan cuang deuh ti ih mipa hrekkhat ih thleidan nei thuruahnak. **Male chauvinist** cu vek minung: *She was very angry at his sexist remarks that she called him a male chauvinist pig.*

male voice choir mipa lawnglawng ih sakmi hlarem.

malediction /mæli'dɪkʃən/ *n* thlalet cam, siatserh.

malefactor /mæli'fæktə(r)/ *n* thilsual tuahtu, misual: *Malefactors will be pursued and punished.*

maleficent /mə'lefisnt/ *adj* thilsual tuah.

▷ **maleficence** /-sns/ *n* [U].

malevolent /mə'levələnt/ *adj* midang parih thil sual tuahduh.

malformation /mælfɔ:'mɔɪʃən/ *n* taksa um dan pangsual, kim lo: *This treatment could result in malformation of the arms.*

▷ **malformed** /mælfɔ:'md/ *adj* pianhmang siat, pangsual.

malfunction /mælfʌŋkʃən/ *v* thaten tʉan thei lo, cangvai thei lo.

▷ **malfunction** *n* [C, U] (*fml*) thaten a tʉan thei lo, a cang thei lo mi: *a major malfunction.*

malice /mælis/ *n* 1 midang siatnak tuah duhnak thinlung: *She did it out of malice.* **2** (idm) **with malice aforethought**: tumtahnak um cia ih sual tuah.

▷ **malicious** /mə'liʃəs/ *adj* midang siatsuah duhnak: *It's a malicious act.* **maliciously** *adv*. **maliciousness** *n*.

malign /mə'lain/ *v* thangsia: *They maligned an innocent person.*

malignant /mə'liɡnənt/ *adj* **1** midang siat ter duhnak: *It's a malignant attack.* **2** thih theih nat: *A malignant cancer.*

▷ **malignancy** /-nənsɪ/ *n*.

malignantly *adv*.

malinger /mə'liŋɡə(r)/ *v* hnaʉan zuamlo ruangih na-awter.

malingering *n* a na-awter mi.

mall /mæl, mə:l/ *n* (*esp* US) dawr hmunpi: *a shopping mall.*

mallard /mæla:d; US 'mælərd/ *n* hramlak rampai.

malleable /mæliəbl/ *adj* **1** ser a olmi (thir). **2** zirh

a olmi (nuncan): *The young are more malleable than the old.*

mallet /'mælt/ *n* thingbel bunmi sobul.

mallow /'mæləʊ/ *n* a rang le sendup par nei, a hnge le hnah a hmulmi hrampi.

malmsey /'ma:mzi/ *n* [U] Greece, Spain, Madeira ram pawl ih suakmi zu thlum.

malnourished /mæl'nʌrɪʃt; US 'nɜ:-/ *adj* ei-in thalo ruangih ʉawnʉai.

malnutrition /mælnju:'trɪʃn; US -nu:-/ *n* rawl dik ei ngah lo, rawl khop lo ruangih natnak: *Children are suffering from malnutrition.*

malodorous /mæl'əʊdərəs/ *adj* rimsia, a thumi.

malpractice /mæl'præktɪs/ *n* a dik lo zawngih thil tuah, mai hnaʉan thaten tʉan lo: *Lawyers and doctors are sued for malpractices.*

malt /mɔ:lt/ *n* **1** zu hrangih ciah ih pho romi fang, sangvut. **2** Whisky zu: *an excellent 12-year-old malt.* ○ *malt whisky.*

malt *v*. **malted** *adj*.

Maltese /mə'ti:z/ *n, adj* Malta mi, Malta tɔŋg.

□ **maltese cross** a zim pali a can awmi thinglamtah.

maltreat /mæl'tri:t/ *v* saʉil le minung parah tuahsiat, hrem.

maltreatment *n* the man's maltreatment of his dog.

mama /mə'ma:/ *n* (Brit) mi upa deuh pawl ih hmanmi nu kawhnak.

mamba /'mæmbə/ *n* turnei Afrika rul (a dum/a hring).

mamma /'ma:mə/ *n* (US) Amerika um Italy le Judah mi pawl ih nu kawhnak.

mammal /'mæml/ *n* hnawifawh ramnung: *Man belongs to mammals.* **mammalian** *adj*.

mammary /'mæməri/ *adj* pawhte thawn a pehpar mi: *the mammary gland.*

mammon /'mæmən/ (also **Mammon**) *n* a sia, a diklo ti ih ruahmi lennak pathian khawsia, tangka: *those who worship mammon*, tangka lawng a ruatmi duhham tuk pawl.

mammoth /'mæməθ/ *n* khuahlan ih a rak ummi vui tumbik phun. **mammoth** *adj* a tumzet, a nasa zet mi: *It's a mammoth project.*

mammy /'mæmi/ *n* (US) **1** nauhak pawl ih nu kawhnak. **2** mirang naute umtu midum hnen-um kawhnak (a tu ahcun an ngaih nawn lo).

man ¹ /mæn/ *n* (*pl* **men**) **1** mipa upa zo: *clothes for man.* **2** minung: *All man must die.* ○ *Growing old is something a man has to accept.* **3** milai: *man is mortal.* **4** pasal, duhmi tlangval: *Her man has been sent overseas.* **5** mi kuthnuai hnaʉan mipa pawl: *The manager gave the men their instructions.* **6** mipa hnen-um: *My man will drive you home.* **7** phunsang tlawng pakhat ih rakkai dahmi: *He's a Cambridge man.* **8** rualpiʉa kawhnak: *Be quiet, man.* hngakhlapmi kawh auhnak: *Hey, man, are you coming?* **9** pa ralʉa, thil ti thei: *Be a man.* **10** kei cangnak

(chess) ih *thawnmi thil fate: John captured all Tom's men.* **11** (idm) **an angry young man** ⇒ **ANGRY**. **as good, etc as the next man** ⇒ **NEXT**¹. **as one man** zapi lungkimten: *The staff speaks as one man on this issue.* **be sb/s man** a kaih ciah: *If you need a good driver, he's your man.* **be man enough** pacangtha, raltha: *You're not man enough to fight me!* **be one's own man** = mahte thuruat thei: *He's his own man, but he doesn't ignore advice.* **be twice the man/woman** ⇒ **TWICE**. **the child is father of the man** ⇒ **CHILD**. **dead men's shoes** ⇒ **DEAD**. **dead men tell no tales** ⇒ **DEAD**. **a dirty old man** ⇒ **DIRTY**. **every man for himself (and the devil take the hindmost)** (saying) mai duhzawng, mai himnak lawng an ruat ciar: *In business, it's every man for himself.* **everyman jack** mi pakhat ciar: *Every man jack of them ran off and left me!* **the grand old man** ⇒ **GRAND**. **hit a man when he's down** nehcia mi thuat bet. **the inner man** ⇒ **INNER**. **make a man** pacan ter: *The army will make a man of him.* **a man about town** kawsung puai hmun kip ih langmi. **man and boy** nauhak in upat tiang: *He has worked for the company, man and boy, for 30 years.* **the man in the street** mi zaran vualvo. **a man of God** (fml or rhet) Pathian hnațuan (pastor). **a man/woman of parts** ⇒ **PART**¹. **the man of match** a tha bikih lektu. **a man of straw** santlai lo. **a man/woman of his/her word** ⇒ **WORLD**. **a man/owman of the world** ⇒ **WORLD**. **man to man** langfiang tein: [attrib] *a man-to-man talk.* **a marked man** ⇒ **MARKED**². **the odd man/one out** ⇒ **ODD**. **the poor man's sb/sth** ⇒ **POOR**. **sort out the men from the boys** ⇒ **SORT**². **time and tide wait for no man** ⇒ **TIME**¹. **to a man, to the last man** an zaten: *They were killed, to the last man, in the battle.* **be one's young man** mahte thuruat khawkhawng thei: *He's his own man, but he doesn't ignore advice.* **one's young lady/young man** ⇒ **YOUNG**. ▷ **man** interj (esp US) uarnak asilole lakhruak ih kawhnak: *Man! that's great.* **-man** tongfang pakhat a dungah a um: *postman, Irishman.* **-manship** sportsmanship, chairmanship. □ **man-at-arms** hriamnam keng ralkap. **man-eater** kiosa, pawpi; (fig) fala mawi: *My sister is a real man-eater.* **man Friday** zungih terhfialmi mipa hnațuan. **manhole** lamzin ih um minung luhnak sangka fiak. **man-hour** mi pakhat ih nazi pakhat hnațuan. **man-hunt** misual kai dingih hawnak: *The police have a man-hunt for the robbers.* **man of letters, woman of letters** canganthiam, casiar tam. **man-made** adj tuahmi, tuahcop; artificial. **man-of-war** n ram pakhat ih tipar ralkap tangphawlawng.

manpower n hnațuantu um zat: *There's a shortage of manpower in our industry.* **mansize (mansized)** adj mipa tawkih tuahmi, a tum deuhmi: *a mansize handkerchief.* **manservant** n mipa hnen-um. **manslaughter** n tumtah cia nak um lo ih mi a thattu. **mantrap** minung awknak thang.

NOTE ON USAGE: **Man** can be used, in a similar way to **mankind**, to mean 'all men and women'. Many people consider this biased against women and avoid it by using **humanity**, **the human race** (singular) or **humans**, **human beings**, **people** (plural).

man² /mæn/ v minung bet tahrat in tuanho lak, kimter: *The girls will man the telephone switchboard till we get back.*

manacle /mænəkl/ n **1** kut ke temnak thir cikcin. **2** temtawntu, khamtu: *Illiteracy is manacle to success.* v kut ke tem.

manage /mænɪdʒ/ v **1** (a) tuanho la, uk, hruai, hoha: *You need experience to manage a business.* ○ *He manages a shop.* (b) kilkhawi, zohtha: *Can you manage your children well?* **2** (a) nung thei, ti thei: *I just can't manage on £50 a week.* ○ *In spite of these insults, she managed not to get angry.* (b) tuah suak thei: *Despite his disappointment, he managed a smile.* ○ *Even a school boy could manage a better story than that.* ▷ **manageable** adj tawrel theih, uk theih: *That is a business of manageable size.*

□ **managing director** hnațuan bur pakhat uktu, hohatu.

management /mænɪdʒmənt/ n pawlkom hnațuan hohanak, kaihhrainak, tawrelnak: *The failure was caused by bad management.* **2** hnațuan hotu hmuahmuah: *The management is considering closing the factory.* ○ *There's a joint consultation between workers and management.* **3** minung pawl pehtlaih thiamnak: *She gets them to accept these changes by tactful management.*

manager /mænɪdʒə(r)/ n **1** (a) uktu, kaikhawmtu, hohatu, tawreltu: *He's a shop manager.* (b) lekthiam, hlasakthiam pakhat khat kiltu, zirhtu, tawrel saktu: *He's Mr Ali's manager.* (c) mi lek pawl hohattu: *Robert is the England football manager.* **2** minung, paisa, innsang tivek pawl kilkhawi theitu; lairel thiam tu: *She's not a good manager, she spends more money than she earns.* ▷ **managerial** /mænədʒɪəriəl/ adj uk, hruai, hohatnak: *He has the managerial skills.*

manageress /mænɪdʒə'res/ n dawr, riahbuk tivek pawl hohatu nunau.

mandarin /mændərɪn/ n **1** Mandarin, Tuluk ram ih hman mi tlangtong. **2** Tuluk ram ih bawi upa. **3** a har zawngih cangantu bawi upa. **Whitehall**

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mandate

mandarins mirang bawi upa pawl. **4 mandarin orange** a pum a tee mi dawhhlei phunkhat. **5** [C] **mandarin duck** a thla a tleu ih a pum a fate mi Tuluk rampai.

mandate /mændet/ *n* **1** (a) tlunlam ihsin pekmi thuneihnak: *Our election victory has given us a mandate to reform the economy.* (b) thupek, fialmi: *The government gave the police a mandate to reduce the crime.* (c) *v* ram pakhat hnen ah pekmi uk theinak: *Britain was mandated to govern the former colony of E. Africa.* *adj* the mandated territory.

mandatory /mændətəri/ *US* -tɔːrɪ/ *adj* daan upadi ih phutmi, tuah tɔl tengteng mi: *Attendance is mandatory at all meetings.*

mandible /mændɪbl/ *n* **1** khabe ruh. **2** vate hmur tlunlam tanglam pakhat khat. **3** cucuk kharbawp pawl thil keunak ih an hmanmi tlunlam kharuh phir.

mandolin /mændəlɪn, mændə'lin/ *n* hri 6 asilole 8 a neimi ɲingtang phun khat.

mandragora (mandrake) /mændreɪk/ *n* ihhmuh si ih hmanmi tur nei thingkung (a hram cu ai a nei tiah an rak ruat).

mandrell /mændrɪl/ *n* nitlaklam Afrika ram ih zawng meibul.

mane /meɪn/ *n* **1** tuang, tuanghmul. **2** minung ih samsau: *A young man with a thick mane hanging over his shoulders.*

maneuver (US) = MANOEUVRE.

manful /mænfɪl/ *adj* ral̩tha; thinlung khoh: *manful resistance, defence, etc.*

▷ **manfully** *adv*: *he strove manfully to overcome his speech defect.*

manganese /mæŋgəniːz/ [U] (chemistry) kahpathir le thlang tivec pawl sernak ih hmanmi mengani (a hngam ih a tleu mi thir).

mange /meɪndʒ/ *n* [U] hmulnei ramsa pawl ih vunnat.

▷ **mangy** /meɪndʒɪ/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** mange nat a tuarmi: *a mangy dog.* **2** (fig) a ɲetmi; a buarmi: *a mangy blanket, old chair.*

mangel-wurzel /mæŋgl wɜːzl/ *n* a tawba caw rawl ih hmanmi mungla phun khat.

manger /meɪndʒə(r)/ *n* **1** caw, rang rawl peknak kuang.

mangle¹ /mæŋgl/ *v* [Tn esp passive] **1** nasazet ih siatter: *the badly mangled bodies of those killed by the explosion.* **2** (fig) (of a writer, an actor, etc) (nganmi, tuahmi ti vek pawl) napi'n siatsuah: *a mangled translation.* ○ *The symphony was dreadfully mangled.*

mangle² /mæŋgl/ *n*

mango /mæŋgəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ es or ~ s) (a) hai: [attrib] *mango chutney*, ie hai kuh thawn tuahmi rawl hmeh.

mangrove /æŋgrəʊv/ *n* cirh ah a kho ih a kung par in hram a thlai thluithlimi thingkung.

mangy ⇒ MANGE.

manhandle /mænhændl/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn.pr] minung thazang hmangih (thil) thawn: *We manhandled the piano up the stairs.* **2** [Tn] (mi) tuah siat: *The drunk had been manhandled by a gang of youths.*

manhood /mænhud/ *n* [U] **1** pacang: *reach manhood.* **2** pacang sinak pawl, eg ral̩thatnak, fimkhurnak tivec: *Have doubts about one's manhood.* **3** mipa pawl a zate huapin (a bikin ramsungmi): *Our nation's manhood died on the battlefield.*

mania /meɪniə/ *n* **1** [U] (medical) thinlung thawh luarkai le cangvaih dan dik lo ih a langmi thluak dik lo; at nat. **2** [C] ~ (for sth) (infml) atcih khop ih duhtuknak, zuam tuknak: *have a mania for sweets, for collecting things.*

▷ **maniac** /meɪniæk/ *n* mi aa. **2** (derog or joc) (a) (thil) duhtuk luarkaimi: *She's a football maniac.* ○ *He's a sex maniac.* (b) khaw ruat lo-mi; mi hmukhmak; mi hruphrap: *That maniac drives too fast.*

maniacal /mə'niækəl/ *adj* (fml) **1** ɲihnung zawngih aa: *maniacal behaviour.* **2** (derog or joc) a luarkai ih zuam tukmi: *He's maniacal about sex.* **maniacally** /mə'niækəl/ *adv*.

-mania *comb form* (forming *ns*) at zia, ciang kuan lonak phunkhat khat: *kleptomania* ○ *nymphomania.*

▷ **-maniac** (forming *ns* and *adjs*) (person) mania phun khat khat a ngahtu: *dipsomaniac* ○ *pyromaniac.*

manic /mænik/ *adj* lungawi riahsiat tu le tu a thleng awmi; ɲap thul-hni thul (milai).

□ **manic-depressive** *n* (medical) manic a neitu.

manicure /mænikjʊə(r)/ *n* [C, U] (a) kut le tin tuamhlawmnak, ceimawinak: *have a manicure once a week* ○ *do a course in manicure.* Cf PEDICURE.

▷ **manicure** *v* [Tn] (mi pakhat ih kut le tin pawl) ceimawi: *beautifully manicured nails.*

manicurist /-kjʊərɪst/ *n* manicure hna a ɲuantu.

manifest¹ /mænɪfest/ *adj* ~ (to sb) (fml) a fiangmi le a langhnganmi: *a manifest truth, tie, difference* ○ *Sth that is manifest to all of us.*

▷ **manifest** *v* [Tn] (fml) **1** (thil pakhat) fiangte in hmuh; langter: *manifest the truth of a statement* ○ *manifest fear, hatred, etc.* ○ *She manifested little interest in her studies.* **2** ~ **itself, themselves** mah le mah langter, hmuh sak: *The symptoms manifested themselves ten days later.* ○ *Has the ghost manifested itself recently?*

manifestation /mænɪfe'steɪʃn/ *n* (fml) **1** [U] fiangte ih langternak. **2** [C, usu pl] fiangte ih thil a langtertu thusim asilole tuahnak: *This riot is only one manifestation of peoples discontent.* **3** [C] muthla, thlarau tivec langnak: *She claims to have seam manifestations of dead people in the haunted house.* **manifestly** *adv*: *The statement is manifestly false.*

manifest² /ˈmænɪfɛst/ *n* tangphawlawng, vanzamleng ti vekih a totu minung le thilri cazin: *the passenger manifest of a ship.*

manifesto /ˌmæniˈfɛstəʊ/ *n* (pl ~s or ~es) ramhruainak pati (party) pakhat khat asilole ram ukto in an uk dan le an tuah dingmi (an thannak casuak): *an election manifesto* ○ *issue a manifesto.*

manifold /ˈmæniˌfəʊld/ *adj* (fml) phun tampi; a phunphun: *a person with manifold blessings.*

▷ **manifold** *n* thildang thawi pehnak dingah ong tampi neimi thir dawng tivek pawl: *the exhaust manifold.*

manikin /ˈmæniˌkɪn/ *n* (dated) mi niam kerhkite.

Manila (also **Manilla**) /məˈnɪlə/ *n* [U] **1** (also **Manila hemp**) hri le pher tivek ih tuahmi thinghri phun khat. **2** **manila** (also **manila paper**) thil tuamnakh hmanmi manila cahnah thap: cahna hram [attrib] *manila envelopes.*

manioc /ˈmæniˌɒk/ *n* [U] thing kawlhra (cassava).

manipulate /məˈnɪpjʊleɪt/ *v* [Tn] **1** ti zia thiamnak thawn uk asilole hmang; tawngtham: *manipulate the gears of a machine* ○ *Primitive man quickly learned how to manipulate tools.* **2** fimkhur zet in asilole a dik lo zawngih uk asilole hman: *a clever politician who knows how to manipulate public opinion* ○ *She uses her charm to manipulate people.*

▷ **manipulation** /məˈnɪpjʊˈleɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] manipulate tuahnak asilole tuarnak: *His clever manipulation of the stock markets makes him lots of money.*

manipulative /məˈnɪpjʊlətɪv/ *adj* (esp derog): *manipulative skill, power, ability, etc.*

manipulator /məˈnɪpjʊleɪtə(r)/ *n* (esp derog) manipulate a tuahtu: *an unscrupulous manipulator.*

mankind /ˈmænˈkaɪnd/ *n* [U] **1** minung; mi hmuahhmuah: *an intention that benefits mankind.* **2** /mænkaɪnd/ mipa pawl (contrasted with womankind).

man-like /ˈmænlaɪk/ *adj* minung vek; minung bangmi: *a man-like creature about four feet tall.*

manly /ˈmænli/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** (a) (approv) (of a man) pacang tha sinak le pianhmang a neimi: *I've always thought he looked very manly in his uniform.* (b) (derog) (of a woman) mipa pianhmang le umdan a neimi; mipa vek a simi. **2** (approv) (of things) mipa thawn a kaihmi: *manly clothes* ○ *a manly pose.*

▷ **manliness** *n* [U].

manna /ˈænə/ *n* [U] **1** (in the Bible) Israel pawl kum 40 sung nelrawn ih an vak lai ah Pathian ih a pek haimi rawl. **2** (idm) **like manna (from heaven)** ruah lo pi ih ngahmi a thahnem zetmi laksawng: *I need that money so desperately; it was like manna from heaven when it arrived!*

mannequin /ˈmæniˌkɪn/ *n* **1** (dated) hnipuan thar zuarmi; hrukter ih dinter mi model nunau. **2**

cu vekih hmanmi minung silo in tuah copmi thil.

manner /ˈmænə(r)/ *n* **1** [sing] (fml) zia; thil tuahzia, a can zia: *the manner in which he died* ○ *I don't object to what she says, but I strongly disapprove of her manner of saying it.* ○ *Do it in a businesslike manner.* ○ *He objected in a forceful manner.* **2** [sing] midang parih tuah zia, um zia: *He has an aggressive manner.* ○ *I don't like her manner—she's very hostile.* **3** **manners** [pl] (a) mi lakih um zia: *good/bad manners* ○ *It's bad manners to stare at people.* ○ *He has no manners at all.* ○ *Aren't you forgetting your manners?* (b) tuah theu mi nunzia: *eighteenth century aristocratic manners.* **4** [sing] (fml or rhet) (of person or thing) cu vek, kha vek (minung/thilri): *What manner of man is he?* **5** (idm) **all manner of sb/sth** (fml) (mi/thil) hmuahhmuah/pohpoh: *All manner of vehicles were used: in a manner of speaking, a tawkfang tiang cu; phun dangih sim ahcun: His success is in a manner of speaking our success, too.* **in the manner of sb** calai le zung thiamnak ah mi pakhat tazawng a simi: *a painting in the manner of Raphael.* **not by any manner of means/by no manner of means** (used for emphasis) si himhrim hlah: *She hasn't won yet, (not) by any manner of means. (as/as if) to the manner born* reipi rak tuah cia/ hmuhtonnak nei cia vekin: *She isn't a practiced public speaker, but she faced her audience as (if) to the manner born.*

▷ **mannered** *adj* cangan le thusim tivek ah lamdang zet ih thil timi: *Her prose is far too mannered and self-conscious.*

-mannered (forming compound adjs) zia pakhat khatte nei: *ill-mannered, well-mannered, rough-mannered.*

mannerism /ˈmænərɪzəm/ *n* **1** [C] nunzia ah a cang zo mi a lamdangzet mi simzia, um zia ti vek pawl: *an eccentric with many old mannerisms.* **2** [U] (derog) calai le zung thiamnakah a luarkai zawngih thil ti: *painting that is not free of mannerism.*

mannish /ˈmæniʃ/ *adj* (derog) **1** (of a woman) mipa vekih umzia le pianhmang a neimi. **2** (of things) nunau hnakin mipa thawn a kaih sawnmi: *a mannish jacket, voice, walks.*

▷ **mannishly** *adv.* **mannishness** *n* [U].

manoeuvre (US **maneuver**) /məˈnuːvə(r)/ *n* **1** (military) (a) [C] ralkap bur cangvaihna, raldo dingih fehnak: *a flanking manoeuvre*, =ral pawl kap hnih ih nor. (b) manoeuvres [pl] ralkap bur pawl, ral tangphawlawng pawl timtuah cangvaihna: *The army is on manoeuvre in the desert.* **2** [C] (a) thiam zet le ralring zet ih thil ti: *A rapid manoeuvre by the driver prevented an accident.* (b) [C] (usu fig) (hrokhrawl le depde) in thiam zet ih thil ti, cangvaihna: *This was a crafty manoeuvre to outwit his pursuers.*

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maneuver

○ *These shameful manoeuvres were aimed at securing his election.*

maneuver (US) **manoeuvre** (Brit) *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] (cause sth to) ralringte le thiam zet ih cangvai: *He is appreciated for his skill in maneuvering a motorcycle.* (b) thiam zet fim zet ih midang kaihhrui: *She maneuvered her friends into positions of power.* **2** *The ship is maneuvering in the Atlantic.* **maneuverable** *adj.* **maneuverability** *n.*

manometer /mənɒmɪtə(r)/ *n* ti le tikhu tahnak thilri hmangih a thenkhat midang a tuahter.

manor /mænə(r)/ *n* **1** lo kaupi (a thenkhat lo neitu in a tuah ih a then khai midang a tuahter). **2** (a) **manor-house** a kiangkap ah hmun kaupi a ummi inn tumpi. (b) cui hmun le ram. **3** (Brit sl) palik hrekhat tuanvo an laknak hmun.

▷ **manorial** /mənɔːriəl/ *adj* of a manor (1,2).

manpower /mænpaʊə(r)/ *n* **1** hnaʔuan (asilole) a um thei zatzat minung: *There's not enough manpower to staff the hospitals.* **2** minung thazaang ih tuahmi: *This treadmill is driven by manpower rather than water-power.*

manque /mɒŋkeɪ/ *adj* (French) hnaʔuan pakhat tuah thei a si ko nan a tuah suak lo: *a teacher manque.*

mansard /mænsaːd/ *n* thuah hnih cingcuang luangkhum (a tlunta a hrap deuh).

manse /mæns/ *adj* Pastor inn (a hleice in Scotland ram ah an hmang).

mansion /mænʃn/ *n* inn tumpi le ʔha zet.

Mansions Innluan: 49 Victoria Mansions, Grove road, London.

manslaughter ⇒ MAN.

mantel /mæntl/ *n* (dated) mantelpiece.

mantelpiece /mæntlpiːs/ *n* rapcung.

mantilla /mænˈtɪlə/ *n* lu le liang khuh puan te (a hleice in Spain nunau pawl ih hmanmi).

mantis /mæntɪs/ *n* a hmailam kehni thlacam vekih a ummi kharbaw.

mantle /mæntl/ *n* **1** (a) baan neilo kor fualpi. (b) khuh: *hills with a mantle of snow.* **2** hnaʔuan thupi pakhat ih ʔuanvo pawl: *He assumed the mantle of supreme power.* **3** mei-innpi (Gaslight) meica. **4** (geology) leihak tanglam ih a muril tuamtu leilung.

manual /mænjuəl/ *adj* kut ih tuah: *making small models requires manual skills* ○ *manual labour, manual gear-box.*

▷ **manual** *n* **1** theihnak le tidan pawl ngannak cabu: *A workshop manual gives instructions for repairing your car.* **2** kut ih tummi awnmawi organ. **manually** /-juəli/ *adv.*

manufacture /mænjuˈfæktʃə(r)/ *v* **1** thil tampi cet thawn suah: *They manufacture shoes, cements, etc.* **2** phuahcop: *She manufactured a false story to hide the facts.*

▷ **manufacture** *n* **1** [U] tuaknak, suahnak: *Goods of foreign manufacture.* **2** **manufactures** [pl]

tuahmi, suahmi thil pawl.

manufacturer *n* thil pawl tuahtu, suahtu.

manumit /mænjuˈmɪt/ *n* thlah, sal thlah.

manure /mæˈnjuə(r)/ *n* dawm (zun, ek, hnahtawt in).

manuscript /ˈmænjuskript/ *n* (abbr **MS**) **1** kut ih nganmi. **2** cabu ngantu ih kutngan, asilole, khawl ih sutmi a sinan cabu ah a suakhrih lomi: *submit a manuscript to an editor.* **3** (idm) **in manuscript** cabu dingih sut hrih lomi: *Her poems are still in manuscript.*

Manx /mæŋks/ *adj, n* Man tikulh, a minung, ʔong. ▷ **manx** *n* [U] language of the Isle of Man.

□ **Manx cat** *n* mei neilo zawhte phunkhat.

Manxman /-mən/, **Manxwoman** *ns* Man tikulh sung minung.

many /ˈmeni/ *n* **1** minung asilole thil tampi: *How many children have you got?* ○ *Many of the students were from China.* **2** **many a** — tampi: *Many a strong man has been weakened before such a challenge.* ○ *I have been to the tower many a time.* **3** *vei tampi: Many's the time that I heard him use those words.*

many-sided *adj* kap tampi: *We are faced with a many-side problems.*

Maori /ˈmaʊri/ *n* **1** New Zealand ram tualsuak mihnam. **2** cui pawl ih ʔong.

map /mæp/ *n* **1** (a) ram zuk: *a map of France* ○ *I'll draw you a map of how to get to my house.* (b) van ih arsi pawl umnak langtertu zuk. (c) mi pakhat thupi zet ih canternak: *Her performance in that play really put her on the map as an actress.*

map *v* **1** ram zuk suai, ram zuk sungih telh: *It's unexplored country that has not yet been mapped.*

2 **map out** (a) timtuah; tawrel: *He has already mapped out his future career.* (b) simfiang: *She mapped out her ideas on the new project.*

□ **map-reader** ramzuk zoh ih lamzin thluntu: *He's a good map-reader.*

maple /ˈmeɪpl/ *n* inn saknak le thuamhnaw ih hmanmi thing phunkhat (Canada ram ai-awhtu thingkung).

□ **maple sugar, maple syrup** maple thingkung in a suakmi thil thlum.

maquis /ˈmækiː; US ˈmɑːkiː/ *n* **the maquis** or **the Maquis**: ralpi veihnih lai ah France ram sungih German pawl dotu French thupte-ralkap ralʔha pawl.

mar /maː(r)/ *v* **1** siatsuah: *Nothing happened to mar the old man's happiness.* **2** (idm) **make or mar** hlawhtlin lole sunral: *His handling of the crisis could make or mar his career.*

Mar abbr March: 1 Mar 1970.

Marabou /ˈmæɹəbuː/ *n* **1** [C] Africa nitlak lamih um ngathur vapi rang. **2** [U] thil ceimawinak ih hmanmi cui vapi thlahmul.

maraschino /ˈmæɹəʃkiːnəʊ/ *n* (pl ~s) **1** [U] cherry rah dum ihsin tuahmi zu. **2** [U] cui zu ih hnimm

- cherry.
- marathon** /ˈmæɾə(r)ən/ *n* **1** (also **Marathon**) (peng 26 asilole Km 42) hlat tlan zuam awknak: *She won the gold medal in the women's marathon at this year's Olympic Games.* **2** (fig) tuar har zetmi hnatuan pakhat: *My job interview was a real marathon.*
- marauding** /məˈrɔːdɪŋ/ *adj* [attrib] minung do ding le thilri fir dingih a fehmi (ralkap pawl): *The country side was overrun by marauding bands.*
- ▷ **marauder** /məˈrɔːdə(r)/ *n* cu vek a tuahtu minung (asilole) ramsa.
- marble** /ˈmɑːbl/ *n* **1** [U] ca telnak ih hmanmi lunghak: *These steps are made of marble.* **2** **marbles** [pl] marble ih tuahmi khanlung, lem pawl. **3** (a) [C] nauhak pawl leh-nakih an hmanmi saiolum, pumtek. (b) **marbles** [pl] cui leh-nak: *Let's have a game of marbles.*
- ▷ **marble** *adj* [attrib] (fig) marble vek: *marble skin* (a ngo ih a nal mi vun) ○ *marble heart* (thinlung hakzet).
- marbled** /ˈmɑːbld/ *adj* marbled vek pianhmang phunphun nei, a rin awmi: *a book with marbled covers.*
- marbling** /ˈmɑːblɪŋ/ *n* [U] cahnah parih marble vek umzia tuah daan.
- marcasite** /ˈmɑːkəsɪt/ *n* [C, U] lung mankhung phun dangdang thawn tuahmi ceimawi awknak thil: *a marcasite ring.*
- March** /mɑːtʃ/ *n* **1** [U, C] (abbr **Mar**) kumkhat sungih a thlathumnak.
- march**¹ /mɑːtʃ/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] ralkap pawl vekin kekar bangrep ih feh: *The army has marched thirty miles today.* (b) [I, Ipr, Ip] tumtahnak nei ih feh: *She marched in and demanded an apology.* (c) [Tn-pr, Tp] feh ter: *They marched the prisoner away.* **2** (idm) **get one's marching order** (infml or joc) feh dingih thupek: *She was totally unreliable, so she got her marching order.* **3** (phr v) **march past** — ralkap bur upa hmai ih feh-lan.
- ▷ **marcher** *n*: *freedom marchers* ○ *civil rights marchers.*
- march**² /mɑːtʃ/ *n* **1** (a) [C] kekar bangrepten feh tlang: *a ten mile march.* (b) cuti in feh ih pannak: *their steady march towards the enemy.* **2** [C] miburpi feh khawm: *a peace march.* Cf DEMONSTRATION **3**. **3** [C] a bur ih feh pawl hrangih ngansakmi awnmawi: *military marches* ○ *a dead march* (mithi thlah hrangih tuahmi aw thluk). **4** [sing] **the march of** thangso, hmainor: *the march of progress/events/time.* **5** (idm) **on the march** — a bur ih feh: *The enemy are on the march at last.*
- marches** /mɑːtʃ/ *n* [pl] ramri; a hleice in England le Scotland, England le Wales ramri.
- marchioness** /ˈmɑːʃənes/ *n* (a) England ramih mi-uk bawi marquis ih nupi, cui nuhmei. (b)
- marquis tluk a simi nunau bawi upa.
- Mardi Gras** /ˈmɑːdɪ ˈɡraː/ Jesuh an kaihl hlan nihnih (Shrove Tuesday) hngilhlonak ih tuahmi biaknak puai.
- mare**¹ /ˈmeə(r)/ *n* **1** rangnu, laaknu. **2** (idm) **a mare's nest**: thil hmuhsuakmi thupi zet a bangnan thulo lakih a cangmi.
- mare**² /ˈmɑːrɪ/ *n* (pl **maria** /ˈmɑːrɪə/) (astronomy) hlanlai ah tiffinriat ti ih ruahmi thlapi (lole) mars parih thimnak (a dumnak) zawn.
- margarine** /ˈmɑːdʒəˈrɪn/ US ˈmɑːrdʒərɪn/ (also *Brit infml* **marge** /ˈmɑːdʒ/) *n* [U] sathau asilole thingrah thau thawn tuahmi thawphat bangtuk hmei.
- margin** /ˈmɑːdʒɪn/ *n* **1** (a) cahnah parah nganlo ih a kap zuahmi: *wide/narrow margin.* (b) a zim, a ri: *the margin of a lake, a pool, etc.* **2** (a) nehnak zat: *a wide margin between the winner and the loser* ○ *She won the seat by a margin of ten votes.* (b) hmun a fiak le kau ih zuahmi: *leave a good safety margin between your car and the next.* **3** (commerce) thilri leinak man le zuarnak man a dan awknak; a hlawk: *a business operating on tight margins.*
- ▷ **marginal** /-nl/ *adj* **1** [attrib] cahnah rin a kap zuahmi sungah: *a marginal remarks.* **2** fate, dimte, malte: *There's a marginal difference between the two estimates.* **3** thupi lo, langsar lo: *This once important social group is becoming more and more marginal.* **4** ram a fecar vivo ih thlawh dingah a tha nawn lem lo mi. **5** (politics esp *Brit*) malte lawngih mi a nehtu party: *a marginal constituency.*
- marginally** /-nəl/ *adv* malte, fiakte in.
- marguerite** /ˈmɑːgəˈriːt/ *n* daisy pangpar phunkhat, a laifang a aire ih parmum rangin a tuam.
- marigold** /ˈmæɾɪɡəʊld/ *n* cinmi pangpar, par aire asilole dawhhlei pianhmang a neimi.
- marijuana** (also **marihuana**) /ˈmæɾəˈwɑːnə/ *n* [U] rit theinak ih fawhmi khuhi hnah ro phunkhat.
- marimba** /məˈrɪmbə/ *n* awnmawi tumnak thil phunkhat.
- marina** /məˈrɪnə/ *n* tipi kap ih colh hahdamnak.
- marinade** /ˈmæɾɪˈneɪd/ *n* [C, U] sa le ngasa suanhlan ih ciah tanak zu phun khat.
- marinade** (also **marinate**) *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ciahmi sa: *marinated pork.*
- marine**¹ /məˈrɪn/ *adj* **1** tipi kiangih um, tipi ruangih um, tipi sungih tonmi. eg *a marine creature, a marine plant. a marine painter*, tipi thawn pehpar in zuk suaitu. *a marine biologist*, tipi sungih nunnak hawlnak. **2** tangphawlawng, ti ralkap, tipar sumtuahnak thawn pehpar in: *marine insurance*, tangphawlawng le thilri hrangih aamakhkan, amkham.
- marine**² /məˈrɪn/ *n* **1** (a) leilung par le tipi par ih raldo dingah zirhmi ralkap. (b) **the Marines** [pl] ram pakhat ih neihmi cu vek ralkap bur.

mariner

mariner /'mæɪnə(r)/ *n* (dated or fml) tangphawlawng sung hnaṭuan.

marionette /'mæɪə'net/ *n* hridai thawn cangvaih termi lem. Cf PUPPET.

marital /'mæɪtl/ *adj* [attrib] nupi pasal thawn pehpar in, ʔit-umnak thawn pehpar in: *marital vows*, rin-um le fel ih um ding tiamkamnak; *marital problems*, nupi pasal sinak ih buainak. □ **marital status** (fml) nupi pasal a nei maw, nei hrihlo; cun nupi pasal ʔhen zomi a si maw timi dinhmun.

maritime /'mæɪtaɪm/ *adj* tipi, tangphawlawng ih khualtlawn nak thawn pehpar in: *the great maritime powers*, tipi par ralkap a neiṭha zettu ram pawl.

marjoram /'ma:dʒərəm/ *n* [U] rawlsuan tikah hmuimer hrangih hmanmi hrampi phunkhat.

mark¹ /ma:k/ *n* **1** (a) thil pakhat parih a deh, a cuk, a rin a langmi: eg *black marks on white trousers*. (b) minung asilole ramsa parih hminsinnak a langmi: eg *a mark on his right cheek* ○ *This scar is her main distinguishing mark*. **2** (a) hminsinnak asilole khiihmuhnak hrangih nganmi: eg *punctuation marks* ○ *White marks painted on the tree show the route*. (b) thil pakhat a neitu ih hminsinnak tuahmi: eg *laundry marks*. Cf TRADE MARK. **3** thinlung duhsaknak langter mi: *Please accept this gift as a mark of our respect*. **4** camipuai tuahnakih hmat pekmi: *She got 80 marks out of 100 for geography*. **5** cathiam lo mi in hminthut ai-ih an tuahmi hminsinnak. **6** Mark thilsuak thar nambat peknak: *a Mark IV Cortina*. **7** hmuise: *the arrow reached its mark and the bird fell dead*. **8** (lehnak ah) tlan zuam aw pawl thawnnak dingih rinmi. **9** (idm) **hit/miss the mark** thil pakhat tuah ih tuahsuak/ tuahsuak lo. **leave one's mark** a ʔha asilole a sia reipi daih dingih taanta: eg *War has left its mark on the country*. **make one's mark** hminthang le thil tithei ah a cang: eg *an actor who has made his mark in films*. **not feel upto the mark** nuam aw tuk lo: eg *I've got flu, so I'm not quite up to the mark*. **on your marks, get ready, go** (lehnak hotu ih thu pek). **up to the mark** tlin dingih khiah sakmi tluk: eg *Her school work isn't quite up to the mark*.

mark² /ma:k/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] hminsinnak, khiihmuhnak tuah (um): *mark one's name on one's clothes*. ○ *The route has been marked so that it is easy to follow*. **2** [Tn] thil a cangmi hminsinnak: *His death marked the end of an era*. **3** [Tn] hmatpek: *mark examination papers*. **4** [Cn-a] hmin pakhat hmai ah hminsinnak (true/false sign). **5** [Tn, Cn-n/a] thil pakhat hleicetnak, thupitnak: *These are qualities which mark the film as quite exceptional*. **6** (fml) [Tn, Tw] ralringten ngai, ʔhaten hminsinnak rak tuah: *Mark my word*. **7** [Tn] (leh-nakah) mi pakhat naihzet in um ih lek thei tuk lo dingih tuah: *Our defence*

had him closely marked throughout the first half.

8 (idm) **a marked man** ziaza ʔhat lo ruangah cawhkuan tong dingih hrimmi: *By breaking the rule of absolute secrecy, he became a marked man*. **mark time** (a) hmainer lo ih feh. (b) (fig) thil thupi deuh pakhat tuah hlanih ʔuan-keel ʔuan: *I'm just marking time in this job; I'm hoping to become an actor*. **mark you** sihman sehla; ziang a si khalle: *She hasn't had much success yet. Mark you, she does try hard*. **mark down** hmat ʔhumsak: *She was marked down because her answers were too short*. **mark down** thil man ʔhum: *all goods have been marked down by 15%*. **mark off** kham riin tuah: *We have marked the playing area off by white line*. **marked out** (esp passive) thilṭha congah dingih hril: *He was marked out for special training*. **mark up** hmat kaiter: *If we mark him up a tiny bit, he'll just get through*. **mark up** (a) thil zuar man zatek ih kai ternak: *Gasoline is marked up by 50%*. (b) thil man kaiter: *cars have been marked up recently*. ▷ **marked** /ma:kt/ *adj* a fiangmi, hmuh olmi; hminsinnak tlakmi: *a woman of marked intelligence*. **markedly** /'ma:kɪdli/ *adv* (fml) umzia theihtheih, hminsinnak tlakin: *He was markedly more pleasant than before*.

marker **n** **1** (a) hminsinnak nak petu (asilole) peknak thilri: *a marker pen*. (b) lehnak ih hmat ngahmi rak siartu. (c) camipuai tuahsaktu. **2** ʔhuam, thantar: (attrib) *a marker buoy*.

marking *n* (usu pl) vun le hmul tivek ih hminsinnak: *a dog with white markings on its chest*.

mark³ /ma:k/ *n* Germany tangka: *a one mark note*.

market¹ /'ma:kit/ *n* **1** [C] dawrpi: *She went to the market to sell what she had made*. **2** [C] pursum leilawnnak ih thilman ʔum le kai umzia: *the gold market is steady*, thilman ʔum le kai a um tuk lo. **3** [sing U] thil lei dingih cahtu: *There's not much market for these goods*. **4** [C] thilri zuarnak ding hmun ram, minung: *We must find new markets for our products*. **5** **the market** [sing] leitu pawl le zuartu pawl: *This product did not appeal to the German market*. **6** (idm) **come onto the market** zuar dingih apmi: *This house only come onto the market yesterday*. **in the market for** thil lei duhnak: *I'm not in the market for an expensive car*. **on the market** zuarmi thil pawl: *These computers are not yet on the market*. **play the market** (infml) a hlawk ngah dingah lei le zuar.

