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N, n /en/ *n* (pl **N's, n's**) Mirang (English) cafang a hleilnak: 'Nicholas' begins with an *N*.

N *abbr* (US also **No**) North, northern: Saklam: *N Yorkshire*. ○ *N. Landon N 14 6B5*.

n *abbr* name = hmin (grammar) neuter (gender).

NAACP /ˈen eɪ eɪ si: 'pi:/ *abbr* (US) National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, vunrang a si lo mi pawl Thansonak Pawlpi.

NAAFI /ˈnæfi/ *abbr* (Brit) Navy, Army, and Air Force Institutes. Cf PX.

nab /næb/ *v* (-bb-) [Tn] (Brit *infml*) thil tuah soal lai kai ngah: *He was nabbed by the police for stealing*.

nabob nom a duh zettu milian.

nacelle /næ'sel/ *n* vanzam cet a siin (a khuh).

nacre /ˈneɪkə(r)/ *n* [U] korsih ih hmanmi kep = MOTHER-OF-PEARL (MOTHER).

nadir /ˈneɪdɪə(r); US 'neɪdər/ *n* **1** mi pakhat a dinnak ih a niannak bik hmun. **2** dinhmun niam biknak zawn, a riahsiatza niam bik caan: *This failure was the nadir of her career*.

naff /næf/ *adj* (Brit *sl*) mawinak le thawtnak nei lo; man nei lo: *That suit is naff*.

nag¹ /næg/ *n* rang.

nag² /næg/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ **at sb** **1** mawthluk phunciar ringring: *He nagged at her all day long*. **2** donharter, ningnater ringring: *The problem had been nagging me for weeks*.

naid /ˈnaɪəd/ *n* (pl ~ **s** or ~ **es** /ˈnaɪədɪz/) (Greek mythology) Grik khuavang thuanthu sungih ti-fala.

nail /neɪl/ *n* **1** tin; kuttin, ketin: *finger nails, a toe nail*. **2** tlawngkhen, thirkhen. **3** (idm) **a nail in sb's/sth's coffin** a thi, a cem, a sung ti langtertu thil: *The long and costly strike proved to be the last nail in the company's coffin*. **drive a nail into sb's coffin** thi ko, cem ko ih tuah.

fight tooth and nail ⇨ TOOTH. **hard as nails** ⇨ HARD. **hit the nail on the head** ⇨ HIT. **on the nail** atu rori, zamrangten: *I want cash on the nail*. **as tough as nails** ⇨ TOUGH.

▷ **nail v** [Tn] (*infml*) **1** khen, tlawngkhen khen: *He nailed the two boards together*. **2** [Tn] (*infml*) kai ngah: *Have the police nailed the man who did it?* ○ *She finally nailed me in the corridor*. mi ih thinlung a dir, a kai ngah. **3** thil pakhat ih diklonak phuang: *I've finally nailed the myth of his wealth*. **4** (idm) **nail one's colours to the mast** mai zummi le rinmi raltha zet ih sim. **nail a lie to the counter** thu pakhat a diklo ti langter. **5** (phr *v*) **nail sth down** (a) thil-siin le phahmi tlawngkhen thawn khenfek. (b) thil pakhat

fiangzet ih sim. **mail sb down** mi pakhat a dinhmun fiangten simter: *She says she'll come, but I can't nail her down to a specific time*.

nail on, nail to khen ih thlai: *nail a lid on (the crate)* ○ *nail to sign to the wall*.

nail up tar, thlai, khen.

□ **nail-brush** *n* kuttin hnawtnak bras fate.

nail-file *n* tin ngilhnaak, rawtnak reti fate.

nail-scissors *n* [pl] tin tannak cheprep fate.

nail varnish (US **nail polish**) tin (culhmi) sii.

naira /ˈneɪrə/ *n* (pl unchanged) Nigeria ram tangka siar dan: *1 naira = 100 kobos*.

naive (also **naïve**) /ˈnaɪv/ *adj* **1** tong dan le umzia ah mawh nei lomi, dingte'n a um mi. **2** (a) mi ih thu zum ol, awzawn: *You weren't so naive to believe him, were you?* (b) hmuhtonnak nei lo, fim lo, tatto thiam lo: *a naive person*.

▷ **naively** (also **naïvely**) *adv*.

naivety (also **naïvety**) /ˈnaɪvɪti/ **naivete** /ˈnaɪvɪteɪ/ *n* ding, thil a thei tuk lomi.

naked /ˈneɪkɪd/ *adj* **1** (a) taklawng, lawngfang kheh: *naked as the day he was born*. (b) khuh keel a nei lomi: *fight with a naked fist*, kuthruk bun lo ih thong aw. *a naked sword*, kawng um lo naam. *naked tree*, hnah um lo thingkung. **2** thup lo in: *the naked truth*. **3** (idm) **the naked eye** mitfang lawng-in (fangfang): *Germs are too small to be seen by the naked eye*, mitfang lawng ih hmuh ding ahcun.

nakedly *adv*. **nakedness** *n* [U].

namby-pamby /ˈnæmbɪ 'pæmbɪ/ *adj* (*derog*) (of people or their talk) atthlak ih lunghno lungzur olmi minung asilole an tong dan: *Don't be such a namby-pamby*.

▷ **namby-pamby n** such a person: *don't be such a namby-pamby!*

name¹ /neɪm/ *n* **1** [C] hmin: *My name is Peter*. ○ *What is the name of the town where you live*. **2** (a) [sing] hminthannak: *People go to a shop with a good name*. (b) [attrib] (esp US) mi ih theihmi, hmin a nei zo mi: *a big name company*. **3** [C] mi hminthang: *the great names of history*. ○ *all the big names in pop music world were at the party*. **4** (idm) **answer to the name of sth** ⇨ ANSWER. **be sb's middle name** ⇨ MIDDLE. **by name** a hminah, hmin in: *A strangeman, Fred by name, came to see me*. ○ *The teacher knows all his students by name*. **by/of the name of** ti mi pa/nu: *He goes by the name of Peter*. **call sb names** ⇨ CALL. **drag sb's name through the mire/mud** ⇨ DRAG. **drop names** ⇨ DROP. **enter one's name/put one's name down** tlawngkai dingih dil. **give a dog a bad name** ⇨ DOG. **give**

one's name to sth thil pakhat thoktu ti ih hmin bun: *He gave his name to a well-known brand of bread.* **in the household name** ⇒ HOUSEHOLD. **in the name of sb/sth** (a) ai-awh in: *I greet you in the name of the President.* (b) thu in, thuneih nakin: *I arrest you in the name of the law.* (c) cu mi ruangah: *They did it all in the name of friendship.* **in name only** a hmin lawng; a tak silo: *He is leader in name only.* ○ *His deputy has effectively taken over.* **lend one's name to sth** ⇒ LEND. **make a name for oneself** hminthang ah cang: *She first made a name for herself as an actress.* **sb's name is mud** a tuahmi ruangah zapi mitkem a tuarmi. **name names** ⇒ NAME. **name of the game** hnañuan pakhat ih tumtah bikmi, a thupitnak bik: *Hard work is the name of the game if you want to succeed in business.* **a name to conjure with** ðihzah upat mi hmin. **not have sth to one's name** zianghman nei lo: *She hasn't a penny to her name.* **put a name to sb/sth** a kawhnaq vun thei, cing: *I've heard that song before but I can't put a name to it.* **take sb's name in vain** miih hmin, a bikin Pathian, a si lo zawngih hman. **under the name of** hmin dang pakhat hmang: *He writes under the name of Nimrod.*

□ **name-day** *n* hminih sakmi mithianghlim in. **name-dropping** *n* [U] mi hminthang hmin saal ih thusim. **name-drop** *v*. **name-part** lemcawn ih tuah ding canvo: *He's got the name-part in 'Romeo and Juliet'.* **name-plate** sangka tluan ih tar mi hmin khennak pheh. **namesake** *n* hmin bangaw: *She's my namesake but we're not related.* **name-tape** *n* hnipuan parih ðhitcih mi hminben.