□ **market-day** *n* dawrpi onni: *Thursday is market-day in this area*.

market garden (Brit) (US **truck farm**) market ih zuar dingah hanghnah hangrah cinnak lo (hmuam).

market gardener; market gardening [U].

market hall a tlun khuhmi market hmunpi.

the market-place [sing] **1** hlawnak ih thil lei

le zuar: *Companies must be able to compete in the market-place.* **2** (also **market square**) [C] khawpi sungih thil lei le zuarnak hmunpi.
market price a man niam ih zuar dingah mipi hnenih than zo mi thil man.
market research mipi in ziang vek thil an lei duh timi zingzoinak hnañuan.
market share thilri phunkhat parah kampani pakhat ih a buaktlak ih neihmi: *Thomsons have a 48% market share.*
market town thil lei le zuarnak hmunpi unnak khua.
market value mi senpi hnenih thanmi thilri man: *offer a car at \$500 below its market value.*
market² /ma:kɪt/ *v* (a) [Tn] thil zuar: *market vegetables.* (b) thu thannak in thil zuarnak: *We need somebody to market our products to retailers in Germany.*
 ▷ **marketable** *adj* zuar theihmi thil.
marketability *adv.*
marketing *n* [U] (a) thil zuar daan. (b) kampani pakhat ih thilri zuarnak hmunñen: *Do you work in marketing?* ○ [attrib] *the marketing department.*
marksman /ma:ksmən/ *n* hmui thiam pa.
marksmanship kah thiamnak.
marl /ma:l/ *n* [U] tlak le ðhung a rawi awmi leilung (dawmah hman theih).
marlin /ma:ln/ *n* (pl unchanged) hnar zum saupi neimi tipi nga.
marmalade /ma:məleɪd/ *n* [U] dawhhelei ih tuahmi sanghnun (jam).
marmoreal /ma:'mɔ:riəl/ *adj* (fml) marble lungngil vek; a var ih a ngil zet mi vun.
marmoset /ma:məzət/ *n* meibor nei Amerika ram ih zawngte.
marmot /ma:mət/ *n* thiahhlei phunkhat.
maroon¹ /mə'ru:n/ *adj, n* [U] sendup; eg *a maroon jacket.*
maroon² /mə'ru:n/ *v* [Tn usu passive] ðuat theilo dingih taanta: *sailors are marooned on a remote island.* ○ (fig) *Without a car; she was marooned at home for days.*
maroon³ /mə'ru:n/ *n* a puak ring zetmi pukpi meithal.
marque /ma:k/ *n* (fml *approv*) thil suah ða zet hmainsinak: *the Mercedes marque.*
marquee /ma:'ki:/ *n* **1** muka thlam tumpi. **2** (esp US) innpi luhnak hmai ih hulhliap
marquetry /ma:kɪtri/ *n* [U] innsung thuamhnaw ih benmi thing, vuiho, tivek pawl.
marquis (also **marquess**) /ma:'kwɪs/ *n* mi-uk.
marram /mæ'rəm/ *n* [U] (also **marram grass**) leivawr parih keuhmi hrampi.
marriage /mæ'ri:dʒ/ *n* **1** [U, C] ðhit-umnak, neih awk: *After ten years of marriage, they are divorcing.* **2** [C] ðhit-um puai, kut-sih nak: *Her first marriage was held in St John's Church.* **3** (idm) **give in marriage** nupi dingah fanu pek.

take in marriage (fml) nupi ðhi, pasal nei.
 ▷ **marriageable** *adj* (fml) pasal neih cu; pasal neih mawi: *a woman of marriageable age.*
 □ **marriage certificate** ðhit-um nak (neih awknak) caken.
marriage guidance nu-pa te hnen ih ruahnak (fimnak) pekmi.
marriage licence ðhit-um tuahsak theinak.
marriage of convenience duhawk ruangah siloin ðhathnemnak hawl ih ðhi-aw pawl.
married /mæ'ri:d/ *adj* **1** (a) ~ (to sb) ðhi-um (nei aw zo) aw zo mi: *a married couple* ○ *He's married to a famous writer.* (a) [attrib] ðhit-umnak thawn pehpar in: *a married bliss.* **2** [pre] ~ to sth (fig) thil pakhat khat ah pumpek awk: *He's married to his work.*
marrow¹ /mæ'rəʊ/ *n* **1** [U] thlik. **2** [U] (fig) a thuknak, a sim duhsanmi: *the marrow of his statement.* **3** (idm) **to the marrow** tlang ko in a sawhkhiih: *She was shocked to the marrow by his actions.*
 □ **marrowbone** ei theihmi thlik umnak ruh. [attrib] *marrowbone jelly.*
marrow² /mæ'rəʊ/ *n* [C, U] (also Brit **vegetable marrow**, US **marrow squash**) (a) [C]
marrow squash (US) **vegetable marrow** (Brit) a sung a var ih a leng a hringmi hangrah pawl, uum ti vek pawl.
marrowfat /mæ'rəʊfæt/ *n* be pi.
marry /mæ'ri/ *v* (pt, pp **married**) **1** ðhi-um, nei aw: *She didn't marry until she was fifty.* **2** [Tn] kutsih ðhit-um (saktu): *They were married by her father, who's a pastor.* **3** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-p] thil pahniñ ðhate ih kom: *She marries wit and scholarship in her writing.* **4** (idm) **marry in haste, repent at leisure** khulrang tukih ðhit awknak cun reipi sir awknak a suahter.
marry money (infml) milian zet thawn ðhit-um.
marry into nupi sungkhar ih va cangta: *He married into the French aristocracy.* **marry-off** (fanu ih sin) luat duh ruangih fanu pasal hawl sak. **marry up** (infml) dik zet ih pehzom awkter: *the two halves of the structure didn't marry up.* (fig) *the two versions of the story don't quite marry up.*
Mars /ma:z/ *n* deirel arsi, khaw deirel; leilungpi sangtu, ni ihsin a palitnak leilungpi pakhat a si ve.
Marsala /ma:'sa:lə/ *n* [U] Sicily tikulh suak zu thlum.
marsh /ma:f/ *n* [C, U] cirh umnak hmunrawn: *We've to cross the marshes.*
 ▷ **marshy** (-ier, -iest) ciarbek tamnak: *marshy ground.*
 □ **marsh gas** = METHANE.
marshal /ma:'ʃl/ *n* **1** (usu in compounds) ralbawi tumbik (British kawh dan): *Field-Marshal Mt Battan.* **2** mipi tonkhawmnak hmuniñ kilkhawi ðuanvo neitu. **3** (US) palik bawi, asilole meithat

marshal

bawi.

marshal² /ma:ʃl/ *v* **marshall** (Brit) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] felfaiten ngaihtuah, pumkhawm: *The children were marshalled into straight lines. (fig) marshal one's thoughts.* **2** (phr *v*) hruai: *He marshalled the delegation into the presence of the queen.*

□ **marshalling yard** tlangleng le thilri retnak hmun.

marshmallow /ma:ʃ'mæləv/ *n* [C, U] a nemmi muṭhai phun khat.

marsupial /ma:'supiəl/ *n, adj* (animal) pum ih fa zawinak neimi ramsa.

mart /ma:t/ *n* (*dated*) **1** dawr hmunpi. **2** sumdawnnak hmunpi: *London is an international mart for stocks and shares.*

marten /ma:tn/; US -tn/ *n* **1** [C] hmul sendup nei ramsa fate (zinghnam, sabek le vate ei tu). **2** [U] a hmul.

martial /ma:ʃl/ *n, adj* (*fml*) ral thawn a pehpar mi: *martial music.*

□ **martial arts** judo, karate ti vek leh-nak pawl.

martial law ram pakhat ah a langte ih ummi ralkap uknak.

Martian /ma:ʃn/ *n, adj* Mars (deirel arsi) ah mi um bang sehla ti ih kawhnak.

martin /ma:tn/; US -tn/ *n* Vanzuang va phun khat. Cf HOUSE-MARTIN.

martinet /ma:tnet/; US -tn'et/ *n* (*usu derog*) thlundan fekkhoh a tuah ih thlunter ṭheh a duhtu.

Martini (also **martini**) /ma:'ti:ni/ *n* [C, U] (*propr*) zu phun (gin le vermouthe) rawimi zu.

martyr /ma:tə(r)/ **1** biaknak, zumnak ruangih thah tuar, hremtuar mi: *the early Christian martyrs.* **2** (*usu derog*) mi ih zangfah ding le uar dingah pum a pe awmi, a tuarmi, asilole cu vekih a um awtermi: *He always acts the martyr when he has to do the housework. (infml) Don't make such a martyr of yourself.* **3** a tuar ringring tu: *She's a martyr to rheumatism.*

▷ **martyr** *v* [Tn *usu passive*] martyr vekih tuar, asilole, that: *He was martyred by the Romans.*

martyrdom /ma:tədəm/ *n* [U, C] zumnak ruang ih tuarnak, thihnak: *suffer martyrdom at the stake.*

marvel /ma:vl/ *n* **1** [C] mangbangza thil: *The marvels of modern science.* **2** [C *esp sing*] a ṭha tuk, duh a nung tuk mi minung asilole thil: *He's a marvel of patience.* **3** **marvels** [pl] mangbangza thil cangsuak mi: *The doctor's treatment has worked marvels: the patient has recovered completely.*

▷ **marvel** *v* a ṭha lamih mangbang: *I marvelled at the beauty of the landscape.*

marvellous (US **marvelous**) /ma:vələs/ *adj* **1** (*infml*) a ṭha tuk: *it's a marvellous car, book, writer.* **2** mangbangza: *It's marvellous how he's managed to climb that far.*

marvellously *adv.*

Marxism /ma:ksizəm/ *n* [U] Karl Marx (1818-83) ih ram uknak le nunkhaw-saknak thu suaipi mi; milian le farah ti um lo in bangrep ṭheh ding timi Communist ruahnak ih hrampi.

▷ **Marxist** /ma:ksizəm/ *n* Marx ih thuzirhmi thluntu. — *adj*: Marx zirh mi thlun in, tha pe in: *have Marxist views* ○ *a Marxist government.*

□ **Marxism-Leninism** /-'leninizəm/ *n* [U] Lenin ih punzaiter mi Marx thu zirhnak.

Marxist Leninist *n, adj.*

marzipan /ma:zipæn, 'ma:zi:pæn/ *n* [U] almond mu le cini rawimi (miṭhai tuah nak le hmuq par ih culh dingih hmanmi).

masc *abbr* masculine. Cf FEM.

mascara /ma:'ska:ra/; US -'ska:ra/ *n* [U] mithmul hnih mi ceimawi nak thil.

mascot /'mæskət, -skot/ *n* vanṭhatnak a pe theitu ti ih ruahmi minung, ramsa, thilri: *His little son is the mascot for the local football team.*

▷ **masculine** /'mæskjulin/ *adj* **1** mipa um dan le pianhman a keng tiih ruahmi: *She looks rather masculine in that suit.* **2** (*grammar*) mipa sinak simtu ca: 'He' and 'him' are masculine pronouns.

masculinity *n* [U].

maser /'meizə(r)/ *n* microwave thlahnak le tumternak cet te.

mash /mæʃ/ *n* **1** [U] fang, vainim hnip ko suanih ṭilva rawl ih tuah mi. **2** (a) [U, C] nem ko ih phommi, rialmi. (b) [U] (*infml*) aalu hmincia phom dipmi. **3** [C, U] zu ih tuah dingah ciah mi rawl le tisa rawimi.

▷ **mash** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] phomdip, rialdip: *eg. mashed potatoes.*

masher aalu rialdipnak thil.

mask¹ /ma:sk/; US mæsk/ *n* **1** hmaiuhnak; hmaiuhrek huhnak thil: *a bank robber wearing a mask.* **2** (a) thing le cahnah thawn tuah mi hmaiuh: *a child wearing a gorilla mask.* (b) minung hmuhihmel vekih tuahcop mi. **4** sibawi le sayama pawl ih hmaiuhruk (hmur ka huhnak). **5** (*usu sing*) (*fig*) a dikmi thup, ti-ter-aw: *She masked the real purpose of her visit.*

mask² /ma:sk/; US mæsk/ *v* [Tn] **1** hmai hup: *the thief masked his face with a stocking.* **2** (*fig*) thup, ti awter: *mask one's fear by a show of confidence.*

□ **masked ball** hmaiuh hrukhih lam.

masking tape thil erhak ca: *He put masking tape round the edges of the glass while he painted the window frames.*

mosochism /'mæsəkizəm/ *n* [U] nat tuarnak asilole ningzah tuarnak ihsin ngahmi taksa diremnak (nupa sinak). Cf SADISM.

▷ **masochist** *n.* **masochistic** *adj.*

mason /'meisn/ *n* **1** lungto, tlakrawh inn sak thiam; lungto thawn hnaṭuanmi. **2** (also **Mason**) freemason.

masonry /'meisənri/ *n* [U] **1** lungto tlakrawh thawn inn sak thiamnak; lungto ih sakmi inn.

2 (also **Masonry**) *freemasonry*.

masque /mɑːsk/; US mæsk/ *n* (a) [C] awnmawi le laam thawn tuahmi lemcawn.

masquerade /ˌmɑːskə'reɪd/; US ˌmæsk-/ *n* 1 titer awknak; a dik mi thuhnak: *Her sorrow is just a masquerade.* 2 hmaihuh hrukih lam.

▷ **masquerade** *v* [I, Ipr] : *The prince masqueraded as a patient.* **masquerader** *n*.

Mass (also **mass**) /mæs/ *n* 1 [C, U] Roman Catholic khawhhran ih hmanmi Bawipa Zanriah: *go to Mass* ○ *High Mass.* 2 [C] himi hrangih timtuah mi awnmawi.

mass /mæs/ *n* 1 [C] (a) *tampi a sinan umzia fukfi neilo mi: There were masses of clouds in the sky.* (b) *tam zet: a mass of spectators, the masses of tourists.* 2 (attrib) *mipi thawn pehpar in: mass education* ○ *a mass meeting.* 3 [U] (physics) *tuar theinak ziangzat a nei ti ih thazaang khulrang thawn tah theumi taksa sungih um thil a si zat.* 4 *the masses* [pl] *ram hruiatu pawl ih hmuh daan in hnañuantu mi senpi: a revolutionary who urged the masses to overthrow the government.* 5 [sing] *mipi a tam sawn: The mass of workers do not want this strike.* 6 (idm) **be a mass of** a khat ðeh, a khuh ðeh: *The garden was a mass of colour.* **in the mass** *zate huapin: She says she doesn't like children in the mass.*

▷ **mass** *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] *tampi pumkhawm: The general massed his troops for a final attack.*

□ **mass communication, mass media** *minung tampi hnenih thuthannak le pehtlaihna: TV, Radio, thuthang ca tivek pawl.*

mass hysteria *hmakhat te ah mipi hnen a thlengmi thinlung le thahri diklo ruangih ðap, hni, ðih vekih um ciamconak.*

mass produce *khawl thawn thil tampi suah.*

mass production *khawl thawn thil tampi suahmi.*

massacre /ˌmæsəkə(r)/ *n* 1 *minung asilole ramsa tampi huatsuak zet ih thah-nak: The massacre of thousands of people for their religious beliefs.* 2 (infml) *leh-nak ah napi ih nehna: The game was a 1 0-0 massacre.*

▷ **massacre** *v* [Tn] 1 *minung asilole ramsa tampi that.* 2 (infml) *leh-nakah napi ih neh: We were massacred in the final.*

massage /ˌmæsəːʒ/; US mə'saːʒ/ *n* [C, U] *taksa hmet: The doctor recommended massage for my back pain.*

▷ **massage** *v* [Tn] *hmet.*

masseur /mæ'sɜː(r)/ *n* (fem **masseuse** /mæ'sɜːz/) *mihmet ih pumcawm hna a ðuantu.*

massif /mæ'siːf/ *n* *tlang zim tampi a tong aw mi.*

massive /ˌmæsɪv/ *adj* 1 (a) *a tum, a rit, a sah mi: a massive rock.* (b) (minung/ramsa) *ih a ritmi, a sah-mi pianhmag: the gorilla had a massive forehead.* 2 *tam zet: She drank a massive amount of alcohol.*

▷ **massively** *adv.* **massiveness** *n* [U].

mast¹ /maːst/; US məst/ *n* 1 *puan tangphawlawng ih ðuampi.* 2 *thantar thlainak ðuam.* 3 *radio le TV hrangih thir ðuam (aerial).* 4 (idm) **before the mast** (dated or rhet) *tangphawlawng hnañuan ðuan rero: He spent 10 years before the mast.*

▷ **masted** (forming compound *adjs*) *ziang vek, ziangzat ðuam a nei: a two-masted ship* ○ *a tall-masted yacht.*

□ **mast-head** *n* 1 *thangphawlawng ðuam ih a sannak bik.* 2 *thuthang ca cahmai pakhatnak ih thulu tarmi.*

mast² /maːst/ *n* [U] *vok eimi thingrah, thilrah tivek pawl.*

mastectomy /mə'stektəmi/ *n* (medical) *nunau hnawibaa hlonsaknak.*

master¹ /ˈmaːstə(r)/; US ˈmæs-/ *n* 1 *bawi, hnañuan neitu: master and servant.* Cf **MISTRESS**. 2 (attrib) *thilthiam, mahte hnañuan nei: a master carpenter, a master builder.* 3 *innsang hotu pa: the master of the house.* 4 *tangphawlawng ih bawibik (captain): He has obtained a master's certificate.* 5 *uico asilole rang neitu pa: That dog is devoted to his master.* 6 (a) (esp Brit) *ca zirhtu pa: He's a schoolmaster.* (b) *thiamnak dangdang zirhtu: a dancing-master.* 7 **Master** *phunsang tlawngih degree a pahnihnak: Master of Arts (MA), Master of Science (MSc), Master of Engineering (ME).* 8 **Master** *Mr ti ih kawh dingah a no tukmi mipa: Master Charles Smith.* 9 **Master** *phunsang tlawng (college) sayagyi.* 10 *zukuai thiam zetmi: It's a painting by a Dutch master.* 11 (a) (fml) *thil pakhat thiamsuak, neh-suak: He is master of that subject* ○ *He has made himself the master of language.* (b) *a cung cuangtu: We shall see which of us is master.* 12 *awthunnak le zuknak ih hmaisabik khui: Take the master and make 20 copies by tomorrow.* (attrib) *the master tape, film, copy, etc.* 13 (attrib) (a) *thiam hleice: This painting is the work of a master hand.* (b) *a pumpuhlum in: a master plan of the building.* (c) *a pipa bik, a hrampi: the master bedroom.* 14 (idm) **master in one's own house** *maih thuhla mahte tawlrel thei. one's own master/mistress* *zalong zet ih um: She likes being her own mistress, and not having to work for someone else.*

□ **master class** *a bikin awnmawi thiam zet in tlawngta cathiam zet pawl zirhnak.*

master-key *n* (also **pass key**) *tawhthlaih phun dangdang on thei nak tawh.*

master-key *hla sak tiki aw peknak.*

mastermind *n* *mi pawl ih tuah dingmi khurkhua a ruattu: He's the mastermind behind the project.* *v* [Tn] *ngaihtuah, fial: The massacre of the Jews was masterminded by Hitler.*

Master of Ceremonies (abbr **MC**) *tonkhawmnak hohatu.*

masterpiece *n* *ðazet ih tuahsuakmi, a hleice*

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in lem zuk thiam zettu ih tñanmi thupi bik.

master sergeant (US) ralkap senthum hnakih upa, bo ngahlo.

master-stroke *n* hlensuah thei dingih fimkhur zet ih tñan: *Setting a dispute needed a diplomatic master-stroke.*

master² /mɑːstə(r); US 'mæs-/ *v* [Tn] **1** nehsuak, uk thei: *You must be able to master your temper.*

2 thiam ngah: *She has fully master the technique.*

masterful /mɑːstəfl; US 'mæs-/ *adj* midang uk thei, midang par ih uk duhnak neiter: *a masterful person* ○ *speak in a masterful manner.*

masterfully /-fəli/ *adv.*

masterly /mɑːstəli; US 'mæs-/ *adj* thiam zet in: *their masterly handling of a difficult situation.*

mastery /mɑːstəri/ *n* [U] **1** theihnak le thiamnak nasa zet: *She showed complete mastery in her handling of the discussion.* **2** uk neh: *Which side will get the mastery?*

mastic /mæstɪk/ *n* [U] **1** sihnih dingih tuahmi thing thling. **2** ruahti zun phihnak mirang leilung phunkhat.

masticate /mæstɪkət/ *v* [I, Tn] (fml) rawl khai.

▷ **mastication** *n* [U].

mastiff /mæstɪf/ *n* a hna a tum, saumi uico tumpi.

mastitis /mæ'staɪtɪs/ *n* [U] (medical) pawh te thling nat.

mastodon /mæstədɒn/ *n* atu a um nawn lo mi hlanlai vui tumpi bangtuk ramsa.

mastoid /mæstɔɪd/ *n* hna dunglam ih ruh.

▷ **mastoiditis** /mæstɔɪdɪtɪs/ *n* [U] hna dunglam ruh thling nat.

masturbate /mæstəbeɪt/ *v* [I, Tn] mahte siseh midang siseh kut thawn zahmawh tham tahrat ih taksa diremnak pek: zanghlawt

▷ **masturbation** *n*. **masturbatory** *adj*.

mat¹ /mæt/ *n* **1** (a) pher. (b) puan, sialriat tivek pawl sahpi ih tuah mi; buan aw pawl leh-nak tang phah ih hmanmi. **2** pakan le hai a sa mi tangdam. **3** sah zet ih a hru aw mi thil: *a mat of weeds, hair threads.*

▷ **mat** *v* (-tt-) [I, Tn esp passive] sah zet in a hnok theh: *matted hair.*

mat² = MATT.

matador /mætədɔː(r)/ *n* cawcang soal buan ih thattu.

match¹ /mætʃ/ *n* meitalh fung: *strike a match.*

□ **matchbox** *n* meitalh bawm; nawhalh bawm.

matchstick *n* meitalh fung.

matchwood *n* [U] **1** meitalh tuahnak zanhling.

2 thingtlep ciphnop ih phel theh mi: *a boat smashed to matchwood.*

match² /mætʃ/ *n* **1** [C] khatlam khatlam tanggih leh zuamawknak: *a football match, a wrestling match.* **2** [sing] thiamnak thazang tluk aw, bang aw: *He's no match for her (in tennis).* **3** thit-um awk: *She made a good match when she married him.* **4** [sing] (a) minung/thilri a kaih aw zetmi: *The new curtains are a perfect match for the*

carpet. (b) minung/thilri a bang aw zetmi: *I've found a vase that's an exact match of the one we already have.* **5** (idm) **meet one's match** mah tluk/mah hnakih thiam sawn tong ngah: *He thought he could beat anyone at tennis, but he's met his match in her.* **a good match** nupi/pasal tha **a bad match** nupi/pasal tha lo.

▷ **matchless** *adj* tluktu um lo: *matchless beauty.*

□ **matchmaker** *n* nei aw dingih (co aw dingih) tontuah zuamtu. **matchmaking** *n* [U].

match point tennis leh tikah neh dingih netabik hmat siarmi.

match³ /mætʃ/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] (a) a kaih aw zet: *The curtains and the carpets match perfectly.* (b) bang, vek. **2** [Tn] a bangmi thil dang pakhat tong: *Can you match this wallpaper?* **3** [Tn] (a) tluk aw: *The two players are well-matched.* (b) a dang pakhat thawn a tluk aw mi tɔng: *Can you match that story?* cumi tluk thuanthu na sim thei pei maw? **4** [Tn-pr] kaih aw dingih tuah: *We try to match the applicants with appropriate vacancies.* **5** (phr *v*) tah thim: *Match your skill against the experts in this quiz.*

match up bang aw: *The two statements don't match up.*

match up to: *The film didn't match up to my expectations,* ka rak ruah tluk asilo.

mate¹ /meɪt/ *n* **1** (a) (infml) mipa rualpi, hnañuanpi: *He's an old mate of mine.* (b) (Brit sl) mipa rualpi kawhnak ih hmanmi: *Where are you off to, mate?* (c) hmunkhat ih tñantlang, umtlang: *room-mate, class-mate, playmates.* **2** thil thiam zet pakhat bawmtu: *a phumber's mate.* **3** tangphawlawng tumpi ah hotu bik (captain) sangtu: *chief mate, first mate, second mate, third mate.* **4** (a) vate/ramsa khuah (nu-pa): *The blackbird sat on the nest waiting for the return of her mate.* (b) nupi/pasal.

mate² /meɪt/ *v* [I, I pr, Tn, Tn-pr] vate/ramsa a nu le pa pawl aw: *We mated her with John's dog.*

▷ **mating** *n* [U]: [attrib] *The mating season,* a nu le pa an pawl-aw tikcu.

mate³ /meɪt/ *n* ⇒ CHECKMATE.

material¹ /mə'tɪəriəl/ *n* **1** [C, U] thilri dang pawl tuah theinak thil: *raw materials for industry* ○ *building materials* ○ *writing materials.* (fig) *He is not officer material,* bawi upa tha a suak thei lo ding. **2** [U, C] puanthan, thiam ih tah dingmi thil pawl: *enough material to make two dresses* ○ *tough cotton material.* **3** [U] cabu ngannak hrangih tɔlmi thu, thucang: *She's collecting material for her thesis.*

material² /mə'tɪəriəl/ *adj* **1** [attrib] thinlung le thlarau lam siloin hmuh theimi thil thawn a pehpar mi: *The material world.* **2** (attrib) taksa hrangih tɔlmi: *our material needs.* ti le rawl: *You think too much of material comfort.* **3** (esp law) a thupimi, a kaihaw mi: *Is this point material to your argument?*

▷ **materially** /-iəl/ *adv* thupi zet in: *This isn't materially different from the old system.*

materialism /mə'tɪəriəlizəm/ *n* [U] **1** (*usu derog*) thlarau thuhla ruat lo in leitlun thil le taksa nomnak lawng ruahnak: *the rampant materialism of modern society.* **2** (*philosophy*) hmuhtheih thil lawng a um timi thu ruahnak.

▷ **materialist** /mə'tɪəriəlist/ *n* **1** leitlun thil lawng a ruattu. **2** hmuhtheih thil lawng a um timi ruahnak zumtu.

materialistic *adj.*

materialistically *adv.*

materialize, -ise /mə'tɪəriəlaɪz/ *v* [I] **1** cangsuak, tuahsuak: *Our plans did not materialize.* **2** taksa hmuhtheih ah a hung cang: *He claimed that he could make ghosts materialize.* ○ (*inflm*) *He failed to materialize.*

materialization *n* [U].

maternal /mə'tɜːnl/ *adj* **1** nu thawn pehpar in; nu vek: *maternal affection, duties* ○ *She feels very maternal towards him.* **2** (*attrib*) nu lam sungkhat: *my maternal grandfather, aunt.* etc. Cf **PATERNAL**.

▷ **maternally** /-nəli/ *adv.*

maternity /mə'tɜːnəti/ *n* [U] nu si-nak: (*attrib*) *maternity dress, naukeng hruckmi kor: maternity ward,* nau hring pekte pawl umnak sizung khan.

matey /meiti/ *adj* (*infml*) kom nuam, rualpi pawl thiam: *Don't get too matey with him — he's a rogue.*

mathematics /məθə'mætiks/ *n* (*sing or pl v*) (also *Brit infml maths; US math*) kanan, nambat thawn tuatmi: *arithmetic, algebra, trigonometry, geometry.* *Maths is her strongest subject.*

▷ **mathematical** /məθə'mætɪkl/ *adj* kanan thawn pehpar in. **mathematically** *adv.*

mathematician /-kli/ *n* kanan thiam zetmi.

matinee /'mætnɜː/ *US* 'mætn'eɪ/ *n* sunhnu ih hmuhmi lemnung, lemcawn. (*attrib*) *a matinee idol,* fala pawl ih uar zetmi.

matins (also **mattins**) /'mætnz/ *US* 'mætnz/ *n* (*sing or pl v*) Anglican kawhhran zing thlacam khawm. Cf **VESPERS**.

matrilineal *comb form of a mother; nu thawn pehzom ih kawhna: matrilineal* ○ *matricide.* Cf **PATRI**.

matriarch /m'mætɪrɪɑːk/ *n* innsang/hnam pakhat ih lu a simi nunau.

▷ **matriarchal** /meɪtrɪ'ɑːkl/ *adj:* *a matriarchal society, tribe,* nunau ih hruaimi.

matriarchy /meɪtrɪ'ɑːkl/ *n* innsang ah nunau in lu an kai ih thu an neihnak mibur, mihnam — um zia.

matrices *pl of MATRIX.*

matricide /mætrɪ'saɪd/ *n* **1** [C, U] mai nu thahnak. **2** [C] mai nu thattu. Cf **PATRICIDE**.

matriculate /mə'trɪkjuleɪt/ *v* [I, Tn] phunsang tlawngah luhter.

▷ **matriculation** /mə'trɪkjʊ'leɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] phunsang tlawngih luhternak.

matrimony /'mætrɪməni/ *US* -məʊni/ *n* [U] (*fml*) thit-umnak: *unite a couple in holy matrimony.*

matrix /'mætrɪks/ *n* (*pl matrices* /'mætrɪsɪz/ or ~ **es**) **1** thil pianhmang suah dingih burnak kua ongte; cerek, caha, beel tivek pawl burnak. **2** a sungah thil mankhung a ummi lunghak. **3** thil pakhat khat ih hramthawhna hmun le thannak: *bacteria growing in a matrix of nutrients.* **4** kanan buah dan phun khat.

□ **matrix printer** (*computing*) cuk tete ih cawang ih suahternak.

matron /'meɪtrən/ *n* **1** sizung sayama zirlai pawl uktu sayamagyi (tulai kawh dan = senior nursing officer). **2** tlawng pakhat uktu nunau. **3** upat tlak nupi nu (pasal nei ih kum upa nawnmi).

▷ **matronly** *adj* upat tlak nunzia mawi nei.

□ **matron of honour** (*esp US*) mo ih rual a tuantu nupi nu.

matt (*US also matte*) /mæt/ lemzuk, cahnah, cati, a mal ruari mi. (a fiang lo) *Will this paint give a gloss or a matt finish?*

matter¹ /'mætə(r)/ *n* **1** [C] (**a**) thu, thuhla, thulu, thu um zia: *We have several important matters to deal with at our next meeting.* ○ *I don't discuss private matters with my friends.* (**b**) thil um zia, thubuai: *matters of growing public concern.* **2** [U] (**a**) hmuh theimi thil: *The universe is composed of matter.* (**b**) thil phunkhat khat: *waste matter, minung zunpawng: reading matter, cabu, thuthang ca, etc.* **3** [U] (*fml*) cabu/thu simmi ih thulu/khawruahmi. **4** (U) hmahnai. **5** (*idm*) **as a matter of fact** thungai ten ti le: *I'm going there tomorrow, as a matter of fact.* **for that matter** cuvek thu ah: *Don't talk like that to your mother, or to anyone else for that matter.* **in the matter of** thawn pehpar aw in: *I want to speak to her in the matter of my salary.* **a matter of time** hmakhat te ah cang lo hman sehla a cang tengteng ding: *It's simply a matter of time before the rebels are crushed.* **let the matter drop** sim nawn lo in baang: *She reluctantly agreed to let the matter drop.* **make matters worse** harsa sin ko ih buah: *Her attempts to calm them down only made matters worse.* (**as**) **a matter of course** buah keel: *I check my in-tray every morning as a matter of course.* **the matter with** nom lo-nak, harsatnak, natnak ruangah thusuhna: *What's the matter with the sick child?* **a matter of** (**a**) hnakihi tam lo: *I'll be back in a matter of hours.* (**b**) hnakihi mal lo: *You realize it may be a matter of days before we get news.* **a matter of life and death** a thupi tukmi (thih le nun thu): *Of course this must have priority — it's a matter of life and death.* **a matter of opinion** mah le ruah daan: *'She's a fine singer'. 'That's a matter of opinion'* ○ *Success in business is simply a matter of knowing when to take a chance.* **no matter ... whether:** a poi lo: *It's no matter to me whether*

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you arrive early or late. no matter who, what, where, etc: *Don't open the door, no matter who comes, zo an rat khalle sangka ong hlah* ○ *Don't trust him, no matter what he says, ziang a sim khalle, ring hlah.*

a hanging matter thah thuthen thei mi thu.

take matters into one's own hand midang hngak lo in mahte tawlrel aw.

□ **matter-of-fact** *adj* thin daiten: *She told us the news in a very matter-of-fact way.*

matter² /mætə(r)/ *v* [I, I-pr] a thupi: *Some things matter more than others.* ○ *It doesn't matter to me what you do.*

man matters most minung a thupi bik.

matting /mætiŋ/ *n* [U] zial phah asilole thil tuamnak hrangih tahmi: *Floors covered with coconut-matting.*

matins = MATINS.

mattock /mætək/ *n* tuk zum.

mattress /mætrɪs/ *n* a sah mi ih-phah.

mature¹ /mə'tjuə(r)/ *adj* **1** (a) a pitlingmi: *a mature person.* ○ *a house with a mature garden.* ○ *He's not mature enough to be given too much responsibility.* (b) thil uam a cu thlangmi. **2** ralringte le ciamciam tein: *after mature consideration.* **3** (commerce) paisa kuan a cumi. ▷ **maturely** *adv.*

maturity /mə'tjuəreɪ/ *n* [U] pitlinnak.

mature² /mə'tjuə(r)/ *US* -'tʊər/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] pitling: *Experience has matured him greatly.* **2** [I] (commerce) pek cu mi leiba.

▷ **maturation** /mə'tʃʊ'reɪʃn/ *n* [U, C].

maudlin /mɔːdlɪn/ *adj* a hleice in zurit tikah atthlakih a hnoh mi; ʔah a hmanngmi: *The drunken man began to get maudlin.*

maul /mɔːl/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-p] siava zet ih tuah; dekok: *Stop mauling the cat.* ○ (fig) *Her novel has been badly mauled by the critics.* **2** minung/ ramsa taksa thlekbauih ih hmaputter: *He died after being mauled by a tiger.*

maulstick /mɔːlstɪk/ (also **malstick** /'mɔːlstɪk/) *n* lemzuktu pawl in an kut khat ih an kenmi kianghrol.

maunder /mɔːndə(r)/ *v* [I, Ip] **1** fiang lem lo ih tlok: *The drunk sat there maundering on his troubles.* **2** (about) sullam nei lo ih vaak rero: *Don't just maunder about: do some work!*

Maundy Thursday /mɔːndɪ 'θɜːzdi/ Thawhsal nipi hlante Thursday.

mausoleum /mɔːsə'liːəm/ *n* a tum ih a thupi zet mi thlan. ○ *martyrs' mausoleum.*

mauve /mɔːv/ *adj, n* sen-eu pianhmang.

maverick /mævərɪk/ *n* **1** (US) cawte. **2** midang ruah dan vekih a ruat lomi, a peu mi: *Politically, she's a bit of a maverick.*

maw /mɔː/ *n* (fml) ramsa ih pumpi (asilole) rawl rialnak cur: (fig) *swallowed up in the maw of battle.*

mawkish /mɔːkɪʃ/ *adj* thinlung a zuur ol zetmi.

▷ **mawkishly** *adv.* **mawkishness** *n* [U].

max /mæks/ *abbr* maximum: *temperature 60°max.* Cf MIN 1.

maxim /mæksɪm/ *n* a dikih cohlanmi ʔongthim, thufim: eg 'Waste not, want not.'

maximize, -ise /mæksɪmaɪz/ *v* [Tn] **1** tamter, a cang thei tawpin karhter: *We must maximize our profits.* **2** a ʔha thei tawp ih hman sak: *maximize one's opportunities.*

▷ **maximization, -isation** /mæksɪmaɪ'zeɪʃn/ *n* [U]. Cf MINIMIZE.

maximum /mæksɪmə/ *n* (pl **maxima**) a tum, a tam, a khoh thei tawp: *This hall holds a maximum of seventy people.*

▷ **maximum** *adj* (attrib) a si thei tawp in.

maximal /mæksɪml/ *adj* mi pakhat ih a ti thei tawp: *She obtained maximal benefit from the course.*

May /meɪ/ *n* [U, C] kum khat sungih thla nganak.

□ **May Day** May thla ni khat; ʔhal lom puai a tuahtu ram an um ih hnaʔuan pawl ih Ni (Labour) tin a hmangtu ram tla an um. **May-beetle, May-bug** *ns* = COCKCHAFFER.

mayfly *n* caan tawite lawng a nungmi may thla keuh cucik, phelep.

maypole *n* May day puai ih an lamnak ceimawi mi ʔhuam.

may¹ /meɪ/ *v* **1** on thei: *May I come in?*, luh in on aw: *You may come if you wish.* **2** a cang thei, a si thei: *That may or may not be true.* **3** (tumtahnak a khiihmuh): *I'll write today so that he may know when to expect us.* **4** (dated) (thusuhnak): *Well, who may you be?* ○ *How old may she be?* **5** (duhsaknak lang ternak): *May you both be very happy!*

NOTE ON USAGE: **1 PERMISSION (can², could¹, may¹, might¹)** (a) British speakers normally use **can** to give or request permission: *You can come if you want to.* ○ *Can I come too?* **Could** is more polite but is only used in questions: *'Could I use your telephone?'* 'Yes, of course.' **May** is formal: *You may come if you wish.* However, US speakers often use **may** where British English has **can**: *May I sit down?* Both British and US speakers used **could** or **might** to suggest doubt, shyness, etc: *Might I suggest another time?* ○ *Could I arrange a meeting with the director?* (b) In indirect questions, **can** becomes **could** and **may** becomes **might**: *John asked if he could/might come too.* **2 POSSIBILITY (can², could¹, may¹, might¹)** (a) **Could** or **might** express more doubt or hesitation than **may**: *That may be our taxi now!* ○ *That could/might be our taxi (but I doubt it).* (b) In questions and negative sentences **can** replaces **may**. Compare: *It may be Bill's.* ○ *Can it be Bill's? It can't be Bill's.* (c) **Could have, may have or might have** are used to show the possibility of something

having happened in the past: *She could have forgotten to tell him.* ○ *He may have lost his way.* ○ *He might just possibly have lost his keys.* **3** PURPOSE (**may**¹, **would**¹) (**a**) **May** can be used after *so that*, *in order that*, to express present purpose: *I'll write so that he may know when to expect us.* (**b**) to indicate a purpose in the past, **might** or **would** are used: *I wrote so that he might/would know when to expect us.* ○ *He died so that others might/would live.* **4** ASKING FOR INFORMATION (**may**¹, **might**¹) (**a**) **May** (rather dated) and **might** are used to request information in an uncertain or a superior way: *Well, and who may/might you be?* (**b**) In indirect questions, only **might** is used: *Bill asked who she might be.*

may² /meɪ/ n [U] a sen le a rang ih a parmi hlingnei hramlak rose pangpar.

maybe /ˈmeɪbi/ adv a si thei, a cang thei: *Maybe he'll come, maybe he won't.* ○ *'Is that true?'* *'Maybe, I'm not sure.'* (ralrin ding: *maybe* le *may be*).

mayday (also **Mayday**) /meɪdeɪ/ n (radio) vanzam le tangphawlawng harsatnak an ton tikah thu an thannak (leitlun huap) hminsing (singnal): [attrib] *a mayday call from airliner.* Cf sos.

mayhem /ˈmeɪhem/ n [U] 1 siatsuahnak, buaithlaknak, hnok, hnai hnok thehnak: *There was absolute mayhem when the cow got into the village hall.* **2** (dated or US). taksa famkim lo ko ih tuahsiatnak, sualnak.

mayonnaise /ˌmeɪəˈneɪz/ US 'meɪəneɪz/ n [U] (**a**) hmech hring pawl bawlnakih hmanmi sawhbawl. (**b**) cu ti ih bawlmi hmech.

mayor /meɪər/ US 'meɪər/ n khawpi pakhat uktu dingih hrilmi (khawbawi) ▷ **mayoral** /ˈmeərəl/ 'meərə-/ adj (attrib); *mayoral robes, duties.*

mayorality n khawbawi pakhat ih a ʔuan kum. **mayoress** /ˌmeɪəˈres/ US 'meɪəres/ n **1** (also **lady mayor**) nunau khawbawi. **2** mayor ih nupi (asilole) a hnaʔuan bawmtu.

maze /meɪz/ n (usu sing) **1** lamzin pawl hnok zet ih tuahmi, lam hlo lo in mai lamzin fehshuak thei dingih lehnak: *We got lost in a Hampton Court maze.* **2** a hnaihok zetmi thilri, thu: *finding one's way through the maze of rules and regulations.* **3** thinlung buai: *His mind was in a maze.*

mazurka /məˈzʊ:kə/ n Poland mi pawl ih khuah li (asilole) khuah riat thatho zet ih lamnak (awnmawi).

MB /emˈbi:/ abbr *Bachelor of Medicine* ○ *Philip Ward MB, ChB.*

MBA /em bi:/ 'eɪ/ abbr Master of Business Administration: *Marion strachan MBA.*

MBE /em bi:/ 'i:/ abbr (Brit) Member of (the Order of) the British Empire: *William Godfrey MBE.*

MC /em 'si:/ abbr **1** master of ceremonies. **2** (US)

Member of Congress. **3** (Brit) Military Cross: *ralkap pawl ralthat man pekmi.*

MCC /em si:/ 'si:/ abbr (Brit) Marylebone Cricket Club.

McCarthyism /məˈkɑ:θɪzəm/ n [U] **1** (US Senator J R McCarthy hnu). Acozah (kumpi) hnaʔuan ihsin dawi theinak dingah Communist a si ti ih sualpuhnak. **2** Cu vekih mi sualpuhnak le hnaʔuan dawinak (kalhmang le daan thawn a kaih lo, hnam a nei ti vek pawl).

MCP /em si:/ 'pi:/ abbr (infml) male chauvinist pig. nunau hnakin mipa kan cuang deuh timi ruah nak neitu cu vok thawn a tah ʔhim.

MD /em 'di:/ abbr **1** Doctor of medicine (Latin *Medicinae Doctor*): *W. Walker MD.* **2** (infml) Managing Director. **3** mentally deficient = thluak le thinlung famkim lo.

MDT /em di:/ 'ti:/ abbr (US) mountain daylight time.

me¹ /mi:/ simtu, ngantu in amah le mah a sim awknak: *Don't hit me.* ○ *Give it to me.* ○ *Hello, it's me.*

me² /mi:/ n (music) = MI.

mead¹ /mi:d/ n [U] khuai tizu le tidai thawn tuahmi zu.

mead² /mi:d/ n (arch) meadows.

meadow /ˈmedəʊ/ n [C, U] tilva rawl hnahhring hrampiʔha umnak hmun; tivakap cirhdup umnak hmun.

meagre (US **meager**) /ˈmi:gə(r)/ adj **1** a mal ih a ʔawnʔai fawnmi: *Our appeal for help met with a meagre reponse.* **2** ʔawl, tha neilo: *the meagre faces of the starving children.*

▷ **meagrely** adv. **meagreness** n [U].

meal¹ /mi:l/ n **1** rawl: *a meal of rice and fried potatoes.* **2** rawl ei: *breakfast, thawhhlam* (thaithawh khal a si thei); *lunch, suncaw* (breakfast hnakin a pipa deuh); *dinner, zanriah; supper*, ih zik lam ih eimi. **3** (idm) **make a meal of** (infml) thil pakhat a ʔulnak le a tawk hnakh zoh, zuam: *She always makes such a meal of it — I could do it in half the time.*

□ **meals on wheels** n (pl) (Brit) nutar patar le damlo mingor pawl hnenah mawʔawka thawn rawl va peknak; a hlei ce in nubu pawl in an ʔuan theu.

meal ticket n **1** (US) rawl ei nak ding ticket. **2** (infml fig) cawmawknak sumlut hrampi suahpitu minung: *His rich wife is his meal ticket.*

mealtime n rawl ei caan.

meal² /mi:l/ n [U] (ʔongfang dang thawn komcih a si ʔheu): *oatmeal* = sangvut thawn tuahmi sang.

▷ **mealy** adj (-ier, -iest) **1** rawl vek a simi; rawl thawn pehpar aw in. **2** aalu suanhmin car terih phom dipmi.

mealie /mi:li/ n (S African) **1** mealies (pl) vainim. **2** [C] vainim paw.

mealy-mouthed /ˌmi:liˈmaʊðd/ adj (derog) fiangten thu a sim duh lo mi: *Don't be so mealy-*

mean

mouthed, say what you mean!

mean¹ /mi:n/ *v* (pt, pp **meant** /ment/) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tf] sim duh, ti duh, khiihmuh: *A dictionary tells you what words mean.* ○ *What do you mean?* **2** [Tn, Tf, Tg, Tsg] ti can: *Spending too much this year will mean a shortage of cash next year.* ○ *This new order will mean working overtime.* **3** (a) [Tn Tn-pr, Tf no passive, Tt, Cn-n/a, Cn.t, Dn-n, Dn.pr] thil pakhat khat tumtah: *I did not mean to hurt you.* ○ *What does she mean by cancelling her program?* ○ *He means what he says* = capoh thil a si lo: *Don't laugh! I mean it!* ○ *I wasn't serious.* ○ *I meant it as a joke.* **4** [Tn-pr esp passive, Cn-t] tum, ruatcia, khaukhih: *I was never meant for the army.* ○ *She was never meant to be a teacher.* **5** [Tn-pr no passive] mi pakhat hrangih thathnemnak, thupitnak: *Your friendship means a great deal to me.* \$ 50 means a lot to a poor person. ○ *You don't know how much you mean to me.* **6** (idm) **mean business** tumtah mi ah thungai thlak: *He means business: he really will shoot us if we try to escape.* **mean mischief** thil thalo, siatsuahnak tumtah: **mean well** tuah thei lo hmanah midang parih tumtahnak tha neih.

mean² /mi:n/ *adj* (-or, -est) **1** paisa thu ah tirhfak, siang lo: *She's too mean to make a donation.* **2** ziaza tha lo, nunsia: *It was mean of you to eat all the food.* ○ *Don't be so mean to your little brother!* ○ *I feel rather mean for not helping more.* **3** (esp US) fihnung le tihnung ziaza: *He looks like a mean character.* **4** zoh-cuanglo siavate: *Those are the mean little houses where the poorest people live.* **5** nauta (theihnak le thilti theinak thu ah): *This should be clear even to the meanest intelligence.* **6** (dated) phunhnam niam, mi nauta pawl: *the meanest citizen has the same rights as the richest in this country.* **7** (infml approv) thiam zet: *a mean golfer; a mean chess-player.* **8** (idm) **no mean** (approv) tha zet/ maksak zet ih tuah thei: *She's no mean player.* ○ *That was no mean achievement.*

▷ **meanie** (also **meany**) /mi:ni/ *n* (joc) tirhfak mi: *Give me some more, you meanie!*, I pe bet hrih aw, nang terhfak pa.

meanly *adv.*

meanness *n* [U].

mean³ /mi:n/ *n* **1** a luarkaimi thil pahnih lakih a laifang: *You must find a mean between frankness and rudeness.* **2** (mathematics) a buaktlak, a laifang: *The mean of 1 3, 5 and 27 is found by adding them together and dividing by 3.* **3** (idm) **the happy/golden mean** thu laitan, keh-vorh pial lo.

▷ **mean** *adj*: *the mean annual temperature.*

meander /mr'ændə(r)/ *v* **1** [I] nuamten a luangih a kelkawi (mi tiva). **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] (a) hmuitin nei lo vakkawi (mi minung): *meander along/around.* (fig) hmuitin um lo ih thurel ruri: *The discussion*

meandered for hours.

▷ **meanderingly** *adv.*

meanderings /mr'ændrɪŋz/ *n* hmuitin neilo vakkawi vivo.

meaning /'mi:nɪŋ/ *n* **1** [U, C] a sullam, a ti duhsanmi: *It is a word with many distinct meanings.* **2** tumtah mi, a thupi mi: *My life seems to have lost all meaning.* ○ *a glance is full of meaning.*

▷ **meaning** *adj* sullam neimi: *a meaning look, gesture.*

meaningful /-fl/ *adj* sullam nei zet, tumtah nak nei mi, a thupi mi: *a meaningful relationship, discussion, look.*

meaningfully *adv.*

meaningless *adj* sullam neilomi, ruahnak nei lomi: *It's a meaningless talk.*

means¹ /mi:nz/ *n* [sing or pl v] **1** ti dan, tuah zia, cangvaihnak: *He used illegal means to get a passport.* ○ *This money wasn't earned by honest means.* ○ *All possible means have been tried.* **2** (idm) **by all means** (fml) a si, a si rori, a si pan teh, a ngah tuk. *'Can I see it? 'By all means.'* **by means of** thil pakhat thawn, ihsin, bomnakin. **by no means; not by any means** (fml) si hrilmhrim hlah, si lamlam hlah: *She is by no means poor: in fact, she's quite rich.* **a means to an end** a rahsuak dingmi ruangah a thupi lo mi tuah: *He regarded his marriage merely as a means to an end: he just wanted his wife's wealth.*

means² /mi:nz/ *n* [pl] **1** paisa, lennak; neihshiah: *He is a man of means, milian pa a si.* *You must try to live within your means.* **2** (idm) **live beyond/within one's means** ⇨ LIVE.

□ **means test** hnatuan neilo pawl bomnak pek hlanah an neihmi zohfelnak.

meant *pt pp* of MEAN.

meantime /'mi:ntaim/ *adv*, *n* cui caan te ah/ sungah: *I continued working. Meantime, he went out shopping.*

▷ **meantime** *n* (idm) **in the meantime** caan sungah, caan lak kar ah: *The next program starts in five minutes: in the meantime, here's some music.*

meanwhile /'mi:nwail/ *US -hwal/adv* can pahnih karlak; cui caante ah: *She's due to arrive on Thursday. Meanwhile, what do we do?* ○ *I went to college. Meanwhile, all my friends got well-paid jobs.*

measles /'mi:zlz/ *n* [sing v] hmaihuh nat; a hleice in nauhak parah a suak duh ih an tak a sa, an taksa ah a sen bo te ten a seer theh.

measly /'mi:zli/ *adj* (infml dorog) ti tlak lo ih a te nau, a fatemi: *What a measly birthday present!* ○ *He gave us measly little portions of cake.*

measure¹ /'meʒə(r)/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr] tah (a tum-a tet, a tam - a mal, a sau - a tawi): *The tailor measured me for a suit.* (b) [Tn] (fig) a zat, a man, a ziaza tah-relnak: *It's hard to measure*

his ability when we haven't seen his work. **2** [In/pr] thil pakhat ih a tawi - a sau, a tum - a tet, a tam - a mal: *The room measures 10 feet across.* **3** [Tn] ralringten thu ruat: *He's a man who measures his words.* ○ *She failed to measure the effect of her actions on her family.* **4** [Tn.pr] midang thawn tahñhim; zuam awk: *You have to measure your determination with that of other people.* **5** (idm) **measure one's length** (joc) zapathal ih ril. **measure one's strength** a dang pakhat thawn zuam aw. **6** (phr v) **measure sth off** thil pakhat a saulam tah ih hmainsinnak rin: *She measured off two metres of cloth.* **measure sth out** tah cia, siar ciami thil pek: *She measured out a dose of medicine.* **measure up (to)** beiseimi, duhsakmi thlen: *The discussions didn't measure up (to my expectations).*

▷ **measurable** /mezərəbl/ *adj* **1** tah theih, siar theih. **2** a lang cuangmi, thupimi. *There's been a measurable improvement in his work.*

measurably *adv.*

measured *adj* **1** ralring le ruat ciamciam in (tong): *measured words.* **2** kekar nuamnai le dik zetin: *He walked with a measured steps.*

measureless *adj* tah theih lo, siar caw lo.

measurement *n* **1** [U] tah nak: *the metric system of measurement.* **2** [C] a kauh, a sau ti vek pawl tahsuakmi: *The measurements of the room are 20 feet by 15 feet.* ○ *What is your waist measurement?*

measure² /mezə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) [U, C] thil tah nak (b) thil tahnaki hmanmi. **2** [C] zapi hmanmi thil tahnak: *a measure of rice*, fangfai relkhat: *a measure of whisky*, whisky zu haitan. **3** [C] tahfung, tlangrel tivek pawl. **4** (sing) theihtheinak, hmuhfiangnak: *Words cannot always give the measure of one's feelings.* ○ *His resignation is a measure of how angry his is.* **5** [sing] taw fang, hrek khat: *She achieved a measure of success with her first book.* **6** [C usu pl] tumtah mi pakhat tuahsuaknak dingih suahmi; daan, upadi: *The government has suggested measures to reduce crime.* ○ *The authorities took measures to prevent tax fraud.* **7** [U] (dated) music hla awnmawi ih a vuak; a fung leh a rang. **8** (idm) **beyond measure** (fml) tah theih lo ih a nasa mi: *Her joy was beyond measure.* **for good measure** a hleihi betmi: *The pianist give a long and varied recital, with a couple of encores for good measure.* **get/take the measure of** mi pakhat ih ziaza/thil titheinak theifiang: *It took the tennis champion a few games to get the measure of his opponent.* **give short measure** mal deuh ih pek: *I'm sure the shopkeeper gave me short measure when she weighed out the potatoes.* **give full measure** kimten pek. **half measure** a hlawhsam mi khawkhannak: *This job must be done properly. I want no half measures.* **in great measure** (also

large, some, no small) (fml) nasa zet in: *His failure is in great measure due to lack of confidence.* ○ *Her success is in no small measure the result of luck.*

meat /mit/ *n* **1** [U, C] sa; keli nei pawl ih sa: *fresh meat, cooked meats, frozen meat.* (joc) *a skinny boy without much meat on him*: tisa a nei lo, mi ðawlte. **2** [U] a thupitnak zawn: *This chapter contains the meat of the writer's argument.* **3** [U] (arch) rawl: *meat and drink.* **4** (idm) **meat and drink** nunnomnak a san, nunhnawhsanmi: *Scandal and gossip are meat and drink to the villagers.*

▷ **meaty** *adj* (-ier, -iest) (a) sa vek: *a meaty taste.*

(b) sa thawn a khatmi: *a meaty pork chop.* **2** (fig) a thupi, a langsarmi: *a meaty book, discussion.*

□ **meatball** *n* sa sah dip hlommi.

Mecca /'mekə/ *n* **1** Saudi Arabia ram ih Muhammad suahnak, Islam biaknak ih khawpi thianghlim. **2** (also **mecca**) minung tampi leen duh, tlawn duhnak hmun: *Niagara falls, the mecca of tourists in Canada.*

mechanic /mɪkænik/ *n* thil rem le sersiam a thiammi: *a car mechanic.*

mechanical /mɪkænikl/ *adj* **1** khawl hnañuan nak thawn pehpar aw in: *I have little mechanical knowledge.* ○ *mechanical power, mechanical engineering, etc.* **2** (a) ruahnak nei lo, khawl vekih cangvaimi: *She was quite mechanical and unthinking in the way she ironed the shirts.* (b) khawl vekih cangvaihnak, (automatic): *a mechanical movement, gesture, response, etc.*

▷ **mechanically** /-kli/ *adv.*

mechanics /mɪkæniks/ *n* **1** cangvaihnak le hmualcahnak thu zirnak: *a course in mechanics.*

2 the mechanics khawl pakhat ih thuamhnaw pawl: *The mechanics of the pump are very old.*

(b) (fig) thil pakhat tuahsuak zia, a ti dan: *The mechanics of staging a play are very complicated.*

mechanism /mekənɪzəm/ *n* **1** khawl pakhat sungih a cangvaimi pawl: *The firing mechanism of a rifle.* **2** ruangpum asilole tidan pakhat ih ðen pawl: *the mechanism of the body.* **3** thil tuahsuaknak dingih a tuahzia, a ti dan: *There are no mechanisms for transferring funds from one department to another.*

mechanistic /mekə'nɪstɪk/ *adj* **1** khawl lam zirnak thawn pehpar aw in. **2 the mechanistic theory** thil hmuahhmuah hi (Physical) le (Chemical) cangvaihnak ruangih um le thleng-aw an si ðeh timi ruahnak (theory).

mechanize, -ise /mekənəɪz/ *v* [I, Tn] minung thazaang hmang nawn lo in khawl tha hmangih ðuan: *We are mechanizing rapidly.*

▷ **mechanization, -isation** /mekənəɪz/ *n* [U].

MEd /em 'ed/ *abbre* Master of Education.

medal /medl/ *n* caan thupi hmin sinnak, sunlawih upatnak le lawmman laksawng hrangih tuahmi sui, ngun, thir, dar perte: *The goverment awards*

medallion

them medals for long service.

▷ **medallist** (US **medalist**) /ˈmedəlɪst/ cuvek pawl a ngahtu: *an Olympic gold medallist.*

medallion /mɪˈdæliən/ *n* (a) medal tumpi. (b) thil a tia awmi; a pian a bang awmi: *medallions of veal.*

meddle /ˈmedl/ *n* (a) mah thawn a pehpar lo mi ah thu thlak: *Don't meddle in my affairs.* (a) mai tuah ding mawi lo (asilole) thiam lo mi tuah le tawrlrel: *Don't meddle with the electrical wiring: you're not an electrician.*

▷ **meddler** *n.*

meddlesome *adj* (fml) mi ih thu thlak paih zet. Mah thawn pehpar lo mi, thiam lo mi tuah paih zet.

media /ˈmiːdiə/ *n* **the media** [pl] mipi thu theihternak: thuthang ca, radio, TV: *The media are to blame for starting the rumours.*

mediaeval ⇒ **MEDIEVAL.**

medial /ˈmiːdiəl/ *adj* (fml) **1** a laifang ih a ummi: *occupy a medial position.* **2** tum le tet ih karlak: *zaran.*

▷ **medially** /-iəl/ *adv.*

median /ˈmiːdiən/ *adj* (mathematics) a laifang um, rin: *a median point, line, value.*

▷ **median** *n* a lai um le rin (asilole) a buak tlak ih ngahmi.

mediate /ˈmiːdiət/ *v* [I, pr] thu a rual lo mi le a rem aw lo mi pawl karlahi remnak tuah: *mediate between two countries which are at war.*

▷ **mediation** /ˈmiːdiˈeɪʃn/ *n* [U] *All offers of mediation by a third party were rejected.*

mediator *n* remnak tuahtu minung/pawlkam.

mediatory *adj.*

medic /ˈmedɪk/ *n* (infml) sibawi, sibawi zirlai.

medical /ˈmedɪkl/ *adj* **1** si lamih thiamnak, nat damternak: *a medical student* ○ *medical treatment* ○ *a medical examination*, sibawi ih nat zohfelnak; *a medical practitioner*, sibawi; *a medical certificate*, dam le dam lo caken. **2** taksa rai le at tel lo in si ih tuamhlawm awknak: *The hospital has a medical ward and a surgical ward.*

▷ **medical** *n* (infml) nat le dam zohfelnak/hnaʔuan thupi pakhat luh hlanih tuahmi: *One had to have a medical before he joined the army.*

medically /-klɪ/ *adv* *medically sound.*

medicament /məˈdɪkəmənt/ *n* (fml) nat damnak ah minung taksa sung, par ih hmanmi.

Medicare /ˈmedɪkeɪ(r)/ *n* [U] US kumpi in a hleice in nutar patar pawl sii thawn tuamhlawmnak a ʔuanmi.

medicated /ˈmedɪkeɪtɪd/ *adj* sii a telmi: *medicated shampoo, soap, gauze, etc.*

▷ **medication** /ˈmedɪkeɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] sii pek: *need, prescribe, administer medication.* **2** [C] sii: *What is the best medication for this condition?*

medicinal /məˈdɪsɪnl/ *adj* damternak ih hmanmi thiliri neih: *medicinal herbs* ○ *use for a medicinal purposes.*

medicine /ˈmedsn; US ˈmedɪsn/ *n* **1** [U] sii: *Don't take too much medicine.* **2** [U] sii le rawl in nat khamnak le damternak (thu zirnak): *She studies medicine in the University.* **3** (idm) **some, a little, a taste, of one's own medicine** midang parih tuahsiat vekin: *The boys wanted to give him a dose of his own medicine.* **take one's medicine (like a man)** (esp joc) pontam lo ten mah le mah hremaw, tuar: *He really hates shopping but he goes anyway, and takes his medicine like a man.*

▷ **medicine chest** si le sithuamhnaw retnak kuangpi.

medicine-man *n* = WITCH-DOCTOR (WITCH).

medico /ˈmedɪkəʊ/ *n* (pl ~s) (infml) sibawi/sibawi zirlai.

medieval (also **mediaeval**) /ˈmedɪrɪvl; US ˈmiːd-, also ˈmiːdiːvl/ *adj* a lai san (Middle Ages) thawn pehpar in; AD 1100-1400 karlak a si bik: *medieval history medieval literature. The conditions were positively medieval*, khuahlan um dan an si ko.

mediocre /ˈmiːdrɪəʊkə(r), also ˈmed-/ *adj* a ʔha tuklo, zaran: *His films are mediocre* ○ *a mediocre actor, meal, etc.*

meditate /ˈmedɪteɪt/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] thukpi ih ruat, a hleice in thlarau lam thu ah: *meditate on the sufferings of Christ.* **2** [Tn, Tg] (fml) thinlung in ruat, tumtah: *She is meditating leaving home.* ○ *meditate revenge.*

▷ **meditation** /ˈmedɪteɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] thukpi ih ruahmi, a hleice in thlarau lam thu ah: *Meditation is practiced by most religions.* **2** [C usu pl] thu thukpi ruahih ngansuahmi: *Meditations of Augustine.*

meditative /ˈmedɪtətɪv; US -teɪt-/ *adj* thuruat zet ih um: *He is in a meditative mood* ○ *You are very meditative today.*

Mediterranean /ˌmedɪtəˈreɪniən/ *adj* (attrib) M. tiffinriat thawn pehpar aw mi, a ri aw mi, vek a si mi: *a Mediterranean climate.*

medium /ˈmiːdiəm/ *n* (pl ~s or **media** /ˈmiːdiə/) **1** (pl **media**) thil pakhat sim suahnak ih hmanmi: *Commercial television is an effective medium for advertising.* ○ *She chose the medium of print* (eg published a book) *to make her ideas known.* ○ *The artist chose the medium of oil* (ie used oil paints) *for the portrait.* ○ *In England English is the medium of instruction*, ie all subjects are tarught in English. **2** (pl **mediums**) a luarkai mi thil pahnih karlak (keh le vorh a si lomi): *find the medium between severity and leniency.* **3** (pl **media**) thil pawl umnak, cangvaihna, thleng awknak hmun le boruak: *bacteria growing in a sugar medium* ○ *Sound travels through the medium of air.* **4** (pl **mediums**) mithi thlarau thawn bia-aw thei a ti aw mi. ⇒ Usage at DATA. **5** (idm) **a/the happy medium** ⇒ HAPPY.

▷ **medium** *adj* (usu attrib) a laifang, a tawkwawn: *a man of medium height* ○ *clothes to be washed*

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at medium temperature.

□ **medium wave** (abbr **MW**) (radio) metre 100-1000 a ummi radio (wave): a medium-wave station, broadcast, etc.

medlar /ˈmedlə(r)/ *n* apple vek hramlak thingrah eiṭha.

medley /ˈmedli/ *n* **1** mi dangdang ih phuahmi rawikhawm mi hla (awnmawi). **2** minung/thilri rawikhawm mi: *the medley of races in Hawaii*.

meek /mi:k/ *adj* (-**er**, -**est**) tangdor, thungai, mi upat thiam: *She's as meek as a lamb*.

▷ **meekly** *adv* *He meekly did everything he was told to*. **meekness** *n* [U].

meerschau /ˈmiəʃəm/ *n* sentlung ih kuaklu tuahmi kuak fawnhak.

meerschau pipe.

meet¹ /mi:t/ *v* (**met** /met/) **1** (a) [I, Ip, Tn] tong, tong-aw: *Goodbye till we meet again*. (b) [I] thurel dingih tong-aw khawm: *The Cabinet meets regularly*. (c) [Tn, no passive] (fig) thilsia tong, tonlo tong: *meet disaster*, *meet one's death*, etc. ○ *meet a problem*, *difficulty*, etc. **2** [I, Tn no passive] theih thiamnak tuah, hmel theihter: *Hello Robert, meet my wife Susan*. ○ *I know Mrs Hill by sight, but we've never met*. **3** [Tn] hmun pakhat ah va feh ih tong: *Will you meet me at the station?* **4** [I, Tn no passive] zuam awknakihi tong aw: *The champion and the challenger meet next week*. **5** [I, Tn] tham, dai-aw: *His hands met hers* ○ *Their hands met*. **6** [Tn] tuah sak, lungkimter: *Can we meet all their requests?* **7** [Tn] paisa liam, pe: *The cost will be met by the company*. **8** (idm) **meet the case** famkim, lungkimza: *This proposal of yours hardly meets the case*. **meet the eye/meet the ear**. ○ *All sorts of strange sounds met the ear*, theih dah lo mi awn cokrawi pawl a thei. **meet half-way** eg *If you can drop your price a little, I'll meet you half-way*. **meet one's Maker** (esp *joc*) thi: *Poor Fred, he's gone to meet his Maker*. **met one's Waterloo** zuam awknak ah a sung. **9** (phr *v*) **meet up** rinlo ih ton: *We met up at the street corner*. **meet with sb** (US) (minung) thu ruat tlang dingih ton: *The President met with cabinet members at breakfast*. **meet with sth** vansiat, vanṭhat, harnak ton: *She met with, misfortune, hostility, kindness*.

meet² /mi:t/ *n* **1** (esp *Brit*) ram tawi dingah minung le uico pawl tong awkhawm. **2** (esp *US*) a lekmi tampi tonawknak zuam awknak hmun: *an athletics meet*.

meet³ /mi:t/ *adj* (arch) a kaih, a tawk.

meeting /ˈmi:tiŋ/ *n* **1** thurel tlang dingih tongkhawm (miṭing): *We've had three meetings, and still we haven't reached agreement*. **2** (a) thu pakhat tumtahnak thawn a tong awkhawm mi: *a prayer meeting* ○ *a political meeting*, etc. (b) cu ti ih a tong awkhawm mi minung pawl: *Miss Smith will address the meeting*. **4** (idm) **a**

meeting of minds ton-awk veten thinlung theihthiam awknak.

□ **meeting-house** *n* tonkhawmnak inn, a hleice in *Quakers* pawl ih hmanmi biakinn.

meeting-place *n* tonkhawmnak hrangih timtuah mi hmun.

mega -comb form **1** million: *megabyte* ○ *megacycle*

○ *megawatt* sekan pakhat ah vei 1, 000, 000 a feh theimi electric tha, *megawatt* electric tha million pakhat; *megaton*. **2** a tum zetmi, a nasa zetmi; *megaphone*, *megastar*, hminthang zet lem cawnthiam.

megadeath /ˈmegədeθ/ *n* nuclear ral ih minung 1,000,000 thihnak.

megahertz /ˈmegəhɜ:ts/ *n* (also **megacycle** /ˈmegəsaikl/) *n* (abbr **MHz**).

megalith /ˈmegəliθ/ *n* lungto tumpi; a hleice in hlanlai san ih khan phunmi, lungdawl.

▷ **megalithic** /ˈmegəliθik/ *adj* **1** lungto tumpi ih tuahmi: *a megalithic monument*, *a megalithic tomb*. **2** cuvek pawl thawn san le thuanthu hminsinnak: *a megalithic era*.

megalomania /ˈmegələˈmeɪniə/ *n* [U] mah le mah porhawk duhtuknak ruangih a suakmi thinlung atnak, nat phun khat: *The dictator was obviously suffering from megalomania*.

▷ **megalomaniac** /-niæk/ *n* (medical or fig) cuvek nat a neitu.

megaphone /ˈmegəfəʊn/ *n* hlatpi ih aw thang ko ih tɔŋg suahnak (horn) awring.

megaton /ˈmegətɒn/ *n* tɔŋ million pakhat hmual a neimi a puakkuai thei mi thil: *a one-megaton bomb*.

meiosis /ˈmaɪəʊsɪs/ *n* (pl **meiotes** /ˈmaɪəʊsɪz/) **1** [C] (biology) cell pahnih ih ṭhennak. **2** phirsit tɔŋkam.

melancholy /ˈmeləŋkəli/ *n* [U] riah siatnak le thinnaunak.

▷ **melancholy** *adj* (a) riahsia tuk, thinnau tuk: *a melancholy mood*. (b) riahsiatnak suahter: *A funeral is a melancholy occasion*.

melancholia /ˈmeləŋˈkəʊliə/ *n* [U] (medical) riahsiatnak ihsin a suakmi thinlung natnak.

melancholic /ˈmeləŋˈkəʊliə/ *adj* have a melancholic nature.

melange /ˈmeɪlɑ:ŋz/ *US* merˈlɑ:ŋz/ *n* (French) a rawicok ṭhehmi.

melanin /ˈmeləniːn/ *n* (biology) minung le ramsa vun le hmul/sam par ih a suakmi a dum pianhmang.

melee /ˈmeleɪ/ *US* merˈleɪ/ *n* (French) mipi buai celcel, mibur: *There was a scuffle and I lost my hat in the melee*.

mellifluous /meˈlɪfluəs/ *adj* ngai a nuammi, awnmawi vek aw: *She speaks in a mellifluous tones*.

▷ **mellifluent** *adj* **mellifluence** *n* [U] **mellifluously**, **mellifluently** *advs*.

mellow /ˈmeləʊ/ *adj* (-**er**, -**est**) **1** (a) a cu ngahmi

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melodrama

rim le thawtnak: *It's a mellow fruit, a mellow wine.* (b) pianhmang le awn ah a nem, athiang, a famkim: *the mellow colours of the dawn sky.* ○ *the mellow tones of the violin.* 2 fimkhur ih thang vivo: *a mellow attitude to life.* 3 (colloq) zu malte ri ih lungawi le nuam aw: *I'd had two glasses of wine and I was feeling mellow.*

▷ **mellow** *v* [I, Tn] thin a nuam, a nemter.

mellowly *adv* **mellowness** *n* [U].

melodrama /meləˈdramə/ *n* 1 [U, C] mi thinlung a zurter thei ih nuam zet ih cemter mi lemcawn: *I love Victorian melodrama(s).* 2 cuvek pian a kengmi ziaza, tong, le thilcang: *We really don't need all this ridiculous melodrama!*

▷ **melodramatic** /meləˈdraməˈtɪk/ *adj*: a melodramatic outburst of temper.

melodramatically *adv*.

melody /meləˈdi/ *n* 1 [C] tongfang pawl hla-aw ih bun; hla/aw thluk: *I love an old Irish melodies.* 2 [C] Awnmawi/hla pakhat a thupit biknak: *The melody is next taken up by the flutes.* 3 [U] ngainuam le thatho dingih hla-aw tuah mi: *There's not much melody in this piece, is there?*

▷ **melodic** /mɪˈlədɪk/ *adj*. **melodious** *adj*.

melodiously *adv*. **melodiousness** *n* [U].

melon /melən/ *n* (a) [C] leilung ah hri nei ih a rahmi, tii a neimi rah tumpi. (b) rawl ih hmanmi cui rah: *Would you like some melon?*

melt /melt/ *v* 1 [I, Tn] a satnak ruangah a tiiter: *The ice is melted when the sun shone on it.* ○ *It is easy to melt butter.* 2 (a) [I] (fig) rawl nemter; tiiter: *This cake melts in the mouth!* (b) [I, Tn] a khalmi a tii: *The hot coffee melts the sugar.* 3 [I, Ipr, Tn] (fig) thinlung nemter: *The child's smile melted mother's anger.* ○ *His heart melted with pity.* 4 (idm) **be in/go into the melting-pot** thleng awknak nasa zet in a um: *All our previous ideas are now in the melting-pot: our jobs are bound to change radically.* **butter wouldn't melt in sb's mouth** ⇨ BUTTER. 5 (phr v) **melt away** thil pakhat hlo thehter: *The sun has melted the snow away.* ○ (fig) *The crowd melted away when the storm broke.* ○ *All his support melted away when he really needed it.* **melt down** thildang pakhat ih tuah dingah thil pakhat tiiter: *Many of the gold ornaments were melted down to be made into coins.* **melt into** (a) nuam teten thleng aw: *One colour melted into another, eg in the sky at sunset.* (b) nuamten thil pakhat sungah a hlo (a pil): *The ship melted into the darkness.*

▷ **melting** *adj* [usu attrib] (fig) zangfah duhdawtnak thinlung a suahter: *a melting voice, mood.*

□ **melt down** *n* sa tuk ko ih meitha pekmi nuclear reactor sungih laimuril a titnak.

melting-point *n* thil pakhat tiiter thei tiang a satnak: *lead has a lower melting-point than iron.*

meltion-pot *n* mipun zarawi umkhawm nak hmun: *New York is a vast meltion-pot of different*

nationalities.

member /membə(r)/ *n* 1 sungtel: *Church member, club member.* ○ *active member, founding member, life member,* ○ *Every member of her family came to the wedding.* 2 ruang zingmi ih then hnge pawl: *a steel supporting member,* ○ *a cross-member.* 3 (fml) (a) minung/ramsa ih taksa then: *lose a vital member, such as an arm.* (b) (euph) mipa zahmawh. 4 **member** (MP) *member of Parliament.*

▷ **membership** *n* 1 [U] sungtel sinak, cannak: *apply for membership of the association.* 2 [Gp] sungtel pawl (ziang zat): *The membership numbers 800.* ○ *It's a club with a large membership.*

membrane /membrein/ *n* [C, U] ramsa/hangrah sungih a duandar paatee.

▷ **membranous** /membɹənəs/ *adj*.

memento /mɪˈmentəʊ/ *n* hngilhlonak hrangih pekmi, leimi thil thate ih ret mi: *a little gift as a memento of a visit.*

memo /meməʊ/ *n* (pl ~ s) (infml) memorandum: *an inter-office memo* ○ (attrib) *a memo pad.*

memoir /memwə(r)/ *n* 1 [C] hmuh tonmi le thil cangmi thupi pawl ngankhummi: *She wrote a memoir of her stay in France.* 2 **memoirs** [pl] mi pakhat ih nunnak le hmuh tonmi pawl nganmi ca: *The memoirs of a retired politician.*

memorable /memərəbl/ *adj* ciin tlak, hngilh thei lo: *a memorable trip.*

▷ **memorably** /-əblɪ/ *adv*.

memorandum /meməˈrændəm/ *n* (pl -da or ~ s) 1 (a) hngilhlonak hrangih nganmi catawi: *Write a memorandum about something.* (b) hnaʔuannak hrangih thu theihternak: *circulate a memorandum to all sales men.* 2 (law) lungkimnak ngan suah zo mi a sinan nemhngat ih hmin khien hrih lo mi.

memorial /məˈmɔːriəl/ *n* minung/thilcang pakhat hngilhlonak ih tuahmi puai, lungphun titek pawl: *This statue is a memorial to a great statesman.* ○ *The church service was a memorial to the disaster victims.* (attrib) *a memorial service.*

□ **Memorial Day** ral ih a thimi ralkap pawl hngilhlonak ih US ram ih hmanmi zungpihni (May thla cem hrawngah a si theu).

memorize, -ise /meməraɪz/ *v* [Tn] ciing, zoh lo ih ngah: *She can memorize facts very quickly.*

memory /meməri/ *n* 1 (a) [U] cinken theinak thinlung (thluak). (b) mi pakhat ih thil cinken theinak: *He has a good memory (poor memory).* ○ *I'm afraid the fact slipped my memory.* (ka hngilh). 2 [U] mi pakhat ih thil a ciin thei sung caan, a vun ruahsuak theinak: *This hasn't happen before within memory.* 3 [C] Vun cinken mi thil, thilcang: *happy memories of childhood.* 4 [C] mi pakhat a thih hnuih hngilhlonak: *His memory will always remain with us.* amah cu

kan hngilh dah lo ding. **5** [C] (*computing*) kompeuta sungih thu retthupnak. **6** (idm) **have a memory/mind like a sieve** ⇨ SIEVE. **if memory serves** dik zet ih ka cinken ahcun. **in memory of/to the memory of** hngilhlonak, sunlawihnak ih tuahmi: *He founded the charity in memory of his late wife.* **jog sb's memory** ⇨ JOG. **refresh one's/sb's memory** ⇨ REFRESH. **to the best of my memory** ⇨ BEST³. **within/in living memory** ⇨ LIVING¹.

memsahib /mɛmsa:b/ *n* (India ram ah mirang nunau kawhna ih an rak hmanmi) madam, lady.

men *pl* of MAN.

menace /mɛnəs/ *n* **1** [U] hrinhronak: *in a speech filled with menace.* **2** [sing] hringhrotu: *These weapons are menace to world peace.* (b) a buai thlakmi/ṭihnungza thil/minung: *That woman is a menace! Keep her away from this machine!* ○ *That low beam is a menace! I keep hitting my head on it.*

▷ **menace** *v* [Tn, Tn.pr] hringhro, ṭihter: *Your vicious dog is menacing my cat!* **menacingly** *adv.*

menage /mɛna:ʒ/ *n* (fml) innsungsang.

□ **menage a trois** /mɛna:ʒ a: 'trɔ:ə/ (French) pasal, nupi le cui pakhat khat ih duhdawtmi a telmi innsang.

menagerie /mɛ'nædʒəri/ *n* lehpi ding/hmuh dingih khual ṭlawnp mi ramsa pawl khawl khawmmi.

mend /mɛnd/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn] rem, belh: *mend shoes, a broken toy.* (b) [Tn] ṭhater: *Mend your manners!* ○ *That won't mend matters.* **2** [I] dam, damsal: *The injury is mending slowly.* **3** (idm) **it's never too late to mend** (*saying*) ziaza rem ṭha dingah a ṭlai tuk ti a um lo. **mend one's ways** nunzia remṭhat: *There's no sign of him mending his ways.*

▷ **mend n 1** a ṭet, a ṭlek ṭhitmi, belhmi: *The mends were almost invisible.* **2** (idm) **on the mend** (infml) natnak ihsin dam: *She's been very unwell, but she's on the mend now.*

mender *n* (usu in compounds) thil remtu: *a road-mender, a watch-mender.*

mending *n* [U] **1** thil rem hnaṭuan (a hlei ce in puan belh, a ṭlek-ṭhit): *do the mending.* **2** belh ding ṭhit ding hnipuan.

mendacious /mɛn'dɛɪʃəs/ *adj* (fml) thuphan per, buum, dik lo.

▷ **mendaciously** *adv.*

mendacity /mɛn'dæʃəti/ *n* (fml) **1** [U] thu diklo. **2** [C] dik lo ih phuansuahmi thusuak.

Mendelian /mɛn'di:liən/ *adj* Czechoslovakia mifim biologist Mendel (1822-1884) ih suahkeh dan thawn pehpar ih khawruah zia.

mendicant /mɛndikənt/ *n, adj* (fml) thil (kut dawh) dil ih a nung mi, cu tivek milai.

menfolk /mɛnfəʊk/ *n* [pl] (infml) mipa pawl (a

hleice in innsang ih mipa um pawl): *The menfolk have all gone out fishing.* Cf WOMENFOLK.

menial /mi:niəl/ *adj* (*usu derog*) hnen-um pawl ih ṭuan ding a si mi; hnaṭuan niam/nauta: *a menial chores like dusting and washing up.*

▷ **menial** *n* (fml *usu derog*) hnen-um.

meningitis /mɛni'n'dʒaɪtɪs/ *n* [U] thluak le zaang thlik tuamtu duandar ṭhling nat.

meniscus /mɛ'niskəs/ *n* (pl -**ci** /-nisai/ or -**suses** /-kəsəz/) (*physics*) thlalang dawngṭluan sungih tidai a kelnak zawn.

menopause /mɛnə'pəʊz/ *n* **the menopause** [sing] nunau ih ṭhlatin daan neta bik a reh caan (kum 50 hrawng): *reach the menopause.*

▷ **menopausal** /mɛnə'pəʊzl/ *adj* (a) ṭhlatin daan nei (b) ṭhlatin daan thawn pehpar aw in.

menses /mɛnsɪz/ *n* **the menses** [pl] (fml or medical) nunau ih ṭhlatin dan neihmi thi.

menstruate /mɛnstru'eɪt/ *v* [I] ṭhlatin dan thi a suak.

▷ **menstrual** /mɛnstruəl/ *adj* ṭhlatin dan neih thawn pehpar aw in: *Menstrual pain.*

menstruation /mɛnstru'eɪʃn/ *n* [U] ṭhlatin daan neih zia, neih caan.

mensuration /mɛnsjʊ'reɪʃn/ *n* (*dated or fml*) (a) a sau, a kauh, a tum tah-nakih hmanmi kanan tuat dan. (b) thil tah daan.

-ment *suff* (with *vs* forming *ns*) a rahsuakmi, a hung si zia: *development* ○ *government.*

▷ **-mental** (*forming adjs*) **-mentally** (*forming advs*).

mental /mɛnt/ *adj* **1** thinlung thawn a pehpar mi, pehpar aw-in: *mental patient*, thinlung dam lo mina. *mental illness*, thinlung damlonak, *mental ability*, khurkhawruah theinak. **2** (infml *derog*) molh; aa: *You must be mental to drive so fast!*

▷ **mentally** /mɛntəli/ *adv* thinlung sung, thinlung thawn pehpar in: *mentally active, mentally defective.*

□ **mental age** mi pakhat ih khurkhawruah theinak kum-teek: *She is sixteen years old but has a mental age of five.*

mental arithmetic thinlung tuatmi kanan.

mental home, mental hospital thinlung damlo pawl retnak inn, sizung.

mental patient thinlung dam lo mina.

mentality /mɛn'tæləti/ *n* **1** [C] lungput, khurkhawruah zia: *He has many year's experience of the criminal mentality.* **2** [U] (fml) thluak fimnak: *An idiot has a very low mentality.*

menthol /mɛnθɒl/ *n* [U] hnar ih hnimm rimhmi le kuak, muṭhai, hasii le hmawmmi dang pawl rimhmi tertu le nat sawng hrangih rawimi hmakphek hmui hriak ihsin suahmi thil: [attrib] *menthol cigarettes.*

▷ **mentholated** /mɛnθəleɪtɪd/ *adj* cu vekih rawimi.

mention /mɛnʃn/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tf, Tw, Tg, Cn-n/a, Dn-pr, Dpr-f, Dpr-w] tawiten mi pakhat thu sim

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mentor

cih; simmi sungah telh: *Did she mention it (to the police)?* ○ *Did I hear my name mentioned?* ie Was somebody talking about me? ○ *He mentioned (to John) that he had seen you.* ○ *Did she mention when she would arrive?* ○ *Whenever I mention playing football, he says he's too busy.* ○ *The mentioned you as a good source of information.* **2** (idm) **don't mention it** mi pakhat in ka lungawi a ti tikah lehrulnak ih hmanmi. "sim a tlak lo ee, lungawi tlak a si lo" tivek a si: 'You are so kind!' 'Don't mention it.'. **mentioned in dispatches** raldonak ah ral that ruangih hmin tarlangmi. **not to mention** (infml) cumi sim hrih lo in: *He has a big house and an expensive car, not to mention a villa in France.* ▷ **mention** **n** **1** [U] simmi, nganmi sungah telh; sim: *He made no mention of your request.* **2** (C) (infml) telh-nak, tawite ih nganmi: *Did the concert get a mention in the paper?*

-mentioned (forming compound adjs) hmunkhat ah fiangten telhchimi: *above-mentioned, below-mentioned*, a tlunih ngan zomi; a tangih simmi. **mentor** /mentɔ:(r)/ **n** hmuh tonnak a nei hrihlo mi hrangih thuronmi rintlak mifim.

menu /menju:/ **n** **1** rawl dawr/rawl ei nakih ngah theimi hmeh cazin: *What's on the menu tonight?* ○ *May I see the menu, please!* **2** (computing) kompeuta sungih khummi cazin.

MEP /em i: 'pi:/ **abbr** *Member of European Parliament.*

mephistophelean /mefistə'fi:lən/ **adj** (fml) **1** *Mephistopheles* timi German titii thuanthu ih khawsia vek. **2** khawsia vek; thil thalo; hrokhrawl: *a mephistophelean trick, plan, cunning.*

mercantile /mɜ:kəntaɪl/ **US** -ti:l, -til/ **adj** pursum leilawnnak thawn peh aw in; sumtuah minei pawl thawn pehper aw in.

□ **mercantile marine.**

Mercator's projection /mə'keɪtəz prə'dʒekʃn/ leilungpi ramzuk suai dan phunkhat.

mercenary /mɜ:sɪnəri/ **US** -neri/ **adj** paisa hawl lawng ruat; paisa hrang lawngih hnaṭuan duhnak lungput: *a mercenary act, politician.*

▷ **mercenary** **n** ramdang hrangih raldo dingah sanmi ralkap.

mercerize, -ise /mɜ:səraɪz/ **v** [Tn esp passive] pupat vekin sen ko le țang ko ih buhmi pat: *mercerized cotton.*

mercier **n** pat le puanthan ih sumtuahmi.

merchandise /mɜ:tʃəndaɪz/ **n** [U] lei le zuarmi thil pawl; zuarmi pawl: *the merchandise on display in the shop window.*

▷ **merchandise** **v** [Tn] lei le zuar; thil zuarnak tha deuh ih tawlrel: *We merchandise our furniture by advertising in newspapers.*

merchandising **n** [U].

merchant /mɜ:tʃənt/ **n** **1** (a) thil a burpi ih lei le zuartu; a hleice in ramdang thawn pursum

leilawn tuahtu: *an import-export merchant.* (b) (in compounds) thil pakhat khat ih sumtuah: *a coal-merchant* ○ *a wine-merchant* ○ *a silk-merchant.* **2** (derog sl) hnaṭuan pakhatkhat ah zuam zet le taimak thei zettu: *a speed merchant*, ie sb who likes to drive (too) fast.

□ **merchant bank** pursum leilawnnak tumpipi le cetzung pawl paisa cawih hna a ṭuantu tangkazung.

merchant marine, merchant navy pursum leilawnnak tangphawlawng pawl le hnaṭuan pawl. **merchant seaman, merchant ships.**

merciful ⇨ **MERCY.**

mercurial /mɜ:kjuriəl/ **adj** **1** (a) a thleng-aw leuhleuh mi (umzia/minung): *a mercurial temperament.* (b) thatho; hlawptlo: *She has a mercurial turn of conversation.* **2** (fml or medical) mercury thawn pehpar aw mi.

Mercury /mɜ:kjuri/ **n** (astronomy) ni thawn a naih aw bik leilungpi.

mercury /mɜ:kjuri/ **n** [U] (also **quicksilver**) thil tahnak *thermometer* le *barometer* ih hmanmi ngun tii.

mercy /mɜ:sɪ/ **n** **1** [U] lainatnak; duh tawkih tuahsiat theinak nei nacingih langtermi ngaithiamnak, thatnak: *They showed mercy to their enemies.* **2** [C usu sing] (infml) lungawiza thilcang; vanthatnak thu pakhat: *It's a mercy she wasn't hurt in the accident.* **3** (idm) **at the mercy of** mi pakhat/thil pakhat hnuai ah, duhduh ih tuah theihmi ah: *The ship was at the mercy of the storm* tangphawlawng cu thlisia in a nuai ciamco. **throw oneself on somebody's mercy** (fml) tuahtha dingih zangfah dil.

▷ **merciful** /-fi/ **adj** ~ (to/towards) lainat, zangfahnak thinlung nei, langter: *She was merciful to the prisoners.*

mercifully /-fəli/ **adv.** **1** zangfah lainatzet te in: *treat sb mercifully.* **2** (infml) vanthat ah: *The play was very bad, but mercifully it was also short!*

merciless **adj** zangfahnak nei lo: *a merciless beating, a merciless judge.* **mercilessly** **adv.**

mercy **interj** (dated) lakhruakih mangbang awsuak: *Mercy (on us)! What a noise!*

□ **mercy killing** (infml) *euthanasia* dam thei nawn lo dingmi tuar hartuk mina nuam deuh ih thihternak; zangfah ruangih thah.

mere¹ /miə(r)/ **adj** [attrib] (no comparative form) **1** men; men meen: *She's a mere child.* ○ *He's not a mere boxer. He's world champion.* ○ *Mere words won't help.* **2** (idm) **the merest** a teenau bik, thupi lo bik: *The merest noise is enough to wake him.*

▷ **merely** **adv** men, lawng: *I meant it merely as a joke.*

mere² /miə(r)/ **n** tili fate.

meretricious /meri'triʃəs/ **adj** a lenglam a mawi nan man nei lo a simi (sungthur leng naal): a

meretricious style, book, argument.

merge /mɜːdʒ/ **v** **1** [I, Ipr, Ip Tn-pr, Tn-p] hmunkhat ah tong aw ih kom: *Where does this stream merge into the Rhine?* **2** [I, Ipr] a ziam/thil pakhat ah nuamten a thleng-aw: *Twilight merged into total darkness.*

▷ **merger** /mɜːdʒə(r)/ **n** [C, U] a hleice in hñaṭuan tumpipi (kampani) komawknak: *The two companies are considering merger as a possibility.*

meridian /məˈrɪdiən/ **n** **1** leilungpi vel in a sihtu a tunglam rin ti-ih thinlung ih suangtuahmi: *the Greenwich meridian = longitude 0°.* **2** ni asilole arsi pakhat leilung hmun pakhat ihsin zoh tikah a sannak bik.

meridiem sundir ⇨ ANTE MERIDIEM = am: zinglam; POST MERIDIEM = pm: zanlam; sunhnu.

meridional /məˈrɪdiənəl/ **adj** thlanglam thawn pehpar in (ahleice in Europe thlanglam).

meringue /məˈræŋ/ **n** (pl ~s) **1** [C] (also **merino sheep**) a hmul a sau ih a ṭha mi tuu. **2** [U] (a) hih tuhmul thawn tuahmi pat, tahmi puanthan. (b) cumi tuhmul vekih a nemmi pat le pat ih tahmi thil.

merit /ˈmerɪt/ **n** **1** [U] upat le sunlawih a tlakmi: *She was awarded a certificate of merit for her piano-playing.* **2** [C usu pl] lom le sunlawih a tlakmi thil, cangvaihnak, hñaṭuan: *The merits of the scheme are quite obvious.*

▷ **merit** **v** [Tn] (fml) a tlak, a man: *I think the suggestion merits consideration.*

meritocracy /ˌmerɪˈtɒkrəsi/ **n** (politics) **1** (a) [U] fimthiamnak le thiltitheinak neimi pawl ih ram uk dan. (b) [C Gp] cuvek minung pawl. **2** [C] cuvekih uknak neimi ram: *Is Britain a meritocracy?*

meritorious /ˌmerɪˈtɔːriəs/ **adj** (fml) lom le sunlawih tlakmi: *a meritorious conduct.*

▷ **meritoriously** **adv.**

merlin /ˈmɜːlɪn/ **n** vate deh theitu va phunkhat (khaute vek).

mermaid /ˈmɜːmeɪd/ **n** nunau takpum a nei ih ke ai-ah nga mei a neimi khuavang thuanthu ih simmi.

▷ **merman** cubangtuk mipa ruangpum neimi.

merry /ˈmeri/ **adj** (-ier, -iest) (dated) **1** lungawi le hlawptlo, lungawi aipuannak thawn a khatmi: *Wishing you a merry Christmas.* **2** (infml) zu mawng deuh: *We were already merry after only two glasses of wine.* **3** (arch) nuam: *the merry month of May.* **4** (idm) **make merry** (dated) nomnak tuah, puai tuah.

▷ **merrily** **adv.**

merriment **n** [U] (fml) nuam-aw zet ih hnihsuahnak tuah, puai tuah.

□ **merry-go-round** **n** (Brit) (US **carousel** /ˈkærəˈsɛl/) a her awmi leeng to ih nomnak.

merry-maker, merry-making **n** [U].

mesa /ˈmeɪsə/ **n** (US) a tlun a rawn ih a kap a hrap

zetmi tlang.

mesalliance /ˌmeɪˈzæliːns/ **n** (French derog) dinhmun a niammi thawn ṭhit-umnak.

mescal **n** [C] Mexico ram ih a keuhmi hlingkung phunkhat.

mescaline /ˈmeskəlɪn/ **n** [U] cui hlingkung ihsin tuahmi zu/rit theinak le thinlung mawlhther theitu sii.

Mesdames **pl** of MADAME.

Mesdemoiselles **pl** of MADEMOISELLE.

mesh /meʃ/ **n** **1** [C, U] thirhri/pat thawn ong nei ih tahmi, thuṭhimnakah sur tivek. **2** [C esp pl] sur : *a fish tangled in the mesh of the net.* (fig) *entangled in a mesh of political intrigue.* **3** (idm) **in mesh** bun, hren, peh.

▷ **mesh** **v** [I, I pr] (a) pakhat le pakhat peh, hren, bun. (b) (fig) a kaih aw, a deng aw, a tlak: *Our ways of looking at these problems don't mesh.* ○ *Our future plans must mesh with existing practices.*

mesmerism /ˈmezmərɪzəm/ **n** [U] (dated) thinlung mawlhthernak.