NOTE ON USAGE: Your first name (US often given name) is, in English-speaking countries, the name given to you by your parents at birth. The name or, more usually, surname. In Christian countries Christian name is often used for first name. Forename, also meaning first name, is formal and is often found on documents, application forms, etc.

name² /neim/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-n] ~ **sb/sth** (after sb); US ~ **sb/sth** (for sth) hmin sak, phuah: *They named their child John.* ○ *Tdsmania was named after its discoverer, A. J. Tasman.* **2** [Tn] hmin ih ko, thleidang: *Can you name all the plants in this garden?* **3** [Tn] khiah (nikhiah, a man khiah): *We have named a date for the party.* ○ *Name your price* (na ngen zat sim aw). **4** [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-n/a] ~ **sb** (for sth); ~ **sb as sth** hnañuan pek: *Mr. C was named as the new director.* **5** (idm) **name names** hmin saal: *he said someone*

had lied but wouldn't name names. **to name but a few** ðhimnak ih simmi vial: *lots or our friends are coming.* ○ *Robert, John and Peter, to name but a few.* **you name it** hmin na sim thei mi pohpoh: *He can make anything you name it.*

nameless /neimlɪs/ *adj* **1** (a) [esp attrib] hmin nei lo um lomi, hmin theih lomi: *a nameless grave.* ○ *The nameless thousands who built the pyramids.* (b) hmin ih simlo mi: *He is a well-known public figure who shall remain nameless.* **2** [esp attrib] (a) sim ding a ol lomi (thinlung um dan): *a nameless longing, fear, etc.* (b) sim theih lo tiangih ðih a nungmi: *the nameless horrors of the prison camp.*

namely /neimlɪ/ *adv* timi; a cekci in: *Only one boy was absent, namely Harry.*

nanny /ˈnæni/ *n* (Brit) **1** nau-um (nau-um tu). **2** pi (suahkeh pi).

nanny-goat /ˈnæni ɡəʊt/ *n* mepi, menu.

nap¹ /næp/ *n* (sun ih) caan tawite it: *He took a quick nap after lunch.* ○ *To have a nap is good for your health.*

▷ **nap** *v* (-pp-) [I] **1** can tawite it. **2** (idm) **catch sb napping** ⇒ CATCH.

nap² /næp/ *n*

nap³ /næp/ *n* (Brit)

napalm /ˈneipɑ:m/ *n* [U] meikang bomb hrangih hman mi hnun ko ih tuahmi petrol (dat si).

nape /neip/ *n* hngawng ih dunglam: *He kissed her on the nape of her neck.*

naphtha /ˈnæfθə/ *n* [U] lung meihol le petrol (datsi) ihsin tuahmi a kaang thei hriakti.

▷ **naphthalene** /-li:n/ *n* [U] lung meihol le petrol i tuahmi rim a cak zet thil (puan buhnaq le puansi tuahnakih hman mi).

napkin /ˈnæpkɪn/ *n* **1** (also **table napkin**) rawl ei tikih kut le haa hnawtnak ih hmanmi pavua (asilole) caku. **2** (Brit *inflm*) = NAPPY.

nappy /ˈnæpi/ *n* (Brit *inflml*) (also *fml* **napkin**) (US **diaper**) naute tawdam, tawdaap.

narcissism /ˈnɑ:sɪsɪzəm/ *n* [U] (Psychology) mah le mah duh aw tuk luarkainak; mi zum-awknak.

▷ **narcissistic** /nɑ:'sɪstɪk/ *adj*.

narcissus /nɑ:'sɪsəs/ (*pl* ~ **es** or **-cissi** /nɑ:'sɪsɪs/) ðhal tir ih paar mi tawba nei pangpar phun khat.

narcotic /nɑ:'kɒtɪk/ *n* **1** ihhmuh si; ihhmutertu, lu zingtertu thil: *the juice of this fruit is a mild narcotic.* **2** (often *pl*) ritnak thil ðha lo: *Narcotics are a major threat to health.* ○ *Opium is a narcotic.* **narcotic** *adj* a narcotic effect, substance.

nark¹ /nɑ:k/ *n* (Brit *sl*) thlingthlatu palik.

nark² /nɑ:k/ *v* [Tn usu passive] (Brit *sl*) hnaihok, buaiter: *feeling narked about being ignored.*

narrate /nə'reɪt/ US 'næreɪt/ *v* [Tn] im, thuhla sim: *the story is narrated by its hero.* ○ *narrate one's adventures.*

▷ **narration** /nə'reɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] thuhla/thuanthu

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sim. **2** thilcang pakhat ih thuhla:
narrator *n* thuanthu/thuhla simtu.
narrative /ˈnærətɪv/ *n* **1** [C] simmi, nganmi thuhla, thuanthu: *a gripping narrative about the war*. **2** [U] **(a)** thuanthu sim: *a master of narrative*. **(b)** cabu sungih thuanthu umnak zawn: *The novel contains more narrative than dialogue*.
 ▷ **narrative** *adj* thuanthu sim in: *narrative literature*.
narrow /ˈnærə/ *adj* **(-er, -est)** **1** [C] fiak: *The road was too narrow for cars to pass*. **2** a malte, bikah nei: *a marrow circle of friends*. **3** ceuceu, fangfang: *a narrow escaped from death*. ○ *He has won by a narrow margin (67 to 65)*. ○ *The favorite had a narrow lead over the rest*. **4** hmuhnak fiak: *He has a very narrow mind*. **5** a cekci, a feekfeek: *what does the word mean in its narrowest sense*. **6** (idm) **a narrow squeak** tihphannak, sunralnak in luat fangfang: **the straight and narrow** ⇒ STRAIGHT.
 ▷ **narrow** *v* [I, Tn] (cause sth to) a fiak: *The road narrows here*. ○ *Her eyes narrowed menacingly*. ○ *The gap between the two parties has narrowed considerably*. ○ *In order to widen the road they had to narrow the pavements*.
narrowly *adv* **1** malte lawng, fangfang: *We won narrowly*. ○ *He narrowly escaped drowning*. **2** fiang zetin, ralring zetin: *They observed him narrowly*.
narrowness *n* [U].
narrows *n* [pl] tipi pahnih fiakte ih an ton awknak; tiva a fiaknak.
 □ **narrow-minded** /ˈmændɪd/ *adj* ruahnak fiak.
narrow-mindedly *adv* **narrow-mindedness** *n* [U].
NASA /ˈnæsə/ *abbr* (US) *National Aeronautics and Space Administration*: Amerika ram vanzam le van tlun thuhla uknak.
nasal /ˈneɪzəl/ *adj* hnar thawn pehparmi: *a nasal spray*. ○ *a nasal voice*.
 ▷ **nasal** *n* hnar aw.
nasalize, -ise /ˈneɪzələɪz/ *v* hnar aw ihsin tɔng.
nasally *adv*.
nascent /ˈnæsnt/ *adj* (fml) thok pekte, um pekte: *a nascent in dusty*.
nasturtium /ˈnɑːstɪːfəm; US ˈnæ-/ *n* hang duum ih cinmi hang kung phunkhat.
nasty /ˈnɑːsti; US ˈnæ-/ *adj* **(-ier, -iest)** a baalmi, fihnungza a simi: *a nasty smell, taste, sight*. **2** **(a)** t̄hatlonak tuah, mi thinkengter: *Don't be nasty to your little brother*. **(b)** ziaza sia, ziaza fihnung: *a person with a nasty mind*. ○ *nasty stories*. **3** **(a)** t̄hinnungza; mi hringhro: *He had a nasty look in his eyes*. **(b)** nazet, besia: *a nasty cut, wound*. ○ *She had a nasty accident*. **4** (idm) **leave a nasty/bad taste in the mouth** ⇒ LEAVE. **a nasty piece of work** mi harsa, mi nuam lo; rintlaklo.