▷ **mesmeric** /ˈmezˈmerɪk/ **adj** lungmawlh a tuartu.

mesmerist /ˈmezməɪst/ **n** cu vekih mi a mawlhthertu.

mesmerize, -ise /ˈmezməraɪz/ **v** [Tn esp passive] mi thinlung a neh mi, khawruahnak a la ṭhehtu: *an audience mesmerized by her voice.*

mess¹ /mes/ **n** [C usu sing] **1** baal, hñaihok zet: *The children have made an awful mess in the room.* **2** [U] (infml euph) uico le zawhte ek: *Who will clean up the cat's mess on the carpet?* **3** [sing] a har le buaithlak zetmi umzia: *The late arrival of the train messed up all our plans.* ○ *You have made a mess of the job, na tisiat ṭheh.* (ironic) *A nice mess you've made of that!* **4** mi bawrhhlawh: *Get cleaned up! You're a mess.*

▷ **mess** **v** (infml) **1** [Tn] (US) baalter, hnawmter:

Don't mess your hair. **2** (phr v) **mess about, mess around** (a) at thlak ih nun, vakkual men: *Stop messing about and come and help!* (b) nuamnaite ih ṭuan: *I love just messing about in the garden.* (c) mi pakhat parah zawnruahnak nei lo ih tuah: *You shouldn't mess around with him like that.* (d) thil pakhat suksia ih tongtham: *Somebody's been messing about with the radio and now it doesn't work.*

mess up (a) baalter, buaiter, hnokter: *Don't mess up my hair. I've just combed it.* ○ *I was asked to organize the trip, but I messed it up.*

mess with (infml) mi ih thuthlak: *Don't mess with her. She's got a violent temper.*

messy **adj** (-ier, -iest) **1** baal, buai zet ih um: *a messy kitchen.* **2** baalter, hnokter: *a messy job.*

mess² /mes/ **n** **1** [CGp] a bur ih um ih rawl eitlangtu pawl: *The mess has ordered some new furniture.* **2** (US also **mess hall**) cui pawl ih rawl-ei-nak khan.

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message

- ▷ **mess** *v* [I pr, Ip] eitlang: *He messed with me.*
 ○ *We messed together when were in the Navy.*

message /ˈmesɪdʒ/ *n* **1** [C] cangan in, tɔŋkam in, radio in kuatmi theihternak, thuthang, thuchah: *We've had a message that your father is ill.* ○ *The ship sent a radio message asking for help.* **2** [sing] profet, thusimtu, ram hruaitu, cangantu pawl ih thuzirh, thuchah. **3** Pathian thu simsuakmi: *The pastor delivered the message.* **4** (idm) **get the message** (*sl*) a thlithlam ih simmi rak thei ngah: *She said it was getting late; I got the message, and left.*

messenger /ˈmesɪndʒə(r)/ *n* thuchah phurtu: palai.

Messiah /ˈmɛsɪə/ *n* **1** (also **messiah**) [C] leilung rundam dingah a suak ding tihi ruahsanmi. **2** **the Messiah** [sing] (*religion*) (**a**) Jesuh Khrih. (**b**) Judah mi pawl ih ruahsanmi runtu.

Messieurs *pl* of MONSIEUR.

Messrs /ˈmɛsɪə/ *abbr pl* of Mr. Mipa pakhat hnakh tam hmin ngan tikah an hminhmai ih retmi: *Messrs Smith, Brown, Robert, and Robinson.* hnaʔuannak hmin hmai ah retmi: *Messrs T Brown and Co.*

messy ⇒ MESS.

Met¹ /met/ *adj* [attrib] (*Brit infml*) nikhua tahnak: *the met office* ○ *the latest Met report* **meteorological report.**

Met² /met/ **the Met** *n* [Gp] (*Brit infml*) khawpi sungih palik.

met *pt, pp* of MEET.

meta- *comb form* **1** a tlun, a dung, dunglam: *metabolic, metcarpus.* **2** thleng awknak: *metabolism.*

metabolism /məˈtæbəlaɪzəm/ *n* [U] (*biology*) taksa sungih nunnak hrang ʔulmi pawl cangvaihna, thleng awknak.

▷ **metabolic** /məˈtæbələk/ *adj.*

metabolize, -ise /məˈtæbəlaɪz/ *v* [Tn] (*biology*) taksa sungih hman dingah rawl pheldarhter: *Our bodies constantly metabolize the food we eat.*

metacarpus /məˈtækəpəs/ *n* (*anatomy*) ngel le kutzung pawl karlak ruh panga umnak kutzaphak.

▷ **metacarpal** *adj, n* (*anatomy*) kutzaphak a si mi.

metal /metl/ *n* **1** [C, U] tleu ih kahtlang thei lo mi le a sa le electric tha ih ʔhaten an zawh theimi leilung sungsuak thil mankhung; thir, dar, sui, thirrang tivek pawl: *There isn't much metal in the bodywork of this new car; it's mainly plastic.* **2** ROAD METAL (ROAD), lamzin phah dingih khuaimi lung sepsol. **3** **metals** tlangleng thir lamzin.

▷ **metal** *v* [Tn esp passive] lungkhuai mi thawn lamzin tuah/rem: *This rough track will soon be a metalled road.*

metallic /mɪˈtælɪk/ *adj* [esp attrib] metal ih tuahmi: *a metallic plate, sheet.* metal vek: *metallic sounds, clicks.*

□ **metalwork** *n* [U] metal hmanin thiam zet ih hnaʔuan.

metalworker *n.*

metalanguage /ˈmetələŋɡwɪdʒ/ *n* [C, U] tɔŋ phundang sim tiki hmanmi tɔŋ asilole khiihmuhna.

metallurgy /mɪˈtælədʒi; US ˈmetələːrdʒi/ *n* [U] metal thawn pehpar in zirnak.

▷ **metallurgical** *adj.*

metallurgist *n* metal lamih a thiam zetmi.

metamorphose /ˈmetəˈmɔːfəʊz/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn·pr] sinak/pianzia thleng: *A larva metamorphoses into a chrysalis and then into a butterfly.* ○ *The magician metamorphosed the frog into a prince.*

▷ **metamorphosis** /ˈmetəˈmɔːfəʊsɪs/ *n* (*pl -oses*) (*fml*) sinak/pianzia thlengnak: *The metamorphosis of a larva into a butterfly.* ○ (*fig*) *the social metamorphosis that has occurred in China.*

metaphor /ˈmetəfə(r)/ *n* [C, U] tɔŋgmi cekci vek siloin a sullam phundang a sawhmi: *'I'll make him eat his words', 'Amai tɔŋgmi ka eiter ding'.* *'She has a heart of stone', 'lungto thinlung a nei'.* Cf SIMILE.

▷ **metaphorical** /ˈmetəˈfɔːrɪkl; US ˈfɔːr-/ *adj* a *metaphorical expression.* Cf FIGURATIVE, LITERAL.

metaphorically *adv.*

metaphysics /ˈmetəˈfɪzɪks/ *n* [sing *v*] **1** nun-umnak, thudik, le theihkauhnak umzia thawn a pehparmi fim zirnak, khurkhawruahdan (*philosophy*) phunkhat. **2** (*esp derog*) theihfiangmi le a hmuhton zo mi parah siloin ruahnak par ih bunmi philosophy; ruahnak ih simmi, nganmi.

▷ **metaphysical** /ˈmetəˈfɪzɪkl/ *adj.*

metatarsus /ˈmetəˈtɑːsəs/ *n* (*pl -tarsi*) (*anatomy*) kezaphak ruh.

▷ **metatarsal** *adj.*

mete /mɪt/ *v* (*phr v*) (*fml*) **mete out** cawhkuhan asilole laksawng pek: *The judge meted out severe penalties.* ○ *Justice was meted out to the offenders.*

meteor /ˈmiːtɪə(r)/ *n* arsi zuang.

▷ **meteoric** /ˈmiːtɪəˈrɪk; US ˈɔːr/ *adj* **1** arsi zuang thawn a pehparmi. **2** zamrang zet ih a kai/a ʔummi (hnaʔuan tivek pawl): *a meteoric rise to fame.* **meteorically** *adv.*

meteorite /ˈmiːtɪəraɪt/ *n* a lenglam ihsin leilung parih a thlengmi lungto asilole thir, dar tivek.

meteorology /ˈmiːtɪəˈrɒlədʒi/ *n* nikhua tahnak, samsungnak.

▷ **meteorologist** /ˈmiːtɪəˈrɒlədʒɪst/ *n* nikhua tah le samsungnak ih a thiam zettu.

meteorological /ˈmiːtɪəˈrɒlədʒɪkl; US ˈmiːtɪəːr/ *adj* a *meteorological chart, the Meteorological Office.*

meter¹ /ˈmiːtə(r)/ *n* (*esp in compounds*) thil pakhat a sungihsin a fehtlangmi a rak tahtu thil (mɪtə):

electricity meter ○ gas meter ○ a parking meter
○ fares mounting up on the meter, ie of a taxi-cab.
▷ **meter** *v* [Tn] miṭa thawn tah.

meter² (US) = METER, miṭa.

-meter *comb form* (forming *ns*) **1** thil pakhat khat tahnak thilri: *thermometer* ○ *barometer* ○ *voltameter*. **2** hla le biaza phuah tikih hmanmi miṭa *pentameter* ○ *hexameter*.

methadone /'meθədəʊn/ *n* [U] zu khamnak hrangih hmanmi sii phunkhat.

methane /mi:θeɪn/ *n* [U] (also **marsh gas**) rim le pianhmang nei lo, a alh theimi, lung meihol khur le cirh lakih a um theimi dat.

method /'meθəd/ *n* **1** [C] (thil) ti daan: *modern methods of teaching arithmetic* ○ *various methods of payment*. **2** remte le felfaite ih tuah daan, ziaza: *We must get some method into our office filing*. ○ *He's a man of accuracy and strict method*. **3** (idm) **method in one's madness** ruah tlukih a sia lomi ziaza.

▷ **methodical** /mɪ'θɒdɪkəl/ *adj* (a) a daan ti ih tuahmi: *methodical work, study, etc.* (b) a daan vekih a tuah(tu): *a methodical organizer*. **methodically** /-klɪ/ *adv*.

methodology /'meθədɒlədʒi/ *n* **1** [C] a ti daan pawl zirnak.

Methodism /'meθədɪzəm/ *n* [U] John Wesley, 1703-1791, ih hramthokmi Kawhhran.

▷ **Methodist** /'meθədɪst/ *n, adj* Methodist Kawhhran, sungtel.

meths /meθs/ *n* [U] (*infml esp Brit*) a alh theimi spirit.

methyl alcohol /'meθɪl 'ælkəhɒl/ (also **wood spirit**) a alh theimi spirit.

methylated spirits /'meθəleɪtɪd 'spɪrɪts/ meitek sungih thanmi spirit.

meticulous /mɪ'tɪkjələs/ *adj* ~ (in sth/doing sth) ralring zet le a cekci tuahnak a simi: *a meticulous researcher*.

métier /'metɪeɪ/ *n* (French) hnaṭuan, thiamnak: *Don't ask me how to make an omelette; cooking isn't my métier*.

metre¹ (US **meter**) /'mɪtə(r)/ *n* (abbr *m*) ruhpibok 39.37 a saumi tahnak (pi- 3 hnakh sau deuh).

metre² (US **meter**) /'mɪtə(r)/ *n* (a) [U] biaza, hla thluk. (b) [C] awsuah komih nganmi: *a metre with six beats of a line*.

-metre (US **-meter**) *comb form* miṭa hmangih tah-nak dangdang: *centimeter* ○ *milimeter* ○ *kilometre*.

metric /'metrɪk/ *adj* **1** miṭa tahnak siar dan hmangin: *metric measurement, metric scale*. **2** hih tahnak thawn tuahmi, tahmi. *These screws are metric*.

▷ **metricate** /'metrɪkeɪt/ *v* [Tn] metric siar dan le tahnak ah thleng: *The UK metricated its currency in 1971*.

metrication /'metrɪ'keɪʃn/ *n* [U]: *metrication of the currency*.

□ **the metric system** miṭa, kilomita, miṭa hmangih thil siar dan.

metric ton 1000 kilogram (kg).

metrical /'metrɪkəl/ *adj* biaza ih nganmi: *metrical translation of the Iliad*.

Metro /'metrəʊ/ *n* **the Metro** leilung tangih tlangleng lamzin (a hleice in Paris khua ih ta).

metronome /'metrənəʊm/ *n* (*music*) hla le awnmawi thiamtu ih cankhiahnak ih hman mi a seep theimi hlumthlah.

metropolis /mə'trɒpəlɪs/ *n* (*pl -lises*) ram pakhat, ramṭhen pakhat ih a thupi bik khawpi: *A great metropolis like Tokyo*.

▷ **metropolitan** /ˌmetrə'pɒlɪtən/ *adj* khawpi, ram pakhat ih khawpi bik sung: *the population of metropolitan New York* (a sehvel pawl tel lo in). — *n* **1** metropolis sungih um minung. **2**

Metropolitan (also **metropolitan bishop**) ram pakhat, ramṭhen pakhat ih hotu bik biaknak hruaitu bishop (archbishop).

□ **Metropolitan France** a ukmi ram dang pawl tel lo France ram. **the metropolitan Police** (also **the Met**) London palik.

mettle /'metl/ *n* [U] **1** minung asilole rangih neihmi tuar theinak le ralṭhatnak: *She showed her mettle by winning in spite of her handicap*. **2** (idm) **be on one's mettle; put ... on his mettle**. theitawp suah ih tuah dingah thapek: *The next race will put him on his mettle*.

▷ **mettlesome** *adj* (usu of horses) ral ṭha le thapat zet in.

mew /mju:/ *n* zawhte fa, asilole tipi va ai aw: *We heard the mew of a cat*.

▷ **mew** *v* [I] cu ti ih ai.

mews /mju:z/ *n* (*pl unchanged*) (usu *Brit*) rang le rangleng pawl retnak inntluan a rak sinan minung umnak mawṭawka retnak ih tuahmi: *They live in a Chelsea mews*.

mezzanine /'mezəniːn/ *n* **1** dot khat le dot hnihnak karlak ih zial donmi (donhle). **2** (US) puai zohnak innpi tangta dot ih tonak hmaisai tluan pawl.

mezzo /'metsəʊ/ *adv* (*music*) nuam nawn te in, ring tuk lo in: *mezzo forte* nuamte le ring in. *mezzo piano* nuamte le dimte in.

▷ **mezzo** *n* (*infml*) *mezzo-soprano*.

□ **mezzo-soprano** *n* **1** (a) soprano le alto (contralto) karlak ih aw. (b) cuvek aw thawn hla a saktu. **2** cuvek ih sak dingih nganmi awnmawi ca.

mezzotint /'metsəʊtɪnt/ *n* [C, U] rangva-thirper par caha bun cia ih canamnak.

MF (*radio*) *abbr* Medium frequency.

mg *abbr* milligram(s): **1 00 mg**.

Mgr *abbr* Monsignor. RC kawhhran ih puithiam upa.

MHz *abbr* Megahertz.

mi (also **me**) /mi:/ *n* (*music*) tonic solfa aw ih a pathumnak: *d r m f s l t*.

MI5 /em aɪ 'faɪv/ abbr Military intelligence.

MI6 /em aɪ 'sɪks/ abbr (Brit) (former name for the) Military Intelligence.

miaou /mi:'aʊ/ *n* zawhte ai aw.

▷ **miaou** *v* [Tn] cuti ih ai.

miasma /mɪ'æzmə/ *n* (esp sing) (*fml*) **1** nikhua dur le um a nuam lo mi mero; a uih a thumi rimsia: *A miasma rose from the marsh.* **2** (*fig*) umtlan dan harsa le nuam lo: *a miasma of despair.*

mica /maɪkə/ *n* [U] paate ih phel theihmi, electric kang lo dingin khamnakih hmanmi hmuh tlang theih lungvar phunkhat.

mice *pl* of MOUSE.

Michelmas /'mɪkləms/ *n* St. Michael puai, September 29 ni ih hmanmi.

□ **Michaelmas daisy** furpi le thlatang karlak ih a parmi pangpar.

mick /mɪk/ *n* Irish mi (ngaih lo zawngih kawh dan).

mickey /mɪki/ *n* **1** rit theinak rawimi zu, kawfi, inmi ti. **2** aalu rawh. **3** (*idm*) **take the mickey out of somebody** hmuhsuam, capoh: *Stop taking the mickey (out of poor Susan)!*

micro /maɪkrəʊ/ *n* (*pl* ~ **s**) (*infml*) micro-computer.

micro- *comb form* **1** a fate zetmi: *microchip, microwave.* **2** then million then thenkhat: *microgram gram pakhat ih then million thenkhat: microgram.* Cf MARCO-, MINI.

microbe /maɪkrəʊb/ *n* mit ih hmuh thei lo, a bihnak microscope lawngih hmuh theimi thilnung fate; nat a suahtertu asilole thil uammi a tho tertu rulcawng pangang fate.

microbiology /maɪkrəʊbaɪ'ɒlədʒi/ *n* [U] nunnak nei thil fate te thu zirnak.

▷ **microbiologist** *n* mircobiology ih thiam sang zetmi.

microchip /maɪkreʊtʃɪp/ *n*

microcomputer /maɪkreʊ kəm'pjʊ:tə(r)/ *n* innsang/hnaʔuannakih hmanmi kompeuʔa. (cafang buntu ah microprocessor)

microcosm /maɪkrəʊkɒzəm/ *n* lei le van boruak asilole minung hmuahhmuah hmuhsak nakih tuahmi/ummi thil fate: *Man is a microcosm of mankind.* ○ *This town is microcosm of our world.* **2** (*idm*) **in microcosm** a tee zawngin: *The small island contains the whole of nature in microcosm.*

microdot /maɪkrəʊdɒt/ *n* cuk fate tia ih teetter mi zuklem.

microelectronics /maɪkrəʊ'ɪlek'trɒnɪks/ *n* electric thil fate zetzet pawl hmangih tuahmi, sakmi.

microfiche /maɪkrəʊfi:ʃ/ *n* [C, U] lemzok thunnak fate; microfilm ○ *documents stored on microfiche.*

microfilm /maɪkrəʊfɪlm/ *n* [C, U] lemzok (ca thupi) zet pawl thunnak filim fate: *scientific papers on microfilm.*

▷ **microfilm** *v* *Please microfilm the bank accounts.*

microform /maɪkrəʊfɔ:m/ *n* [U] fate zet ih suahmi ca pawl.

microlight /maɪkrəʊlaɪt/ *n* a zaang zetmi lehpannak vanzam fate.

micrometer /maɪ'krɒmɪtə(r)/ *n* thil fate zet pawl tahnak ih hmanmi.

micron /maɪkrən/ *n* meter (miʔa) pakhat ih million then thenkhat.

micro-organism /maɪkrəʊ'ɔ:gənɪzəm/ *n* maikroskup lawngih hmuh theimi thilnung fate.

microphone /maɪkrə'fəʊn/ *n* (awkhumnak le awsuahnakih hmanmi) aw kha electric tha sungih a rak thuntu thil.

microprocessor /maɪkrəʊprəʊsesə(r)/ *n* (*computing*) kompeuʔa sungih ca thunnak laimuril.

microscope /maɪkrə'skəʊp/ *n* a fate zetmi pawl tum ko ih a tuah theitu thil zohnak maikrawskup (nat hrik zohnakah an hmang tambik): *examine bacteria under a microscope* ○ (*fig*) *put politicians under the microscope.* thaten zohfel ding an si.

▷ **microscopic** /maɪkrə'skɒpɪk/, **microscopical**

/-kl/ *adjs* **1** mit ih hmuh thei lo tiang a fatemi: *a micropic creature.* **2** maikrawskup hmangin: *microscopic examinations of traces of blood.*

microscopically /-kl/ *adv.*

microwave /maɪkrəweɪv/ *n* **1** radio le radar ih hmanmi, le rawl suannakih hmanmi tlolakh electric tha a feh mi. **2** **microwave oven** zamrang zet ih rawl a hminter theitu electric rawl suannak.

mid /mɪd/ *adj* (*attrib*) a laifang, a karlak: *from mid July to mid August.* ○ *in mid winter.* ○ *a collision in mid Channel/in air.*

mid- *comb form* a laifangah: *mid-morning coffee.* ○ *midsummer/midwinter.*

□ **the Midwest** *n* USA ram sungih saklam a laifang.

midday /mɪd'deɪ/ *n* [U] sundir: *finish work at midday.* (*attrib*) *the midday meal*, ie lunch. suncaw: sun ih eimi rawl;

midden /mɪdn/ *n* caw-ek, sia-ek vuun, hnawmpen.

middle /mɪdl/ *n* **1** **the middle** [*sing*] a laifang: *The middle of the room* ○ *in the very middle of the century.* ○ *in the very middle of the night.* ○ *They were in the middle of dinner when I called.* **2** [C] taai: *I seized him around his middle.* **3** (*idm*) **the middle of nowhere** (*infml*) a hlat zetmi ram thing: *She lives on a small farm in the middle of nowhere.*

▷ **middle** *adj* [*attrib*] **1** a laifang ah: *the middle house of the three.* ○ *middle finger.* **2** (*idm*) **take/follow a middle course.** khatlam le khatlam ih a luarkai tukmi a lai ih kaih khawmnak.

□ **middle age** no le tar karlak, sanʔat lai, vanglai.

middle-aged *adj* a middle-aged man.

the Middle Ages (Zurup san thuanthu sungah)

AD 1100 hrawngin AD 1400 hrawng tiang. **middle-aged spread** kum upat ruangih pumvah, pumdur.

middle-brow *n, adj* [usu attrib] (*esp derog*) mifim zaran: *middle-brow writers*. Cf **HIGHBROW**, **LOWBROW**.

middle C (*music*) piano keyboard laifang kiangih key C.

middle class *mi* zaran. [attrib] *a middle class neighbourhood*. *mi* zaran pawl umnak veng.

middle distance *adj* [attrib] miṭa 800 asilole 1500 hlat tlanzuam awknak.

middle ear hnasung le leng karlak hnakua: *an infection of the middle ear*.

the Middle East nisuah lam a laifang ram pawl (Egypt ram ihsin Iran ram tiang).

middle finger zunglai.

middleman *n* 1 thil neitu le a leitu karlakih tawreltu: *She wants to buy direct from the manufacturer and cut out the middleman*.

2 palai: *He acted as a middleman in discussions between the two companies*.

middle name 1 sakmi hmin a pahnihnak: *George Bernard Shaw*. = *George* = first name, *Bernard* = middle name, *Shaw* family name.

middle name (*infml*) *mi* pakhat ih mizia: *Charm is her middle name*.

middle-of-the-road *adj* khatlam khatlam luanlo, a lai lamzin: *His political beliefs are very middle-of-the-road*.

middle school (*esp Brit*) phun 5 in phun 8 tiang kainak tlawng.

middleweight *n* 71-75 kg a ritmi boksing thongtu.

middling /ˈmɪdlɪŋ/ *adj* 1 zaran: *He is a man of middling height*. 2 dam ceuceu, damdok damdok lo: *He says he's only (feeling) middling today*.

midfield /ˈmɪdˈfiːld/ *n* bualrawn laifang.

midge /ˈmɪdʒ/ *n* mikeu, fikfa phunkhat.

midget /ˈmɪdʒɪt/ *n* *mi* fate pingkirh.

▷ **midget** *adj* [attrib] a fate zetmi: *a midget submarine*.

midland /ˈmɪdlənd/ *adj* ram pakhat ih a lai hrawng: *the midland region, economy, accent*.

▷ **the Midlands** *n* England ram a laifang ramṭhen pawl.

midnight /ˈmɪdnɑːt/ *n* [U] 1 zanṭim nazi 12:00.

□ **the midnight sun** leilungpi tanglam bik le tlunta bik kiangkap ihsin zanṭim caan ih hmuhmi ni (ṭhal caan ah a si).

midriff /ˈmɪdrɪf/ *n* ṭang le tai karlak, pum: *a punch in the midriff*. 2 (*anatomy*) thinhna le pum dangtu a duandar paate (*diaphragm*).

midshipman /ˈmɪdʃɪpmən/ *n* (*pl* -men/-men/) 1 (*Brit*) Navy ralbawi, bokhat tang deuh. 2 (*US*) Navy ralbawi sidingih zirlai.

midships /ˈmɪdʃɪps/ *adv* = **AMIDSHIPS**.

midst /ˈmɪdst/ *n* lai ah, lakah: *in the midst of the*

crowd: There is a thief in our midst. kan lakah, kan lai ah.

midstream /ˈmɪdˈstriːm/ *n* [U] 1 tiva laifang: *There's a strong current in midstream*. 2 (*idm*) **in midstream** thil pakhat tuah laifang ah: *The speaker stopped in midstream, coughed, then started up again*.

midsummer /ˈmɪdˈsʌmə(r)/ *n* [U] 1 ṭhal caan laifang. 2 (*idm*) **midsummer madness** at thlak maksak asilole mawlh ko ih aa.

□ **Midsummer's Day** 24 June.

midway /ˈmɪdˈweɪ/ *adj, adv* a laifang ah a um, lam tanṭim: *The two villages are a mile apart, and my house lies midway between them*.

midweek /ˈmɪdwiːk/ *n* [U] nilai nipi; tlawngkai nihnih nithum pawl; a bikin nilai ni: *Midweek is a good time to travel to avoid the crowds*. ○ [attrib] *a midweek meeting, holiday*.

▷ **midweek** *adv* meet midweek ○ call midweek.

midwife /ˈmɪdwaɪf/ *n* (*pl* **midwives** /-waɪvz/) nau suah bawmtu sayama.

▷ **midwifery** /ˈmɪdwaɪfəri; *US* -waɪf-/ *n* [U] midwife ih hnaṭuan.

midwinter /ˈmɪdˈwɪntə(r)/ *n* [U] thlatang laifang. December 21 hrawng: [attrib] *a midwinter(s) night*.

mien /miːn/ *n* [sing] (*fml or rhet*) thinlung umdan langtertu mithmai umzia; umtlan zia: *with a sorrowful mien*. ○ *a man of proud mien*. ○ *He has the mien of a soldier*.

miffed /ˈmɪft/ *adj* (*sl*) malte thin heng: *She was miffed that he'd forgotten her name*.

might¹ /maɪt/ *modal v* (*neg* **might not**, *contracted form* **mightn't** /ˈmaɪntnt/) *thu* = on dingih dilnak: *Might I make a suggestion?* ○ *If I might just put in a word here* 2 a can thei zia simnak: *He might get here in time, but I can't be sure*. ○ *The pills might have cured him, if only he'd taken them regularly*. 3 theih duhnakih suhnak. ○ *How long might that take?*

might² *pt* of **MAY**.

might³ /maɪt/ *n* [U] 1 cahnak nasa tak asilole huham: *He pushed the rock with all his might*. ○ *We fear the military might of the enemy*. 2 (*idm*) **might is right** (*saying*) cahnak huham cun thil titheinak a neihter; a cakkak i co a si mai. **with might and main** (*rhet*) tha neih tawp suah in.

mighty /ˈmaɪti/ *adj* (*-ier, -iest*) 1 (*esp fml*) huham neimi, cakmi: *a mighty ruler, a mighty nation*. 2 a nasa zet mi: *the mighty ocean*. ○ *the mighty mountain peaks*.

▷ **mighty** *adv* (*esp US infml*) zet: *He's mighty pleased with himself*. ○ *mighty good, mithty clever*.

mightily *adv*.

migraine /ˈmiːgreɪn; *US* ˈaɪgreɪn/ *n* [U, C] lu khatlam, hmai hrek nasa zet ih ana mi, luaksuak le mitmen nuam lo in a thlun theu.

migrate /ˈmaɪɡreɪt; *US* ˈmaɪgreɪn/ (*also trans*

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migrate *v* [I, Ipr] 1 hnaʔuan ding a silole um dingah hmun khat ihsin hmunkhat ah ʔawn. **2** (of animals) tikcu vekin hmun dang ah ʔawn: *These birds migrate to North Africa in winter.*
 ▷ **migrant** /maɪgrənt/ *n, adj* a ʔawnmi, a vaimi: *migrant workers.*

migration /maɪgreɪʃn/ *n* (a) ʔawn, vai (b) a ʔawnmi zat, a vaimi zat: *a huge migration of people into Europe.*

migratory /maɪgrətəri, maɪgreɪtəri; US 'maɪgrətəri/ *adj* migratory birds ○ *the migratory instinct.*

mikado /mɪ'kaɪdɔ:/ *n* (pl ~s) Japan ramlengah Japan kumpi bawi an kawhnak (Emperor of Japan).

mike /maɪk/ *n* (infml) microphone. awring ʔongnak, ʔongrinnak, or dong.

milage = MILEAGE.

milch /mɪltʃ/ *adj* hnawi in dingih vulhmi rannung, caw, mee.

mild /maɪld/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** (a) nunnem, nunʔha: *She's a very mild-mannered person.* (b) a siava lo, a hrosuango: *mild weather; a mild punishment.* **2** (a thawtnak) a deem, a ʔak tuk lo, a thlum tuk lo, a kha lo: *a mild curry.* **mildly** *adv* **1** nemten, duhnungten: *She spoke mildly to us.* **2** (idm) **to put it mildly** porh thu tel lo ten: *At 6'.4", she's tall, to put it mildly,* a sang taktak.

mildness *n* [U].

□ **mild steel** ser theih ih a nem deuh mi kahpathir.

mildew /mɪldju:/ *US -du:/ n* [U] mawr: *some trees are ruined by mildew.*

▷ **mildew** *v* [I, Tn esp passive] *mildewed* fruits, leaves.

mile /maɪl/ *n* peng; 1.6 km = 1 mile. ○ *For miles and miles there's nothing but desert.* ○ *a 39 mile journey.* **2** [C esp pl] (infml) tam zet, hlat zet: *She's feeling miles better today, a dam deuh ngaingai: He's miles older than she is.* ○ *There's no one within miles of her as tennis player, a tluktu an um lo: You missed the target by miles.*

3 (esp **the mile**) peng khat tlanzuamnak: *He can run a four-minute mile,* peng khat kha minit 4 (asilole) cuhnak malsawn in a tlan thei. **4** (idm) **miles from anywhere/nowhere** a hlat zetmi ramʔhing ah: *run a mile* huphurh, tong ngamlo: *I'd run a mile than be interviewed on television.* **a mile off** (infml) ol tukih sim: *He's lying: you can see that a mile off.* **stand/stick out a mile** a langhngan, a fiang: *Her honesty sticks out a mile.* ○ *It stands out a mile that she's telling the truth.*

□ **milestone** *n* **1** lamzin pengtah phunmi lungto. **2** (fig) a thupi zetmi karbak, asilole, thilcang: *This victory was a milestone in our country's history.*

mileage (also **milage**) /maɪlɪdʒ/ *n* **1** [C, U] fehmi zat pengtah siar: *a used car with a low mileage* = peng tampi mawn hrih lo mi. **2** [U] (also

mileage allowance) khualtlawn man peng tah ih khiahmi: *Have you claimed your mileage?* **3** [U] (fig infml) a hlawk zet, ʔathnemnak: *He doesn't think there's any mileage in that type of business.*

miler /maɪlə(r)/ *n* (infml) peng khat tlan zuamnak ih a tel ʔeu mi minung asilole rang: *He's our best miler.*

milieu /miˈljɜː; US ,miˈljɜː/ *n* (pl ~s or ~x /-z/) kiangkap, umtlan dan: *Coming from another milieu, she found life as a pastor's wife strange at first.*

militant /mɪlɪtənt/ *adj* **1** tumtahmi ngah theinak dingah thazaang le nekrawknak hman: *the strikers were in a militant mood.* **2** thatho zet, thatho zet ih raldo: *militant workers.*

▷ **militancy** *n* [U].

militant *n* midang neh a duh zettu.

militarism /mɪlɪtəɪzəm/ *n* [U] ralkap thazaang le thiamnak rinsannak, thupitternak.

▷ **militarist** /mɪlɪtəɪst/ *n* ralkap thazaang le thiamnak thupi zet ih a ruattu.

militaristic /mɪlɪtəɪstɪk/ *adj.*

militarize, -ise /mɪlɪtəɪz/ *v* [Tn esp passive] *a militarized zone* = ralkap pawl hrangih hmanmi hmunnhma.

military /mɪlɪtri; US -teri/ *adj* [usu attrib] ralkap pawl ʔawn pehpar aw in: *military training, military uniform, military service.*

▷ **the military** *n* ralkap pawl: *The military were called in to deal with the riot.*

militate /mɪlɪteɪt/ *v* [I pr] thil pakhat dawnkham theinak hmual asilole thil ti thei nak nei: *Many factors militated against the success of our plan.*

militia /mɪˈlɪʃə/ *n* [C Gp] raldo zir termi mi senpi, ram hrang poɪʔul ih hman lohli theih.

□ **militiaman** /-mən/ *n.*

milk¹ /mɪlk/ *n* **1** [U] hnawi, pawhte ti: *skimmed milk,* a hlap suah mi, *powdered milk,* hnawi vut, [attrib] *milk products* ○ *butter, cheese, yoghurt.* **2** hnawi bangtuk thingkung le hrampi ihsin ngahmi ti. **3** (idm) **milk and water** (derog) thu nepnawi: *His speech was nothing but milk and water.* **the milk of human kindness** minung par ih tuah dingmi ʔatnak. **land of milk and honey** ram ʔha ram nuam.

□ **milk bar** (esp Brit) zu a si lo mi intii pawl zuarnak; chawkalet le hnawiti zuarnak.

milk chocolate cawhnawi ih tuahmi chawkalet.

milk churn (Brit) cawhnawi thiarnak pungpi.

milk float (Brit) inn ciar ih cawhnawi kuatnak ih hmanmi.

milk loaf *n* (pl -loaves) (Brit) cawhnawi ih tuahmi sangthlum.

milk maid *n* caw kuatnak ih hna a ʔuantu le cawhnawi a sawrtu nunau.

milkman *n* (pl -men) inn khat hnu inn khat cawhnawi a petu.

milk pudding (esp Brit) cawhnawi ʔawn suanmi

- sanghmeh.
- milk round** cawhnawi petu pa ih fehnak.
- milk run** (*fig infml*) a ringring ih fehnak: *I do the milk run everyday taking the children to school.*
- milk shake** cawhnawi dai le thil dang rawi phul ko cawhmi.
- milk tooth** *n* (*pl* **teeth**) (*US* **baby tooth**) a tlong sal dingmi naute ha, ha sia.
- milkweed** *n* hnawiti vek a suahmi hrampi, thingkung.
- milk white** *adj* cawhnawi pianhmang a kengmi: *The prince rode a milk white horse.*
- milk**² /milk/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] hnawi sawr: *The farmer hasn't finished milking.* **2** [I] hnawi suah: *The cows are milking well, hnawi an suah tha zet.* **3** (**a**) thingkung hrampi ihsin a ti sawr. (**b**) rul tur lak. **4** [Tn, Tn-pr] a dik lo zawngih thil ngah, hawp: *His illegal deals were steadily milking the profits from the business.*
- ▷ **milker** *n* **1** hnawi sawrtu. **2** hnawi suahtu tilva: *That cow is a good milker.*
- **milking machine** *n* cawhnawi sawrnak thilri.
- milkstop** /milkstɒp/ *n* (*derog*) mi derthawmte le tijhrut (mipa).
- milky** /milki/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) **1** cawhnawi vek: *a milky white skin.* **2** cawhnawi thawn rawimi, tuahmi: *milky tea, coffee.* ○ *I like a hot milky drink at bedtime.* **3** a fiangfai lo mi, mero khuhmi: *Opals are milky jems.*
- ▷ **miliness** *n* [U].
- **the Milky Way** = THE GALAXY (GALAXY²).
- mill**¹ /mil/ *n* **1** fang le sangvut rialnak khawl retnak inn (cet zung). **2** thil rialcipnak khawl: *a coffee mill, a pepper mill.* **3** thil pakhat khat suahtu khawl retnak inn (Cet zung): *a cotton-mill, a paper-mill, a steel-mill, a saw-mill.* **4** (idm) **go through the mill** = harsat zonzaihnak pek. Cf RUN-OF-THE-MILL (RUN²).
- **mill-dam** *n* khawl her thei dingah tiva khamtahrat ih tili dawl, tikhuap, tidawl.
- mill-hand** cet zung hnaʔuan.
- mill-pond** cet zung hrangih dawlni tili.
- mill-race** khawl leeng a hertertu ti-tha.
- millstone** *n* **1** fang rialnak lung pheng (pahnih) **2** (idm) **a millstone round one's neck** thilrit tumpi (asilole) ʔuanvo: *My debts were like a millstone round my neck.*
- mill-wheel** titha khawl hrangih hmanmi leeng.
- millwright** titha le thlitha khawl pawl ruangzingtu, tuahtu, le remtu.
- mill**² /mil/ *v* [Tn esp passive] **1** khawl ih rial dip: *The grain was coarsely milled.* **2** thir tangka tlangʔial suah: *English pound coins have milled edges.* **3** hreihriam thawn tan/ser. **4** (phr *v*) **mill about/around** hnok zet ih herkual celcel: *Groups of fans were milling about in the streets after the match.*
- millboard** /mɪlbɔ:d/ *n* [C, U] cabu phaw tuahnak ih hmanmi cahnah khoh.
- millenarian** /ˌmɪlɪˈneəriən/ kum 1000 uknak a thleng lai ding ti ih zumtu.
- millennium** /mɪˈleniəm/ *n* (*pl* **-nia** or **~s**) **1** kum 1000 sung: *The first millennium.* **2** **the millennium** [sing] (*religion*) Baibal ih sim sungmi Khrih in leitlun ah kum 1000 a uk ding caan. **3** **the millennium** [sing] mi hmuahhmuah hrangih lungawinak le nomnak hmailam caan.
- millepede** (also **millipede**) /mɪlˈpiːd/ *n* a phir a phir ih ke a neimi pangang.
- miller** /ˈmɪlə(r)/ *n* thil rialnak khawl neitu.
- millet** /ˈmɪlt/ *n* [U] (**1**) Lai faang (**2**) Lai faang rawl, fangngai.
- milli-** *comb form* then thawngkhat then thenkhat: *milligram, millimetre.*
- milliard** /ˈmɪliə:d/ *n* (*Brit*) million thawng khat. Cf BILLION.
- millibar** /ˈmɪlɪbə(r)/ *n* thlitha a cahnak unit (thlitha unit bar 1000 ih then khat).
- milliner** /ˈmɪlnə(r)/ *n* nunau lukhuh tuahtu (asilole) zuartu.
- ▷ **millinery** /-nəri/; *US* -neri/ *n* [U] nunau lukhuh tuah le zuar hnaʔuan.
- million** /ˈmɪljən/ *pron* **million** (nambat kha lolak paruk in a thlun): 1,000, 000 (*one million*).
- ▷ **million** *n* **1** 1,000, 000: *She made her first million before she was thirty.* **2** (idm) **one in a million** a bengbaimi (tam zet lakih pakhat): *She's a wife in a million.*
- million-** (*in compounds*) *a million-dollar law suit, million pakhat (asilole) cuhnakih tam in thu an khang (taza an cuai).*
- millionth** *pron* then then milian then then khat.
- millionaire** /-nmɪljəˈneə(r)/ (*fem* **millionaire** /mɪljəˈneəres/) *n* milian zet; paisa million khat hnakh tam neitu.
- millipede** = MILLEPEDE.
- milometer** (also **mileometer**) /maɪˈlɒmɪtə(r)/ *n* (*US* **odometer**) mawʔawka sungih peng ziangzat a feh zo ti hminsinnak.
- milord** /mɪˈlɔ:d/ *n* French ʔong in English bawi upa/milian an kawhnak.
- milt** /mɪlt/ *n* [U] (also **soft roe**) nga ih aw (a pa tii).
- mime** /maɪm/ *n* (**a**) [U] thuanthu simnak ah ʔong lo in mithmai um daan lawng hmanna: *a play acted entirely in mime.*
- ▷ **mime** *v* [I, Tn] mithmai um daan lawngih thuanthu sim: *He mimed the part of a drunken man.*
- mimeograph** /ˈmɪmiɒɡrəf/; *US* -græf/ *n* (*dated*) carialnak.
- ▷ **mimeograph** *v* [Tn] ca rial.
- mimetic** /mɪˈmetɪk/ *adj* mi ih thucawng: *mimetic skills.*
- mimic** /ˈmɪmɪk/ *v* (*pt, pp* **mimicked**) **1** [Tn] hnihsuak capoh sainakih mi thucawn: *Tom mimicked his uncle's voice and gestures perfectly.* **2** [Tn] thil pakhat bang zet: *Wood painted to mimic marble.*

mimosa

▷ **mimic** *n* midang thucawn a thiam zetmi ramsa, minung: *This parrot is an amazing mimic.*

mimic *adj* [attrib] cawnmi, tuahhrim mi: *mimic warfare*, ral um lolai ih ral thuamhnaw thawn cangvaihnak. *mimic colouring*, cucik kharbaw le vate pawl tikcu caan le an kiangkap vekin an pianhmang (rong) an thleng.

mimicry *n* [U] *mimicking: protective mimicry*, thingkung le ramsa an kiangkap vekin pianhmang an thlengih an ral relhnak ah hmang.

mimosa /mɪ'məʊzə/ *US* -məʊsə/ *n* (a) [U] a rim a hmui aire par nei thingkung fate. (b) [U] cui pangpar.

min *abbr* **1** *minimum*, a mal bikah. **2** *minute*.

minaret /ˌmɪnə'ret/ *n* muslim biakinn thlacam sawmnak hmailam zum donhle.

minatory /ˌmɪnətəri/ *US* -təri/ *adj* (fml) hringhro, ʔhihphaih: *minatory actions, gestures*.

mince /mɪns/ *v* **1** sa cipzet ih sat. **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] (*usu derog*) thupi zet le titeraw ih ʔong, feh, umtlang: *She minced into the room wearing very high heels.*

3 (idm) **not mince matters; not mince one's words** fiangzet le hmaisong lo zet ih sim: *I didn't mince matters: I said he was an idiot.* ○ *I won't mince words (with you). I think your plan is stupid.*

▷ **mince** *n* [v] (*esp Brit*) (*US* **hamburger**) sat cipmi sa: *a pound of mince*.

mincer *n* sa sahceipnak khawl.

mincing *adj* (*usu derog*) **mincingly** *adv*.

□ **mince pie** a hleice in Christmas caan ih eimi sa sahdipte thawn tuahmi sangnem.

mincemeat /ˌmɪnsmeɪt/ *n* [U] **1** **mince pie** sa sat dip, sabit car, cini, epal, theihmu rah le a dang rawimi sangnem. **2** (idm) **make mincemeat of** nasa zet ih neh: *The Prime Minister made mincemeat of his opponent's arguments.*

mind¹ /maɪnd/ *n* **1** [U] thinlung: *He has complete peace of mind.* **2** [C] (a) khurkhawruah theinak, fimnak: *brilliant mind, logical mind, simple mind.* (b) a ruahnak le fimthiamnak ʔha zet ih a hmantu: *He is one of the greatest minds of the age.* **3** [C] mi pakhat ih ruahnak, thinlung: *Don't let your mind wander!* **4** [C] cinken theinak: *I can't think where I've left my umbrella: my mind's a complete blank!* **5** [U, C] lungfim: *be sound in mind and body.* ○ *He's 94 and his mind is going = kum 94 a siih a derthawm thlang.* **6** (idm) **be in two minds** thinlung a ʔeek: *I was in two minds about leaving London, my relatives were there, but the job abroad was a good one.* **be of one mind** thinkhat lungkhat ten. **be on one's mind** donhar, helhkam: *My deputy has resigned, so I've got a lot on my mind just now.* **be out of one's mind** aa, mawlh: *You must be out of your mind if you think I'm going to lend you 1 000 dollars!* **take a load/weight off one's mind** thilrit zaangter:

Paying my debt was an enormous weight off my mind! **bear in mind, keep in mind** hngilh lo, ciing: *We've no vacancies now, but we'll bear/keep your application in mind.* **bring/call to mind** ciing, mang: *I know her face but I can't call her name to mind.* **come/spring to mind** ruahnak a hung suak: *'Have you any suggestions?'* ○ *Nothing immediately springs to mind.* **give one's mind to** thinlung hmuah pe in. **have a mind of one's own** mahte thu khawlkhawm thei, thu ruatcat thei. **have a good mind to do** ti duhnak thinlung nei: *I had a good mind to smack him for being so rude.* **have half a mind to do** (infml) tuah ding phuur tuk lo; duh fangfang. **have an open mind** ⇒ OPEN. **have it in mind to do** tuah dingih tumtah: *I have it in mind to ask her advice when I see her.* **have sb/sth in mind** a kaih dingih ruat: *Who do you have in mind for the job?* **in ... mind's eye** thinlung suangtuahnak sungah: *In my mind's eye, I can still see the house where I was born.* **keep one's mind on** thil dang ruat lo in a peh zomih hmuibun, hmuitin: *Keep your mind on the job!* **know one's own mind** ⇒ NOW. **make up one's mind** (fml) ruat cat: *As we can't afford a bigger house we must make up our minds to staying here.* (si-caan tawh cohlang). **a meeting of minds** ⇒ MEETING. **mind over matter** taksa hnakin thinlung a cak deuh timi ruahnak: *Keeping to a strict diet is a question of mind over matter.* **of the same mind** ⇒ SAME. **of unsound mind** ⇒ UNSOUND. **open one's mind to** ⇒ SIGHT. **pissed out of one's mind** ⇒ PISS. **poison A's mind against B** ⇒ POISON. **presence of mind** ⇒ PRESENCE. **prey on somebody's mind** ⇒ PREY *v*. **put sb in mind of** mi pakhat/thil pakhat a vun mangter: *Her way of speaking put me in mind of her mother.* **put/set one's mind at ease** khawruahhar a rehter. **put/set/turn one's mind to** ruahnak hmuahhmuah pek (thungai thlakin): *You could be a very good writer if you set your mind to it.* **speak one's mind off** donhar lo dingih bom: *Hard work always takes your mind off domestic problems.* **time out of mind** ⇒ TIME. **to my mind** kei ka ruah dan ahcun: *To my mind, it's all a lot of nonsense!* **turn sth over in one's mind** can khat hrangah thil pakhat ʔhate ih ruat.

□ **mind-bending** *adj* (infml) thinlung luakhkattu: *a mind-bending problem.*

mind-blowing *adj* (infml) (rit theinak, hmuhmi, tonmi) pawl ruangah lungthawhnak, lau-nak, lungawi luan tuknak, a rau hmuhnak tla a suahter.

mind-boggling *adj* (infml) mangbangza, tuksum le haza: *Distances in space are quite mind-boggling.*

mind-reader *n* mi thinlung ruahnak ka thei a ti-awtu.

mind-reading *n* [U].

mind² /maɪnd/ *v* **1** [Tn] kil, zoh: *mind the baby*. ○

Mind my bicycle while I go into the shop, please.