nastily *adv*. **nastiness** *n* [U].
nation /ˈneɪʃn/ *n* miphun, ram pakhat huap miphun cozah pakhat ukmi miphun: *the nations of western Europe*. ○ *the United Nations Organization (UNO)*.
nation-wide *adj, adv* miphun pumpuluk huap: *a nation-wide campaign, survey*.
national /ˈnæʃnəl/ *adj* **1** miphun pumpuluk thawn pehparmi: *a national institution, treasure*. ○ *national and international issues*. **2** ram, acozah ih neihmi ukmi, bommi: *a national theatre*.
 ▷ **national** *n* ram pakhat ih rammi: *He's a French national working in Italy*.
nationally /ˈnæʃnəli/ *adv*.
 □ **national anthem** ram hla (rampi hla).
national assistance (Brit) (formerly) dam lo le mitar pawl acozah ih bomnak paisa (*supplementary benefit*).
the National Debt ram pakhat ih leiba.
National Guard (US) a t̄ul tikah ralkap dingih kawhtheihmi mipi.
National Health Service (*abbr* NHS) Englan ram ih mipi hrang si lam tuamhlawmnak.
National Insurance (*abbr* NI) dam lo, tar le hnaʔuan neih lo t̄ikih kumpi bomnak um thei dingah hnaʔuan pawl ih a tengteng ih pekmi.
national park mipi cawlh hahdamnak cozah ih kilkhawi mi hmuandumpi.
national service ram hrangih t̄uan lo theih lo ralkap t̄uan caan.
National Trust (in Britain) 1895 kum ih dinsuah mi ram mawinak le hmun thupi pawl kilkhawinak pawlkom.
nationalism /ˈnæʃnəlɪzəm/ *n* [U] **1** ram duhnak, phun t̄annak thinlung. **2** ram zalennak hrangih cangvaihnik.
 ▷ **nationalist** /ˈnæʃnəlɪst/ *n* ram zalennak hrangih a pe awmi phun t̄antu.
nationalistic /ˈnæʃnəlɪstɪk/ *adv* nasa zet ih phun t̄annak, ram duhnak.
nationality /ˌnæʃənələtɪ/ *n* **1** [U, C] ram pakhat sungmi: *What is your nationality?* ○ *There were diplomats of all nationalities in Geneva*. **2** [C] ram pakhat ih hnam t̄hen: *the two main nationalities of Czechoslovakia*.
nationalize, -ise /ˈnæʃnəlaɪz/ *v* [Tn] **1** pumpak thil kha cozah thil ih tuah (lon): *nationalize the steel industry*. **2** rammi ih canter: *nationalized Poles and Greeks in the USA*.
 ▷ **nationalization** /ˌnæʃnəlaɪzətʃən/ *n* [U] cozah thil ih lonnak: *the nationalization of the railways*.
native /ˈneɪtɪv/ *n* **1** **(a)** ram pakhat sungah a suakih cui rammi a simi: *He is a native of Korea*. **(b)** rammi (mikhuat le mivai a si lo mi): *When we were on holiday in Greece, we live like the natives*. **2** dinhmun niam deuh ih ruahmi rammi pawl: *The white people in the colonies*

didn't mix socially with the natives. **3** hmunkhat khat ih a kho mi thingkung hrampi: *The kangaroo is a native of Australia.*

▷ **native** *adj* **1** suahkehnak a simi (sul phum hmun): *Barak is a native of India.* ○ *This is my native land.* ○ *native tongue/language.* **2** suahkehnak thil a simi: *native customs, rituals.* **3** suahkeh, pianpi sinak, zia: *He has a great deal of native ability, charm, etc.* **4** ... to ... hmunkhat khat ihsin a um thokmi (thingkung, hrampi, ramsa): *The tiger is native to India.* **5** (idm) **go native** mai rammi sizia hlohter ih midang nunzia a cawngtu: *He's emigrated to the USA and gone completely native.*

□ **native speaker** suahkeh ðong a hmangtu: *native speaker of French.* ○ *Her English accent is so good, you would think she was a native speaker.*

nativity /nə'tivəti/ *n* **1** **the Nativity** Jesuh Khrih suahnak. **2** Jesuh khrih suahnak lem suaimi.

□ **nativity play** Khrih suahnak lemcawn.

NATO (also **Nato**) /neɪtəʊ/ *abbr* **North Atlantic Treaty Organization**: ral thu ih ðangkawm dingin thu a kam awmi ram pawl = USA, Canada, Iceland le Zurup ram ðenkhat pawl.

natter /nætə(r)/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (on) (about sth) (*Brit infml*) thunuum rel (thupi tumtah um lo): *He nattered (on) about his work.*

▷ **natter** *n* (*Brit*) thunuum relkhwamnak.

natty /næti/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (*infml*) **1** (*often derog*) thianghlim: *natty new uniforms.* **2** fimkhur: *a natty solution to a problem.*

▷ **nattily** *adv* (*often derog*): *nattily dressed.*

natural /nætʃrəl/ *adj* **1** [attrib] tuahcop, phuahcop a si lo mi pianphung (mahte um, a keel): *the natural forces* ○ *earthquake, gravity, thunderstorm.* ○ *the natural world = trees, rivers, animals, etc.* ○ *coal, oil, forests, etc.* **2** cawncop, zircop a si lo, mahte ih ummi, neihmi: *natural charm, ability.* ○ *It is natural for a bird to fly.* **3** suahkeh (pianpi) thil ti theinak: *He's a natural speaker* ○ *She's a natural linguist.* **4** a keel, a dan, a si dingmi: *die a natural death.* ○ *It's only natural that she should be upset by the insult.* **5** ding te in (pawrh lo le puhungaw lo in): *natural behaviour, manner, specch.* ○ *It's difficult to be natural when one is emotional.* **6** (*music*) aw laiwawr: *B natural.* **7** (a) thisen ih ;pehtlaihna (fanu, fapa): *He's not our natural son — we adopted him when he was three.* (b) danlo ih neih mi (lakfa): *her natural child.* **8** minung ruahnak par ih bunmi: *natural religion, justice, theology.*

▷ **natural** *n* **1** (*music*) (a) aw laiwawr, awnzai ngan tikah (h) tiih nganmi. **2** ~ (for sth) thil pakhat tuah dingah, si dingah a kaih zetmi: *She didn't have to learn how to run: she's a natural.*

naturalness *n* [U].

□ **natural childbirth** hrin kelte ih nau neih.

natural gas leilung sungih suakmi datkhu (gas). **natural history** thingkung hrampi le ramsa thuhla zirnak: *The natural history of the Gobi desert.*

natural law minung pianphung nundan.

natural philosophy *science of physics.*

natural selection ramsa pawl cu an kiangkak thawn kaih aw ih an um thei le um thei lo ruangah an phun hlohralnak le pehzomnak a si timi ruahnak.

naturalism /nætʃrəlɪzəm/ *n* [U] **1** semkeh um dan uar ih cangan dan, thil tuah dan. **2** (*philosophy*) mahte thilcangmi le minung thiltinak in ziangkim a cang thei timi ruahnak.

naturalistic /nætʃrəlɪstɪk/ *adj*: a naturalistic writer.

naturalist /nætʃrəlɪst/ *n* ramsa, thingkung hramkung, vate le thilnung pawl thu a zirtu.

naturalize, -ise /nætʃrəlaɪz/ *v* **1** rammi canter: *She's a German who was naturalized in Canada.*

○ *a naturalized American who was born in Poland.* **2** mi ih ðong mai ðong ih tuah/canter: *Many of English terms have been naturalized in many languages.* **3** (thingkung hram kung/ ramsa) a um dah lo nakih umter.

▷ **naturalization, -isation** /nætʃrəlaɪzɪʃn; US -lɪz-/ *n* [U] rammi ih canternak.

naturally /nætʃrəli/ *adv* **1** a si ningin; a pianpi (suahkeh) ah; hrinhrim: *He's a naturally gifted actor.* ○ *She's naturally musical.* **2** a si ding rori ih ruahsanmi (pan teh): *'Did you answer her letter?'* *'Naturally.'* ○ *Naturally, as a beginner I'm not a very good driver yet.* **3** amahte: *Her hair curls naturally.* **4** pawrh lo le puhungaw lo: *She speaks and behaves naturally.* **5** ol-aiten: *He's such a good athlete that most sports come naturally to him.*

nature /neɪtʃə(r)/ *n* **1** [U] lei le van thil hmuahhmuah: *The weather is governed by nature.* ○ *Miracles are contrary to nature.* **3** minung ðhanso hlanih nun dan tlaitluang: *He wants to give away all his modern possessions and return to nature.* **4** (a) minung/ramsa pakhat ih a hleice mi si dan umzia: *It's his nature to be kind to the poor.* ○ *She is proud by nature.* (b) thil umdan: *He knows nothing of the nature of my work.* **5** cuvek pawl, vek phun: *things of that nature do not interest me.* **6** (idm) **against nature** a dan lo ih tuah, ziaza ðha lo. **one's better nature/feeling** ⇒ CALL. **a call of nature** ⇒ CALL. **in the nature of sth** vek a si, a bangaw: *His speech is in the nature of apology.* **in a state of nature** ⇒ STATE. **second nature (to sb)** zir ðul loih thiam a bang na'n zir a rak simi: *After a while, driving becomes second nature to you.*

▷ **-natured** (forming compound adjs) um zia, si zia nei: *good-natured, pleasant-natured.*

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naturism

□ **nature study** (in schools) thingkung, hrampi ramsa, cucik kharbawku thu zirnak.
nature trail ramsa le tlihungkung phun dangdang hmuh vivo theinak hramlak lamzin.
naturism /'neɪtʃərəzəm/ n [U] = NUDIST, hnipuan hruk loh um; taklawng.
 ▷ **naturist** /'neɪtʃərɪst/ n - NUDIST = hnipuan hruk duh loh ih a ummi.
naturopath /'neɪtʃrəpəθ/ n si ei loin in-ei le cangvaih dan thawn natnak neh a tumtu.
 ▷ **naturopathic** /,neɪtʃrə,æθɪk/ adj.
naturopathically /-klɪ/ adv [U].
naturopathy /,neɪtʃərəpəθr/ n [U].
naught = NOUGHT².
naughty /'nɔ:tɪ/ adj (-ier, -iest) **1** (infml) (upa in fale thu an rel tikah, asilole, fale hnenih thu an sim tikah) thu ngai loh, mi pang hel, tha loh (huatsuak): *He's naughty child.* ○ *You were naughty to pull the cat's tail.* **2** capo tuah ih mi lauter: *It's a naughty joke, story.*
 ▷ **naughtily** adv. **naughtiness** n [U].
nausea /'nɔ:siə; US 'nɔ:zə/ n [U] luak, luzing: *Overcome by nausea after eating raw meat.* ○ *Filled with nausea at the sight of cruelty to animals.*
 ▷ **nauseate** /'nɔ:siət; US 'nɔ:z-/ v [Tn] luaksuak, luzing: *The idea of eating raw fish nauseates me.*
nauseating adj nauseating food, smell, nauseation person.
nauseatingly adv.
nauseous /'nɔ:siəs; US 'nɔ:fəs/ adj luaksuak, fih-nungza: *She was nauseous during the sea crossing.*
nautical /'nɔ:tɪk/ adj tangphawlawng a sungih hnaŋuan pawl le tipar khual tlawnnak thawn pehparmi.
 □ **nautical mile** (also **sea mile**) tipi parih tahmi a hlat a nai (peng), pi 6080 (meter 1852).
nautilus /'nɔ:tləs; US 'nɔ:tələs/ n (pl ~ es) tipi cengkol phunkhat.
naval /'neɪv/ adj ti ralkap, raldonak tangphawlawng thawn pehparmi: *a naval officer*: ti ralbawi.
nave /neɪv/ n biakinn sung mipi tonak a laitluan.
navel /neɪv/ n lai; laipawng, laihi pawtnak.
navigable /'nævɪgəbl/ adj **1** (of seas, rivers, etc) tangphawlawng feh theinak tiva, tipi thuanthum: *The Rhine is navigable from Strasbourg to the sea.* **2** (of ships, etc) a feh theimi (mawn theihmi) tangphawlawng: *The ship is not in a navigable condition.*
 ▷ **navigability** /,nævɪgəbɪləti/ n [U].
navigate /'nævɪgeɪt/ v **1** [I] vanzam, tangphawlawng, mawŋawka fehnak ding hmuh, khiihmuh: *I'll drive the car: you navigate.* **2** [Tn, Tn.pr] mawng (vanzam le tangphawlawng). **3** [Tn] (a) tipi thuanthum/tiva ih tangphawlawng mawng: *Who first navigated the Atlantic?* (b)

fehnak lamzin hawl: *I don't like having to navigate London's crowded streets.*
 ▷ **navigation** /,nævɪgeɪʃn/ n [U] **1** tangphawlawng ih fehnak: *there has been an increase in navigation through the canal.*
navigator n **1** tangphawlawng mawngtu. **2** hmun thar hawl ih tangphawlawng thawn khual a rak tlawng hmaisatu.
navy /'nævi/ n (Brit) inn sak hnaŋuan kuli pawl.
navy /'neɪvi/ n **1** (a) [C] ram pakhat ih raldotu tangphawlawng le tipar ralkap pawl. (b) *the navy, the Navy.* (b) cui tipar ralkap pawl le an uk awknak: *He joined the navy.* ○ *the navy is introducing a new class of warship this year.*
 □ **navy blue** (also **navy**) mepiandup navy hnipuan.
nay /neɪ/ adj (dated or rhet) **1** cule cuhnakin, cule a taktakin: *I suspect, nay, I am certain, that he is wrong.* **2** (arch) no. a si loh. Cf YEA.
Nazi /'nɑ:tsɪ/ n, adj Hitler ih dinmi German National Socialist Party (sungtel): *The rise of the Nazis.* ○ *The Nazis were hated by many.*
 ▷ **Nazism** n Nazi pawl ih thupom ("German pawl cu phun-u kan si" ti zumnak khal a tel).
NB (also **nb**) /,en bi:/ abbr (Latin **nota bene**) hmnsin.
NBC /,en bi: 'si:/ abbr National Broadcasting Comapny (radio thu thannak): *I just heard it on NBC.*
NCO /,en si: 'əʊ/ abbr (Brit) bo ben loh ralbawi, bawi nauta.
NE abbr North Eastern: Nisuah saklam.
Neanderthal /ni:'ændə:θəl/ adj Lungto San ih Zurup milai (a hloh zomi) thawn a pehparmi: *Neandethal culteure.*
neap /ni:p/ (also **neap-tide**) n kumkhat sungih tikai a niambik caanah umdan.
Neapolitan /ni:'əpɒlɪtən/ n, adj **1** Naples rammi. **2** a thuahtuah in thawtnak le pian dangdang a neimi vursang (ice-cream).
near¹ /niə(r)/ adj (-er, -est /'niərəst/) ~ (to sb/sth) **1** [usu pred except *nearest*] nai, kiang: *His house is very near.* ○ *Where's the nearest bus-stop.* **2** sungkhat nai awmi: *a near relative.* ○ *The nearest member of my family still alive is a rather distant cousin.* **3** [pred except *nearest*] vek, bangaw: *We don't have that colour in stock — this is the nearest.* ○ *This copy is nearer the original than the others I've seen.* **4** (idm) **near to sb's heart** ⇨ HEART. **a near thing** ⇨ THING. **near home** ⇨ HOME. **one's nearest and dearest** (joc) sungkhat nai zet: *I always spend Christmas with my nearest and dearest.* **or nearest offer** (abbr **ono**) asilole a niam bik ih thil man pek thei zat: *I'll accept \$ 500 for the car, or nearest offer.* **a near miss** (a) ŋhelh fangfang. (b) thil pakhat khat ih sin luat fangfang.
 ▷ **near** v [I, Tn] nai, pan: *The old man was*

nearing his end.

nearness *n* [U].

□ **the near distance** hlat lo, naite: *You can see the river in the near distance and the mountains beyond.*

the Near East = THE MIDDLE EAST (MIDDLE).

nearside (also **near**) *adj* [attrib] (Brit) (of a part of a vehicle, a road or an animal) keh lam (kiang) ah: *the nearside front wheel.* ○ *He didn't see a car approaching on his near side.* Cf OFFSIDE.

near-sighted naite lawng a hmutheimi: *I'm very near-sighted without my glasses on.*

near-sightedness *n* [U].

NOTE ON USAGE: Compare **near**, **nearby** and **near by**. Only **near** has a comparative and space.