○ *Could you mind the phone for five minutes* (phone a on le rak biak sak ding). **2** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tf, Tw no passive, Tg, Tsg] pakhat khat ah poi ti le ti lo suh le simnak: *Do you mind if I smoke?*

○ *I don't mind how cold it is.* ○ *She minded very*

much that he had not come = zangfah dilnakih

hmanmi: *Would you mind helping me?* ○ *Would*

you please help me? **3** [no passive: Tn, Tw] ruat,

ngaihtuah, poiti: *There's no need to mind the*

expense if you're not paying ○ *I mind what*

people think of me. **4** [I, Tn, Tf, Tw] ralring: *Mind*

that step! ○ *Mind your head!* ○ *Mind the dog!*

○ *This knife is sharp. Mind you don't cut*

yourself. **5** (idm) **do you mind?** (phirsit tɔŋg)

zangfahten cawl aw; um meen aw: *'Do you*

mind?' *She said, as he pushed into the queue in*

front of her. I don't mind if I do (infml ironic)

in ding pekmi lungawiten cohlan tiki tɔŋgmi:

'Will you have a drink?' *I don't mind if I do* (Yes,

please. ti can). **mind one's own business** (esp

imperative) midang thu thlak lo: *Please mind*

your own business, mi ih thu thlak hlah. **mind**

one's p's and q's umtuzia mawi le ralringten.

mind you hminsaw: *They're getting divorced,*

I hear—mind you, I'm not surprised. **never mind**

a poi lo, na khawruah har hlah: *'Did you miss*

the bus? Never mind, there'll be another one in

five minutes. **never mind (doing) sth** tuah nawn

hlah. **never you mind** (infml) sut hlah (an lo sim

cuang lo ding). **6** (phr *v*) **mind out** (infml) lamzin

kian aw: *Mind out—you're blocking the passage.*

mind out (for sb/sth) ralring: *Mind out for the*

traffic when you cross the road.

▷ **minder** *n* (esp in compounds) kiltu, zohtu: *a*

machine-minder ○ *a child-minder.*

minded /maɪndɪd/ *adj* **1** tuah duhnak thinlung

nei: *He could do it if he were so minded.* **2**

(**forming compound adjs**) cu vek lungput nei:

a strong-minded, narrow-minded person. **3** (with

ns forming compound adjs) thil pakhat ih

thupitzia/man neih zia thei ngah: *She has*

become very food-minded since her holiday in

France.

mindful /maɪndfʊl/ *adj* ruat, zawnruat, seherh:

mindful of one's family, one's duties.

mindless /maɪndlɪs/ *adj* **1** khawruahnak tɔl lo:

mindless drudgery. **2** (derog) fimkhur lo,

khawruat lo: *mindless vandals.* **3** ruat lo, ralring

lo: *mindless of personal risk.*

▷ **mindlessly** *adv.* **mindlessness** *n* [U].

mine¹ /maɪn/ *possess pron* kata, keimai: *I think*

that book is mine. ○ *He's a friend of mine.*

mine² /maɪn/ *n* **1** lei sungsuak thil mankhung ngah

dingah leikhur laihami: *a coal-mine; a gold mine.*

○ *The inspector went down the mine.* ○ [attrib]

a mine worker. Cf QUARRY². **2** (a) (ral pawl

tanhmun) siatsuah dingah a puak theimi thil

hrangih vihmi leukua. (b) ral pawl siah dingah

a puak theimi thil thunnak dawng. **3** (idm) **a**

mine of information theih kauhnak dawhhna:

My grandmother is a mine of information about

our family's history.

□ **mine-detector** *n* a puak theimi maing bomb

pawl hawlnak magnet (thir hnuk) thilri.

minefield *n* **1** a puak theimi bomb pawl retnak

hmun, leipar asilole tipi sung. **2** (fig) theih cia

lomi harsatnak tampi umnak hmun/thil:

International law is a minefield for anyone not

familiar with its complexity.

minelayer *v* a puak theimi retnak ih hmanmi

vanzam/tangphawlawng. **minelaying** *n* [U].

minesweeper *n* bomb thang kammi a sialfautu

tangphawlawng. **minesweeping** *n* [U].

mineworker *v* leikhur ih hna a tuantu.

mine³ /maɪn/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr] khur lai (sui, lungvar

tivek pawl): *mining for gold, diamonds, etc.* (b)

leikhur lai ih suah (sui, lungvar tivek): *Gold is*

mined from deep under ground. **2** [Tn] leilung

tanglam ah kua lai: *mine enemy trenches, forts,*

etc. **3** [Tn] (a) a puak theimi bomb siah: *mine*

the entrance to a harbour. (b) a puak theimi

(bomb) thawn siatsuah: *The cruiser was mined,*

and sank in five minutes.

miner /maɪnə(r)/ *n* leikhur sungih hna a tuantu.

mining /maɪnɪŋ/ *n* [U] khur lai ih thil mankhung

pawl ngahnak: *gold-mining* ○ *the mining*

industry, the mining engineer.

mineral /maɪnərəl/ *n* **1** [C, U] leilung sungih tonmi,

amahte ah tuahsarnak le thleng awknak a nei

ringring mi thil pawl: *the mineral kingdom* ○

substances classified as minerals. **2** [C, U]

leilung sungih laihsuak mi thil pawl: *Coal and*

iron are minerals. ○ [attrib] *mineral deposits,*

resources, wealth, etc. **3** [C usu pl] (Brit) (a)

MINERAL WATER. (b) (US **soda**) zu a tellomi, ti

thawl, palang sungih thunmi in ding pawl: *Soft*

drinks and minerals sold here.

□ **mineral oil** **1** (Brit) zinan, datsi tivek pawl:

2 (US) zinan.

mineral water harh damnak hrangih a thami

ti.

mineralogy /maɪnə'rælədʒi/ *n* [U] lei sungsuak

thil pawl thu zirnak.

▷ **mineralogical** /maɪnə'rælədʒɪkl/ *adj.*

mineralogist /maɪnɪ'strɒlədʒɪst/ *n* mineral thu a

zirlaitu/a thiam zettu.

minestone /maɪnɪ'strɒni/ *n* [U] sa, hanghnah

hangrah, fangfai, arti pawl rawi ih suanmi Italy

sop tihang, cencerh.

mingle /mɪŋɡl/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] kom aw; kom:

The waters of the two rivers mingled (together)

to form one river. (b) cokrawi: *He mingled the*

water and wine. **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] va feh ih mi thawn

kom aw, rawi aw: *Security men mingled with the*

crowd.

mingy /maɪndʒi/ *n* (-ier, -iest) (Brit infml) tirhfak,

M

mini

fahhnat: *He's so mingly with his money.* (stingy).

mini /'mini/ *n* (pl ~ **s**) (infml) **1** **Mini** (propr) mawṭawka fate. **2** nunau hnifen tawite; miniskirt, a cing zetmi skat.

mini- comb form of small size, length: thil fate simnak: *minibus* ○ *ministore* ○ *miniskirt*. Cf MACRO-, MICRO-.

miniature /'miniətʃə(r); US 'miniətʃuər/ *n* **1** (a) [C] minung lemozuk fate zet le famkim zet ih suaimi. (b) hi vek lemozuk suai thiamnak: a *miniature artist*. **2** [C] thil pakhat bang zet le fate zet ih tuahmi/cawnmi: a *detailed miniature of the Titanic*. ○ [attrib] *miniature dog*. uico fate zet phun. **3** (idm) **in miniature** *She is just like her mother in miniature*, fatet lamah a nu a zon.

▷ **miniaturist** /'mini:tʃərist/ *n* lemozuk fate suaitu.

minibus /'mini:bʌs/ *n* (esp Brit) minung phurtu mawṭaw (bas) te.

minicab /'mini:kæb/ *n* (Brit) minung malte tomi hlantheih mawṭawka fate (taxi).

mini-computer /'mini:kəm'pjʊ:tə(r)/ *n* a fate ih a man olmi kompeuṭa. Cf MAINFRAME, MICROCOMPUTER.

minim /'minim/ *n* **1** (Brit) (US **half note**) (music) kut vai vai hrek, a tlangpi thu in vuak hnih a nei ih crotchet/quarter note pahniṭ thawn an bang-aw. **2** for khat (tidai).

minimal /'miniməl/ *adj* a mal bik, a tee bik: *On these cliffs vegetation is minimal*. ○ *We stayed with friends, so your expenses were minimal*. ▷ **minimally** *adv*.

minimize, -ise /'miniməɪz/ *v* [Tn] **1** a mal bik, a niam bikah ṭhum: *To minimize the risk of burglary, install a good alarm system*. **2** thil pakhat a sinak hnakiṭ niam deuh ih sim/tuat: *minimize an accident* ○ *minimize someone's contribution*.

minimum /'miniməm/ *n* (pl **minima** /-mə/) [C] a mal bik, a tee bik, a niam bik zat, sinak: *Repairing your car will cost a minimum of \$100*. **2** (abbr **min**) a mal bik, a tee bik, a niam bik zat onmi, hminsinmi: *The class needs a minimum of 6 pupils to continue*. Cf MAXIMUM.

▷ **minimum** *adj* 20p is the *minimum fare on buses*.

□ **minimum lending rate** (finance) paisa coihnakih a ṭhang niam bik khiahmi.

minimum thermometer a kik le hlum tah nakin a hlumnakih niambik a hminsin mi.

minimum wage *minimum pay*: uknak dan ih khiaksakmi a niam bik hlawhman (cu hnakiṭ niam a um thei lo).

mining /'minɪŋ/ *n* [U]

minion /'miniən/ *n* (esp pl) hnaṭuan nauta; hnen-um; bawi upa ṭihzah ih um in lungṭlon tumtu: *Can you send one of your minions to collect this file?*

minister¹ /'ministə(r)/ *n* **1** (US **secretary**) kumpi uknak department pakhat ih ṭuanvo neitu bik (vuanci), ram pi uknak lukaitu pawlkom

(Cabinet) sungtel: *the Minister of Education* ○ *the Prime Minister*. **2** ambassador hnakiṭ niam deuh, a mai kumpi ai-awhtu. **3** kawhhran hnaṭuan pastor. Cf PRIEST, VICAR.

minister² /'ministə(r)/ *v* **1** [I pr] rian: *nurses ministering to the sick*. **2** (idm) **a ministering angel** zangfah thinpemnak thawn mi a bawmtu; mi a bawmtu, a riantu nunau.

ministerial /'mini'stəriəl/ *adj* minister ih sinak, dinhmun le ṭuanvo pawl: *hold ministerial office* ○ *a decision taken at ministerial level*.

▷ **ministerially**.

ministrant /'ministrənt/ *adj* Kawhhran puai le hnaṭuan tete ah bawm.

▷ **ministrant** *n* (fml) bawmtu, terh fialmi.

ministration /,mini'streɪʃn/ *n* (fml) (a) [U] kawhhran serh le saang ti vekih bom le ren hna: *the ministration of the sacrament*. (b) [C usu pl] tuamhlawmnak: *The ministrations of my wife restored me to health*.

ministry /'ministri/ *n* **1** (US **department**) [C] *the Ministry of Defence*. **2** (a) **the ministry** kawhhran hnaṭuan, biaknak; hnaṭuan pawl: *His parents intended him for the ministry*. (b) biaknak hnaṭuantu ih ṭuan caan le ṭuanvo: *enter the ministry*.

mink /mɪŋk/ *n* **1** [C] sahrem phun khat. **2** (a) [U] cui sahrem hmul mankhung: *a mink stole, coat*. (b) [C] cui hmul ih tuahmi kawt kor: *wearing her new mink*.

minow /'minəʊ/ *n* (pl unchanged or ~ **s**) tiva nga a fate phun.

minor /'maɪnə(r)/ *adj* **1** [usu attrib] a fate deuh, a thupi lo deuh: *a minor road*, eg in the country ○ *a minor repairs, alterations, etc* ○ *a minor operation*, ie one that does not risk the patient's life ○ *minor injuries, burns, fractures, etc* ○ *a minor part/role in a play* ○ *minor poets*. Cf MAJOR. **2** (Brit dated or joc) (in private schools) tlawng pakhat ih hminbangrep pahniṭ lakah nauta deuh kawhnak; unau an si le a nau deuh kawhnak: *Smith minor*. Cf MAJOR, JUNIOR. **3** (music) scale sungah a pahniṭnak aw ihsin a hrek a hlami aw, minor key: *a minor third*, ie an interval of three semitones ○ *a song in a minor key, ie one based on a minor scale* ○ *a symphony in C minor*. Cf MAJOR.

▷ **minor** *n* **1** (law) kum leitek a kim lomi (UK ah kum 18). **2** (US) phunsang tlawngta pakhat ih cazirmi thupi lo deuh pawl: *minor subject*.

minor *v* [I pr] cuvek ih zir.

□ **minor planet** asteroid.

minor suit (in card-games, esp bridge) diamonds lole clubs.

minority /maɪ'nɒrəti; US -'nɔ:r-/ *n* **1** (a) [CGp] (usu sing) mi mal sawn: *Only a minority of British households do/does not have a car*. ○ *A small minority voted against the motion*. (b) [C] phun le hnam, biaknak, ṭong ah ramsung mi tamsawn

hnakih hleice pawl (a bangaw lo pawl): *the rights of ethnic minorities*. ○ [attrib] *belong to a minority group*. Cf MAJORITY. **2** [U] (law) kum rikhia (leitek) a kim lomi. **3** (idm) **be in a/the minority** mi malsawn: *We're in the minority*. ○ *I'm in a minority of one*, zo khalin in lung kimpi lo.

□ **minority government** party dang hmuahhmuah ih ngahmi MP hnakin malsawn a ngahtu party in kumpi an kai.

minster /ˈmɪnstə(r)/ *n* (Brit) biakinn tumpi le thupi: *York Minster*.

minstrel /ˈmɪnstrel/ *n* hlaphuah le hlasakih khual tlawngmi. **2** (usu *pl*) hmai dumter tahrat in Negro hla le awnmawi thawn hlasak le laam puai tuah: *a minstrel show*.

▷ **minstrelsy** *n*.

mint¹ /mɪnt/ *n* **1** [U] rawl, inmi pawl, hasi, le hmawmmi pawl rimhmui tertu thinghnah: *a spring of mint* zu sungih rawimi: *mint sauce*. hmuihmer sawhti. **2** [U, C] thakhmui: *Do you like mints?*

▷ **minty** /mɪnti/ *adj*: *toothpaste with a minty taste*.

mint² /mɪnt/ *n* **1** [C] tangka fang (thir tangka tivek) tuahnak hmun. **2** [sing] (*infml*) paisa tam zet: *She made an absolute mint in the fashion trade*. **3** (idm) **in mint condition** a thar (vek), a bal lo mi, a tha mi: *banknotes in mint condition*.

▷ **mint** *v* [Tn] **1** tangka fang thar tuah: *newly-minted £1 coins*. **2** (*fig*) tɔngfang thar phuah. *I've just minted a new word!*

minuet /ˈmɪnjuːt/ *n* nuamte ih laamnak hrangih awnmawi.

minus /ˈmaɪnəs/ *prep* **1** (mathematics) a dir, a hnuk: *Seven minus three equals four (7-3 = 4)*. **2** lolak hnakih niam: *a temperature of minus ten degree centigrade (-10°C)*. **3** (*infml*) neilo, hloral: *He came back from the war minus a leg*. ○ *I'm minus my car today*. Cf PLUS.

▷ **minus** *adj* **1** (mathematics) a dir lam: *a minus quantity*, lolak tangah dirtu a um lai(-50). **2** hmat pek dan: *I got B minus (B-) in the test*.

minus *n* **1** (also **minus sign**) a dir langternak (-). **2** (*infml*) tumsuknak, hnufual tertu: *Let's consider the pluses and minuses of moving house*. Cf PLUS.

minuscule /ˈmɪnəskjuːl/ *adj* a fate zetmi.

minute¹ /ˈmɪnɪt/ *n* (a) [C] nazi pakhat ih then sawmruk thenkhat: *It's ten minutes to five*. ○ *My house is five minutes (away) from the shop*. (b) caan tawite: *Just a minute, please!* ○ *It only takes a minute to make a salad*. (c) a kiil tahnak ih hmanmi digri sawmrukih then khat: *37 degrees 30 minutes (37° 30')*. **3** [C] thurelcat ngankhummi. **4 minutes** [pl] thurelcatmi pawl: *He reads the minutes of the last meeting*. ○ *Who will take the minutes?* **5** (idm) **any minute (now)** reilote ah: *The leading cyclist will be coming round that corner any minute now*. **in a minute**

mitthep kar ah: *Our guest will be here in a minute!* **Just a minute** malten in hngak aw: *Just a minute! Let me shut the window*. **not for a/one minute** si lamlam hlah: *I never suspected for a minute that you were married*. **the minute/moment (that)** ... veten ...: *I want to see him the minute (that) he arrives*. **to the minute** a cekci ah: *The train arrived at 9.05 to the minute*. **up to the minute** (*infml*) (a) hnipuan hruk sanman: *Her clothes are right up to the minute*. (b) netabik thusuak: *an up-to-the minute news bulletin*.

▷ **minute** *v* [Tn] ngankhum: *Your suggestion will be minuted*.

□ **minute-book** *n* thurelmi ngankhumnak cabu. **minute-gun** minit pakhat danih kahmi meithal: mi upa ruak vuinakah.

minute-hand nazi sungih minit fung, minit kut.

minute-man *n* (*pl* -men) (US) a tul asile ralkap hlun (asilole) mi menmen a tiar awmi.

minute steak suan lohli thei dingin cawsa/sasen paate ih canmi.

minute² /ˈmaɪnjuːt/ *US* -nuːt/ *adj* (-r, -st) **1** fate/malte: *minute particles of gold dust*. **2** a cipciar in, a fekk in, a cekci in: *a minute inquiry, inspection*. ○ *The detective studied the fingerprints in the minutest detail*.

▷ **minutely** *adv*. **minuteness** *n* [U].

minutiae /ˈmaɪnjuːʃiː/ *US* mɪˈnuːʃiː/ *n* (pl) a thupilomi a cipciar: *I won't discuss the minutiae of the contract now*.

minx /mɪŋks/ *n* (derog or joc) a depde, a hlothlau mi fala no: *She can be a little minx when she wants to get her own way!*

miracle /ˈmɪrəkl/ *n* a dan le a kel vek si lo, minung ih thil ti thei nak si lo in mangbangza thil a cangmi: *The doctors said her recovery was a miracle*. **2** [sing] (*infml*) hminsin tlak le ruah ban lo ih thil a cangmi: *It's a miracle you weren't killed in that car crash!* ○ *It'll be a miracle if he ever gives up smoking!* **3** [C] zohthim tlak, hminsin tlak tuahmi: *The compact disc is a miracle of modern technology*. **4** (idm) **do/work miracles** (*infml*) thil tha maktak a suahpi thei: *This tonic will work miracles for your depression*.

▷ **miraculous** /ˈmɪrəkjʊləs/ *adj* **1** thil cangkel vek siloin mangbangza thil a cangmi. **2** (*infml*) hminsin tlak, mangbangza, rinlopi in: *It's miraculous how much weight you've lost!* **miraculously** *adv*.

□ **miracle play** Baibal sungih thilcang pawl le Khristian mithiang pawl nun lemcawn ih an rak hmuhmi.

mirage /ˈmɪrɑːʒ, mɪˈrɑːʒ/ *n* **1** niling le niling lak feh lai ih tidai a li mi ruangah mit a bum-aw mi. **2** (*fig*) a um lo mi hmuh le a cang thei lo dingmi ruahsannak.

mire /ˈmaɪər/ *n* [U] cirh duuppi: *sink into/stuck in the mire*.

▷ **miry** /ˈmaɪəri/ *v* *adj* a bek, a duup, a thlawk.

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mirror

mirror /ˈmɪə(r)/ *n* **1** thlang: *She glanced herself at a mirror.* ○ *a driving mirror* ○ *a hand mirror.*

2 (fig) hmuhawk theinak, thil pakhat langfiang tertu: *Pepsi's 'Diary' is a mirror of the times he lived in.*

▷ **mirror** *v* [Tn] thlaam a langter: *The trees were mirrored in the still waters of the lake.* ○ (fig) *a novel that mirrors modern society.*

□ **mirror image** keh le vorh a linglet ih suaimi lemzuk.

mirth /mɜːθ/ *n* [U] (fml) nomnak, lungawi hnihnak: *Her funny costume caused much mirth among the guests.*

▷ **mirthful** /-fl/ *adj.* **mirthless** *adj* a mirthless laugh.

mis- *pref* (with *vs* & *ns*) a tha lo, a sual, a si lo: *misconduct* ○ *mistrust.*

misadventure /ˌmɪsəd'ventʃə(r)/ *n* **1** [C, U] (fml) vansiatnak, malmak: *Their holiday was ruined by a whole series of misadventure.* **2** [U] (law) tuah hrim le daithlan tel lo ih thihter pangnak: *death by misadventure.*

misalliance /ˌmɪsə'laɪəns/ *n* tlaklo zet cingih komawk, a hleice in phun-upa le phunnau thit awknak.

misanthropist /mɪ'sænrəpɪst/ (also **misanthrope** /ˌmɪsənθrəʊp/) *n* minung a huatu le mi lakih um a duhlotu. Cf **PHILANTHROPIST**.

▷ **misanthropic** /ˌmɪsənθrəpɪk/ *adj* minung hua ih rinnak neih lo.

misanthropy /mɪ'sænrəpi/ *n* [U].

misapply /ˌmɪsə'plai/ *v* (pt, pp -**lied**) a sual, a peng ih hman: *misapplied efforts* ○ *misapplied talents* ○ *misapplied funds.*

▷ **misapplication** /ˌmɪsəplɪ'keɪʃn/ *n* [U, C] thil pakhat hmansualnak.

misapprehend /ˌmɪsəprɪ'hend/ *v* [Tn] thei sual.

▷ **misapprehension** /ˌmɪsəprɪ'hensɪn/ *n* (idm) **under a misapprehension** fiangten thei ngah lo.

misappropriate /ˌmɪsə'prəʊpriət/ *v* [Tn] mi ih paisa, thilri a diklo ih laksak, hmansak: *The treasurer misappropriated the society's funds.*

▷ **misappropriation** /ˌmɪsəprəʊprɪ'eɪʃn/ *n* [U].

misbegotten /ˌmɪsbɪ'ɡɒtn/ *adj* **1** ruahnak thalo pek, thil thalo tum: *misbegotten schemes, ideas, notions, etc.* **2** (a) fa sawn, lakfa. (b) hmuhsuammi.

misbehave /ˌmɪsbɪ'herv/ *v* a ningcang lo, dan thalo ih um.

▷ **misbehaviour** *n* [U].

misc *abbr* *miscellaneous.*

miscalculate /ˌmɪs'kælmjʊleɪt/ *v* tuat sual, siar sual: *There's too much meat. I must have miscalculated how much I needed.*

▷ **miscalculation** /ˌmæskælkju'leɪʃn/ *n* [C, U]: *I made a slight miscalculation.*

miscarriage /ˌmɪs'kæɪdʒ, 'mɪskæɪdʒ/ *n* **1** (a) nausiat (b) nausiatnak: *She suffered a*

miscarriage. Cf **ABORTION**. **2** (a) a tikcu ah thleng lo, thilri a tikcu ah kuat ngahlo: *miscarriage of goods, letters, etc.* (b) [U, C] tumtah mi tisuak theilonak: *the miscarriage of one's hopes, schemes, etc.*

□ **miscarriage of justice** (law) thuθentu zung in thaten thu thensak lo: *Sending an innocent man to prison is a clear miscarriage of justice.*

miscarry /ˌmɪs'kæɪ/ *v* (pt, pp -**ried**) **1** favun nausiat. **2** tumtahmi hlensuahlo. **3** ca le thil kuatmi thlengsuak lo.

miscast /ˌmɪs'kaɪst; US -'kæst/ *v* (pt, pp **miscast**) **1** [usually passive: Tn, Cn.n/a] mah thawn a dengkhawng lo mi hna tuanter, cuvek zawnih ret: *The young actor was badly miscast in the role of Lear.* **2** (lemcawn ah) a dengkhawng lo zawnih cawnter/ret: *The film was thoroughly miscast.*

miscegenation /ˌmɪsɪdʒɪ'neɪʃn/ *n* [U] hnamcom (kahpia) nu le pa phunhnam dang veve ih hrimmi.

miscellaneous /ˌmɪsə'lemɪəs/ *adj* **1** a tuktak tete pawl: *miscellaneous items, goods, expenses.* **2** a phunphun rawimi: *a miscellaneous assortment, collection.*

miscellany /mɪ'seləni; US 'mɪsəleɪni/ *n* **1** thil dangdang kaih khawmmi: *The show was a miscellany of song and dance.* **2** thu dangdang nganih komkhawmmi cabu.

mischance /ˌmɪs'tʃaːns; US -'tʃæns/ *n* [C, U] vansiatnak: *I lost your file by pure mischance.*

mischief /ˌmɪstʃɪf/ *n* **1** [U] ziaza sia: *Tell the children to keep out of mischief.* **2** [C] ziaza sia neitu: *Where have you hiddden my book, you little mischief.* **3** [C] capoh luarkai neih duhnak: *There was mischief in her eyes.* **4** [U] thinlung, nunzia siatternak: *His malicious gossip caused much mischief until the truth became known.* **5** (idm) **do a ... mischief** taksa hliam awknak: *You could do yourself a mischief on that barb-wire fence!* **make mischief** mi ninghanter: *Don't let her make mischief between you — she's only jealous.*

□ **mischief-maker** *n* remlonak le buainak a tuahtu.

mischief-making *n* [U].

mischievous /ˌmɪstʃɪvəs/ *adj* **1** thilhuatsuak tuah a duhtu: *He's as mischievous as a monkey!* **2** thinlung siava langternak: *a mischievous look, smile, trick.* **3** siatternak: *a mischievous letter, rumour.*

▷ **mischievously** *adv.* **mischievousness** *n* [U].

miscible /ˌmɪsəbl/ *adj* a rawi aw theimi (ti): *Oil and water are not miscible.*

misconceive /ˌmɪskən'siːv/ *v* thei sual; cing sual: *The housing needs of our inner cities have been misconceived from the start.*

▷ **misconception** *n* [U, C] theihusualnak: *It is a popular misconception that all Scotsmen are*

mean. Cf PRECONCEPTION.

misconduct /ˈmɪsˈkɒndʌkt/ *n* [U] **1** nuncan tha lo, a bikin nunau mipa sinak ah: *She sued for divorce on the grounds of her husband's alleged misconduct with his secretary.* **2** tawlrrel thei lo, daithlan san. *misconduct of the company's affairs.*

▷ **misconduct** /ˈmɪskənˈdʌkt/ *v* mawi lo, tha lo ih nun, a bikin mipa nunau sinakah.

misconstruction /ˈmɪskənˈstrʌkʃn/ *n* [C, U] a dik lo le a sual ih theihnak, simnak: *What you say is open to misconstruction* = theihusual ol zet.

misconstrue /ˈmɪskənˈstruː/ *v* mi ih thusim a pengsual ih sullam thei ngah: *You have completely misconstrued my words.*

miscount /ˈmɪskʌʊnt/ *v* siar sual: *We've got too many chairs — I must have miscounted.*

▷ **miscount** /ˈmɪskaʊnt/ *n* siar sualnak, a bikin hril awknak ih pekmi hmat.

miscreant /ˈmɪskrɪənt/ *n* (dated) thilsual tuahtu.

misdate /ˈmɪsˈdeɪt/ *v* **1** nikhiah sual, **2** cakuat par nikhen sual.

misdeal /ˈmɪsˈdiːl/ *v* (pt, pp **misdealt** /-ˈdelt/) phekah ih bum.

▷ **misdeal** *n* phe zem sual: *it's a misdeal!*

misdeed /ˈmɪsˈdiːd/ *n* (usu pl) thil sual tuahnak; dan ih duh lomi tuahnak: *He's punished for his many misdeeds.*

misdeemeanour (US **misdeemeanor**) /ˈmɪsdɪːmiːnə(r)/ *n* sualnak tenau deuh pawl.

misdirect /ˈmɪsdɪˈrekt, -daɪˈrekt/ *v* **1** a pengih thlah, kuat: *The letter was misdirected to our old address.* **2** a peng, sullam nei lo ih hman: *Your talents are misdirected—study music, not maths!* **3** (law) thuthentu pawl hnen upadi a pengih sim.

▷ **misdirection** /ˈmɪsdɪˈrekʃn, -daɪˈrek-/ *n* [U].

misdoing /ˈmɪsˈduːɪŋ/ *n* (usu pl) hrokhrawl ih nun; tuah.

mise-en-scene /ˈmɪz ɒn ˈseɪn/ *n* (French) zoh mawi zet ih tuahmi hmunhama le kiangkap: *the magnificent mise-en-scene of the Royal Wedding.*

miser /ˈmaɪzə(r)/ *n* terhfak zet milian duhham pa: *Why don't you buy me a drink for a change, you old miser!*

▷ **miserly** *adj* **1** hawi zawng lo, terhfak. **2** a daih fangfang, mal takte: *a miserly allowance, share.*

miserliness *n* [U].

miserable /ˈmɪzrəbl/ *adj* **1** nuam-aw lo zet, vanduai rapthlak: *Refugees everywhere lead miserable lives.* **2** nuam lo, remcang lo ko ih tuah, nuam lo zetmi: *live in miserable weather, conditions.* **3** a siami, a mal tukmi, santlai lo mi: *How can I keep a family on such a miserable wage?* **4** awnai, nautat thlak: *The plan was a miserable failure.*

▷ **miserably** /-əblɪ/ *adv* *a miserably wet day* ○ *die miserably.*

misery /ˈmɪzəri/ *n* **1** [U] nasa tak tuarnak; um

nomlonak: *suffer the misery of toothache* ○ *living in misery and want.* **2** [C usu pl] vansiatnak maktak, ningnatza thil cangmi: *The miseries of unemployment.* **3** [C] mi nuam lo le mi thutam: *It's no fun being with you, you old misery!* **4** (idm) **put sb out of his misery** (a) that tahrat in a tuarnak cemter. (b) a helh-kamnak cem ter: *Put me out of my misery — tell me if I've passed or not.*

misfire /ˈmɪsˈfaɪə(r)/ *v* **1** meithal a tawlh: *As his gun misfired the thief escaped unhurt.* **2** cet nung thei lo, thok thei lo. **3** sim duh mi kheng thei lo, hlensuah lo: *The joke misfired completely.*

▷ **misfire** *n*.

misfit /ˈmɪsfit/ *n* **1** hnaʔuan, kiangkap thawn a remcang thei lo mi (minung): *He is a misfit in the business world* ○ *a social misfit.* **2** mah thawn a kaih lo mi (hnipuan, thilri).

misfortune /ˈmɪsfɔːtʃʊn/ *n* **1** [U] vansia: *They had the misfortune to be hit by a violent storm.* **2** [C] vansiatnak thil cangmi, umtu dan: *She bore her misfortunes bravely.*

misgiving /ˈmɪsˈɡɪvɪŋ/ *n* [U, C esp pl] rinhllel nak, donharnak, lung awʔawmna: *I have serious misgivings about taking the job.*

misgovern /ˈmɪsˈɡɪvɪn/ *vt* tha lo zet asilole dik lo ih uk.

▷ **misgovernment** *n* [U].

misguided /ˈmɪsˈɡaɪdɪd/ *adj* **1** hruai sual, a pengih hruai: *He was misguided into robbery.* **2** ruah sual ruangah sual le at thlak ih nun: *a misguided zeal* ○ *the thief made a misguided attempt to rob a policewoman.*

▷ **misguide** *v*. **misguidedly** *adv*.

mishandle /ˈmɪshændl/ *v* **1** tha lo ih tuah, asilole puahcok: *The damage was caused by mishandling.* **2** (fig) ti sual, famkim lo ih thilti: *He mishandled the meeting badly and lost the vote.*

mishap /ˈmɪʃæp/ *n* (a) [C] besia tuk lo thil cang sualmi: *We had a slight mishap with the car.* (b) vansiatnak: *Our journey ended without mishap.*

mishear /ˈmɪsˈhɪə(r)/ *v* (pl, pp **misheard** /-ˈhɜːd/) thei sual, a pengih thei: *I must have misheard what she was saying.*

mishit /ˈmɪsˈhɪt/ *v* (pt, pp **mishit**) lehnakih bawhlung te thawi thelh, thawi sual.

▷ **mishit** *n*.

mishmash /ˈmɪʃmæʃ/ *n* a cokrawi ruri mi: *It's not a proper plan, just a mishmash of vague ideas.*

misinform /ˈmɪsɪnˈfɔːm/ *v* a dik lo mi sim, a pengsual mi sim; hruaisual: *I regret to say you have been misinformed (about that).*

▷ **misinformation** *n* [U].

misinterpret /ˈmɪsɪnˈtɜːprɪt/ *v* a pengih leh, a pengih theih: *He misinterpreted her silence as indicating agreement.*

▷ **misinterpretation** /ˈmɪsɪntɜːprɪteɪʃn/ *n* [U, C].

misjudge /ˈmɪsˈdʒʌdʒ/ *v* **1** ruat sual: *I'm sorry I misjudged your motives.* **2** (caan, a hlat a nai, a

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sia a ʔha) kxanhman sual: *I misjudged how deep the stream was.*

▷ **misjudgement** *n.*

mislay /mis'lei/ *v* (pt, pp **mislaid** /-ləd/) a peengih ret, hloter lawk: *I seem to have mislaid my book — have you seen it?*

mislead /mis'li:d/ *v* (pt, pp **misled** /-led/) **1** a pengih hruai (lamzin, ziaza): *We were misled by the guide.* ○ *She's misled by bad companions.* **2** ruahnak ʔha lo, ruahnak peeng neighter: *We were misled by the guide.* **3** (phr *v*) **mislead sb into doing sth** bum ih thil tuahter: *You misled me as to your intentions.* ○ *He misled me into thinking he was rich.*

▷ **misleading** *adj* ruahnak dik lo pek, bum: *misleading comments.*

mismanage /mis'mænɪdʒ/ *v* a pengih tuah; a dik lo zawngh siatter: *The company has been mismanaged for years.*

▷ **mismanagement** *n* [U].

mismatch /mis'mætʃ/ *v* a kaih aw lo zetmi ret khawm, um khawmter: *The two players were badly mismatched = thiam le thiam lo lekter.*

▷ **mismatch** /mismætʃ/ *n* *Their marriage was a mismatch—they had little in common.*

misname /mis'neim/ *v* hmin diklo le peengih ko: *That tall man is misnamed Mr Short!*

misnomer /mis'nəʊmə(r)/ *n* hmin, ʔongfang hman sual, pek sual: *'First-class hotel' was a complete misnomer for our farmhouse.*

misogynist /mi'sɒdʒɪnist/ *n* nunau huatu.

▷ **misogyny** *n.*

misplace /mis'pleis/ *v* **1** a pengih ret: *I've misplaced my glasses—they're not in my bag.* **2** thilung, duhdawtnak tivek pek sual: *misplaced trust, love, confidence.* **3** a kaih lo mi ʔongfang hman: *If you think deafness is funny, you've got a very misplaced sense of humour.*

misprint /mis'prɪnt/ *v* ca (ngan) nam palh: *They misprinted John as Jhon.*

▷ **misprint** /misprɪnt/ *n* *Jhon is a misprint for John.*

mispronounce /misprə'neʊns/ *v* awsuah siar sual: *She mispronounced 'ship' as 'sheep'.*

▷ **mispronunciation** *n* [U, C].

misquote /mis'kwəʊt/ *v* mi ʔong a pengih simsin/ simsal: *He is frequently misquoted in the press.*

misread /mis'ri:d/ *v* (pt, pp **misread** /-red/) **1** siar sual: *I misread the instructions.* **2** a sullam thei sual: *His failure showed that he had completely misread the situation.*

▷ **misreading** *n* [C, U].

misrepresent /mis,reprɪzent/ *v* ai-awh sual; a thu dik lo ih sim: *She was misrepresented in the press as (being) a militant.*

▷ **misrepresentation** /mis,reprɪzentetʃn/ *n* [C, U].

misrule /mis'ru:l/ *n* [U] uknak ʔha lo; buai le hnaihnik zet: *The country suffered years of*

misrule under a wicked king.

miss¹ /mis/ *n* **1** ʔhelh, tlawlh, ngah lo: *The ball's gone right past him—that was a bad miss.* **2** (idm) **give sb/sth a miss** telh lo, pawm suah: *I think I'll give the afternoon course a miss.* **a miss is as good as a mile** (saying). **(a)** ʔihphannak in luat fangfang cu napi ih luat thawn a bangrep. **(b)** sung fangfang (ceuceu) cu napi ih sung thawn a bangrep.

miss² /mis/ *n* **1** **Miss** **(a)** pasal nei lo nunau kawhnak, a hrekkhat pasal neimi khal ih hmanmi: *Miss Gloria.* ○ *the Miss Roberts.* Cf Mrs. Ms. **(b)** mawi zuam awknak ih pakhatnak a ngahtu kawhnak: *Miss England* ○ *the Miss World contest.* **2** **Miss** **(a)** (taxi mawʔawka mawngtu le hotel mi hmuaktu pawl ih) fala an kawhnak (upatnak in): *I'll take your luggage to your room, Miss.* Cf MADAM. **(b)** tlawngta pawl in zirhtu nunau an kawhnak: *Good morning, Miss.* **3** tlawngta/fala no, pasal nei lo nunau: *She's a saucy little miss.*

miss³ /mis/ *v* **1** ʔhelh, tlawlh, man lo: *He shot at the bird but missed.* ○ *The goalkeeper just missed the ball.* **2** hmu lo, thei lo, cing lo: *The house is on the corner; You can't miss it.* ○ *I'm sorry, I missed what you said.* ○ *He missed the point of my joke.* **3** tel ngah lo; tlai tukih thleng: *miss a meeting, a class, an appointment.* ○ *He missed the 9:30 train.* ○ *We only missed each other by five minutes.* **4** ʔathnemnak tlawlh: *Don't miss our Christmas special offer!* **5** **(a)** thil um lo, thil hlo thei hlih: *When did you first miss your purse?* ○ *He's so rich that he wouldn't miss \$100.* **(b)** um nawn lo/thih ruangih riah siat ninghannak; hngilh: *Old Smith won't be missed.* **6** luat; kian ngah: *If you go early you'll miss the traffic.* **7** a dangdang ih um ruangih ngai: *I really miss you.* **8** (idm) **miss the boat/bus** thil ʔha co dingih khul fungmi: *If we don't offer a good price for the house now, we'll probably miss the boat altogether.* **not miss much; not miss a trick** hriohrip; ralring ih um: *Mary will find out your secret—she never misses a trick!* **too good to miss** eel, tlawlh, pelhtheih lo ih ʔha: *The offer of a year abroad with all expenses paid seemed too good to miss.* **9** (phr *v*) **miss sb/sth out (on sth)** telh lo: *I'll miss out the sweet course, ie not take it at a meal.* ○ *We'll miss out (eg not sing) the last two verses.* ○ *The printers have missed out a whole line here.* **miss out (on sth)** (infml) mah bulpak nomnak dingah caan ʔha ngahmi pakhat khat laak lo: *If I don't go to the party, I shall feel I'm missing out.*

▷ **missing** *adj* **1** **(a)** umnak ah um lo, a hlo: *The hammer is missing from my tool-box.* **(b)** a tel lo, um lo: *He's always missing when there's work to be done.* **2** ton theih lo, inn ihsin hlo: *The child had been missing for a week.* **3** ral do hnu ah a thi ti thu thei fawn lo ih a hlomi: *Two*

soldiers were reported (as) missing. **4** (idm) **a the missing link** (a) thil pehzom sungih pakhat te a sammi (a hlo mi) (b) hlanlai zawng mei nei lo san le minung semtir karlakih ramsa phunkhat a um hman ti ih ruahmi.

the missing n [pl v]: *Captain Jones is among the missing.*

missal /'misl/ n RCM Kawhhran ah Bawipa zanriah tikcu ah hman dingmi cabu te.

misshapen /'mis'seipən/ adj taksa kim nawn lo, zawngbai.

missile /'misal/ n **1** kapmi, denmi thil, hriamnam/cerek: *Missiles thrown at the police included stones and bottles.* **2** hlat pi in kapih a va puaksin theimi pukpi cerek: *ballistic missile, guided missile, nuclear missile.* ○ [attrib] *missile bases.*

mission /'mɪʃn/ n **1** ram uknak le pursum leilawnnak thu ah ram dang ih tirhmi (thlah mi) pawl ih hnaʔuan: *a British trade mission to China.* ○ *The delegation completed its mission successfully.* **2** (a) minung pawl ih zumnak thlengter dingih thlahmi biaknak hnaʔuan pawl ih (hnaʔuan mi); ram thar hnaʔuan: *a Catholic, Methodist, Baptist mission in Africa.* (b) cu vek hnaʔuannak inn, hmunhma: *The doctor works at the mission.* **3** (a) mi pakhat/mibur pakhat in a hleice ih a tumtahmi hnaʔuan: *My mission in life is to help poor people.* (b) ralkap pawl in a hleice ih an va tuah mi: *The squadron flew a reconnaissance mission.* ○ [attrib] *mission control, mission headquarters.etc.*

missionary /'mɪʃənəri/ n Pathian thei hrih lo pawl hnenih thlahmi thuthang ʔa simtu: *Anglican, Presby-terian Baptist missionaries.* ○ [attrib] *speaking with missionary zeal* = taima zetin.

missis = MISSUS.

missive /'mɪsɪv/ n cakuat saupi, zung cakuat.

misspell /'mɪs'spel/ v (pt, pp **misspelled** or **misspelt** /-'spelt/) cafang kom sual.

▷ **misspelling** n [U, C].

misspend /'mɪs'spend/ v (pt, pp **misspent** /-'spent/) thu lolak ih paisa, tikcu, thazaang hman, ei-ek, heukhau: *a misspent talent, a misspent youth.*

misstate /'mɪs'steɪt/ v a pengih sim, sim sual: *Be careful not to misstate your case.*

▷ **misstatement** n: *I wish to correct my earlier misstatement.*

missus (also missis) /'mɪsɪz/ n **1** (infml or joc) cathiam lo pawl ih nupi kawhnaik ih hmanmi: *How's the missus?* ○ *My missis hates me smoking indoors.* **2** (sl) nunau pakhat biak tikih hmanmi: *Are these your kids, missis?*

missy /'mɪsi/ n fala no/nunau nauhak duhdawtnak thawn kawhnaik: *Hi! missy, what do you want?*

mist /mɪst/ n **1** (a) [U, C] tikhu, suum, cumci: *early morning mists in winter* ○ *hills shrouded in mist.* (b) a sung lut ding a harmi, pahtlang ding a

harmi: *dispel the mists of ignorance.* **2** [U] thalang par ih a kopmi tikhu, fianglo ko ih a tuahtu. **3** a ruarau ih hmuhmi: *She saw his face through a mist of tears.* **4** [U] a zam sursomi: *A mist of perfume hung in the air.*

▷ **mist** v **1** mero ih khuh, mero ih khuh vek: *His eyes were misted with tears.* **2** (phr v) **mist over** tikhu, mero in a zel: *The scene misted over.* ○ *When I drink tea, my glasses mist over.* **mist up** tikhu a kop, a man, a zel: *Our breath is misting up the car windows.* **misty** adj (-ier, -iest) mero, tikhu ih a khuh ʔehhmi: *a misty morning.* ○ *a misty weather.* **2** (fig) a fiangfai lomi: *a misty photograph.* **mistily** adv. **mistiness** n [U].

mistake¹ /'mɪsteɪk/ n **1** ruah sualnaik, palhnaik: *You can't arrest me! There must be some mistake!* **2** thil ti sualmi: *learn by one's mistakes.* ○ *The waiter made a mistake over the bill.* **3** (idm) **by mistake** daithlan ruangah, hngilh ruangah ti palhmi: *I took your bag instead of mine by mistake.* **and no mistake** lunghrinnak um lo in: *It's hot today and no mistake!* **make no mistake** khatlam ih ruah ahcun: *She seems very quiet, but make no mistake, she has a terrible temper.*

NOTE ON USAGE: **Mistake**, **error**, **blunder**, **fault** and **defect** all refer to something done incorrectly or improperly. **Mistake** is the most general, used of everyday situations: *Your essay is full of mistakes.* ○ *It was a mistake to go there one holiday.* **Error** is more formal: *an error in your calculations* ○ *a technical error.* A **blunder** is a careless mistake, often unnecessary or resulting from misjudgement: *I made a terrible blunder in introducing her to my husband.* **Fault** emphasizes a person's responsibility for a mistake: *The child broke the window, but it was his parent's fault for letting him play football indoors.* **Fault** can also indicate an imperfection in a person or thing: *He has many faults, but vanity is not one of them.* ○ *an electrical fault.* A **defect** is more serious: *The new car had to be withdrawn from the market because of a mechanical defect.*

mistake² /'mɪsteɪk/ v (pt **mistook** /'mɪstʊk/ pp, **mistaken** /'mɪsteɪkən/) **1** palh, ruat sual: *I must have mistaken what you meant.* ○ *We've mistaken the house, inn kan palh.* *She is often mistaken for her twin sister.* **2** (idm) **there's no mistaking** palh ngaihnak a um lo: *There's no mistaking what ought to be done.*

▷ **mistaken** adj **1** ruat sual, palh sual: *If I'm not mistaken, that's the man we saw on the bus.* **2** a dik lo mi ruahnaik; a pengih ruahnaik: *I helped him in the mistaken belief that he needed me.* **3** fimkhur lo zet ih hman: *a mistaken kindness, zeal, etc.*

mistakenly adv.