1 both **near** and **nearby** are adjectives. **Nearby**, not **near**, is used attributively when space, not time, is referred to: *the near future* ○ *Those shops are nearer/the nearest.* ○ *a nearby village.*

2 Both **near** and **near by** can be used adverbially.

Near by sometimes modifies the whole sentence: *Do you live near/near by?* ○ *My exams are getting nearer.* ○ *Near by the cars could be heard speeding past on the motorway.*

near² /nɪə(r)/ *prep* **1** nai ah, kiang ah: *Princeton is near New York.* ○ *Don't sit near the door.* ○ *My birthday is very near Christmas.* **2** (idm) **come near to sth, be near doing sth** zikte: *She was near to tears.* ○ *He felt near to death.*

▷ **near** *adv* naite ah: *We found some shops quite near.* ○ *Are you sitting near enough to see the screen?* **2** (idm) **as near as** a cekci bikin: *There were about 500 people there, as near as I could judge.* **as near as dammit; as near as makes no difference** zianghman a lamdang lo: *It's going to cost \$ 200 or as near as dammit.* ○ *It's 500 miles from there, or as near as makes no difference.* **far and near** ⇒ FAR. **not anywhere/nowhere near** si lamlam lo; a nai lo: *The hall was nowhere near full* ○ *I've nowhere near enough for the fare.* ○ *There wasn't anywhere near enough to eat and drink.* **so near and yet so far** hlensuah zikte na'n a netnakah hlensuah saal lo.

near- (forming compound adjs) *near-perfect, near-vertical.*

nearly *adv* **1** zikte, deuh lo: *nearly empty, nearly finished.* ○ *She's nearly 3 months old.* ○ *It's nearly 6 o'clock.* ○ *We nearly won first prize.* **2** (idm) **not nearly** hrimhrim lo: *There isn't nearly enough time to learn all these words.* **pretty much/nearly/well** ⇒ PRETTY.

□ **nearby** *adj* [attrib] kiangah, a hlat lonak ah: *a nearby church, river, town.*

near by *adv* thil/milai thawn a naihnak ah: *They live near by.* ○ *The beach is quite near by.* ⇒

Usage at NEAR¹.

nearly /'niəli/ *adv* **1** zikte, naih zet: *It's nearly one o'clock.* ○ *It's nearly time to leave.* ○ *We're nearly there.* ○ *There's nearly £1000 here.* **2** (idm) **not nearly** a hlat; a daih lo: *There's not nearly enough money for a new car.*

neat /ni:t/ *adj* **1** (a) (of things) thianglim te le ralring te ih tuah mi, ret mi: *a neat room, a neat garden.* ○ *neat work.* (b) (minung) thianglim te le ralring te ih thil tuah a duhtu: *a neat worker, dresser.* **2** (a) (hnipuan) amawi ih a thiang: *a neat uniform.* (b) duhnungza pianhmang le ruangrai nei: *She has a neat figure.* **3** a tenren mi, thil tizia a thiammi a remcangmi: *The committee has a neat solution to the problem.* **4** a tha mi, a nasami: *a neat idea, movie, car.* **5** (wine) zianghman rawi lo: *a neat whisky.*

▷ **neatly** *adv.* **neatness** *n* [U].

nebula /'nebjələ/ *n* (pl ~ e /-li/ or ~ s) a hlat zetmi arsi pawl ih suahtermi zanih tleu ruari (asilole) a dupmi thil; fiang cuca lo ih hmuh mi arsi bur.

▷ **nebular** /-lə(r)/ *adj* of nebula.

nebulous /'nebjələs/ *adj* **1** mero vek, fianglo. **2** (fig) thu fianglo: *nebulous ideas, concepts, plans, etc.*

necessarily /'nesə'relə/ *or, in British use, 'nesəsə'relə/ adj* a si tengteng ding ti ih ruahcia mi: *Big man aren't necessarily strong men.*

necessary /'nesəsəri; US -seri/ *adj* **1** a tul: *She hasn't the experience necessary for the job.* ○ *Sleep is necessary for one's health.* **2** a si rori mi, um lo canglo, ti lo theih lo: *If a = b, and b = c, then the necessary conclusion is that a = c.* **3** (idm) **a necessary evil** a tha lo zet na'n a tul fawn: *The loss of job is regarded by some as a necessary evil in the fight against inflation.*

▷ **necessarily** *adv* [pl] a tulnak vekin.

necessaries *n* [pl] nun khawsaknak ih thil tul pawl: *a little necessities of life.*

necessitate /nɪ'sesɪteɪt/ *v* [Tn, Tg, Tsg] (fml) tulter: *Your proposal will necessitate borrowing more money.*

necessitous /nɪ'sesɪtəs/ *adj* farah, rethei: *in necessitous circumstances; ie in poverty.*

necessity /nɪ'sesəti/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (for sth/to do sth) tulnak: *She was driven by necessity to steal food for her starving children.* **2** [C] a tulmi thil: *Food, clothing and shelter are all basic necessities of life.* **3** a cang theumi dan: *Is it a logical necessity that higher wages will lead to higher prices?* **4** (idm) **make a virtue of necessity** ⇒ VIRTUE.

necessity is the mother of invention (saying) tulnak in thil thar a suahter. **of necessity** a tul tengteng mi, tuah lo thei lo a si mi.

neck /nek/ *n* **1** [C] (a) hngawng: *She fell and broke her neck.* (b) angki hngawng: *He's wearing a V-neck sweater.* **2** [U, C] safil ih hngawngsa: *He bought some neck of lamb.* **3** thil pakhat ih a

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fiaknak zawn, (a fatetnak): *the neck of a bottle*.
 ○ a *neck of land*. **4** (idm) **break one's neck**
 nasa tukih tuan: *I'm not going to break my neck
 to finish my essay today — my teacher doesn't
 want it until next week*. **breathe down sb's neck**
 ⇒ BREATHE. **get it in the neck** napi'n kaw,
 cawhkuan pek: *You'll get it in the neck if you're
 caught stealing*. **a millstone round one's neck**
 ⇒ MILLSTONE. **neck and crop** lawlaw famkim te
 in: *His shot beat the goalkeeper neck and crop*.
neck and neck (zuam awknak) ih ruangaw zet,
 neh aw thei lo, do aw: *The two contestants are
 neck and neck with 20 points each*. **neck of the
 woods** hmunhma, veng, kiangkap: *What are
 you doing in this neck of the woods?* **neck or
 nothing** ðihphannak ðih lo in: *She drove neck or
 nothing to get there on time*. **a pain in the neck**
 ⇒ PAIN. **risk/save one's own neck** ðihphannak
 lakin luatsuak: *He saved his own neck by fleeing
 the country*. **stick one's neck out** ⇒ STICK. **up to
 one's neck in sth** nasa zet in tel, tuah ve: *Eren
 as a young man he was up to his neck in crime*.
win/lose by a neck sung fangfang, neh ceuceu.
wring sb's neck ⇒ WRING.
 ▷ **neck v** pom aw le hnam aw: *The two of them
 were necking on a park bench*.
 □ **neckband** *n* kor hngawng.
neckerchief /'nekətsɪf/ *n* hngawng ngerh.
necklace /'neklɪs/ *n* ðhi (hngawng awrh).
necklet /'neklɪt/ *n* ðhi.
neckline *n* nunau kor hngawngtelh.
necktie *n* (dated or US) mipa hngawngkhih.
neckwear *n* [U] (dawr ih) hngawngngerh le
 hngawngkhih tivek pawl.
necr(o)- comb form thihnak, mithi tivek thawn
 kopih hmanmi.
necrolatry *n* mithi biaknak.
necrology *n* mithi thu thannak; mithi cazin.
necromancy /'nekroumənsɪ/ *n* [U] mithi thawn
 biakawknak; cutin hmailam thu simnak (mithi
 tlawn).
 ▷ **necromancer** /-sə(r)/ *n* mithi thawn a be-awtu
 hmailam thu a simtu.
necrophobia *n* thih ðihtuknak, miruak ðihtuknak.
necropolis /n'krɒpəlɪs/ *n* (pl ~ es) thlaan; hlanlai
 thlaanhmun kaupi.
nectar /'nektə(r)/ *n* [U] **1** khuai pawl ih tlanmi
 pangpar ti thlum. **2** (Greek le Rom thuanthu
 sungah) khawzing pawl ih in mi: (fig) *On a hot
 summer day a long cool drink is like nectar*. Cf
 AMBROSIA.
nectarine /'nektərɪn/ *n* a hawng a paa, a ngilmi
 mekei.
NEDC /'eni: di: 'si:/ (also infml **Neddy** /'ndɪ/) abbr
 (Brit) *National Economic Development Council*.
née /nei/ *adj* (used after the name of a married
 woman and before her father's family name)
 (France) pasal neih hlanih pa hmin an kenmi:

Mrs Jane Smith, nee Brown = Brown ih fanu
 Smith ih nupi Jane.
need¹ /ni:d/ modal *v* (neg **need not**, contracted
 form **needn't** /'ni:dnt/) **1** (tuavo simnak): *You
 needn't finish that work today*. ○ *Need you go
 yet?* ○ *No, I needn't*. ○ *I need hardly tell you
 that the work is dangerous*. **2** *have* thawn kop
 ih hman a si ih 'a rak ðul lo na'n tinak a si: *She
 needn't have come in person — a letter would
 have been enough*. ○ *Need they have sold the
 farm?*
need² /ni:d/ *v* [Tn, Tt, Tg] **1** ðul, hai: *Do you need
 any help?* ○ *This plant needs to be watered twice
 a week*. **2** [Tt] (tuavo khiihmuhnak): *Will we
 need to show our passports?* ○ *What do you need
 to take with you on holiday?*
need³ /ni:d/ *n* **1** [sing, U] ~ (for sb) to do sth a
 ðulmi, a sammi: *There's a great need for a new
 book on the subject*. ○ *I feel a need to talk to you
 about it*. **2** **needs** [pl] a ðul tengtengmi; ðulnak
 hrampi: *I don't live in luxury but I have enough
 to satisfy my needs*. *Will \$ 50 be enough for your
 immediate needs*. **3** [U] farahnak, retheihnak,
 vansiatnak: *He helped me in my hour of need*. **4**
 (idm) **a friend in need** ⇒ FRIEND. **if need be** a ðul
 asile: *If need be, I can do extra work at the
 weekend*. **your need is greater than mine**
 (saying) kan ðul veve, asinan nangih ðulnak a
 tumdeuh ruangah na co pei.
 ▷ **needful** /-fl/ *adj* **1** a ðul-mi: *He promised to do
 what is needful*. **2** (idm) **do the needful** paisa
 suah in a ðul mi tuah. **needfully** *adv*.
needless *adj* **1** a ðul lo: *needless work, needless
 worry*. **2** (idm) **needless to say** na theih cia
 vekin, na ruah cia vekin: *Needless to say, I
 survived*. ○ *Needless to say he kept his promise*.
needlessly *adv*.
needs *adv* (arch or rhet) ('must' thawn hman
 kop a si ðheu) **1** a ðulnakah, pumpak tuavo
 theihnak: *He must needs break a leg just before
 we go on holiday*. **3** a thil ti dan cun thil remcang
 lo zet a suahter. **2** (idm) **needs must when the
 devil drives** (saying) kiangkap ruangah tuah
 duh lomi tuah ðul can a um.
needy *adj* farah, a sam zetmi: *Let us help the
 poor and needy*.
needle /'ni:d/ *n* **1** [C] ðim, ðimte. **2** [C] thil
 phiarnak, thil tahnak thir, rua, thing zum:
knitting needles. **3** [C] compass sungih thil
 khiihmuhtu a fungte. **4** [C] (a) si dawtnak ðim
 (ong). (b) sidawh: *She was given a needle for
 whooping cough*. **5** [C] far hnah, lungzum, a zik
 a zummi. **6** [C] aw thun, awsuahnak dardawng
 ih hmanmi ðim. **7** [C] thinhnennak, ral
 awknak: *A certain amount of needle has crept
 into this game*. ○ *a needle match/game* = lehnak
 ih doral aw zetmi. **8** (idm) **give sb the needle,
 get the needle** (sl) thilnung buaiter. **look for a**

needle in a haystack (*saying*) tong dingih ruahsan lomi thil hawl rero: *Searching for one man in this big city is like looking for a needle in a haystack.* **sharp as a needle** ⇨ SHARP.

▷ **needle** *v* [Tn] (*infml*) thinheng ko ih tuah; mi to: *Stop needling him or he might hit you.*

□ **needlecraft** *n* [U] thil thit le ceimawi thiamnak.

needlewoman *n* thil thit a thiam zetmi nunau, thil thit ih pum a cawm aw mi nunau: *She's a good needlewoman.*

needlework *n* [U] thil thit, thil phiar.

needy /'ni:di/ *adj* (**-ier**, **-iest**) a farah: a *needy family* ○ *food for the poor and needy.*

ne'er /neə(r)/ *adv* (*arch*) never.

ne'er-do-well /'neə du: wel/ *n* santlailo; zaangzel mihlohlau: [attrib] *How is the ne'er-do-well brother of yours?*

nefarious /'nefəriəs/ *adj* hrokhrawl; dan lo: *He's involved in nefarious activities.*

▷ **nefariously** *adv*. **nefariousness** *n* [U].

neg *abbr* negative.

negate /'nɛɡet/ *v* [Tn] (*fml*) **1** el, a um ti zum lo, a si lo ih canter: *How can you negate God?* **2** phiat, siatsuah: *These facts negate your theory.*

▷ **negation** /'nɛɡeɪʃn/ (*fml*) elnak, duhlonak: *Shaking the head is a sign of negation.* **2** *This theory is a negation of traditional beliefs.*

negative /'negətɪv/ *adj* **1** elnak, duhlonak langter, a si lo lam: a *negative question*, a *negative answer*, a *negative decision.* **2** thathnemnak a suahpi lo mi, a hlawhsammi: *He has a very negative attitude to his work* (thaten a tuan duhlo): a *negative criticism*, a *negative explanation.* **3** (*mathematics*) lolak hnakih niam sawnmi; mi a diirtu. **4** (*electric*) mei tha a nu lam: *the negative terminal of a battery.* **5** (of a photograph) lezmuk filim parih a cuangmi; cahnah parih nam hrih lomi.

▷ **negative** *n* **1** a si lo timi khiihmuhtu tongfang, catluan, thusim mi: 'No', 'not' and 'neither' are negatives. **2** lezmuk negatif (a takih a thim le a tleu kha a linglet in a um). **3** (idm) **in the negative** (*fml*) elnak thu: *She answered in the negative.*

negative *v* **1** lungkim lo, el, hnong: *The officer negated his application.* **2** a diklonak sim. **3** sii le dat ih cahnak tha hloter.

negatively *adv*.

neglect /'nɛɡlekt/ *v* **1** [Tn] daithlan: *He neglects his children.* ○ *It's not good to neglect one's health.* **2** [no passive: Tt, Tg] ralring lo, thil tuah suak lo, hngilhata: *Don't neglect writing to your mother.*

▷ **neglect** *n* [U] daithlannak: *She was severely criticized for neglect of duty.* ○ *The garden was in a state of total neglect.*

neglected *adj* daithlan san, dungtun: *She was*

neglected by her parents. ○ *The house looks very neglected.*

neglectful /-fl/ *adj* ~ (of sth/sb) a daithlang hmang: *He's very neglectful of his responsibilities.*

neglectfully /-fəli/ *adv*.

neglectfulness *n* [U].

négligé (also **negligee**) /'neglɪʒeɪ; US 'neglɪʒeɪ/ ummen ih hrukmi nunau kor.

negligence (also **negligee**) /'neglɪʒeɪ; US 'neglɪʒeɪ/ *n* [U] daithlannak, ralrin lonak: *The accidents was due to her negligence.*

negligent /'neglɪdʒənt/ *adj* a ralring lomi, a daithlangmi: *She was negligent in her work.* ○ *He was negligent of his duties.*

▷ **negligently** *adv*.

negligible /'neglɪdʒəbl/ *adj* siartlak lo, a thupi lomi: *It's a negligible error.* ○ *Losses in trade this year were negligible.*

negotiable /'nɛɡəʊsɪəbl/ *adj* **1** relkahawm ih remawk theihmi: *Payment is negotiable.* ○ *The two rival parties are negotiable.* **2** thukam ca le tangka kuatnak ca ih pek awk theihmi: a *negotiable cheque.* **3** (tiva, tlang, lamzin) tan theih, lan theihmi: *The mountain track is negotiable, but only with difficulty.*

negotiate /'nɛɡəʊsɪeɪ/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb) relkhawm ih lungkim tlang: *We've decided to negotiate with the employers about our wage claim.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (with sth) ruat rem khawm: *negotiate a sale, loan, treaty.* ○ a *negotiated settlement.* **3** donkhawmtu lansuak: *The climber had to negotiate a steep rock face.* ○ *The horse negotiated the fence with ease.* **4** (idm) **the negotiating table** rem thurel tlang dingih tonawknak: *Both sides still refuse to come to the negotiating table.*

▷ **negotiator** *n* remtu, remnak tuahtu.

negotiation /'nɛɡəʊsɪ'eɪʃn/ *n* [U, C often pl] rem thu relnak: *A settlement was reached after lengthy negotiations.*

Negress /'ni:ɡres/ *n* (*sometimes offensive*) Negro nunau; falano.