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mister

mister /ˈmɪstə(r)/ *n* **1** Mr timi a sau zawngih ngannak. **2** (sl) (nauhak le khualtlawng pawl ih) mipa pakhat an kawhnak: *Please mister; can I have my ball back?* ○ *Now listen to me, mister!*

mistime /ˈmɪstəɪm/ *v* (esp passive) a tikcu deng lo ih sim, tuah: *The government's intervention was badly mistimed.*

mistletoe /ˈmɪstləʊ/ *n* [U] epal kung par ih a keuh theimi a hnah a hring ih rah rang tete a neimi thingkung phunkhat (Christmas caan ah innsung ceimawi nakah an thlai theu mi): *the tradition of kissing under a mistletoe.*

mistral /ˈmɪstrəl, mɪˈstrɑːl/ *n* **the mistral** France ramah thlatang caan ih a hrangmi thlidai.

mistranslate /ˈmɪstrænsleɪt/ *v* let sual.

▷ **mistranslation** *n* [U, C].

mistreat /ˈmɪstri:t/ *v* (esp passive) ti siat, zangfahnak um lo: *I hate to see books being mistreated.*

▷ **mistreatment** *n* [U].

mistress /ˈmɪstrɪs/ *n* **1** thuneitu, lukaitu nunau: *Is the mistress of the house in?* ○ *She wants to be mistress of her own affairs.* **2** uico asilole rannung dang a neitu nunau. **3** (esp Brit) tlawng ca zirhtu nunau: *We've got a new geography mistress this year.* **4** nupi neimi pacang ih thupte nupi: *have a mistress.* **5** duh zetmi fala.

mistrial /ˈmɪstriəl/ *n* (law) **1** a dik ih thu then lo ruangah pom lomi thu thennak. **2** (US) thu then catmi parah jury thu then tu bur ih lungkim thei lomi thu thennak.

mistrust /ˈmɪstrʌst/ *v* **1** zum lo. **2** lunghrin: *mistrust some body's motives.*

▷ **mistrust** *n* [U, sing] **1** zumlonak. **2** lunghrinna: *She has a deep mistrust of anything new.*

mistrustful /-fl/ *adj.* **mistrustfully** /-fəli/ *adv.*

misty ⇨ MIST.

misunderstand /ˌmɪsˈʌndəˈstænd/ *v* (pt, pp -stood /-stʊd/) thei sual, cing sual, let sual: *Don't misunderstand what I'm trying to say.*

▷ **misunderstanding** *n* **1** [U, C] theih sualna. **2** [C] lungkim lonak le thu-el awk nak tete: *We had a slight misunderstanding over the issue.*

misuse /ˌmɪsˈjuːz/ *v* (esp passive) **1** hmang sual: *misuse public fund.* **2** tuah siat: *He felt misused by the company.*

▷ **misuse** /ˌmɪsˈjuːs/ *n* [C, U] a dik lo ih hmanna: *The misuse of power.*

mite¹ /maɪt/ *n* **1** paissa pya fate. **2** [C] thawhhlawm asilole peknak malte: *give one's mite to a good cause.* **3** tilva asilole naute fate tiapti: *Poor little mite!*

▷ **a mite** *adv* mal lai, tawkfang: *This curry is a mite too hot for me!*

mite² /maɪt/ *n* rawl par ah a um duh ih nat a phur theimi thilnung fate zet: *cheese-mites.*

mitigate /ˈmɪtɪɡet/ *v* deemter, nemter: *mitigate somebody's suffering, anxiety, anger, etc.*

▷ **mitigating** *adj* deemtermi, nemtermi: *mitigating circumstances/factors* (ie those that partially excuse a mistake or crime).

mitigation *n* [U]: *In mitigation* (ie In order to make a crime appear less serious), *the lawyer said her client had been deeply depressed.*

mitre (US **miter**) /ˈmaɪtə(r)/ *n* **1** bishop lukhuh zumpi. **2** (also **mitre-joint**) thingtlep pahnih zim pehzom aw ih a kiil dik neimi.

▷ **mitre** *v* mitre-joint ah peh: *mitred corners.*

mitt /mɪt/ *n* **1** = MITTEN. **2** (in baseball) bawlung kaihnak kuthruk. **3** mi thong-aw (boxing) kuthruk. **4** (usu pl) (sl) kut, kuttum: *Please take your mitts off me.*

mitten /ˈmɪtn/ *n* **1** kutzung pali hmunkhat, zungpi a dang te'n a tuamtu kut hruk. **2** kutzung pawl a langmi kuthruk.

mix¹ /mɪks/ *v* **1** cokrawi: *mix cement, mix drinks.*

○ *He mixed his guests a salad.* **2** (a) kom, kom theimi: *Oil and water don't mix.* (b) cok, thil phunkhat le phunkhat rawi: *If you mixed red and yellow, you get orange.* ○ (fig) *Don't try to mix business with pleasure.* ○ *Many races are mixed together in Brazil.* **3** minung pawlkom rawi awk: *In my job, I mix with all sorts of peoples.* **4** (idm) **mixed up** tel, thu thlak, buai hnawh: *I don't want to be mixed up in the affairs.*

mixed up with (a niam deuh mi pawl) thawn komawk: *Don't get mixed up with him—he's a crook!* **mix it** (US **mix it up**) tawhawknak, sualawknak thok: *Don't try mixing it with me—I've got a gun!* **mix sth in** rawlsuan tiki thlahmi pawl rawi: *Mix in the butter when melted.* **mix into** bet: *Mix the yeast into the flour.*

mix sb up buaiter: *Now you've mixed me up completely!* thleidang thei lo: *You're always mixing me up with my sister!*

□ **mix-up** *n* buainak, theihsualna: *There's been an awful mix-up over the dates!*

mix² /mɪks/ *n* [C] a cokrawi aw mi: *a good racial mix, a packet of cake mix.*

mixed /mɪkst/ *adj* **1** sinak, umzia dangdang komkhawm in: *The weather has been very mixed recently.* **2** pianhmang, rimra dangdang: *a tin of mixed biscuits.* **3** phunhnam, sinak dangdang: *live in a mixed society.* **4** nunau mipa zate hrang: *a mixed school.* **5** (idm) **have mixed feelings** thinlung umzia phunphun, riahsiatnak le lungawinak a rawi cokin.

□ **mixed bag** minung, thilri phunphun umkhawm: *The competition entries were a very mixed bag.*

mixed blessing thatnak le thatlonak a ceemmi. **mixed doubles** tennis lehnak ti vekah mipa le nunau a tangtlangmi.

mixed farming tilva zuat le thlairawl cin a kopmi lo thlawhnak.

mixed grill sa-em sawh bawl hmeh.

mixed marriage phunhnam/biaknak dangdang

thit-umnak.
mixed metaphor hnihsuakza a kaih awlo mi tahthimnak pawl, eg The hand that rocks the cradle has kicked the bucket.
mixed-up *adj* thinlung buai, kiangkap thawn kaih aw ih a um thiam lo mi: *She feels very mixed-up about life since her divorce.*
mixer /miksə(r)/ *n* **1** thil cokrawinak thil: a cement mixer ○ a food-mixer. **2** mi thawn olten a pawlkom aw theimi/thei lomi: *be a good/bad mixer.* **3** tii thawn rawi a theihmi in dingmi thil: *use fruit juice as a mixer.* **4** (a) TV le baiskup lem (zuk) thuntu minung/cet thilri (b) aw thunnak sungah aw a thuntu minung/cet thilri.
mixture /mɪkstʃə(r)/ *n* **1** [U] cokrawi (cawh-rawimi). **2** [C] cawh-rawi ih tuahmi thil: *a cough mixture.* ○ *The city was a mixture of old and new buildings.* **3** (chemistry) sinak pahnih hnakh tam kommi, an sinak a thleng aw lomi: *Air is a mixture, not a compound, of gases.* Cf COMPOUND, ELEMENT **3**.
mizzen (also **mizen**) /ˈmɪzn/ *n* (nautical) **1** = MIZZEN-MAST. **2** (also **mizzen-sail**) mizzen thuum ih femmi puanzar tangta bik.
 □ **mizzen-mast** *n* tangphawlawng ih hremnak thuum a pathumnak.
Mk *abbr* **1** (tangka siarnak) mrk: eg German tangka, Mark: *Mk 300.* **2** (mawṭawka) phun: *Ford Granada Ghia Mk II.*
ml *abbr* (pl unchanged or **mls**) **1** (US **mi**) miles = peng: *3 mls.*
MLitt /em ˈlɪt/ *abbr* Master of letters (Latin Magister Litterarum).
mm *abbr* (pl unchanged or **mms**) millimetre(s): *rain fall 6mm* ○ *a 35 mm camera.*
mnemonic /nɪˈmɒnɪk/ *adj* cinken theinak bawmtu: *The verb patterns are shown in this dictionary by mnemonic codes.*
 ▷ **mnemonic** *n* **1** [C] cinkennak bawmtu ṭongfang, catluan. **2** **mnemonics** cinkennak ṭhatternak.
mo /məʊ/ *n* (pl **mos**) rei lo te: *Half a mo, I'm not quite ready;* rei lo te in hngakaw, ka man deuh hrih lo.
MO /em ˈəʊ/ *abbr* **1** Medical Officer: sibawi. **2** money order: paisa kuatnak ca.
moan /məʊn/ *n* **1** (a) [C] dimte ih hrum: *the moans of the wounded.* (b) cubangtuk thlihrang awn. **2** [C] phunciar/pontam: *We had a good moan about the weather.*
 ▷ **moan** *v* **1** (a) hrum ai, hrum phah ih ṭong: *He was moaning all night long.* (b) hrum ih awn: *The wind is moaning through the trees.* **2** phunciar, pontam: *He's always moaning about how poor he is.*
moat /məʊt/ *n* mi-uk inn kulh-nak tii in a khatmi khur (ral vennak hrangih tuahmi).
 ▷ **moated** *adj* cu vek khur ih kuhlmi: *a moated castle.*

mob /mɒb/ *n* **1** a ti ruri mi mibur, a hleice in thil pakhat khat tuah a tummi, uk theih lem lomi: *The fans rushed onto the pitch in an excited mob.* **2** **the mob** mi senpi, mi burpi, mi zaran. **3** misual bur: *Whose mob is he with?*
 ▷ **mob** *v* (-bb-)tuahmawh duh asilole uar ruangih kulh: *The pop singer was mobbed by teenagers.*
mob-cap /mɒb kæp/ *n* hlanlai nunau pawl ih lukhuh hlum.
mobile /ˈməʊbaɪl; US -bl, also -bi:l/ *adj* **1** (a) hmunkhat in hmunkhat ah olten a thawn thei mi: *mobile troops, mobile team.* ○ *a mobile laboratory.* (b) hnaṭuan, umnak olten a thleng theimi (minung): *a mobile work-force.* **2** mithmai pianhmang tu le tu a thleng awmi. **3** tlun-fehnak (mawṭawka) nei: *Can you give me a lift if you're mobile?*
 ▷ **mobile** *n* ceimawinak ih thlaimi thil, thli a hran tikih a seepmi.
mobility /məʊˈbɪləti/ *n* [U].
mobilize, -ise /məʊˈbɪlaɪz/ *v* **1** ṭuan ding, cangvai ding, ral do dingih tiar aw: *The troops received orders to mobilize.* **2** tumtah mi pakhat hrangih pumkhawmmi: *They are mobilizing their supporters to vote at the election.*
 ▷ **mobilization, -isation** /məʊˈbɪlaɪzɪʃn; US -lɪz/ *n* [U] pumkhawm ciamco, pumkhawmmi.
mobster /mɒbstə(r)/ *n* mi ṭha lo, misual bur sungtel.
moccasin /mɒkəsɪn/ *n* savun nem thawn tuahmi kadam, Amerika Indian pawl ih hruh hmaisa mi.
mocha /mɒkə; US ˈməʊkə/ *n* [U] **1** Yemen ram Mocha ihsin a suakmi kawfi ṭha zet. **2** hi kawfi le chawkatlet rawimi thawtnak: *mocha icecream.*
mock ¹ /mɒk/ *v* **1** hmuhsuam, hnihsuak ih tuah: *It is wrong to mock cripples.* **2** nautat, ziang siar lo: *The heavy steel doors mocked our attempts to open them.*
 ▷ **mock** *n* (idm) **make** (a) **mock of** mi-aa canter, at-hlawhter.
mock *n* **1** mi a hmuhsuamtu. **2** (idm) **put the mockers on** (sl) mi pakhat hnenah vansiat a thlenter sal.
mockingly *adv.*
 □ **mocking-bird** *n* vate dang awn a cawng thiammi Amerika ram vate phun khat.
mock-up *n* **1** a pianhmang a mah tia le bangtuk ih tuahmi a-lem. **2** ca nam dingih tuahmi ca le lem pawl tiarcianak.
mock ² /mɒk/ *adj* a si taktak lomi, cawncop: *a mock battle, a mock exam,* zirnakh ih tuah mi raldonak, camipuai: *mock modesty* tangdor vekih um-awter.
mock turtle soup cumkheng sahang bang dingih suanmi caw fate lu tihaang.
mockery /ˈmɒkəri/ *n* hmuhsuamnakh, zomtaihnakh: *He replied with a note of mockery in his voice.* **2**

thil thupi zetmi hnihsuak capo ih tuah: *The trial was a mockery of justice.* **3** hmuhsuam mi, hmuhsuamnak hmun. **4** (idm) **make a mockery of sth** thil pakhat thuhlolak ih canter: *The unfair and hasty decision of the court made a mockery of the trial.*

mod /mɒd/ *n* (also **Mod**) (Brit) 1900 hrawngah hnipuan thaten hrulik mawtaw saikal to mino pawl.

MOD /em əv 'di:/ *abbr* (Brit) Ministry of Defence (the government department in Britain that is responsible for defence).

modal /'mɔ:dl/ *n* (grammar) dilnak tongkam, awnem: *can, may, might, should = Might I suggest..., may I come in.*

▷ **modal adj 1** (grammar). **2** umzia.

mod cons /'mɒd 'kɒnz/ (Brit *infml* *approv*) innsung um nuam dingih thil a phunphun ret le bun: *a house with all mod cons.*

mode /mɔ:ð/ *n* **1** zia, ti zia, tuah zia: *a mode of life, living, thought.* **2** hnipuan, lemcawn, zuksuai tivek ih tidan, um zia. **3** awnmawi le hla ngan dan phun khat. **4** cet thuamhnaw timtuah mi: *a tape-recorder in recording mode.* ○ *a spacecraft in take off mode.*

model¹ /mɒdl/ *n* **1** (a) zohthim dingih tuahmi thil (lem) fate: *a model of the proposed new airport.* ○ *a model train, a model car.* (b) cawn dingih tuahmi thil: *a clay model for a statue, thir/lungto/dar tivek thawn tuah dingah cawn dingmi sentlung ih tuahmi.* **2** pianhmang phunkhat khat: *All this year's models are displayed at the motor show.* **3** thil ti dan simfiangnak: *mathematical model.* **4** mi ih cawn dingmi thil ti dan: *The nation's constitution provided a model that other countries followed.* **5** minung siseh thilri siseh zohthim tlak, cawntlak: *a model of accuracy* ○ *a model pupil, husband, a model farm.* **6** (a) thil lei duh haiseh ti in an thil zuarmi hukter ih an dinter mi minung lem. (b) lem suai thiam le mi zuktu pawl ih zohthim dingah a pe-aw mi, a tarlang aw mi: *She is one of the country's top models.* **7** hnipuan thilri, suahtar pawl piahmi, tarlangmi: *see, buy the latest Paris models.* **8** mawinak hmuhtu fala.

model² /mɒdl/ *v* **1** cawng, sining thlun: *Model yourself on your father.* ○ *She models herself on her favourite novelist.* ○ *The design of the building is modelled on classical Greek forms.* **2** model tuan: *She earns a living by modelling.* **3** thillem tuah.

▷ **modeller** (US **modeler**) *n* model tuahtu: *a railway modeller.*

modelling (US **modeling**) *n* **1** [U] model tuahnak zungthiam: *by skill modeling.* **2** model hnaʔuan: *She did some modelling as a student to earn a bit of money.*

modem /'mɔ:ðem/ *n* kompeuʔa (computer) le telephone hri tivek pehtu thil.

moderate¹ /'mɒdərət/ *adj* **1** a tawkfang, a luarkai lomi: *He's a man of moderate opinion.* **2** tum tuk lo-tee tuk lo, kik tuk lo-hlum tuklo, a tawkmawi: *a moderate-sized bathroom.* ○ *a moderate breeze.* **3** a tawkwawn ih kilkhawi awk: *a moderate drinker.*

▷ **moderate** *n* ruahnak tlaitluang a neimi.

moderately *adv* a luan lo in, a tawkfang in: *She only did moderately well in the exam.*

moderate² /'mɒdəreɪt/ *v* nemter, daihter, deemter: *He must learn to moderate his temper.*

moderation /'mɒdə'reɪʃn/ *n* **1** luarkai lo ih um; sup awknak, a mawi tawkih tuah: *Will alcoholic drinks be harmful taken in moderation?* **2** (idm) **in moderation** a tawkfang ih in: *Whisky can be good for you if taken in moderation.*

moderator /'mɒdəreɪtə(r)/ *n* **1** tawh awknak thentu, rem tuahtu. **2** camipuai cektu pawl hotu. **3** Presbyterian kawhhran hotu. **4** (physics) thil a fung tertu.

modern /'mɒdn/ *adj* **1** tui san thil a simi: *Unemployment is one of the major problems of modern times.* ○ (modern history *eg* Europe from **1** 475 onwards). **2** san man thilri hmang, netabik thil thar: *It's one of the most modern shopping centres in the country.* **3** santhar thiltuah zia, um zia: *modern dance.*

▷ **modern** *n* santhar minung.

modernity /mɔ:'dɜ:nəti/ *n* [U].

□ **modern language** tui san ih tongmi le nganmi tong (a bikin santhar tong): Europe ramih French, German, Spain tong tivek pawl: *Study modern languages at university.*

modernism /'mɒdənɪzəm/ *n* [U] ti dan keel a si lomi ruahnak le tidan thar.

▷ **modernist** /'mɒdənɪst/ *n* santhar ruahnak, tidan thapetu. **modernistic** *adj.*

modernize, -ise /'mɒdənaɪz/ *v* **1** san manter; san thawi kaih aw dingih tuah: *We tried to modernize the farming methods.* **2** san thar ti dan cawng, i tuah: *If the industry doesn't modernize it will not survive.*

modernization, -isation /'mɒdənaɪ'zeɪʃn/ *n* [U]: *the modernization of the telephone system.*

modest /'mɒdɪst/ *adj* **1** (a) a tam lo, a tum lo, a mawi tawk: *He lived on a modest income.* ○ *a modest improvement.* (b) nasa le thupi zet ih um lo, man khung lo: *They lived in a modest little house.* **2** (a) porh aw lo: *He's modest about his achievements.* (b) hmaisong nei, ningzah nei. **3** umzia thiam, ralring te ih um: *She's modest in dress and behaviour.*

▷ **modestly** *adv.*

modesty /'mɒdɪstɪ/ *n* [U] tongkam, umzia ralrinnak: *He speaks with genuine modesty.* ○ *I'd like to tell you all about my success but modesty forbids.*

modicum /'mɒdɪkəm/ *n* [sing] ~ (of sth) tam lo-mal lo, a mawi tawk: *She has achieved success*

- with a modicum of effort.
- modify** /ˈmɒdɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **-fied**) **1** thleng deuh, nemter deuh, thater deuh: *The heating system has recently been modified to make it more efficient.* **2** (grammar) tɔ̃ngfang pakhat a ti fiang: *In 'the black cat' the adjective 'black' modifies the noun 'cat'.*
- modification** /ˌmɒdɪfɪˈkeɪʃn/ *n* (a) [U]: *The design of the spacecraft is undergoing extensive modification.* (b) thleng: *The plan was approved, with some minor modifications.*
- modifier** /-faɪə(r)/ *n* (grammar) tɔ̃ngfang/ tɔ̃ngfang kom simfiangtu a dang tɔ̃ngfang/ tɔ̃ngfang kom.
- modish** /ˈmɒdɪʃ/ *adj* (sometime derog) sanman in.
- modulate** /ˈmɒdjuleɪt/ *US -dʒu-/v* **1** aw thleng: *the actor's modulated tones.* **2** hla aw (niam le sang) kithleng: *to modulate from C major to A minor.* **3** rem, aw nemter. **4** radio thuthannak awsuahnak thleng vivo.
- ▷ **modulation** /ˌmɒdjuleɪʃn/ *US -dʒuʃl-/n* [C, U].
- module** /ˈmɒdjul/ *US -dʒuːl/ n* **1** (a) a dangdang te in tuah ih komkhawm in inn saknak asilole thuamhnaw tuahnak hmanmi. (b) kompeuta sungih hnaʔuantu thil: *a software module.* **2** (aerospace) a mahte a ce ih um theimi vanzam then: *the command module = hotu bik tonak: a lunnar module = thlapi parih a tummi.* **3** phunsang tlawngih cazirmi pawl sungin a hlom, a then pakhat.
- ▷ **modular** /ˈmɒdjulə(r)/ *US -dʒu-/adj* **1** bun mai dingih thil tuahcia pawl: *modular furniture.* **2** tlawngta pawl ih duhduh hril theih zir dingmi.
- modus operandi** /ˈmɒdəs ˈɒpərændi/ (Latin) (a) mi pakhat ih a hnaʔuan zia. (b) thil pakhat tuahsuak zia.
- modus vivendi** /ˈmɒdəs vɪˈvendi/ (Latin) **1** a laang teih remawknak: *We managed to achieve a kind of modus vivendi.* **2** um zia.
- moggie** (also **moggy**) /ˈmɒgi/ (also **mog**) /mɒg/ zawhte.
- mogul** /ˈmɒɡl/ *n* milian zet le mi thupi zet pawl: *He's a Hollywood mogul.* ○ *a television mogul.*
- mohair** /ˈməʊheə(r)/ *n* [U] Angora mee hmul phun tha ih tuahmi pat, hnipuan.
- Mohammedan** = MUHAMMADAN (MUHAMMAD).
- moiety** /ˈmɔɪəti/ *n* a hrek, then khat.
- moist** /mɔɪst/ *adj* a hnawngmi, a ciinmi: *Water the plant regularly to keep the soil moist.* ○ *moist eyes, lips.*
- ▷ **moisten** /ˈmɔɪsn/ *ciinter, hnawngter: She moistened her lips with her tongue.*
- moisture** /ˈmɔɪstʃə(r)/ *n* [U] dap ti, thli lak le leilung ih a ummi ti (a hnawng-tertu): *Humidity is a measure of moisture in the atmosphere.*
- ▷ **moisturize, -ise** /ˈmɔɪstʃəraɪz/ *v* vun rocar lo dingih hningter: *moisturizing cream.*
- moisturizer** *n* [C, U] vun hnih si.
- moke** /məʊk/ *n* (Brit infml) laak.
- molar** /ˈməʊlə(r)/ *n* hapi *adj: molar cavities.*
- molasses** /məˈlæsɪz/ *n* [U] cini er tiki a suak hmaisa mi a tii. (US) *treacle.*
- mold** (US) = MOULD.
- molder** (US) = MOULDER.
- molding** (US) = MOULDING.
- moldy** (US) = MOULDY.
- mole¹** /məʊl/ *n* khuavang hminsini; taksa parih a dumte.
- mole²** /məʊl/ *n* **1** buikelet. **2** thuthup ramdang ih a kuat thuptu: *The authorities believe there is a mole at the state Department.*
- **molehill** zubui vawr.
- moleskin** *n* [U] **1** buihmul. **2** cuvek a bangmi patpar puanthan.
- mole³** /məʊl/ *n* tipi kap ih lunghruang dawlm.
- molecule** /ˈmɒlɪkjʊːl/ *n* dat fate bik miangmo a si, a sinak phel hnih ih phel theihmi: *A molecule of water consists of two atoms of hydrogen and one atom of water.*
- ▷ **molecular** *adj* *molecular mass* ○ *molecular biology.*
- molest** /məˈlest/ *v* (a) hnaihok, dekcok (hlam tiangin): *An old man was molested and robbed by a gang of youths.* (b) nunau/nauhak a zahmawh dekcok: *He was found guilty of molesting a young girl.*
- ▷ **molestation** *n* [U]. **molester** *n.*
- moll** /mɒl/ *n* (sl) misual bur ih a telmi nunau.
- mollify** /ˈmɒlɪfaɪ/ *v* thindaiter, nemter, leem: *She was mollified by my apology.* ○ *He tried to find ways of mollifying her.*
- ▷ **mollification** *n* [U].
- mollusc** (US **mollusk**) /ˈmɒləsk/ *n* zaangruh nei lo, vunhak nei ramsa — kharkhem, cengkol, tivek pawl.
- mollycoddle** /ˈmɒlɪkɒdl/ *vt* **1** duat tuk, duhthlun tuk: *Parents must not mollycoddle the children.* *n* duat tukmi nauhak. **2** *n* mai harhdammak a ruat tuktu.
- Molotov cocktail** /ˌmɒlətɒf ˈkɒkteɪ/ *n* palang thawn tuahmi bomb.
- molt** (US) = MOULT.
- molten** /ˈmɒltən/ *adj* titmi, tii ko ih tuahmi (a sat tuk ruangah): *molten steel, rock, lava.*
- molto** /ˈmɒltəʊ/ *US ˈmɒltəʊ/adv* (music) zet: *molto adagio* = nuamte le fung zetin.
- Moloch** **1** khawzing, a mah biaknak ah nauhak an thatih an pekmi. **2** tihnungza thil, nunnak tampi liam a simi ral.
- molybdenum** /ˈmɒlɪbdənəm/ *n* [U] a tleu ih a rangmi thirdat phunkhat.
- mom** /mɒm/ *n* (US infml) = MUM.
- moment** /ˈmɒmənt/ *n* **1** [C] reilo te, hmate khat: *I'll be back in a moment.* **2** a cekci a sawhkhiih mi can: *At that very moment, the phone rang.* **3** [C] caan, thil pakhat khat tuahnak: *This is a suitable moment to ask for the afternoon off.* **4**

momentary

(physics) caangter: *the moment of a force*. **5** (idm) **at the moment** atu ah: *The doctor is not here at the moment*. **for the moment/present** a laangte, caan malte sung: *We're happy living in a flat for the moment but we may want to move to a house soon*. **have it's/one's moments** caan thupi hleice: *My job is not a very glamorous one but it does have its moments*. **in a moment** very soon (reilo te ah). **the man at the moment** atulaifang ih mi nasabik (porhmi, hminthang). **the moment of truth** thupi zet ton ih thu ruahcat can.

momentary /ˈməʊməntəri/ *US* -teri/ *adj* caan tawite a daihmi: *It's a momentary success*.

▷ **momentarily** /ˈməʊməntəri/ *US* ,məʊməntəri/ *adv* **1** caan tawite hrang: *He shuddered momentarily*. **2** loh-li, cing ding, hmate khatah: *The doctor will see you momentarily*.

momentous /məˈmentəs, məʊm-/ *adj* thupi tukmi, thungaithlak: *a momentous decision, occasion, event* ○ *momentous changes*.

momentum /məˈmentəm, məʊm-/ *n* **1** [U] thil pakhat cangvaihnak/ṭhanlennak ih tha, hmual: *The movement to change the union's constitution is gaining momentum*. **2** (physics) thil a thawnmi, a rilmi in tha a ngah vivo mi, hmual a na mi: *the stone gained momentum as it rolled down the hill*.

momma /ˈmɒmə/ (also **mommy** /ˈmɒmi/) *n* (*US*) = MUMMY.

Mon *abbr* *Monday*. *eg Mon 21 June '99*.

monarch /ˈmɒnək/ *n* ukto upabik, siangpahrang, kumpi-nu: *the reigning monarch*.

▷ **monarchic** /məˈnɑːkɪk/ **monarchical** *adj* siangpahrang uknak thawn a pehparmi: *the system of monarchical government*.

monarchist /ˈmɒnəkɪst/ *n* siangpahrang uknak a dik ti ih zumtu.

monarchism /-kɪzəm/ *n* [U].

monarchy /ˈmɒnəki/ *n* **1** (usu **the monarchy**) siangpahrang uknak Kumpi: *There were plans to abolish the monarchy*. **2** [C] siangpahrang ukmi ram: *The United Kingdom is a constitutional monarchy*.

monastery /ˈmɒnəstri/ *US* -teri/ *n* phungki pawl umnak inn, phungki tlawng. Cf CONVENT, NUNNERY.

monastic /məˈnæstɪk/ *adj* **1** phungki tlawng thawn a pehparmi: *He enjoys a monastic life*. **2** phungki tlawng nunzia vekin; tluangtlam le daite ih um.

▷ **monasticism** /məˈnæstɪsɪzəm/ *n* [U] phungki tlawngih phungki pawl nunzia.

monaural /ˈmɒnɔːrəl/ *adj* ⇨ MONOPHONIC.

Monday /ˈmʌndi/ *n* [C, U] (*abbr* **Mon**) Thawhṭan: 'What's today?' 'It's Monday'. ○ *I always do a shopping on a Monday*.

monetary /ˈmʌnɪtri/ *US* -teri/ *adj* [attrib] tangka

lam thawn a pehparmi: *The monetary unit of Japan is the yen*. ○ *the international monetary system*.

▷ **monetarism** /-tərɪzəm/ *n* [U] ram sung sumpai kilhimnak cu ram lennakah a thupi zet timi ruahnak.

monetarist /-tərɪst/ *n*.

money /ˈmʌni/ *n* (*pl* **moneys** or **monies**) **1** tangka, paiza: *How much money is there in my (bank) account?* **2** [U] neihmi hmuahhmuah, lennak: *She married him for his money*. **3 moneys** or **monies** (arch or law) paiza zat: *to collect all monies due*. **4** (idm) **be in the money** paiza tamzet neimi; a lianmi. **for my money** (infml) ka ruahnak ahcun: *For my money, Ann's idea is better than Mary's*. **get one's money's worth** paiza hmanmi zat thilri in ngah sal. **good money** paiza tamzet; heukhau lo dingmi harzet ih ngahmi paiza. **have money to burn** duh tawkih hman ding paiza nei. **made of money** lianzet: *I'm not made of money, you know!* **make money** paiza tampi ngah. **make money hand over fist** hnaṭuannak ihsin a hlawk tamzet ngah. **money burns a hole in sb's pocket** a ii-ek zetmi, paiza hman cakzet. **money for jam/old rope** olte ih ngahmi paiza. **money talks** (saying) mi pakhat cu a lian asile ziangkim a ti thei. **put money into** a hlawk ngahnak hmun ih paiza ret. **put one's money where one's mouth is** awkam lawng siloin a takih ṭanpi. **there's money in sth** thil pakhat in a hlawk ngahmi. **throw one's money about** neihmi paiza hmangral ṭheh.

▷ **moneyed** /ˈmʌnɪd/ *adj* paiza tam zet nei: *the moneyed classes*.

□ **money-back guarantee** thil leitu a lungkim lo le, khirh sal thei dingih kamnak.

money-bags *n* (*pl* unchanged) (infml esp derog) milian.

money-box *n* paiza nawi thlakih khawlnak kuang.

money-changer *n* paiza thleng hna a ṭuantu.

money-grubber *n* a dik lo zawngih paiza ngah a duhtu, mi duhham.

money-grubbing *adj*.

money-lender paiza a pungṭhang in cawih ih pum a cawm awmi.

money-maker *n* **1** paiza tamzet a ngah theitu. **2** a hlawk tamzet ngahnak dingih paiza hram phumtu.

money-making *adj* paiza ngahnak hnaṭuan.

money order carek le thirhri thawn paiza kuatnak.

money-spinner *n* (infml usu Brit) paiza tampi ngahnak thil: *Her new book is a real money-spinner*.

the money supply caan pakhat ah ram pakhat ih neihmi paiza zate: *control the money supply*.

monger /ˈmʌŋgə(r)/ *n* **1** (only in compounds) sum tuahtu, thil lei thil zuar ṭuantu: *fishmonger* ○

ironmonger. **2** zapi theih thil tha lo tuahtu: *a gossip monger*; mi relsiat hmanthu: *a warmongers*, ral tho duhtu.

Mongol /mɒŋɡəl/ *n* Mongolia miphun.

mongol /mɒŋɡəl/ *n* a suah pakten a luruh a nem, a mit a kai ih a thluak a siatmi.

▷ **mongolism** *n* [U] (mongol nat) = DOWN'S SYNDROME.

mongoose /mɒŋɡuːs/ *n* (pl -s /-sɪz/) rul le zinghnam a deh theitu thiahlei vek saram, rulral.

mongrel /mɒŋɡrəl/ *n* **1** uico kahpia. **2** ramsa/ thinkkung phunhnh rawimi (kahpia).

monism /mɒnɪzəm, 'mɒn-; US 'mɑːn-; 'mɒn-/ *n* (*French philo*) a nungmi thil pakhat lawng a um ih cucu sersiammi thil hmuahhmuah ih hrampi a si ti zumnak.

monitor /mɒnɪtə(r)/ *n* **1** thil pakhat zohhlih, awkhum, hniksakhnak thilri: *It's a monitor for radioactivity*. **2** ramdang radio a ngai ih a sim saltu. **3** TV le kompeuta ih thunih a langmi pawl cek felnak thil. **4** (*fem*) **monitress** /mɒnɪtrɪs/ saya bawmtu tlawngta (tlawngta dang kiltu ih tuanno pekmi tlawngta). **5** Africa, Asia le Australia ih um laiking tumpi pawl.

▷ **monitor** *v* **1** zohhlih, khum, hniksak: *monitor a person's progress*. ○ *monitor a patient's pulse*. **2** ngai tahrat ih thansal (radio).

monitory *adj* ralrin peknak a si mi.

monk /mɒŋk/ *n* phungki.

▷ **monkish** *adj* phungki vek.

monkey /mɒŋk/ *n* **1** zawng. **2** hnahnok zet minung, nauhak (mangmit tok): *Come here at once, you little monkey!* **3** (sl) \$ 500 or £500.

▷ **monkey** *v* (phr v) **monkey about/around** atthlak hnahnok zet ih nung: *Stop monkeying around!* **monkey about/around with** mai tuanno a si lo mi ralring lo ih tham le tuah hman: *monkey about with a fire extinguisher*.

□ **monkey business** a tul lo nakah a dik lo zawngih hnahnok; thuthlak: *There's been some monkey business going on here*.

monkey-nut *n* mipee.

monkey-puzzle *n* zawng kai thei lo in a hnge a pit ih hnah-hling a neimi thinkkung.

monkey-wrench thir cehnak: (idm) **have a monkey on one's back** rit thei nak pawl a hman; ral ah a tuah.

get one's monkey up a thin a heng.

put sb's monkey up midang thinheng dingin a tuah, thinhengter.

mono /mɒnəʊ/ *adj* (infml) MONOPHONIC.

▷ **mono** *n* [U] aw khat suak.

mono- *comb form* pakhat.

monochrome /mɒnəkrəʊm/ *adj* a dum le rang lawngih zuk a suakmi: *a monochrome photograph* ○ *a monochrome television*: pianhman (rong) phunkhat lawng hnihmi lem zuk.

monocle /mɒnəkl/ *n* mit khat lawng benmi

mitkharh, tarmit.

monocotyledon *n* (*botany*) hnah khat te lawngih a pawt hmasa mi pangpar.

monogamy /mə'nɒɡəmi/ *n* [U] nupi pasal pakhat lawng neihnak nunphung.

▷ **monogamous** /mə'nɒɡəməs/ *adj* Cf POLYGAMY.

monogram /'mɒnəɡræm/ *n* cafang pahnih/ pahnih hnakh tam kom ih nganmi; a hleice in pavua, kor le cahnah par ih cuantermi hmin khen tawi.

▷ **monogrammed** *adj*: *a monogrammed shirt*.

monograph /'mɒnəɡraːf/ US -græf/ *n* fel zet le khimkhuah zet ih zirni thu pakhat.

monolingual /mɒnə'liŋɡwəl/ *adj* tong phunkhat lawng hmanmi. Cf BILINGUAL, MULTILINGUAL.

monolith /'mɒnəlɪθ/ *n* a tungih phun theih khamlung hrangih a tha mi lungtum, lungpheng sau.

▷ **monolithic** /mɒnə'liθɪk/ *adj* **1** *a monolithic monument*. **2** thukhat in a feh ih a fekkhoh zetmi: *the monolithic structure of the state*.

monologue (US also **monolog**) /'mɒnələɡ/ US -ləɡ/ *n* **1** thu ruat/thu rel tlangnak ah a dang pakhat tong thiam lo in pakhat in a peh ih saupi tong. **2** [C, U] lemcawn le baikup sungah mi pakhat a mah lawngte tong rero.

monomania /'mɒnəʊ'məniə/ *n* [U] ruahnak phunkhat/thu pakhat lawngih a ciahmi thinlung natnak.

▷ **monomaniac** /'mɒnəʊ'məniæk/ *n* monomania a tuartu/a neitu.

monophonic /'mɒnə'fɒnik/ *adj* aw-suah awkhumnak lamzin pakhat lawng hman: *a monophonic recording*. Cf STEREOPHONIC.

monophthong /'mɒnəfθɒŋ/ *n* awphei a simi *a e i o u* aw awsuah. Cf DIPHTHONG.

monoplane /'mɒnəplæn/ *n* thla pakhat lawng a neimi vanzam.

monopolize, -ise /mə'nɒpəlaɪz/ *v* ham theh, cuh theh, khuh-neh: (fig) *Don't monopolize our guest—there are others who would like to talk to her*. ○ *The company has tried to monopolize the supply of oil*.

▷ **monopolization, -isation** /mə'nɒpəlaɪ'zeɪʃn; US -lɪz/ *n* [U].

monopoly /mə'nɒpəli/ *n* **1** thil lei thilzuar ham theh, midang tuahter sianglo; on lo: *In some countries tobacco is a government monopoly*. **2** mah lawngih neih nak, thil pakhat par ih thuneihnak le ukhak: *A good education should not be the monopoly of the rich*. ○ *You can't have a complete monopoly of the car—I need to use it occasionally*.

▷ **monopolist** /-lɪst/ *n*.

monopolistic /mə'nɒpə'lɪstɪk/ *adj*.

monorail /mɒnə'reɪl/ *n* [U, C] thir tluan pakhat parih a fehmi tlangleng.

monosodium glutamate /'mɒnəʊ'səʊdiəm 'ɡluːtəmeɪt/

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monosyllable

monosyllable /ˈmɒnəsɪləbl/ *n* awsuah pakhat lawng a nei mi tɔŋfang: 'it' and 'no'. ○ *speak in monosyllables*: Salvation tivek cu awsuah pathum neimi tɔŋfang a si. Cf **DISYLLABLE**.

▷ **monosyllabic** /ˈmɒnəsɪləbɪk/ *adj* awsuah pakhat lawng hmangih tɔŋmi: a *monosyllabic answer*. ○ *saying only 'yes' or 'no'*.

monosyllabically /-klɪ/ *adv*.

monotheism /ˈmɒnəθiːzəm/ *n* [U] Pathian pakhat lawng a um ti zumnak. Cf **POLYTHEISM**.

▷ **monotheist** /ˈmɒnəθiːst/ *n* Pathian pakhat lawng a um ti zumtu: *He is a monotheist*.

monotheistic /ˈmɒnəθiːstɪk/ *adj*.

monotone /ˈmɒnətəʊn/ *n* 1 awcawi niam le sang bangrep ringring ih tɔŋ: *to speak in a monotone*. 2 thleng ti um lo; cangan dan khal ah.

▷ **monotone** *adj* awcawi asilole pianghmang thleng lo mi.

monotonous /məˈnɒtənəs/ *adj* thlengnak, lamdannak a um lo ruangah mi a ningmi; ningkhongza: a *monotonous work* ○ a *monotonous sermon*.

monotony /məˈnɒtəni/ *n* [U] a mah keel ringring, ningkhong-um: *relieve the monotony of everyday life*.

monoxide /mɒˈnɒksaɪd/ *n* [U, C] Oxygen phelte le a dang a kom awmi dat kom: *carbon monoxide*.

Monsieur /məˈsjɜː(r)/ *n* (abbr **M**) (pl **Messieurs**) (French) upatnak ih hmin hmai bun ih kawhnak: Mr; sir: *Yes, monsieur*.

Monsignor /mɒnˈsiːnjə(r)/ *n* (abbr **Mgr**) RC kawhhran ih hruiatu upa kawhnak.

monsoon /mɒnˈsuːn/ *n* 1 Indian tipi thuanthum ih thli a hrangmi; Thlanglam-nitlak lam ihsin April—October, Saklam-nitlaklam ihsin October in April tiang a hrang. 2 furpi, fur caan.

monster /ˈmɒnstə(r)/ *n* 1 (a) a tumzet, a hmel a sia zet ih tɪhningza a simi (a hleice in thinlung ih suangtuahmi): *A hideous monster attacked the helpless villagers*. ○ *Do you believe in the existence of a monster?* (b) ramsa/thingkung zohsia ih a tum mi. 2 mi huatsuak, mi tha lo: *Let go of me, you vicious monster!* 3 a tum luarkai mi thil pohpoh: *monster high-rise houses*.

monstrous /ˈmɒnstɹəs/ *adj* 1 fihnung, tɪhning, a tha lo zetmi, a dik lo zetmi: a *monstrous lie* ○ *It's absolutely monstrous to pay men more than women for the same job*. 2 hmelsia zet le tɪhningza a si mi, monster vek: *the monstrous form of a fire-breathing dragon*. 3 a tum tukmi, mikeivek. **monstrously** *adv*.

▷ **monstrosity** /mɒnˈstɹəsəti/ *n* a tum tukmi, zoh a sia zet mi thil.

montage /ˈmɒntaːʒ; US mɒnˈtɑːʒ/ *n* 1 [C, U] lemzok, awnmawi, cangan tivek pawl retkhawmmi. 2 lemzok pakhat parah a dang lemzok pawl benmi.

month /mʌnθ/ *n* 1 thla, May thla, June thla tivek: *She earns \$ 2000 a month*. 2 thlakhat siar: a

seven-month-old baby or the baby is seven months old. 3 (idm) **for/in a month of Sundays** caan reipi: *I've not seen her for a month of Sundays*.

▷ **monthly** *adj* 1 thlatin suahmi, tuahmi, a cangmi: *a monthly meeting, a monthly visit, a monthly magazine*. 2 thlakhat hrangih pek dingmi, thlakhat hrangih tuahmi: *a monthly income of \$1,000* — *n* thlatin suahmi cabu: *The London monthly*.

monument /ˈmɒnjumənt/ *n* mi hminthang pakhat hngilhlonak ih sakmi inn, lungdawl, lungphun: *a monument erected to soldiers killed in the war*. 2 ram hrangih hminsin tlak, cintlak a si mi inn (tha te ih retmi): *The town has some ancient monuments*. 3 a tuahtu hngilhlonak ih a ummi thil thupi hminsintlak: *This whole city is a monument to his skill as a planner and administrator*.

monumental /ˈmɒnjuˈmɛntl/ *adj* 1 hngilhlonak ih thil tuah mi: *a monumental inscription, monumental figures*. 2 zoh tlak inn tumpi, lemzok tumpi: *a monumental arch, column, facade*. 3 (calai le awnmawi) reipi daih mankhung a si mi: *a monumental production*. 4 a maksakmi: *a monumental achievement, success, failure*. ○ *What monumental ignorance!* ▷ **monumentally** /-təli/ *adj* nasazet in: *monumentally boring, stupid, successful*.

□ **monumental mason** thlan tuahtu pawl.

moo /muː/ *n* caw paw-aw.

▷ **moo** *v* caw a paw.

□ **moo-cow** *n* caw (nauhak pawl ih/hrangih caw kawhnak).

mooch /muːtʃ/ *v* 1 dil ruangih ngah, paisa dil: *he's always mooching money*. 2 (phr v) **mooch about/around** (...) tumtah mi nei lo ih a vak kualmi: *Out-of-work men mooching about the street*. ○ *mooching around the house with nothing to do*.

mood 1 /muːd/ *n* 1 mithmai le umdan ih a lang theimi lungput umzia: *She's in a good mood today* (a lung awi): *He's always in a bad mood on Mondays* (lung awi lo): *His mood suddenly changed and he became calm*. 2 thin nuam lo: *He's in a mood*. 3 mipi ih ruah dan: *The film captured the mood of quiet confidence at the market*. 4 (idm) **in the mood for** (tuah duhnak thinlung): *I'm not in the mood to disagree with you*. ○ *He is in no mood for telling jokes*.

▷ **moody** *adj* (-ier, -iest) 1 thinlung umdan thleng leuhleuh mi: *He's moody and unpredictable*. 2 thin tawi, mithmai sia.

moodily /-li/ *adv*. **moodiness** *n* [U].

mood 2 /muːd/ *n* (grammar) tuahnak umzia pawl khiihhuhtu: *The indicative/imperative/subjunctive mood*.

moon 1 /muːn/ *n* 1 (usu **the moon**) (a) thlapi (leilungpi ni 28 ah veikhat a heltu): *Men had tried to explore the surface of the moon*. (b) zan ah a tleu ih hmuhmi thlapi: *There's no moon*

tonight. **2** leilung dangdang a rak heltu thlapi: *How many moons does Jupiter have?* **3** (idm) **many moons ago** reipi laiah; hlanlaipi ah: *All that happened many moons ago.* **over the moon** lungawi-zet, nuam aw zet: *The whole team were over the moon at winning the competition.*

▷ **moonless** *adj* thlapi a suak lo, a tlang lo.