Negro /'ni:ɡrəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ **se** /-rəvz/) (*sometimes offensive*) midum phun; Afrika mi.

Negroid /'ni:ɡrɔɪd/ Negro pianhmang a kengmi: *Negroid face, nose, etc.*

▷ **Negroid** *n* Negroid mi.

neigh /neɪ/ *n* rang ai, rang kio.

▷ **neigh** *v* awn, kio.

neighbour (US **neighbor**) /'neɪbə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) innhnen, vengpa: *Turn your radio down, or you'll wake the neighbours.* ○ *We're next-door neighbours.* (b) sangtu, sang-awtu: *We were neighbours at dinner.* ○ *When the big tree fell, it brought down two of its smaller neighbours.* ○ *Britain's nearest neighbour is France.* **2** minung pi: *Love your neighbour.* ○ *Be a good neighbour; ie treat others kindly.*

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▷ **neighbour** *v* [Ipr] ~ **on sth** naihte ih um, sang, kianggih um: *The garden neighbours on a golf-course.*

neighbouring (US **-boring**) /neɪbəriŋ/ *adj* [attrib] kiangnaih um: *The neighbouring country, town, village, etc.* ○ *neighbouring families.*

neighbourhood (US **-borhood**) /neɪbəhʊd/ *n* **1** [CGp] peng pakhat (kiang le kap) sung um pawl, veng pakhat sung um pawl: *She is liked by the whole neighbourhood,* veng pakhat: *We live in a rather rich neighbourhood.* ○ *We want to live in the neighbourhood of London.* **2** (idm) **in the neighbourhood of** hrawng, cu zat hrawng: *a sum in the neighbourhood of \$ 500.*

neighbourly *adj* duhdaw le rualrem te in.

neighbourliness *n.*

neither /naɪðə(r)/ *indef det, indef pron:* pahnih lakih pakhat hman a si lo mi; a khuimikhal si lo. **(a)** *Neither boy is to blame.* ○ *I saw neither Mr nor Mrs Smith at church.* ○ *Neither one of us could understand German.* **(b)** (*pron*) *I chose neither of them.* ‘Which is your car?’ ‘Neither, mine’s being repaired.’

▷ **neither** *adv* **1** (used before a modal *v* or aux *v* placed in front of its subject). ○ *I haven’t been to New York before and neither has my sister.* ○ ‘Did you see it?’ ‘No’, ‘Neither did I.’ **2** **neither ... nor** not ... and not: *He neither knows nor cares what happened.* ○ *The hotel is neither spacious nor comfortable.*

nelly /ˈneli/ *n* (idm) **not on your nelly** (*Brit sl*) si lamlam hlah.

nem con /ˌnem ˈkɒn/ *abbr* (Latin *nemine contradicente*) eltu um lo, zate lungkim: *The resolution was carried nem con.*

nemesis /ˈneməsis/ *n* (*pl nemeses* /-əsi:z/) (*usu sing*) **1** sualnak tuah ruangih tuar tengteng dingmi cawhkuan, hremnak: *He’s to meet his nemesis.* **2** Nemesis phulei samtu khawzingnu; lehrulhnak.

neo- *comb form* thar, san thar; a nehnu.

neoclassical /niːəʊklæsɪkəl/ *adj* thiamnak, calai, le awnmawi ah hlanlai tidan a thlun mi.

neocolonialism /niːəʊkəˈlɔːniəlɪzəm/ *n* [U] uknak le sumtuahnak ah a cakmi ram pawlin a cak lo mi rampawl parih an tuah namnehnak.

neolithic /niːəˈlɪθɪk/ *adj* lungto san netalam: *neolithic man, neolithic tools.*

neologism /niːˈblɒdʒɪzəm/ *n* **1** [C] ðongfang thar. **2** [U] ðongfang thar phuahnak, hmanna: *an author with a fondness of neologism.*

neon /niːɒn/ *n* [U] tleu a tlet tikah a tleu sal theimi dat phunkhat (mawɬaw lamzin kel ah thingpheng parih an hnihmi mawɬawka mit ih a tlet tikah a tleu zetmi): *a neon sing, lamp.*

neophyte /niːəˈfɑːt/ *n* (*fml*) **1** biaknak pakhat zum thartu, lut tharmi. **2** thiamnak zir pek, zir thar.

nephew /ˈnevjuː, ˈnefjuː/ *n* tupa (unau ih fa, nupi

unau ih fa). Cf NIECE.

nephritis /nɪˈfrɑːtɪs/ *n* [U] kaileng thling nat.

nepotism /ˈnepətɪzəm/ *n* [U] hnaɬuan upa kaitu pawlin mai sungkhat mithmai peknak, a hleice in hnaɬuan peknak, sungkhat bomnak.

Neptune /ˈneptjuːn; US -tuːn/ *n* (*astronomy*) ni a heltu leilung pawl a hlaat lamah pariatnak.

nerve /nɜːv/ *n* **1** [C] thahri: *pain caused by a trapped nerve.* **2** **nerves** (*infml*) thathir le thinphan neihnak: *suffer from nerves.* ○ *She doesn’t know what nerves are,* ○ *is never worried, upset by events.* ○ *He has nerves of steel,* riahsia le ðih phan caan ah thinlung khoh neitu. **3** **(a)** [U] ralɬhatnak: *It takes nerve to be a racing driver.* ○ *Rock-climbing is a test of nerve and skill.* ○ *I wouldn’t have the nerve to try anything so dangerous.* **(b)** ningzah thei lo ralɬhatnak: *What a nerve!* ○ *She just walked off with my radio!* ○ *He’s got a nerve, going to work dressed like that.* ○ *She had the nerve to say I was cheating.* **4** (*botony*) thinghnah ih a ruhzur. **5** (idm) **a bundle of nerves** ⇨ BUNDLE. **get on sb’s nerves** mi thinhengter: *Stop whistling!* ○ *It’s getting on my nerves!* **hit/touch a (raw) nerve** mi thinhennak; natnak a suahtertu thil; thu: *You hit a raw nerve when you mentioned his first wife.* **strain every nerve** ⇨ STRAIN. **a war of nerves** ⇨ WAR.

▷ **nerve** *v* [Tn-pr, Cn-t] ~ **sb/oneself for sth** thapek, thaneihter: *I nerved myself to face my accusers.*

nerveless *adj* tha nei lo, caang thei lo: *The knife fell from her nerveless fingers.*

nervelessly *adv.*

□ **nerve-cell** *n* thahri sung ih thil fehpiu.

nerve-centre *n* **1** thahri sungih thil fatete. **2** (*fig*) cetzung, pawlkom, hnaɬuan khawmnak tivek pawl kaikhawmtu le thu peknak hmun: *the nerve-centre of an election campaign.*

nerve-racking *adj* thluak a baang tertu: *a nerve-racking wait for exam results.*

nervous /ˈnɜːvəs/ *adj* **1** thahri ih hnaɬuannak: *the nervous system of the human body.* **2** ~ (**of sth/doing sth**) thinthir, ðihhrut: *are you nervous in the dark?* ○ *I’m nervous of large crowds.* **3** thathir, lungtho.

▷ **nervously** *adv:* *smile nervously.* **nervously** *n* [U].

□ **nervous breakdown** (time of) thinlung damlonak ruangah thin nomlonak, tha cernak, ðawn ðaihnaak a suakmi (nat).

nervous system taksa sungih thahri um dan.

nerve /ˈnɜːvi/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) (*infml*) **1** (*Brit*) um nuam lo, tha thir. **2** (*US*) nuam aw lo, thin thir.