□ **moonbeam** *n* thlapi tleu.

moon-face *n* thlapi vekih hmaihlum.

moonlight *n* [U] thlapi tleu: *a walk in the moonlight.*

moonlight *v* (pt, pp **-lighted**) a hlei ih tñanmi zan hnañuan tñan.

moonlighting *n* [U] **1** — *adj* thlapi ih a tlet mi.

2 (idm) **do a moonlight flit** (Brit *infml*) leiba kuan thei lo ruangah zan lai ah a thupte ih tlansuak.

moonlit *adj* thlapi a tlangmi: *moonlit night.*

moonshine *n* [U] **1** a tñl lomi, aatthlak thurel khawmnak, cuvek khawruahnak. **2** (US) dan lo ih tuahmi whisky le a dang zu.

moonshot *n* thlapi parih vanzam hun thlah nak.

moonstone *n* hlawnthil tuah nakih hman mi lungto mankhung.

moonstruck *adj* a mawlh deuh mi; thinlung a vakvai mi (thlapi ruangih a suakmi ti ih ruahmi).

moon² /mu:n/ **v** **1** tumtahmi um lo ih tawi vak: *Stop mooning and get on with some work.* ○ *She spent the whole summer mooning about at home.* **2** (phr v) **moon over sb** ngaimi ruat rero ih caan liamter.

▷ **moony** *adj* thuhlolak ruat ih caan hman: *a moony person.*

moor¹ /mɔ:(r)/; US mʊər/ *n* (often pl) leen kawlh, tlang phul: *go for a walk on the moors.*

□ **moorhen** *n* ti ar.

moorland /-lənd/ *n* [U, C] leen, phul ram.

moor² /mɔ:r/; US mʊər/ *v* lawng, tangphawlawng hreng; tikap ih cawlhater: *The boat was moored to (a post on) the river bank.*

▷ **mooring** /'mɔ:rɪŋ/; US 'mʊərɪŋ/ *n* **1** **moorings** lawng hrennak hri, thir zum: *let go your moorings!* **2** lawng cawlhna hmun: *private moorings* ○ *mooring ropes.*

Moor /mʊə(r)/ *n* (a) NW Africa ih um Muslim mi. (b) kumzabi 8 lai ih Spain a rak donehtu Muslim pakhat khat.

▷ **moorish** /'mʊərɪʃ/ *adj* Moor pawl le an nunphung.

moose /mu:s/ *n* zukneng.

moot /mʊ:t/ *adj* (idm) **a moot point/question** a si ding ti ih a fiang lomi: *It's a moot point whether men or women are better drivers.*

▷ **moot** *v* thubur, thusuahpi: *The question was first mooted last year.*

mop /mɒp/ *n* **1** (a) pat fem thaw'i tahmi hmunphiah. (b) thil dang thianfainak ih hmanmi cuvek thil (a kutkaih a tawimi). **2** hmul,

sam sahpi: *a mop of curly hair.*

▷ **mop** *v* **1** hmunphiah: *mop the floor.* **2** (a) pavua thawh hmaihnawt, thlan le mitthli hnawt, hnul. (b) thil pakhat par ih a ciarmi hnawt. **3** (phr v) **mop up.** *She mopped up the pools of water on the bathroom floor. (Brit) mop up one's gravy with a piece of bread. (sawhti kha sang thawh hnawt). (b) theh suak: mop up the last few bits of work. (c) netabik a tangmi ral pawl kai theh, that theh: mop up isolated pockets (ie small areas) of resistance. ○ engaged in mopping-up operations.*

mope /'əʊpəd/ *v* **1** mah le mah zawnruat aw tuk; hmual hlurh tuk: *stop moping!* **2** (phr v) **mope about/around** thinnuam lo zet ih vak rero: *He's been moping around all day.*

▷ **mope** *n* **1** a mope tu. **2** mah le mah zaangfah awk tuknak.

moped /'məʊpəd/ *n* a cak tuklomi cet thirleng (motor cycle).

moquette /mɒ'ket/; US məʊ-/ *n* [U] pat nem nal ih tahmi, pher le thil dang khuh ih hmanmi: *a moquette sofa.*

moraine /mɔ'reɪn, mə'reɪn/ *n* tikhal va in a fen ih a tanta mi leilung, lungto pawl.

moral¹ /'mɒrəl/; US 'mɔ:rəl/ *adj* **1** nuncan ziaza thawh a pehpar aw mi; sia le tha thleidan theinak in a suakmi nun dan: *The king was sad for the decline of moral standards in the country.* ○ *strong moral fibre.* **2** tuahmi dan ruangah siloin a dikmi le a dingmi theihnakh ah a bun aw mi: *moral law, duty, obligation, etc.* **3** a ding le a thami ziaza thlunnakh: *lead a moral life.* ○ *He is a very moral person.* **4** a sia le a tha theihtheinak: *Human beings are moral individuals.* **5** ziaza tha zirhnakh: *a moral story.*

▷ **morally** *adv* ziaza tha in: *to behave morally.* **2** a dik le dik lo tahfung upatnak in: *morally unacceptable.* ○ *morally wrong.*

□ **moral certainty** rinhmmainak a um lo mi.

moral support thinlung thaazaang pek, fawrh.

moral victory asung nain nehtlukih lungkimnak a ummi (a simmi/a tuahmi a dik a si, ti ih an phuansuah tikah).

moral² /'mɒrəl/; US 'mɔ:rəl/ *n* **1** [C] thuanthu, thilcang, hmuhtonmi ih a zirhmi: *The moral of this story is 'Better late than never?'* **2** **morals** nuncan tahfung; sia le tha theihnakh thuhram: *the corruption of public morals.* ○ *a person of loose morals, tonmi poh thawh nupa sualnakh tuahtu.*

morale /mə'reɪl/; US -'ræl/ *n* [U] thinlung ralthatnak, thinlung cah-nak: *the news is good for the team's morale.*

moralist /'mɒrəlɪst/; US 'mɔ:r-/ *n* nuncan ziaza thu a simtu, a zirhtu, ziaza tha lam ih a tangtu.

moralistic /'mɒrəlɪstɪk/; US 'mɔ:r-/ *adj* thudik a tan nain ruah-nak a fiakcepmi: *a moralistic attitude.*

morality

morality /məˈræləti/ *n* **1** [U] ziaza thatnak thuhram: *Have standards of morality improved.* **2** a dikmi thuhram ah kop in. **3** nuncan thu zirh awknak phunkhat khat: *Christian morality.* ○ *Hindu, Muslim-.*

□ **morality play** kum zabi 15 le 16 hrawngih a langsarmi nuncan zirhnak lemcawn.

moralize, -ise /məˈrəlaɪz/; *US* 'mɔːr-/ *v* mah le mah dik ti aw in, soiselnak thawn ziaza thu rel, ngan: *He's always moralizing about the behavior of young people.*

morass /məˈræs/ *n* **1** cirhduup rawn. **2** (fig) mipi a hnaihnok tertu/thansonak a dawntu: *Be caught up in a morass of bureaucratic procedures.*

moratorium /ˌmɒrəˈtɔːrɪəm; *US* 'mɔːr-/ *n* **1** thuneitu pawl lungkimnak in thil tuah rero laimi cawl: *declare a moratorium on arms sales.* **2** thuṭhen zungih thupeknak in leiba kuan ding caan thawnsak.

morbid /ˈmɒːbɪd/ *adj* **1** a harhdam lo mi thinlung, ruahnak: *a morbid imagination.* ○ *'He might even die.'* *'Don't be so morbid.'* **2** (medical) nat neimi, damlo: *a morbid growth*, ie a cancer or tumour.

▷ **morbidity** /mɒˈbɪdəti/ *n* [U]. **morbidly** *adv.*

mordant /ˈmɔːdnt/ *adj* mi thinna dingih capo tuahmi, mi ziohmang, beca lawh: *mordant criticism/humour/wit.*

more /mɔː(r)/ **1** tam deuh; uak deuh: *There are two more students here than yesterday.* ○ *Would you like some more coffee?* ○ *What more can I say?* ○ *I'll take three more.* **2** a tamsin mi: *She spends more and more time alone in her room.* ○ *more and more to eat.*

▷ **more** *adv* **1** (*adj* le *adv* thawn kom ih hmanmi): *more expensive, more generous.* ○ *She read the letter more carefully the second time.* **2** deuh, cuang: *I like her more than her husband.* ○ *This costs more than that.* ○ *Please repeat it once more.* **3** (idm) **more and more** tam sin vivo: *I am becoming more and more irritated by his selfish behaviour.* **more or less** (a) zikte: *I've more or less finished reading the book.* (b) hrawng; a huap in: *Most people are more or less selfish.* ○ *I can earn \$40 a day, more or less, as a waiter* (hrawng). **more than happy, glad, willing** lungawi zet, hlawptlo zet: *I'm more than happy to take you there in my car.* **no more** (a) khal ti thei ve lo: *He couldn't lift the table and no more could I.* (b) hlei lo, cuang lo: *You're no more capable of speaking Chinese than I am.* **what is more** cuihhlele ah, cuhnakin: *They are going to get married, and what's more they are setting up in business together.*

moreover /mɔːˈrəʊvə(r)/ *adv* cuihhlele ah, cuihltun ah: *They knew the painting was a forgery.* ○ *Moreover, they knew who had painted it.*

mores /mɔːreɪz/ *n* miphun/mibu pakhat ih neih hleice mi nunphung: *social mores.*

morganatic /ˌmɔːgəˈnætɪk/ *adj* phun-u mipa le phun-nau nunau an thitawik tikah an fale pawl in an pa ih sinak le ro co thei lo nak.

▷ **morganatically** *adv.*

morgue /mɔːg/ *n* mithi ruak retnak inn.

moribund /ˈmɒrɪbʌnd; *US* 'mɔːr-/ *adj* thi zikte, cem zikte: *a moribund civilization, industry, custom.*

Mormon /ˈmɔːmən/ *n, adj* 1830 kumah USA ih dinsuahmi kawhhran phunkhat (*The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*) tin an ko.

▷ **Mormonism** *n* [U] Mormon pawl zumnak le thlundan.

morn /mɔːn/ *n* (usu sing) (arch) (biazai ah) zinglam.

morning /ˈmɔːnɪŋ/ *n* [C, U] **1** (a) zinglam: *I'll see him tomorrow morning.* ○ *the fresh morning air, morning walk, coffee.* (b) zanṭim in sundir karlak can: *he died in the early hours of Sunday morning.* **2** (idm) **good morning** zinglam ih tonawik tikah biak awknak: *Good morning, sir* (*Morning*, ti khalin an ti men). **in the morning** (a) a thaisun zinglam: *I'll ring her up in the morning.* (b) zanlam a si lo mi, zanṭim le sundir karlak: *The accident must have happened at about 11 o'clock in the morning.* **the morning after (the night before)** a zanlam zurit a reh thei lo mi.

▷ **mornings** *adv* (esp *US*) zinglam ah, zingtin te: *I only work mornings.*

□ **morning-after pill** nupa pawl awk hnu ah nau keng lo dingin nunau ih a ei mi si.

morning coat zingpit ih hrukmi korfual pi.

morning dress mipa in caan thupi ih a hrukmi hnipuan, thuamhnaw.

morning glory zinglam ah a par ih zanlam ah a khupmi pangpar.

Morning prayer *Church of England* kawhhran ih zing khawm.

morning sickness favun pekte nunau zingpit nat.

the morning star nitlak hlanih a suakmi, a tleu zetmi arsi, ahleice in Venus, zingdeirel.

NOTE ON USAGE: Usually the preposition **in** is used with **morning/afternoon/evening**, on their own and in combination with other time expressions: *in the morning/afternoon/evening* ○ *on the 4th of September in the morning.* **In** is also used with the adjectives *early* and *late*: *in the early/late morning.* With other adjectives and in certain other expressions **on** is used: *on a cool morning in spring* ○ *on Monday afternoon* ○ *on the previous/following evening* ○ *on the morning of the 4th of September.* No preposition is used in combination with **tomorrow/this/yesterday afternoon**: *We arrived yesterday afternoon.* ○ *They'll leave this evening.* ○ *I'll start work again tomorrow morning.* See also

usage note at TIME¹.

morocco /mə'rɒkəʊ/ *n* [U] kedad le cabuphaw hrangah meheh phaw (vun) ih tuahmi savunṭha le nem.

moron /mɔːrən/ *n* **1** mi-aa, aatthlak minung: *He's an absolute moron.* **2** upa asinan nauhak kum 10 hrawng thinlung neimi.

▷ **moronic** /mə'rɒnɪk/ *adj* atthlak: *a moronic laugh.*

morose /mə'rəʊs/ *adj* thinnuam lo zet; thintawi zet le ṭong cuca lo ih a ummi: *a morose person, expression, manner.*

▷ **morosely** *adv.* **moroseness** *n* [U].

morpheme /mɔːfɪm/ *n* (linguistics) ṭongfang pakhat sullam nei ih ṭhennak: *'Run-s' contains two morphemes and 'un-like-ly' contains three.*

morphia /mɔːfiə/ *n* [U] (dated) = MORPHINE.

morphine /mɔːfiːn/ *n* [U] bing ih tuah mi rit theinak si nat sawkih hmanmi, mitkuhsi, ihhmuh sii.

morphology /mɔː'fɒlədʒi/ *n* [U] **1** (biology) rannung le hramkung pawl thu zirnak. **2** (linguistics) ṭongfang ṭhen tete le ziangtin an kom ih ṭongfang ah an cang ti mi zirnak.

morris dance /mɔːrɪs dɑːns; US 'mɔːrɪs dæns/ hlanlai English pawl ih lam phunkhat (mipa in hnipuan phundang zet an hruk).

morrow /mɔːrəʊ; US 'mɔːr-/ *n* **1** the morrow a thaisun: *They wondered what the morrow had in store for them.* **2** (idm) **good morrow** (arch).

Morse /mɔːs/ *n* [U] (also **Morse code**) hminsinnak ca le meidet tleu ih thu kuat dan: *send a message in Morse.*

morsel /mɔːsl/ *n* malte, hlomkhat te, ka khatte (rawl): *a tasty morsel of food.* ○ *He does not have a morsel of common sense.*

mortal /mɔːtl/ *adj* a thi dingmi, kumkhua a nung thei lomi: *All human beings are mortal.* **2** thihnak tlak, thihpi tlak: *a mortal wound, injury.* ○ (fig) *The collapse of the business was a mortal blow to him and his family.* **3** thih tiang a daihmi; huatnak maktak ih hminsinnak: *mortal enemies* ○ *locked in mortal combat.* **4** [attrib] a luantuk, nasatuk: *mortal fear, danger.* **5** [attrib] (dated infml) (thil ṭhalo a cangmi langternak ih hmanmi): *They stole every mortal thing in the house.*

▷ **mortal** *n* milai: (joc) *They are so grand these days that they probably don't talk to ordinary mortals like us any more.*

mortally *adv* **1** thi dingin: *mortally wounded.* **2** nasa zetin: *mortally afraid.*

□ **mortal sin** (RC kawhhran sungah) thlarau thih tlak sualnak (sual phuannak le ngaithiamnak tuah a ṭul an timi).

mortality /mɔː'tæləti/ *n* [U] **1** thi theimi sinak. **2** (also **mortality rate**) caan pakhat sungih a thimi zat: *Infant mortality was 20 per thousand live*

births in 1986. **3** poipeng ruangih minung tam zet ṭumkhat ih thihnak.

□ **mortality table** (esp in insurance) ziang can sau an nung ding ti ih minung an kum zat ciar thawn ṭuatih ngannak cahmai.

mortar¹ /mɔːtə(r)/ *n* [U] thung/mirang leilung, vunnel, le tidai rawi ih tlakrawh le lungto erhnaqh hmanmi: *cement mortar, lime mortar, mud mortar.*

▷ **mortar** *v* erh, peh.

mortar² /mɔːtə(r)/ *n* **1** pukpi tawite: *under mortar attack.* **2** sum (fang dennak sum); makphek sum.

mortarboard /mɔːtə bɔːd/ *n* phunsang tlawng zirhtu le tlawngta pawl ih hrukmi lukhuh dum te.

mortgage /mɔːgɪdʒ/ *n* (a) thilri aamahkhan thawn tangka cawinak: *It's difficult to get a mortgage on an old house.* (b) cu ti ih cawimi tangka: *John has got a mortgage of \$ 5000.*

▷ **mortgage** *v* tangka cawimi hrang aamahkhan ih thilri pek: *He mortgaged his house in order to start a business.*

mortgagee /mɔːgɪdʒ/ *n* tangka coihtu.

mortgager /mɔːgɪdʒə(r)/ (also in legal use, **mortgagor** /mɔːgɪdʒɔːr/) *n* tangka cawitu.

mortify /mɔːtɪfaɪ/ *v* **1** ningzahter, ninghan ter: *It's a mortifying failure, mistake.* **2** taksa hiarnak sup: *We mortify the flesh by fasting.* **3** taksa hmunkhat a thi, a muat: *The injured foot has mortified and must be cut off.*

mortification *n* [U].

mortise (also **mortice**) /mɔːtɪs/ *n* thing pakhat sawhieh pehnak dingih vihmi, thing.

▷ **mortise** *v* peh: *The cross-piece is mortised into the upright post.*

□ **mortise lock** thing thawn inn hren, inn kalh.

mortuary /mɔːtʃɜːri; US 'mɔːtʃuəri/ *n* mithi retnak inn.

▷ **mortuary** *adj* thihnak, mithi vuinak thawn pehpah in.

mosaic /məʊ'zeɪk/ *n* **1** [C, U] rong phun dangdang nei lungper tete asilole thalang tete pawl peh khawmmi: *ancient Greek mosaics.* ○ *a mosaic pavement, a mosaic ceiling.* **2** rong phun dangdang puanthan fate te peh ih ṭhitmi.

Mosaic /məʊ'zeɪk/ *adj* Moses thawn pehparmi: *Mosaic law.*

moselle /məʊ'zel/ *n* [C, U] W Germany, Mossele tiva kiangih tuahmi zu phunkhat.

mosey /məʊ'zi/ *v* hmuitin nei lo le nuamte ih feh: *Why don't you mosey round to my place?*

Moslem = MUSLIM.

mosque /mɒsk/ *n* Muslim biakinn.

mosquito /mə'skiːtəʊ, also, in British use, mɒs-/ *n* fikfa, mikeu, kawngsang (malaria nat hrik an phur thei).

□ **mosquito net** *n* khiangthawng.

moss /mɒs; US mɔːs/ *n* [U, C] ti maan ṭo: *moss-*

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covered rock, walls. Cf LICHEN.
 ▷ **mossy** *adj* mossy bark ○ mossy green.
mossback /mɒsbæk; US 'mɔːs-/ *n* (US *infml*) ruahnak hlun neimi; san man lo zet.
most¹ /məʊst/ *adj* **1** a tambikin: (a) (*det*): *When we toured Italy we spent most time in Rome.* ○ *most vote, most mistakes.* (b) (*pron*): *Harry got 6 points, Susan got 8 points but Alice got most.* ○ *The person with the most to lose is the director.* **2** a hrek hnakh tam, a tam sawn, a zate nawn: *Most European countries are democracies.* (b) (*pron*) *It rained for most of the monsoon.* **3** (*idm*) **at the most** a tam bikin, cuhnak ih tam lo: *There were 50 people there, at the very most.*
 ▷ **mostly** *adv* a zate zikzik; a tlangpi thu in: *We're mostly out on Sundays.*
most² /məʊst/ *v* **1** (a) *bik*, a pakhatnak: *most beautiful, most boring.* ○ *It was most exciting holiday I've ever had.* (b) a tambik: *She helped me most when my parents died.* **2** (a) ngaingai, zet: *We heard a most interesting talk about Japan.* ○ *It was most kind of you to take me to the airport.* **3** (*esp* US) *zikte, zikzik: I go to the shop most every day, nitin zikte in dawr ka feh.*
-most *suff* (with *preps* and *adjs* of position forming *adjs*): *inmost* ○ *topmost* ○ *uppermost* *innermost.*
MOT /'em əv 'ti:/ *abbr* (Brit) (a) Ministry of Transport. (b) (also **MOT test**) kumtin mawtawka ceknak: *She took her car in for its MOT.* ○ *Has your car had it's MOT?*
mote /məʊt/ *n* **1** hnawm fate, mithnawm. **2** (*idm*) **the mote in sb's eyes** (*dated*) miih sualnak fate.
motel /məʊtel/ *n* mawtawka cawlhnak kaupi a neimi riahbuk.
motet /məʊtet/ *n* khawhhran ih sakmi hlatawi. Cf ANTHEM.
moth /mɒθ; US mɔːθ/ *n* **1** pelep vek zan meitleu ih a um duh zetmi. **2** (also **clothes moth**) puan, hnipuan, puanhmul par ih fa keuh mi pelep, puan ong ko in an popter thei.
 □ **mothball** *n* **1** puansi. **2** (*idm*) **in mothballs** hman lo ih reipi retmi: *After ten years in mothballs the ships were sent to be broken up.*
moth-eaten *adj* **1** rulcawng phelep ih siatsuahmi, eimi: *moth-eaten old clothes.* **2** (a) a hlun zet, a t̄et, zohsia: *moth-eaten armchairs.* (b) san man lo, khuahlan pianhman: *moth-eaten ideas.*
mothproof *adj* rulcawng eilo dingih (hnipuan) t̄hate ih ret: *moth-proof carpets, rulcawng ei theih lo zialphah puan.*
mother /'mʌðə(r)/ *n* **1** nu; naute nu: *My mother died when I was 6.* **2** biaknak hruaitu nunau kawhnak (RC kawhhran ah a si bik): *Pray for me, Mother.* **3** nutar deuh pawl kawhnak.
 ▷ **mother** *v* nu vekih zoh, cawm, kilkhawi: *piglets mothered by a sow.* **2** nasa tukih kilkhawi le zohkhen: *He likes being mothered by his landlady.* **Mothering Sunday** (also **Mother's day**)

Nu ni, May thla sungih tuah a si ih faate pawl in nu an sunlawih, kawhhran in thla an cam sak ni.
motherhood *n* [U] nu sinak: *She finds motherhood very rewarding.*
motherless *adj* nu nei lo.
motherlike *adj* nu vek: *a mother like smile, embrace.*
motherly *adj* nu ih thlum-al nak nei, cu vek tuah, cuti ih nun: *a motherly love, affection, care, kiss.* **motherliness** *n* [U].
 □ **mother country** suahsemnak ram.
mother church sungtel sinak Kawhhran.
mother-in-law *n* (*pl* **mothers-in-law**) pizon, ni (nupi ih nu, pasal ih nu).
motherland suahsemnak ram.
Mother Nature (*often* *joc*) mahte um thil (*nature*) in leilung le minung parah hna a t̄uan tiih ruahnak: *Leave the cure to Mother Nature. She knows best.*
mother-of-pearl kepsih le t̄hi tivek ih hmanmi kep mawi tete: *a mother-of-pearl necklace, earring.*
mother's boy (*infml derog*) nu ih duattuk ruangah thinlung khawruahnak a derthawmmi mipa/fapa.
mother ship ti rawl tivek pawl tangphawlawng fate pawl hnenih kuattu tangphawlawng tumpi.
Mother Superior nunau phungki tlawngih hotu bik.
mother-to-be *n* (*pl* **mothers-to-be**) favun nunau.
mother tongue innsang hmanmi t̄ong.
motif /məʊtiːf/ *n* **1** ceimawinak pianzia: *an eagle motif on the curtains.* **2** ca le hla ah a thupi bik thu tlangpi, thu sirhsan nawlh leuh leuh mi.
motion /'məʊn/ *n* **1** [U] cangvaihna, cangvaih dan: *The object is no longer in motion.* **2** taksa, kutke cangvaihna/dan: *an upward motion of the hand.* **3** [C] thurel tiki thuburmi: *propose a motion.* ○ *The motion was adopted/carried by a majority.* **4** [C] (a) sung dokter. (b) sung dokter nakih a suakmi, ek. **5** (*idm*) **go through the motions (of doing sth)** tuah awter; thungai thlakh tuah lo: *He went through the motions of welcoming her friends but then quickly left the room.* **put/set sth in motion** cangvaiter: *set machinery in motion.* ○ *put the new campaign in motion.* Cf SLOW MOTION (SLOW¹).
 ▷ **motion** *v* **1** sullam hmuh ih cangvaih: *He motioned to the waiter.* ○ *He motioned me to sit down.* **2** mithmai le kutke ih hmuh: *motion sb to a chair, motion away.*
motionless *adj* cang lo: *standing motionless.*
motion picture (*esp* US) baiksup, lemnung.
motivate /məʊtɪveɪt/ *v* **1** lungthawhter: *motivated by greed he committed robbery.* **2** lunglutter; duhter: *She's a kind of teacher who can motivate her pupils.*
motivated *adj*: *The people were highly*

motivated by his speech.

▷ **motivation** /ˈməʊtɪveɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] lung thawhnak: *They lack the motivation to study.*

motive /ˈməʊtɪv/ *n* lungput; thil a titertu thilung; a ruangah: *He questioned her motives.* ○ *The police could not find a motive for the murder.* ⇨ Usage at REASON¹.

▷ **motive** *adj* [attrib] thil pakhat cangvaiter: *motive force/power*, eg electricity, to operate machinery.

motiveless *adj*: *an apparently motiveless crime.*

motley /ˈmɒtli/ *adj* **1** a phunphun a rawi cokmi minung/thilri: *a motley crowd* ○ *a motley collection of old clothes.* **2** rong, pianhmang phunphun rawimi kortial.

▷ **motley** *n* [U] hnihsuak saitu pawl ih hrukmi kortial: *He put on the motley*, lemcawn ah hnihsuak saitu a tuan.

motor /ˈməʊtə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) electric tha kha a cangmi thil a suahtertu cet, mawṭa (b) alh-ti (datci, disel) ihsin a cangmi thil a suahtertu cet, mawṭa. **2** (*Brit deted or joc*) mawṭawka.

▷ **motor** *adj* [attrib] **1** mawṭa cet ih fehter: *motor vehicles.* **2** mawṭa cet thawi pehpar mi: *the motor insurance, the motor trade, a motor mechanic.* **3** cangvaihnak pe: *motor nerves*, thluak ihsin thahri ih thil a fehtertu.

motor *v* mawṭawka thawn khual tlawng: *They spent a pleasant afternoon motoring through the countryside.* **motoring** /ˈməʊtərɪŋ/ *n* [U] mawṭawka mawng.

motorist /ˈməʊtərɪst/ *n* mawṭawka mawngtu. Cf PEDESTRIAN.

motorize, -ise /ˈməʊtəraɪz/ *v* mawṭaw cet bun: *a motorized vehicle.* **2** (ralkap pawl mawṭawka le cetthawn thuan): *motorized infantry.*

□ **motor bike** (*infml*) = MOTOR CYCLE.

motor boat cet thawn rang zet a fehtheimi lawng.

motorcade mawṭawka tampi feh tlang hluarhlo (a bikin mi thupi khualtlawng um tikah).

motor car (*Brit*) = CAR.

motor cycle cet thawn a feh mi thirleng.

motor-cyclist *n* cumi totu.

motor-scooter = SCOOTER.

motor way *n* (*Brit*) (*abbr M*) (*US expressway*) zamrang zet le cawl loih mawṭawka pawl feh ringring-nak lamzinpi: *Your're not allowed to stop on motorways.*

mottled /ˈmɒtld/ *adj* rong asilole pianzia a thleng aw phahphah mi: *The mottled skin of a snake.*

motto /ˈmɒtəʊ/ *n* (*pl ~ es*) thu sirhsan thutlangpi: *What's your school motto?* ○ *Our motto is "Unity is strength".*

mould¹ (*US mold*) /məʊld/ *n* **1** (a) pianhmang nei dingih thil burnak kuang (sang le thir phunphun burnak) (b) cuvek kuangah bur ih tuahmi sang pawl. **2** ziaza, umdan: *they are all cast in the same mould*, an um dan a bangrep theh.

▷ **mould** *v* **1** pianhmang pakhat nei ko ih tuah: *mould plastic into pipes.* ○ *mould a head out of clay.* **2** kaihruai, kilkhawi nuncan rem: *Parents mould a child into a mature adult.* ○ *Television moulds public opinion.* **3** thil pakhat tet zet ih tuamtu: *Her wet clothes moulded round her body.*

mould² (*US mold*) /məʊld/ *n* [U, C] rawl thing asilole thil a hnawngmi parih a ṭomi mawr.

▷ **mouldy** *adj* **1** mawr ih khuhmi, a uih mi rim: *mouldy cheese.* **2** a hlun, a ropmi: *let's get rid of this mouldy old furniture.* **3** nuam lo: *"We had a mouldy holiday — it rained every day."*

mould³ (*US mold*) /məʊld/ *n* [U] hnahtawt leidawm, ngawram leidawm.

moulder (*US molder*) /məʊldə(r)/ *v* a siatbal theh; nuamten a rop: *the mouldering ruins of an old building.*

moulding (*US molding*) /məʊldɪŋ/ *n* **1** [U] thil pakhat tuahremnak: *the moulding of young people's characters.* **2** [C] (*architecture*) ceimawimi thil, phar tivec pawl.

moult (*US molt*) /məʊlt/ *v* hmul tlong.

▷ **moult** *n* [C, U] hmul tlong dan, can.

mound /naʊnd/ *n* **1** lei vawr, tlang fate; a pawng, a bomi. **2** a peng awmi; thil tuah ding tam hnenhnen: *a mound of mashed potato.* ○ *a mound of washing and ironing.*

mount¹ /maʊnt/ *n* (*usu written Mt*) tlang: *Mt Everest.* ○ *the Mount of Olives.*

mount² /maʊnt/ *v* **1** kai: *the climbers mounted higher and higher.* **2** cit: *he mounted his horse.* **3** tamsin, karh: *The death mounted to 1 00.* **4** ben, tar: *The photograph was mounted on white papers.* **5** kaikhawm, thok: *mount a production; mount a protest.* ○ *The pop concert was mounted in a sports stadium.* **6** kil ter: *mount sentries on a wall, around a palace.* **7** kai, thilman kai: *Prices are mounting.* **8** dawh (ramsa a pa in a nu a dawh). **9** (idm) **mount the throne** siangpahrang a cang.

▷ **mount** *n* citmi, tilva; bennak, thilri.

mounted *adj* a mounted photograph. ○ *mounted policemen.*

mounting *adj* a karh, a ṭhang: *mounting tension.*

mountain /ˈmaʊntɪn/ *US -ntn/ n* **1** [C] tlang: *Everest is the highest mountain in the world.* ○ *the refreshing mountain air.* **2** (a) hnaṭuan ding a peng-aw mi: *a mountain of paperwork, unanswered letters.* (b) harsatnak thilrit: *a mountain of debts, complaints.* **3** thil zuar lo ih a tangmi: *the butter mountain.* **4** (idm) **make a mountain out of a molehill** thupi lomi thupiter.

▷ **mountaineer** /ˈmaʊntɪniə(r)/ *US -ntnɪə(r)/ n* tlang kai a thiam zetmi, tlangkaitu.

mountaineering *n* tlang kainak: *a mountaineering expedition.*

mountainous /ˈmaʊntɪnəs/ *US -ntənəs/ adj* **1** tlang tampi a ummi: *mountainous country.* **2** tlang vekih a saangmi: *mountainous waves.*

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□ **mountain ash** sendup rah neimi thingkung fate.
mountain chain, mountain range a thua ih ummi tlangtluan pawl.
mountain lion Cf PUMA.
mountain sickness tlang par thlizil ruangih ngahmi natnak.
mountainside tlang kap, tlang hrap.
mountebank /'mauntibæŋk/ *n* (*dated or rhet derog*) awka thiamnak thawn mi a bumtu.
Mountie /'maunti/ *n* (*infml*) Canada ramih ralthuam hrukcia palik pawl.
mourn /mɔ:n/ *v* mithi ngai: *She mourned for (over) her dead child for many years.* riahasiatnak: *We all mourn the destruction of a well-loved building.*
▷ **mourner** *n* mithi ngaitu; sungkhat/rualpi inn ih mithi tahtu.
mournful *adj* riahsia, ninghang, lungngai: *a mournful look on her face.* ○ *mournful music.*
mournfully *adv.* **mournfulness** *n* [U].
mourning *n* [U] mithi ngai ruangih hrukmi thil thuam dum: *She was in mourning for a month.*
mouse /maʊs/ *n* (*pl mice* /maɪs/) **1** zinghnam: *a house mouse* ○ *a field mouse.* **2** ningzah nei, mi zakzum: *Are you a man or a mouse?* **3** (*Computing*) kompeuta thunnak ih a hmeh-nak.
4 (*idm*) **play cat and mouse/a cat-and-mouse game with sb** ⇒ CAT¹. **quiet as a mouse** ⇒ QUIET.
▷ **mouser** /'maʊsə(r), 'maʊzə(r)/ *n* zinghnam a peltu/a bawhtu zawhte.
mousy /'maʊs/ *adj* (*-ier, -iest*) **1** (sam) a pawl phumphimi. **2** (minung) ningzah nei, tihhrut.
□ **mousetrap** *n* zinghnam thang.
mousetrap cheese ei ding a thalomi cawhnawi khal.
mousaka /mu:'sa:kə/ *n* [U] sa satcip le hanghnah hangrah rawi ih em, suanmi Grik rawl.
mousse /mu:s/ *n* [U, C] **1** arti, sa, siti, thingrah tivek pawl rawimi a dai ih tuahmi hmeh: *a strawberry mousse.* **2** sam umdan remnak ih hnihmi hriak phunkhat: *styling mousse* ○ *conditioning mousse.*
mustache /mə'sta:ʃ/ (*US mustache* /'mʌstæʃ/) *n* **1** hmuhrmul. Cf BEARD. **2** **moustaches** hmuhrmul sau.
mouth¹ /maʊθ/ *n* (*pl ~ s* /maʊðz/) **1** [C] ka: *'Open your mouth a little wider,' said the dentist.* ○ (*fig*) *Every time I open my mouth (ka tɔŋg tinten) he contradicts me.* ○ *She has got a big mouth: a tɔŋg tamih thuthup a phuang theizet.* **2** [U] (**a**) *sullam nei lo tɔŋg, hmuah nei lo tɔŋg: He's all mouth and no action.* (**b**) *ningzah thei lo tɔŋg; mawi lo ih tɔŋg: I don't want any mouth from you!* **3** (palang, bel, zal, lungkua) tivekih a luhnak kaa: *at the mouth of a cave.* **4** tiva pakhat tipi thuanthum a finnak zawn. **5** cawm tulum: *she has got five mouths to feed, fa panga (5) a nei.* **6** (*idm*) **born with a silver spoon in one's mouth**

⇒ BORN. **butter wouldn't melt in sb's mouth** ⇒ BUTTER. **by word of mouth** ⇒ WORD. **down in the mouth** beidong zet ih um. **from the horse's mouth** ⇒ HORSE. **keep one's mouth shut** thuthup phuanglo ih um. **leave a bad/nasty taste in the mouth** ⇒ LEAVE¹. **live from hand to mouth** ⇒ LIVE². **look a gift horse in the mouth** ⇒ GIFT. **out of the mouths of babes and sucklings** (*sayings*) nauhak pawlin fimzet in thu an sim theu. **put one's money where one's mouth is** ⇒ MONEY. **put words into sb's mouth** ⇒ WORD. **shoot one's mouth off** ⇒ SHOOT¹. **shut one's mouth/face** ⇒ SHUT. **shut sb's mouth** ⇒ SHUT. **take the bread out of sb's mouth** ⇒ BREAD. **take the words out of sb's mouth** ⇒ WORD.
▷ **-mouthed** /maʊðd/ (*forming compound adjs*) **1** 'ka' pianhmang: *small-mouthed, widemouthed, open-mouthed.* **2** (*usu derog*) tɔŋg daan: *loud-mouthed, foul mouthed.*
mouthful *n* **1** [C] kaa khat, kaa khat ih tlem thei zat: *eat a few mouthfuls of food.* **2** [*singl*] (*infml joc*) kaa ih saal harmi tɔŋgfang/tɔŋgtluan sau tuk: *Timothy Thistlethwaite? That's a bit of a mouthful.*
□ **mouth-organ** *n* (also **harmonica**) baja (ka in phawt le zuuk ih a awnmi).
mouthpiece *n* **1** hmuhr thluah ih tummi, ongnak. awnmawi thil/telephone tivek. **2** midang ruahnak a simtu, a ngantu minung/thuthang ca: *a newspaper which is merely the mouthpiece of the Opposition party.*
mouth-to-mouth *adj* a thi zikte mi a ka ah thaw thawthnawh (tisung pil mi tivek pawl): *mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.*
mouthwash *n* [U] ka thianter nakih hmawm mi ti.
mouthwatering *adj* (*approx*) khadi for; ei hiarnak a suahtertu hmuhrmer, rawl thawtuk: *the mouth watering smell of curry.*
mouth² /maʊð/ **1** *v* awsuak lo ih hmuhr phun rero: *silently mouthing curses.* **2** (*derog*) a dik lo ih simmi: *mouthing the usual platitudes about the need for more compassions.*
movable /'mu:vəbl/ *adj* **1** thawn a theihmi. **2** (*law*) (thilri) thawn theihmi, real property ti ih kawhmi inn le hmunram a silomi pawl. **3** kumkhat le kumkhat ni a bang awlo mi: *Christmas is fixed, but Easter is a movable feast.*
▷ **movables** *n* pumpak neihmi thilri thawn theihmi.
move¹ /mu:v/ *n* **1** cangvaih, cangnak: *She sat in the corner, watching my every move.* ○ *'One false move and you're dead' he said, pointing a gun at me.* **2** thawnnak, umnak thawnnak: *The move took six hours with a team of three men.* **3** (**a**) chess, king tivek keicang tikih thawnnak, cangnak: *Do you know all the possible moves in chess?* (**b**) keicangtu pakhat ih thawn can: *whose move is it?* **4** tumtah mi hlensuah dingih

cangvaihnak: *We've tried peaceful persuasion; What's our next move?* ○ *In a move to restrict imports, the government raised custom duties.* **5** (idm) **a false move** ⇨ FALSE. **get a move on** zamrang, zamrang aw. **make a move** khualtlawn an pok, pok, feh: *It's getting dark; we'd better make a move.* (b) **ʔuan thok**: *We're waiting to see what our competitors do before we make a move.* **on the move** feh rero, cangvai rero: *the army is on the move.*

move² /mu:v/ **v** **1** cang, ʔawn: *don't move; Stay perfectly still.* ○ *That car was really moving, a tlawng cak zet.* **2** umnak ʔawn: *He couldn't pay his rent, so he had to move out.* **3** ʔhang, ʔhansonak tuah: *Things are not moving as fast as we hoped.* ○ *Time moves slowly.* **4** chess, king vek keicang (ʔawn) *Have you moved?* na ʔawn zo maw?: *It's your turn to move.* **5** lungtong, riahsiatter: *She was moved by his speech.* ○ *The story of their suffering moved us deeply.* **6** tuah duhnak, duh lonak a suahter: *He works as the spirit moves him.* **7** thubur, thehlut: *Mr chairman, I move that the matter be discussed after lunch.* **8** thinlung thlengter: *she's made up her mind and nothing can move her.* **9** tuah, thil pakhat khat tuah: *The government has moved to dispel the rumours.* **10** sung dok ter. **11** (idm) **get moving** zamrangten pok: *It's late; we'd better get moving.* nasa zet ih ʔhangter. **get sth moving** hnauan law, taima: *A new director in this company will really get things moving.* **go/ move in for the kill** ⇨ KILL **n.** **move the goalposts** (Brit infml) tuah sal, ruatkhawm sal dingih lungkim ciami thleng. **move heaven and earth** ti thei patawp suah ih tuah. **move house** inn thilri thiar ih ʔawn. **12** (phr **v**) **move across/along/down/over/up** midang kian dingih dinna/umnak ʔawn: *'Move along, please,' said the bus conductor.* ○ *Move over so I can get into bed.* **move for sth** (US esp law) sut, dil: *Your honour, I move for an adjournment.* **move in sth** um, cangvai: *She only moves in the best circles.* **move in on sb/sth** a ʔihnung zawngih luhhnawh: *The police moved in on the house occupied by the terrorists.* **move off** khualtlawn pok, feh thok (mawʔawka tivek): *The signal was given, and the procession moved off.* **move on** (a) khual tlawn peh: *It's time we moved on.* (b) hmundang ah ʔawn.

▷ **mover** /mu:və(r)/ **n** **1** a caangkhaimi: *She's a lovely mover;* mawi zet ih laam a thiammi. **2** thu a burtu.

moving **adj** **1** a caangmi: *a moving picture,* lemnung. *a moving staircase,* ʔawn theih kailawn. **2** thinlung thukpi ih a thotertu (riahsiatnak le zaangfahnak lamah a sibik): *It's a moving story, film.* ○ *His speech was very moving.* **movingly** **adv.**

movement /mu:vmənt/ **n** **1** (a) [U, C] cangvaihnak,

ʔawn: *Loose clothing gives you greater freedom of movement.* (b) cangvaihnak, tuahnak: *a play that lacks movement.* **2** [C] hmunhma thlengnak: *Troop movements can be observed from space by a satellite.* **3** **movements** (pl) tikcu can sungih khualtlawnnak, cangvaihnak (mi pakhat khat ih rak hminsinmi): *The police have been keeping a close watch on the suspects' movements.* **4** (away from/towards sth) mipi kalhmang: *the movement towards greater freedom in fashion styles.* **5** [U, C] (thilri man ʔum le kai zat) thleng awmi: *not much movement in oil shares.* **6** thil pakhat tumtah ih cangvaihnak: *They tried to found a movement to promote women's rights.* **7** awnmawi, hla saupi ʔhennak: *a symphony in four movements.* **8** [C] cet sungih thil caangtertu (nazi kut tivek). **9** [C] (medical) sung dawhternak.

movie /mu:vi/ **n** **1** lemnung, baiskup: *go to a movie* ○ *movie stars.* **2** **the movies** (pl) (a) (also **movie house, movie theater**) cinema, lemnung hmuhnak inn: *go to the movies.* (b) lemnung suah-nak tawrel nak.

movie-goer **n** (esp US) lemnung zoh ih a feh ringringtu.

mow /məʊ/ **vi, vt** (pt **mowed** pp **mown**) **1** hrampi hlep, vat (cet ʔawn, nam saupi ʔawn): *mow a lawn, mow a field.* **2** (phr **v**) **mow down** mi tampi that hmuarhmo: *The lorry's brakes failed, and it mowed down several people in the bus queue.* ▷ **mower** **n** hrampi attu.

MP /em 'pi:/ **abbr** (esp Brit) *Member of Parliament* (esp in the House of Commons): *He has become an MP.*

mpg /em pi: 'dʒi:/ **abbr** miles per gallon = gallon pakhat in pengziat a (daih/feh): *This car does 40 mpg.*

mph /em pi: 'eɪtʃ/ **abbr** miles per hour = nazi pakhat ah pengziat a feh: *The speed limit is 65 mph.*

MPhil /em 'fi:/ **abbr** *Master of Philosophy.*

Mr /mɪstə(r)/ **abbr** *Mister,* mipa hmin hmai ih retmi kawhnak: *Mr Leonard Johnson.*

MRBM **abbr** medium-range ballistic missile: lamhlat nawn kapnak pukpi meithal.

MRC **abbr** Medical Research Council.

Mrs /m/ **abbr** pasal nei nunau hmin hmai ih retmi, kawhnak: *Mrs Brown (Mrs Mary Brown).*

MS, **abbr** (pl **Mss**) manuscript, kutngan ca.

MSc /mɪsɪz/ **abbr** *Master of Science.*

MST **abbr** (US) *Mountain Standard Time:* USA ram cu caan pali an nei ih, Pacific Time (PST), MST, Central Time (CST), Eastern Time (EST), nazi pakhat ciar an dang-aw.

Mt **abbr** Mount: *Mt Kenya,* eg on a map.

MTh **abbr** *Master of Theology.*

mth **abbr** (US **mo**) (pl **mths**; US **mos**) *month:* thla: 6 mths old.

much¹ /mʌtʃ/ **1** tampi, tamzet, siar theihlo. (a)

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(det) *I haven't got much money.* ○ *Did you have much difficulty finding the house?* ○ *I have much pleasure in introducing our speaker.* (b) (pron) *He sat at his desk all morning but he didn't write much.* ○ *She never eats much for breakfast.* ○ *We have much to be thankful for.* 2 (idm) **not much of** a zia a si lem lo: *I'm not much of a correspondent, cakuat ka ngan lem lo.* **this much** ka sim zik te mi: *I will say this much for him—he never leaves a piece of work unfinished.* ○ *This much is certain, you will never walk again.* (with) **not/without so much as** ⇨ so¹.

▷ **muchness** *n* (idm) **much of a muchness** a bang-aw zetmi: *It's hard to choose between the two candidates; they're both much of a muchness.*

EXPRESSING QUANTITY		
	uncountable nouns	countable nouns
positive statements	lots of money (less fml)	lots of coins (less fml)
	a lot of money	a lot of coins
negative statements	much money (more fml)	many coins (more fml)
	not much money	not many coins
questions	little money (more fml)	few coins (more fml)
	How much money?	How many coins?

1 Notice the difference between **little/few** and **a little/a few**. If we say, 'I have little money and few interests', we sound disappointed and negative. If we say, 'I have a little money and a few interests', we sound more positive. Compare: *He's lived here a long time but has few friends* and *He's lived here a short time but already has a few friends*.

2 **A lot of** can also be used in questions: *Have we got a lot of time/cards left?* It suggests that the speaker knows that there is/are some left and wants to know whether the amount/number is big or small.

3 The comparative and superlative forms of **much**, **many**, and **a lot of** are **more** and **(the) most**. For **little** the comparative and superlative forms are **less** and **(the) least** and for **few** they are **fewer** and **(the) fewest**.

much² /mʌtʃ/ *adv* 1 **ngaingai**, **zet**, **hngin**: *She didn't enjoy the film much.* ○ *I would very much like you to come to dinner next week.* ○ *It doesn't much matter what you wear.* 2 (a) *I was very much frightened by the report.* ○ *He was much surprised to find us there.* (b) *She's much better today.* ○ *That was much the best meal I've ever tasted.* 3 (idm) **as much** **bangrep**, **zatrep**: *That is as much as saying I am a liar.* **as much as sb**

can do **tuah thei tawp**: *I won't have a pudding — it was as much as I could do to finish the first course.* **much as** **sihman sehla**: *Much as I would like to stay, I really must go home.* **much the same** **mah keel**: *The patient is much the same this morning.* **not much good at** **thiam tuk lo**: *I'm not much good at tennis.* **not so much sth as sth** ⇨ so¹.

mucilage /mjuːsɪlɪdʒ/ *n* [U] **hramkung** **ihsin** a putsuakmi **thliing** (a **sengmi ti**): *seaweed*.

▷ **mucilaginous** *adj* 1 **thliing suah**. 2 a **seengmi**, a **hnangmi**.

muck /mʌk/ *n* 1 [U] **ek dawm**: *He's spreading muck on the field.* 2 [U] **fihnungza**: *Don't come in here with your boots all covered in muck.* ○ *You shouldn't believe all the muck you read in the newspapers.* ○ *I don't want my name dragged through the mucks.* 3 (idm) **in a muck** **hnawmbal zetin**: *You can't leave your room in a muck like that.* **make a muck of sth** (a) **thil baal ter**. (b) **tuah tha lo**; **siatsuah**: *I made a real muck of that exam.*

▷ **muck** *v* (phr *v*) **muck about/around** **hmuitin** **neilo atthlak ih nun**: *stop mucking about and finish your work!* **muck in** **bangrep ten tʉanvo zem**, **umnak zem**: *Let's all muck in together, and we'll soon finish the job.* ○ *The officers had to muck in with their men.* **muck (sth) out** **caw ek rut ih thianfai**. **muck (sth) up** (a) **baal ter**: *muck up one's clothes.* (b) **tuah tha lo zet**; **siatter**: *I really mucked up my chances by doing badly in the interview.*

mucky *adj* (-ier, -iest) 1 **baal**: *My hands are all mucky.* 2 a **baalmi**, a **borhhlawh mi**: *telling those mucky stories of his.*

□ **muck-raker** *n* **mi a thangsiattu**. **muck-raking** *n* [U].

muck-up *n* **tha lo zetih tuahnak**, **siatsuahnak**: *He made a complete muck-up of sth.*

mucous /mjuːkəs/ *adj* **hnap vek**, **hnap ih nalhmi**.

□ **mucous membrane** (*anatomy*) **hnar**, **ka**, **le sungril pawl sunglam ih a tuamtu vunnhning paate**; a **duandar**.

mucus /mjuːkəs/ *n* **hnap**, **khaak**; **hnap vekih a hnunmi**: *His nose is blocked with mucus.* ○ *A trail of mucus was left by a snail.*

mud /mʌd/ *n* [U] 1 **ciarbek**: *Rain turns dust into mud.* 2 (idm) **fling mud**, **sling mud**, **throw mud** (at sb) **thangsiatnak in mi pakhat ih hmin siatter**. **mud sticks** **midang ih thatlonak cu cin a ol cuang**.

▷ **muddy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) 1 **ciarbek thawn a khatmi**: *muddy roads, shoes.* 2 (a) **tlak vek pianhmang**, a **fiangfai lomi**, a **nawimi**: *a muddy stream* ○ *muddy water*. (b) a **buaithlakmi**: *muddy thinking*.

muddiness *n* [U].

muddy *v* (pt, pp **muddied**) 1 **ciarbek nalh**: *muddy one's face, clothes.* 2 (idm) **muddy the**

- waters** buaithlakter, fianglo ter.
- **mud-bath** *n* harhdamnak ti ih zumnak in ciarbek ih khawlh awk.
- mud-flat** tipi kap ciarbek ih a khuhmirawn.
- mudguard** *n* leengkhu (bicycle thirleng tivek ciarbek ih peh (teh) lo dingih a khuhnak).
- mud hut** ciarbek ih sakmi thlam.
- mud pack** hmai hnuh (tanakha tivek).
- mud-slinging** *n* [U] thangsiat ternak: *There's too much mud-slinging by some journalists.*
- muddle** /mɒdl/ *v* **1** rawicok, hnaihnokter: *My papers were all muddled up together.* (**b**) thluak buai ter: *Stop talking, or you'll muddle me completely.* (**c**) minung pawl/thil pawl buaithlakter: *I muddled (up) the dates and arrived three days late.* **2** mi/thil thleidang thei lo: *You must be muddling me up with my twin brother.* **3** (phr v) **muddle along** tumtahnak neilo-atthlakih nun: *They muddled along from day to day.* **muddle through** thilri tha um lo, thaten tuah lo na'n hlensuah thocho; naangnuai: *I expect we shall muddle through somehow!*
- ▷ **muddle** *n* **1** hnawmbaal le buaithlak zet ih um: *Your room is in a real muddle.* **2** thluak buainak: *The old lady gets in(to) a muddle trying to work the video.* **muddled** *adj* buai.
- muddling** *adj* buaithlak zet: *These application forms are very muddling.*
- **muddle-headed** *adj* ruahnak fiangfai nei lo, (caw-ek/ciarbek rawimi thluak); buai.
- muesli** /mju:zli/ *n* [U] vainim sang, thingrah ro tivek rawimi thawhhlam rawl.
- muezzin** /mu:'ezin/ *US* mju:-/ *n* Muslim thlacam caan tlang-autu.
- muff**¹ /mʌf/ *n* a hlum mi kuthruk.
- muff**² /mʌf/ *vt* thelh, kai ngahlo, buaiter: *She had a wonderful opportunity, but she muffed it.*
- muffin** /mʌfɪn/ *n* **1** (*US English* **muffin**) a hlum lai ih ei theumi sangper hluum. **2** (*US*) kheksang, sangper.
- muffle** /mʌfl/ *vt* **1** hlum dingih tuam aw: *He walked out into the snow, heavily muffled (up) in a thick warm overcoat.* **2** a awn dim deuh dingih puan ih tuam (khuang, telephone ti vek pawl).
- ▷ **muffled** *adj* khamtu, dangtu um ruangih theih thei ceu (aw): *We heard muffled voices coming from the next room.*
- muffler** /mʌflə(r)/ *n* **1** hngawng-ngerh puanhlum. **2** (*US*) = SILENCER.
- mufti** /mʌfti/ *n* thuum phunkhat (*uniform*) hruk theu pawl (palik, ralkap) in hnipuan menmen an hruhmi: *soldiers wear mufti on leave, not uniform.* ○ *officers in mufti.*
- mug**¹ /mʌg/ *n* **1** (**a**) ngiang-nei khuat hai. (**b**) cui khuat hai sungih ummi: *a mug of coffee.* **2** (*sl*) hmai: *What an ugly mug!*
- ▷ **mugful** /-fʊl/ *n* hai a khat, a khat.
- mug**² /mʌg/ *n* **1** bum-ol mi. **2** (*idm*) **a mug's game** a thahnem lem lomi hnaṭuan: *Trying to sell overcoats in midsummer is a real mug's game.*
- mug**³ /mʌg/ *v* tuahmawh ih thilri long theh: *An old lady was mugged by a gang of youths in the park.*
- ▷ **mugger** *n.*
- mug**⁴ /mʌg/ *v* (phr v) **mug up** thil pakhat tumtah ruangah zamrang zet ih zir: *mugging up a highway Code before a driving test.*
- muggins** /mʌgi/ *n* [sing] (*Brit infml joc*) mihrut, mihmaw, mi-aa: *Don't do that, you silly maggins!* ○ *Maggins here locked his keys in the car!*
- ▷ **mugginess** *n* [U].
- muggy** /mʌgi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (nikhua) a sa zet ih a ciar zetmi: *a muggy August day.*
- Muhammad** /mə'hæmɪd/ *n* Islam biaknak hramthoktu.
- ▷ **Muhammadan** (also **-med, Moha-**), Muslim sinak. **Muhammadanism** = Islam.
- mulatto** /mjʊ:'lætəʊ; *US* me'l-/ *n* (pl ~ **s** or **es**) midum pakhat mirang pakhat nu le pa neitu.
- mulberry** /mʌlbrɪ; *US* 'mʌlberi/ *n* (**a**) pu-rawl kung; patar tilhmul. (**b**) cumi kung ih rah: *mulberry juice.*
- mulch** /mʌltʃ/ *n* thingthei kung hram le hmuandum ah thinghnah hrampi phahsakmi (dawm hrang, hrampi keuh khamtu, le a hnawng tertu ah).
- ▷ **mulch** *v* hnah thawn khuh, phah.
- mule**¹ /mju:l/ *n* **1** rang le laak phunrawi kahpia (thil phurh a cakih a lung a ruh). **2** lungruh mi minung. **3** (*idm*) (**as**) **stubborn as a mule** = lung ruh zet mi.
- ▷ **muleteer** /mju:lə'tiə(r)/ *n* laak hruaitu, kiltu.
- mulish** *adj* lungruh, mai thu lawng duh.
- mulishly** *adv.* **mulishness** *n* [U].
- mule**² /mju:l/ *n* kedil zawn a ongmi kedam (phanat).
- mull**¹ /mʌl/ thingrah haang ah cini le a dang rawi ih in ding tuahmi.
- mull**² /mʌl/ *n* (*Scot*) tipi sungih a kel hlei mi leiram.
- mull**³ /mʌl/ *v* (phr v) **mull sth over** nuamten le ralringten thu ruat (ciamciamten ruat) ruat ciamciam.
- mullah** /mʌlɪt/ *n* Muslim ih thuthuk zirhtu.
- mullet** /mʌlɪt/ *n* (pl **unchanged**) tipi nga phunkhat khat: *red mullet, grey mullet.*
- mulligatawny** /mʌlɪgəp'tɔ:ni/ *n* [U] hangbawl, hmuihmer thlahmi tihang.
- mullion** /mʌlɪən/ *n* hlanlai inn tumpi tukvirh ah thlalang karlakih a tungkham lung/thing/thir kermi.
- ▷ **mullioned** *adj.*
- multi-** *comb form* a tam zetmi: *a multimillionaire, tangka million hnih hnaki tam neitu: a multiracial community, country, mipun tam zet umkhawmnak.*
- multifarious** /mʌltɪ'feəriəs/ *adj* (*fml*) a phunphun, a dangdang tam zet a ummi: *the multifarious life-forms that can be found in a coral reef.* ○ *the*

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multifarious rules and regulations of the bureaucracy.

multilateral /məltɪ'lætərəl/ *adj* pahnih, kap hnih hnakh tam a tel mi: *a multilateral agreement* = ram tampi relkhawm ih lungkimmi: *multilateral nuclear disarmament.*

multilingual /məltɪ'lɪŋgwəl/ *adj* 1 *ʔong phun tampi a hmanngi: India is a multilingual country.* 2 *ʔong phun tampi ih nganmi, cabu suahmi: a multilingual dictionary.* 3 *multilingual operating instructions.* Cf BILINGUAL, MONOLINGUAL.

multinational /məltɪ'lɪŋgwəl/ *adj* ram tampi thawn pehpar in: *a multinational organization.* 2 *multinational n* ram tampi ah hna a ʔuan mi kampani tumpi: *Some people believe that the multinationals have too much power.*

multiple /mʌlɪpl/ *adj* a phunphun, mi tampi, phun tampi: *a person with multiple injuries*, ie with many cuts, broken bones, etc 3 *a multiple crash on a motorway*, ie one involving many vehicles.

2 *multiple n* 1 (mathematics) zai ih ngah thei mi nambat: 14, 21 and 28 are multiples of 7. 2 *30 is a common multiple of 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, and 15.* 3 *least/lowest common multiple*, ie smallest quantity that contains two or more give quantities exactly (usu shortened to LCM, eg The LCM of 4, 5, 6, 10 and 12 is 60). 2 (also **multiple store**) (esp Brit) hmunkip ih dawrte a neimi dawrpi.

3 **multiple-choice** *adj* (of examination questions) campipuai ah hril ding tampi pekmi sungin a hmanmi pakhat hrilmi.

multiple sclerosis (abbr MS) taksa zeng nat.

multiplex /mʌltɪpleks/ *adj* ʔhen tampi a simi.

multiplication /mʌltɪplɪ'keɪʃn/ *n* 1 [U] a zai (a zem si lomi): *Children are learning multiplication and division.* 2 *an organism that grows by the multiplication of its cells.* 3 [C] a zai ʔuatnak: 2 × 3 is an easy multiplication.

4 **multiplication table** 1 in 12 tiang zaih-nak le ngahmi ngannak caphek.

multiplicity /mʌltɪ'plɪsəti/ *n* tampi; thil phun tampi: *a computer with a multiplicity of uses.*

multiply /mʌltɪplai/ *v* (pt, pp -ied) 1 zai: *children are learning to multiply and divide.* 2 *2 and 3 multiply to make 6*, ie 2 × 3 = 2 + 2 + 2 = 6. 3 *2 multiply by 4 makes 8*, ie 2 × 4 = 8. 4 *One can make 12 by multiplying 2 and 6 (together) or 4 and 3 (together)*, ie 12 = 2 × 6 or 4 × 3. 5 a karhzai: *Our problems have multiplied since last year.* 6 *Buy lots of raffle tickets and multiply your chances of success.* 7 [I, Tn] (biology) fahrinnak ihsin karhzai: *Rabbits multiply rapidly.* 8 *It is possible to multiply bacteria and other living organisms in the laboratory.*

multitude /mʌltɪtju:d/ *US* -tu:d/ *n* 1 mi burpi, thilri penkhawm: *A large multitude have*

assembled to hear him preach. 2 *Vast multitudes of birds visit this lake in spring.* 3 *It's just one of a multitude of problems.* 4 *2 the multitude mi senpi, mi zaran: She has special qualities which mark her out from the multitude.* 5 *It's the actor who appeals to the multitude.* 6 (idm) **cover/hide a multitude of sins** (often joc) a dikmi thup: *The description 'produce of more than one country' can cover a multitude of sins.*

7 **multitudinous** *adj* (fml) a tam zetmi: *multitudinous crowds, problems, debts.*

multipurpose *adj* tumtahnak tampi ih hman a theih mi.

multum in parvo *n* (Latin) can tawite ih tampi hlensuahnak, fiakte ih tampi a um mi.

mum 1 /mʌm/ *adj* (Brit infml) 1 daite ih um: *keep mum*, ie say nothing. 2 (idm) **mum's the word** (Brit infml) (used when asking sb to keep a secret) hih thu hi phuang hlah.

mum 2 (US **mom** /mɒm/) *n* nu: *This is my mum.* 3 *Hello, mum!*

mumble /mʌmbəl/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tf, Dn-pr] simmi thei lo koin fianglo le dim te ih sim: *He always mumbles when he's embarrassed.* 2 *What are you mumbling about?*

3 **mumble** *n* fiangte ih theih theilomi thusim: *indistinct mumble.*

mumbler /mʌmblə(r)/ *n.*

munbo-jumbo /mʌmbəʊ'dʒʌmbəʊ/ *n* [U] (infml derog) 1 a hnok zet nan sullam nei lo biaknak thil tidan: *go through the munbo-jumbo of joining a secret society.* 2 sullam nei lo le ʔul lo zet ih a hnokmi: *These admission forms are full of such munbo-jumbo, I can't understand them at all.*

nummer /nʌmə(r)/ *n* ʔong tello hlanlai lemcawn ih actor.

2 **numming** *n* [U].

mummify /mʌmɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp -fied) mithi ruak thu lo dingin si hnih, puanin zualih ret.

2 **mummification** hitivek miruak ret dan.

mummy 1 /mʌmi/ *n* thu lo dingih retmi mithi ruak: *An Egyptian mummy lasted more than 3000 years.*

2 **mummify** /mʌmɪfaɪ/ mithi ruak muat lo dingih siti thawn thuh ih puan thawn tuam: *amummified corpse.*

mummy 2 /mʌmi/ (US usu **mommy** /mɒmi/) *n* nu (nauhak te pawlih nu kawhnak), nu nu.

mumps /mʌmps/ *n* a suan aw theimi hngawngthling nat (nauhak parah a suak deuh).

munch /mʌntʃ/ *v* zamrang zetih ei; khai rupro: *munch at/on an apple.*

mundane /mʌn'deɪn/ *adj* 1 hih leitlun thil a simi: *mundane affairs.* 2 a menmen a si mi; a lamdang lomi: *a mundane life, film, book.*

municipal /mju:'nɪsɪpl/ *adj* khawpi sung uk-awknak thawn pehparin: *municipal area, buildings, affairs, elections.*

2 **municipality** *n* khuwa pakhat ih amah te a uk

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awknak.
munificent /mju:'nɪfɪsnt/ *adj* tirh a siang tukmi: a *munificent* giver, tam zet/mak zet petu. ○ a *munificent* gift.
 ▷ **munificence** *n* [U] siannak maksak: overwhelmed by their *munificence*.
munificently *adv*.
muniments /'mju:nɪmənts/ *n* [pl] (law) thil ti theinak le covo pawl ngankhumnak ca thupi pawl.
munitions /mju:'nɪfɪnz/ *n* [pl] ral thuamhnaw pawl; meithal, bom tivek pawl: The war was lost because of a shortage of *munitions*. ○ [attrib] a *munitions* factory, worker.
 ▷ **munition** *vt* ral thuamhnaw pek: *munitioning* the fleet (with fresh supplies of shells).
mural /'mjʊərəl/ *n* phar parih nganmi (suaimi) zuk tumpi.
 ▷ **mural** *adj* mural art, mural decoration.
murder /'mɜːde(r)/ *n* **1** [U] mithah, lainawn, laithat, tualthat: He commits *murder*. ○ He is guilty of *murder*. Cf *HOMICIDE*, *MANSLAUGHTER*. **2** [U] (*derog*) tumkhat ih minung tamzet thih: 10,000 men died in one battle; it was sheer *murder*. **3** [U] (*fig infml*) (**a**) thil harsa zet, beidongza hmuhtonak: It's *murder* trying to find a parking place for the car. (**b**) a siattertu, nuamlo zet ko a cangtertu: This hot weather's *murder* to my feet. **4** (*idm*) get away with *murder* (*infml esp joc*) thlundan le tuahkeel pawl cawhkuan tonglo ih pahbalnak: His latest book is rubbish. He seems to think that because he's a famous author he can get away with *murder*! **murder will out** (*saying*) lainawn sualnak thuh a theih lo.
 ▷ **murder** *v* **1** that hrim, lainawng: He murdered his wife with a knife. **2** thiam lo ruangih siatsuah: He murdered the English language = Mirang tɔng a thiam lo tuk: She murdered a piece of music.
murderer /'mɜːdə(r)/ *n* lainawngtu pa.
murderess /'mɜːdəɪs/ lainawngtu nu (nunau).
murderous /'mɜːdəəs/ *adj* **1** that tum, that dingvek: a *murderous* look, *murderous* attack. **2** a besia zetmi, a nuamlo zetmi: I couldn't withstand the *murderous* heat. **murderously** *adv*.
murk /mɜːk/ *n* [U] khawthim: peering through the *murk*.
 ▷ **murky** *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** nuamlo zet ih a thimmi, thim taktak, thim bep bep: It's a *murky* night, with no moon. ○ The light was too *murky* to continue playing. ○ London's streets, *murky* with November fog. **2** (tidai) nawi le bal: She threw it into the river's *murky* depths. **3** (minung nunzia) theifiang lo nan midik lo a si tih lunghrin: She had a decidedly *murky* past.
murkily *adv*.
murmur /mɜːmə(r)/ *n* **1** catlo in dimte ih a awnmi: the distant *murmur* of a river ○ the *murmur* of bees in the garden. **2** dimte ih tɔngmi: a *murmur*

of conversation ○ a *murmur* of voices from the next room. **3** phunzai: There were *murms* of discontent from the workers. **4** (*medical*) lungnat ruangih awm sung awn. **5** (*idm*) without a *murmur* phunzai loin: He paid the extra cost without a *murmur*.
 ▷ **murmur** *v* **1** nuamte ih awn: The wind *murmured* in the trees. ○ a *murmuring* brook. **2** dimte ih tɔng: *murmuring* words of love into her ear. **3** dimte ih phunzai: For some years the people had been *murmuring* against the leaders. **murmurous** /'mɜːməɪəs/ *adj* dimte ih awn reromi: the *murmurous* hum of bees.
muscat /'maskæt/ *n* sabit phunkhat.
muscatel /'maskætəl/ *n* [C, U] muskat sabit thawn tuahmi sabit car, sabit hang (ti).
muscle /'mʌsl/ *n* **1** (**a**) tit khal, tha: arm, face, leg muscles ○ strain a *muscle*, pull a *muscle* ○ develop the *muscles*. (**b**) titsa: The heart is made of *muscle*. **2** [U] thacak: He has plenty of *muscle* but no brain. **3** [U] (*fig*) mai duh vekih midang thil tuahter theinak: *political muscle*, *industrial muscle*.
 ▷ **muscle** *v* (*phr v*) **muscle in (on sth/sb)** mai hlawknak hrangah tellonak ih rak tel ve: I wrote the book, and now she's trying to *muscle in* on its success by saying she gave me the ideas.
 □ **muscle-bound** *adj* lehnak ruangih taksa tɔp.
muscleman /-mæn/ *n* (pl men) (*infml sometimes derog*) titsa tha zet, micak zet.
muscular /'maskjʊl(r)/ *adj* a tha a cak zetmi: His powerful *muscular* arms.
muscularity /-rəti/ *n* [U].
 □ **muscular dystrophy** ngorh-ngeh tahri nat.
musé /'mjuːz/ *n* **1** the *Muses* (Grik le Rom pawl ih phuahcop thuanthu sungah) khawzing Zeus, asilole, Jupiter ih fanu pakua; biazai, awnmawi, laam, calai, fimthiamnak pawl a kiltu le tha petu khawzing nu pawl. **2** [C] thilthiam (a hleice in biazai phuhtu) lung a thotertu: His *musé* had deserted him, and he could no longer write.
musé /'mjuːz/ *v* **1** thukpi ih khurkhua ruat: He sits *musé* on the events of the day, memories of the past. etc. **2** mah le mah ti aw: 'I wonder if I shall ever see them again,' he *musé*.
museum /'mjuːziəm/ *n* thilhlun sunglawi pawl retnak inn: a *museum* of natural history. ○ an *anthropological museum*.
 ▷ **museum piece** **1** museum ih ret tha thil. **2** (*joc derog*) san a man lomi, a thahnem lomi minung, thilri: This radio is a bit of *museum piece*.
mush /mʌʃ/ *n* **1** a beekmi: The vegetables had been boiled to a *mush*, and were quite uneatable. **2** [U] (US) vainim suanmi. **3** [U] (*infml derog*) lunghno zet ih canganmi, thusimmi: I have never read such a load of *mush*! **mushy** *adj*.
mushroom /'mʌʃruːm/ *n* paa: grilled/fried mushrooms ○ a button *mushroom*, kor beh vek

paa fate. ○ [attrib] *mushroom soup*. Cf **TOADSTOOL**.
 ▷ **mushroom** *v* (usu **go mushrooming**) **1** hramlakih paa hawl. **2** zamrangin a karhzai: *New company offices are mushrooming all over the city*.
 □ **mushroom cloud** niukhlia bomb a puak hnu paa vekih a khuhtu mero.

music /'mjuzɪk/ *n* [U] **1** (a) awnmawi (asilole) hla-aw tuah daan, kaihkhawm dan: *study music* ○ [attrib] *a music lesson, teacher*. (b) hla-aw asilole hla-fang phuahmi: *Mozart's music* ○ *play a piece of music* ○ [attrib] *a music lover*. (c) awnmawi (Music: awnzai) hla ngannak cahnah: *I'd left my music at home*. ○ read music. **2** (idm) **face the music** ⇨ **FACE**². **music to one's ears** lung a hmuitertu thu theih mi (thuthleng): *The news of his resignation was music to my ears*. **put/set sth to music** ʔongfang pawl (a thu) kha hla aw bun, a thluk tuah.

□ **music box** (US) = **MUSICAL BOX** (MUSICAL), a khuh on tikah aw a suakmi thingkuang.

music centre awnmawi thilri, radio, kheset, awkhumnak pawl retnak.

music-hall (a) [esp in the late 19th and early 20th centuries] awnmawi le hla phunphun tum le saknak innpi; mi pawl nomternak (eg songs, acrobatic performances, juggling). (b) [U] cuvek mipi nomternak: [attrib] *music-hall songs, entertainers, etc*.

music stand hla cahnah thernak tung.

music-stool *n* hngohsan nei lo piano tohkham.

musical /'mjuzɪkl/ *adj* **1** [usu attrib] awnmawi le hla thawn a pehparmi: *a musical entertainment* ○ *musical instruments*, ie for producing music, eg piano, violin, flute, horn ○ *She has no formal musical qualifications*. ○ *a musical society*, ie for people to listen to music or perform music together. **2** awnzai a zuammi, a thiammi: *She's very musical*. **3** aw ngainuam, aw mawi: *he has quite a musical voice*.

▷ **musical** *n* (also **musical comedy**) laam le awnzai thawn mi a nomtertum lemcaun, baiskup: *Rogers and Hammerstein's musical 'South Pacific'*.

musically **1** awnmawi lamah: *musically gifted, talented, ignorant*. **2** ngai nuam: *play, sing, speak, etc musically*.

musical chairs **1** tohkham cuh-aw lehpannak. **2** (fig often derog) a haha ih co: *He had come out on top in the game of musical chairs by which senior posts seemed to be filled*.

musician /'mjuzɪʃn/ *n* awnmawi tum thiam, hla vaihthiam: *She is a fine musician*.

▷ **musicianship** *n* awnzai thiamnak, zirnak: *the pianist's sensitive musicianship*.

musicology /'mjuzɪkə'lɒdʒɪ/ *n* [U] awnzai thiamsang zirnak.

▷ **musicological** /'mjuzɪkə'lɒdʒɪkl/ *adj*.

musicologist /'mjuzɪkə'lɒdʒɪst/ *n*.

musk /mask/ *n* [U] **1** rimhmui tuahnak ih hmanmi, ki neilo zukneng pa sungih lakmi thil hmui. **2** cu vekih a hmuimi hramkung.

▷ **musky** *adj* (-ier, -iest) cuvek rimhmui: *a musky odour*.

□ **musk-deer** *n* Asia laifang hrawngih um kinei lo zukneng.

musk-melon a hmui, a thlum ih ti a tammi zil.

musk-rat (also **musquash**) a hmul mankhung a neimi zinghnam vek tisung ramsa.

musk-rose *n* rimhmui rose par.

musket /'maskɪt/ *n* tenglam meithal (lai meithal).

▷ **musketeer** /'maskɪtɪə(r)/ *n* musket meithal kai ralkap; cuvek meithal hmangtu.

musketry /'maskɪtri/ *n* [U] meithal kah thiamnak.

Muslim /'mʊzɪlm/ (also) *n* Islam biaknak thluntu.

▷ **Muslim** *adj* *Muslim holidays, leaders, historians*.

muslin /'mʌzɪn/ *n* [U] patpar puanthan paate.

musquash /'maskwɒʃ/ *n* [U, C] (a) = **MUSK-RAT**.

(b) musk-rat zinghnam hmul: *a musquash coat*.

muss /mas/ *v* hnokter: *Don't muss (up) my hair!*

mussel /'masl/ *n* cengkol (ti sung um phawkhauh nei).

must¹ /məst, strong form məst/ *modal v* (neg **must not**, contracted form **mustn't** /'məsnt/) **1** rori, tengteng. (a) (ʔuanvo ah): *When you enter the building you must show the guards your pass*. ○ *We mustn't be late, must we?* ○ *'Must you go so soon?'* ○ *'Yes, I must'*. (b) (ruahnak pek, ʔhohkhan): *You must see the doctor first*. ○ *I must ask you not to do that again*. **2** (cu tin a si tengteng ding): *You must be hungry after your long walk*. ○ *They must be twins*. ○ *You must be Mr. Smith—I was told to expect you*. **3** (hneek deuhnak): *You must put your name down for the team*. ○ *Must you make so much noise?*

▷ **must** *n* tuah, hmuh, theih ʔul tengteng mi: *His new novel is a must for all lovers of crime fiction*.

NOTE ON USAGE: **1 OBLIGATION** (**must**, **need**^{1,2}, **have to**, **ought to**, **should**¹) (a) **Must** is used to show that the speaker orders or expects something to be done: *The children must be back by 4 o'clock*. ○ *I must go now*, ie I feel obliged to go. **Need to** (informal **have to**) is used when somebody else is giving orders or controlling events: *You need to/have to pass a special exam to get into the school*. ○ *I have to go now*, ie something (or somebody else) requires it. **Ought to** and **should** indicate that the speaker is giving an order, but suggest that he or she is not sure it will be obeyed: *She really ought to/should be leaving now*. ○ *You ought to/should apologize* (though I'm not sure you will). (b) **Mustn't** (and **oughtn't to**, **shouldn't**) are used when the speaker wants somebody not to do something: *You mustn't leave the gate open*. ○

You oughtn't to/shouldn't neglect the garden. **Needn't** and **don't have to** mean that there is a lack of obligation to do something: *You needn't/don't have to arrive early.* (Cf *You mustn't arrive early.*) (c) in indirect commands, **had to** replaces **must**: *Mother said that the children had to be back by 4 o'clock.* (Cf *Mary said he ought to/should apologize.*) **2 ADVICE (must, have got to, ought to, should¹)** (a) **Must** (informal **have got to**) is used to advise or recommend: *You simply must see that film.* ○ *You've got to take life more seriously.* **Ought to** and **should** suggest that the speaker is less confident the advice will be taken: *You really ought to/should do something about that cough!* (b) To advise somebody not to do something, **mustn't**, **oughtn't to** and **shouldn't** are used: *You mustn't/oughtn't to/shouldn't miss this opportunity.* (c) In indirect speech, the same rules apply as for OBLIGATION. **3 DRAWING CONCLUSIONS (must, have to, ought to, should¹)** (a) **Must** and **have to** (informal) are used when drawing a conclusion about which there is no doubt: *He must be/has to be the wanted man: he's exactly like his picture.* **Ought to** and **should** indicate that the speaker is being more tentative: *He ought to/should be here in time—he started early enough.* (b) To show that a conclusion cannot be drawn, **can't** is used: *He can't be the wanted man.* ○ *He can't (surely) get here in time.* (c) **Must have**, **ought to have** and **should have** are used to draw a conclusion from some past event: *She must have received the parcel: I sent it by registered post.*

must² /mʌst/ *n* [U] sabit hang uammi in cut hlan, a thawh hlan.

mustache [U] = MOUSTACHE, hmurhmul.

mustachio /mʌ'stɑːʃiə; US -stæf-/ *n* hmurhmul saupi.

mustachio /mʌ'stɑːʃiə; US -stæf-/ *n* Amerika ram ih ummi ram rang phun khat.

mustang /mʌstæŋ/ *n* N Amerika ih um hramlak rang.

mustard /mʌstəd/ **1** *n* [U] anɰam. **2** (a) [U] (also **mustard powder**) anɰam ci phomdipmi (*Mustard powder*). (b) [U, C] anɰam ci phomdip le hmuimer sawhti rawimi (rawl hmeh ih hman mi): [attrib] a mustard pot/jar/spoon. **3** aire dup rong: [attrib] a mustard (yellow) sweater. **4** (idm) **keen as mustard** ⇨ KEEN¹.

□ **mustard gas** Ralpi Vei Khatnak ih an rak hmanmi vun kang thei tikhu dat (*poison gas*).

muster /'mʌstə(r)/ **1** minung asilole thilri pumkhawm: a muster of troops. **2** (idm) **pass muster** ⇨ PASS².

▷ **muster v** **1** ralɰhuang tuah ding pumkhawmter: *The troops mustered (on the square).* ○ *He mustered all the troops.* **2 ~ sth (up)** mi nhen

ihsin khawl khawm asilole mahte ngah: *muster public support for sth* ○ *I couldn't muster up much enthusiasm for it.*

musty /'mʌsti/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** a mawrmi, a uihmi: *musty old books, a musty room.* **2** san man nawn lo, a hlun zo mi: *The same musty old ideas were presented as if they were new.*

mustiness *n* [U].

mutable /'mjʊtəbl/ *adj* a thleng aw rero theimi.

▷ **mutability** *n* [U].

mutant /'mjʊtənt/ *n* **1** (biology) a hringtu thawn bang awknak a nei lo mi thilnung. **2** (Sc.fiction) suahkeh pian thleng ruangih mi banglo ih cantermi.

▷ **mutant** *adj* a mutant gene.

mutation /mjuː'teɪʃn/ *n* (a) [U] thleng awknak: (biology) mutation of cells, (linguistics) mutation of sounds ○ vowel mutations. (b) cuih thlengnak ihsin a suakmi thilnung thar.

▷ **mutate** /mjuː'teɪt; US 'mjʊtɜt/ *v* thleng awter: organisms that mutate into new forms.

mutatis mutandis /muː'taɪs muː'tændis/ (Latin) a ɰulnak vekih thleng awknak: *What I've said about the army also applies, mutatis mutandis, to the Navy.*

mute /mjʊt/ *adj* **1** daiten um; ɰonglo: stare in mute amazement, admiration, astonishment ○ remain mute. **2** (minung) a ɰong thei lomi: *He's mute from birth.* **3** (cafang) aw suah lo mi cafang: *The 'b' in 'dumb' is mute.*

▷ **mute** *n* (a) awnmawi aw dimter dingih tuahmi thil. (b) aw thlengtertu ih bunmi a nemmi thil.

mute *v* awnmawi aw dimter: *The strings are muted through out the closing bars of the Symphony.*

muted *adj* **1** a dim ih a fiang lo mi aw: *They spoke in muted voices.* **2** fiangte le langhngan ih sim lomi: *muted criticism.* **3** aw dimternak bunmi (awnmawi thil). **4** (of colours) a tleu lomi, a lar lomi.

mutely *adv* daiten, ɰong loten, thawthaang lo ten.

muteness *n* [U].

mutilate /'mjʊtɪleɪt/ *v* hliam, thlek, bauh, tan ih siatsuah: *The invaders cut off their prisoners' arms and legs and threw their mutilated bodies into the ditch.* ○ *A madman mutilated the painting by cutting holes in it.* ○ (fig) *The editor mutilated my text by removing whole paragraphs from it.*

▷ **mutilation** /'mjʊtɪleɪʃn/ *n* (a) [U] hliamsiatnak: *Thousands suffered death or mutilation as a result of the bomb attacks.* (b) hmaputnak, siatsuahnak, lohral ternak.

mutinous /'mjʊtɪnəs/ *adj* dodal, upat lo: *mutinous workers, mutinous behaviour.*

mutinously *adv.*

mutiny /'mjʊtɪni/ *n* [C, U] uktu dodalnak, a hleice

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in ralkap pawl in: *The crew tried to seize control of the ship, and were shot for mutiny.*

▷ **mutineer** /mju:tə'nɪə(r)/ *n* cu vekih mi a siatsuahtu.

muting *v* ral tho, dodal.

mutt /mʌt/ *n* **1** (*infml*) milaklawh, mi-aa, santlai lo: *You silly big mutt!* **2** phuncawh uico: *What an ugly mutt!*

mutter /mʌtə(r)/ *v* theih har dimten tɔŋ: *don't mutter! I can't hear you.* **2** a thupte ih phunzai: *For sometime people had been muttering about their boss.* **3** (khawri awn) hlat zet ih theihmi.

▷ **mutter** *n* a fianglo mi tɔŋ, aw.

mutterer *n* cu ti vekih a tɔŋtu.

muttering, mutterings langhngan ih sim lo mi pontamnak, phunzainak.

mutton /mʌtn/ *n* **1** [U] tuu sa: *Roast, boiled, stewed mutton.* ○ *a mutton chop*, a hnakruh sa. Cf **LAMB** **2.** **2** (idm) **dead as mutton** ⇨ **DEAD**. **mutton dressed (up) as lamb** (*infml derog*) mino vekih a thuam aw mi kum upa.

□ **mutton head** *n* mi-aa pittawp (mihrut).

mutual /mju:tʃʊəl/ *adj* **1** khat le khat par ih thinlung le tuahnak um zia: *mutual affection, mutual suspicion.* **2** khat le khat rualremnak: *We're mutual friends.* **3** pahnih (asilole) pahnih hnaki tam ih neih tlangmi: *Our mutual friend, Smith* (kan pahnih ih rual Smith). **4** (idm) **a mutual admiration society** (*derog*) minung pawl rualremte ih um tlangnak.

▷ **mutually** *adv*: *the two assertions are mutually exclusive*, ie cannot both be true.

□ **mutual funds** (US) = **UNIT TRUSTS** (UNIT).

mutual insurance company a punghang zem awkih conak.

Muzak /mju:zæk/ *n* [U] (*propr often derog*) dawr, cetzung pawl ih ngainuam an phuan theumi hlakhum.

muzzle /mʌzl/ *n* **1** (a) saram ih a hnar, a ka, le a khabe. (b) saram hmur tɔŋnak. **2** meithal cerek hung suahnak kua, meithal kaa: *a muzzle-loading gun*. Cf **BREECH**.

▷ **muzzle** *v* **1** tɔŋ; kharh: *Such a fierce dog ought to be muzzled.* **2** (*fig derog*) duh tawkih ruahnak suah lo dingih kham: *accuse their government of muzzling the press, freedom of speech, etc.*

□ **muzzle velocity** cerek ih zamrannak.

muzzy /mʌzi/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) **1** fiangten ruat thei lo; buai zet: *After a cup of whisky his head felt all muzzy.* **2** a fianglomi, a malmi.

▷ **muzzily** *adv*. **muzziness** *n* [U].

MV /em 'vi/ *abbr* motor vessel.

MW *abbr* (radio) medium wave.

my /maɪ/ *pron & adj* **1** ka, keimai: *Where's my hat?* ○ *My feet are cold.* ○ *He always forgets my birthday.* **2** (used before a *n* or an *adj* as a form of address) mi kawh tiki hmanmi: *my dear, darling, love, etc* ○ *my dear fellow, chap, man, girl, woman, etc* ○ *Come along, my boy.* **3** (used

in exclamations) thinlau tiki hmanmi: *My goodness, what a surprise!* ○ *My God, look at the time!* Cf **MINE**¹.

mycology /maɪ'kɒlədʒi/ *n* [U] paa thu zirnak.

myelitis /maɪə'laitɪs/ *n* [U] el ruh sungih thlikthling natnak.

mynah (also **myna, mina**) /maɪnə/ *n* **SE Asia** ram um minung aw cawng thei zetmi vate phunkhat.

myopia /maɪ'əʊpiə/ *n* [U] **1** (*medical*) naite lawng hmu theimi. **2** (*derog*) hmailam a hmu thei lomi: *The ministers were charged with myopia.*

▷ **myopic** /maɪ'ɒpɪk/ *adj* **1** (*medical*) naite lawng hmu theimi: *myopic eyes.* **2** lamhla a thlir thei lomi: *the company with myopic policies, a myopic outlook, attitude, etc* ○ *a government with myopic policies.*

myopically /-kli/ *adv*.

myriad /maɪrɪəd/ *n* (*derog or joc*) tam ngaingai, siar cawk lo: *Each galaxy contains myriads of stars.*

▷ **myriad** *adj* [attrib] siar cawk lomi: *a butterfly's wing, with its myriad tiny scales.*

myrmidon /maɪrɪmɪdɒn/ *n* (*derog or joc*) pontam lo ih dan a thluntu: *myrmidons of the law*, eg bailiffs.

myrrh /mɜː(r)/ *n* [U] thingkung phunkhat ihsin a suakmi, a rim a hmui ih a kha mi thingthling, zihmui le rimhmui tuahnak ih hmanmi (maral kung).

myrtle /mɜːtl/ *n* [U] par rang rimhmui a nei ih a hnah a tleu ih a hring ringring mi thingkung fate phunkhat.

myself /maɪ'self/ *reflex, emph pron* (only taking the main stress in sentences when used emphatically) **1** (*reflex*) keimah le keimah, keimah lala: *I cut myself with a knife.* **2** (*emph*) keimah rori: *I myself will present the prizes.* ○ *I said so myself only last week.* **3** (idm) (**all**) **by myself** (a) mahte lawng. (b) bawmtu nei lo: *I finished the crossword (all) by myself.*

mysterious /mɪ'stɪəriəs/ *adj* **1** theih a har, simfiang a har zet mi thil, a thukmi thuthup: *a mysterious event, crime, etc.* **2** thu a thup zetmi: *He was being very mysterious, and wouldn't tell me what he was up to.* ○ *She gave me a mysterious look*, ie suggesting secret knowledge.

▷ **mysteriously** *adv*: *The main witness had mysteriously disappeared.* ○ *Mysteriously, there was no answer when I rang.*

mysteriousness *n* [U].

mystery /mɪ'stəri/ *n* **1** [C] (a) theih le fianter a har zetmi thuthuk, thuthup: *the mystery/mysteries of life* ○ *a crime that is an unsolved mystery* ○ *It's a mystery to me why they didn't chose him.* ○ [attrib] *a mystery guest, visitor, tour*, ie kept secret until a certain moment. (b) (*infml*) hmuh har theih har minung ih a sinak: *He's a bit of a mystery!* **2** [U] thil thup tuahnak, thu le hla thuh duhnak: *His past is shrouded in mystery*, ie one cannot find out the truth about it. **3** [U] minung

ruah banlo biaknak thutak, zumnak: *You're full of mystery tonight; what's going on?* ○ [attrib] a *mystery man/woman*. **4** [C] minung pawl ih ruahban, theihban si lomi zumnak: *the mystery of the Incarnation, of the Eucharist, etc.* **5** **mysteries** [pl] biaknak puai le thil tuah dan thup pawl (hlanlai Rom le Grik pawl ih hman deuhmi): *(fig) initiation the new recruit into the mysteries (ie customs and practices) of army life.* **6** [C] thuanthu/lemcawn sungih khawruahhar thil thalo: *a murder mystery* ○ [attrib] a *mystery thriller*.

□ **mystery play** Jesuh nun an cawnnak hlanlai lemcawn. Cf MIRACLE PLAY (MIRACLE).

mystic /ˈmɪstɪk/ (also **mystical** /ˈmɪstɪkl/) *adj* **1** khuavang, thlarau huham thup: *mystic rites and ceremonies.* **2** cuvek thil mangbangza pawl sirhsanmi/a pehparmi: *the world's mystic religions.* ○ *the mystical writings of St John of the Cross.* **3** mangbangter khop: *mystic beauty* ○ *For me, standing before the temple door as the sun rose was a mystical experience.*

▷ **mystic** *n* Pathian thawn pawlkom zuam tahrat in minung ih theih ban lo thlen a tumtu; thlarau/khuavang simnakin mi ih theih lo ka thei ti ih a ruat awmi.

mystically /-kli/ *adv.*

mysticism /ˈmɪstɪsɪzəm/ *n* [U] Pathian theih le thutak hmuh cu fimnak le khawruahnak tel lo in pumpek thlacamnak le thlarau simnak lawngin a si ti ih zumnak: *Christian mysticism* ○ *A strain of mysticism runs through his poetry.*

mystify /ˈmɪstɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **fied**) [Tn] awloksong ter, buaiter, mangbangter: *I'm mystified; I just*

can't see how he did it. ○ *her mystifying disappearance.*

▷ **mystification** /ˌmɪstɪfɪˈkeɪʃn/ *n* [U] **1** thil lamdang thil theih har. **2** (derog) mi pawl ih olzangkhai teih theih thei lo dingin tuahnak.

mystique /mɪˈstɪk/ *n* a thuhla theih theh a silonan hmuh theih le dawt um zet a simi: *the mystique of the British monarchy.* ○ *a simpel, straightforward textbook that helps to dispel some of the mystique surrounding computers* ○ *There is a certain mystique about eating oysters.*

myth /mɪθ/ *n* **1** [C] thil pawl thawhkehknak fianternak hrangih hlanlai ihsin an rak hmanmi thuanthu: *The Creation myth.* ○ *ancient Greek myth.* **2** [U] cu vek thuanthu pawl: *Romans were famous in myth and legend.* **3** phuahcop thu, a cang thei lomi thil, milai: *The rich uncle of whom he boasts is only a myth.* ○ *the myth of racial superiority, of a classless society, of human perfectibility.*

▷ **mythical** /mɪθɪkl/ **1** phuahcop thuanthu sung lawngih ummi: *mythical heroes.* **2** thinlung ih suangtuah mi, phuah mi: *mythical wealth* ○ *that mythical 'rich uncle' of whom he boasts.*

mythology /mɪθɒlədʒi/ *n* **1** [U] myths thu zirnak. **2** [U] myths thuhla: *Greek mythology.* **3** [C] myths thuanthu khawlkhawmmi: *the mythologies of primitive races.*

▷ **mythological** /ˌmɪθɒlədʒɪkl/ *adj* cuvek thu thawn a pehparmi: *Pluto, the mythological king of the underworld.*

mythologist /mɪθɒlədʒɪst/ *n* myths thu a zirtu.

myxomatosis /ˌmɪksəməˈtəʊsɪs/ *n* [U] a suan-aw theimi sabek nat.