-ness *suff* (with *adjs* forming uncountable *ns*)

nest /nest/ *n* **(a)** vate bu: *Sparrows build a nest of straw and twigs.* **(b)** a dang saram pawl ih bu.

2 a hlummi, a nuammi. **3** a thupi le kilhim mi

hmun, a hleice in mi tha lo pawl le an hna tuannak hmun: *a nest of thieves*. **4** a tia aw lomi thil, a sungih ret sin vivo a theihmi: *a nest of boxes, bowls*. **5** meithal tivek pawl retnak. **6** (idm) **feather one's nest** ⇨ FEATHER. **foul one's nest** ⇨ FOUL. **a hornet's nest** ⇨ HORNET. **a mare's nest** ⇨ MARE.

▷ **nest** *v* bu sak le hman: *Swallows are nesting in the garage*. **2** (usu **go nesting**) vate bu hawl ih a ti lak.

□ **nest-egg** *n* hmailam hman dingih khawlmi paisa: *a tidy little nest-egg of \$ 5000*.

nestle /'nesl/ *v* **1** hlum le nuam te ih um: *nestle into bed*. ○ *nestle (down) among the cushions*. **2** [Ipr] a hliap (asilole) a phen deuh ah um: *The egg nestled in the long grass*. ○ *The village nestled at the foot of the hill*. **3** cawi ih awi (naute): *She nestled the baby in her arms*. **4** [Tn-pr] ~ **nestle sth against, on, etc sth** duhnak thawn lu le liangih hnawtmet, khik: *She nestled her head on his shoulder*. **5** (phr *v*) **nestle up (against/to sb/sth)** hngohsan, bek: *The dog nestled up against the warm radiator*. ○ *The child nestle up to its mother and fell a sleep*.

nestling /'nestlɪŋ/ *n* a bu sungih um lai vate fa.

net¹ /net/ *n* **1** (a) [U] sur (hri, pat, thirhri ih tuahmi): *a large piece of net* ○ *a wire net fence*. (b) [C] thil pakhat hrangih tuahmi, nga kaihnak sur, samtom temnak patsur tivek: *fishing nets* ○ *a tennis net* ○ *a hair-net* ○ *a mosquito net* ○ *kick the ball into the net*, bawhlung sit ih kaw. **2** [C] (*esp fig*) thang, thang kammi: *The wanted man has so far escaped the police net*. ○ *He was caught in a net of crime*. **3** (a) **the nets** [pl] (*in cricket*) zircawnnak hrangih net kawlung sungih tunmi tung tla: *have an hour in the nets*. (b) cuti ih zircawn tikcu sung: *The players had a short net before the game*. **4** [C] *network*. **5** (idm) **cast one's net wide** ⇨ CAST. **spread one's net** ⇨ SPREAD.

▷ **net** *v* (-tt-) **1** [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth/sb (for sb)** sur in kai, awk: *They netted a good haul of fish*. **2** a hlawk ngah: *He netted \$ 1,000 from the deal*.

network *n* **1** sur bangih a kalhtheng awmi lamzin: *a network of roads, railways, canals, etc*. **2** (a) mibur naih zet ih a peh zom awmi pawl, hna tuannak le thil tuahmi sur bangih a pehzom awmi pawl: *a spy network* ○ *a communication network*. (b) thu bangrep cankhat te ih than thei dingah a pehzom awmi thu thannak hmunpi pawl: *the three big US television networks*. **3** (idm) **the old-boy network** ⇨ OLD.

net² (also **nett**) /net/ *adj* **1** ~ (of sth) hlawkmi: *net profit*: a man hram: *a net price*, ie one from which a discount has been deducted ○ *net weight*, ie that of the contents only, excluding the weight of the wrappings, the container, etc

○ *What do you earn, net of tax* (ie after tax has been paid)? Cf GROSS² **4**. **2** [attrib] (of an effect, etc) a netnak ti ih ruahmi; a thupi biknak thehsuak/lan zomi: *The net result of the long police investigation is that the identity of the killer is still a complete mystery*.

▷ **net** *v* (-tt-) [Tn] hlawk: *She netted £ 5 from the sale*.

nether /neðə(r)/ *adj* (*arch or joc*) a niamnak: *the nether world* mithi khua, hell.

nether garments tawhrawlh (bawngpi) sau.

nethert regions a niamnak hmun, ram.

Netherland = Holland.

netting /'netɪŋ/ *n* [U] sur vekih tahmi hri, thirhri tivek pawl: *five yards of wire netting* ○ *windows screened with netting*.

nettle /'netl/ *n* **1** thaihliak: *She looked nettled by my remarks*. **2** (idm) **grasp the nettle** ⇨ GRASP.

▷ **nettle** *v* [Tn] thin hengter, thin buaiter.

□ **nettle-rash** *n* [U] thaihliak hawlhmi vekin vun par ah a senbo tete a suakmi.

network ⇨ NET.

neural /'njuərəl/ *adj* (*anatomy*) thahri thawn pehpar aw mi.

neuralgia /'njuərə'ældzə; US nʊ-/ *n* [U] (*medical*) lu le hmai ah a caancaan ih a suak theu-mi thahri nat.

▷ **neuralgic** /'njuərə'ældzɪk/ *adj* (*medical*) thahri nat thawn a pehpar awmi: *neuralgic pain*.

neurasthenia /'njuərəs'teɪniə; US nʊr-/ *n* [U] (*medical*) thacem, beidongnak, lungmit tivek a suahtertu thahri derthawmnak.

▷ **neurasthenic** /-'θenɪk/ *adj* (*medical*) thahri derthawm nat thawn a pehpar awmi. — *n* (*medical*) neurasthenia nat tuartu.

neuritis /'njuə'atɪs/ *n* [U] (*medical*) thahri thling nat.

neur(o)-comb from thahri le thahri feh dan thawn a pehpar mi tongpeh.

neurology /'njuərə'lədʒɪ; US nʊ-/ *n* [U] thahri le thahri nat thu zirnak, thahri thu zirnak.

▷ **neurological** /'njuərə'lədʒɪkl; US nʊ-/ *adj* *neurological research*.

neurologist /'njuərə'lədʒɪst; US nʊ-/ *n* *neurology* thiam zetmi.

neurosis /'njuərə'ɹəʊsɪs/ *n* (pl **-oses** /-əʊsɪz/) (*medical*) thinphan, thinnomlo, lungmawlh nat a suah tertu thinlung lam natnak.

neurotic /'njuərə'tɪk; US nʊ-/ *adj* thinlung lam nat ih suah termi, donhar helhkam tuk: *neurotic outburst, worries*. ○ (*infml*) *She's neurotic about switching lights off at home to save electricity*.

▷ **neurotic** *n* thinphang, thinlau, helhkam mawlh at nat a neimi.

neurotically /-klɪ/ *adv*.

neuter /'nju:tə(r); US 'nu:-/ *adj* **1** (*grammar*) (of a word) a nu le a pa a sawhkhieh lo mi (tongfang): *a neuter noun*. **2** a nu a pa sinak a nei lo lawlaw

(thingkung hrampi). **3** a nu a pa sinak nei thei lo, fa nei thei lo (cucik kharbok).

▷ **neuter** *n* **1** a nu a pa a khihhmuh lomi thilhmin. **2** (a) nupa sinak a nei lo mi cucik kharbok. (b) tilper cia tilva: *My cat is a neuter.* **neuter** *v* tilper (tilva): *a neutered tom-cat.*

neutral /'nju:trəl; US 'nu:-/ *adj* **1** (a) khui lam khal țang lo a lai ummi: *a neutral country, judge.* (b) ral um tikah țan nei lo ih a dingmi. **2** (a) siatnak țhatnak tuah thei lo: *He is rather a neus character,* ie has no obvious virtues or faults. (b) (rong, pianzia) a langsar lomi, a fiangfai lomi: *A neutral tie can be worn with a shirt of any colour.* **3** (motor car gear) mawțawka feh ter lonak zawnih gear retmi: *Put the gear in the neutral position.* **4** (chemistry) acid khal alkaline khal a si lo mi.

▷ **neutral** *n* **1** [C] khuilam khal ah a țang lomi minung, ram. **2** [U] *neutral gear* ○ *The car's in neutral.*

neutrality /nju:'træləti; US nu:-/ *n* [U] lamțang lo ih umnak (a hleice in ral do awk tikah).

neutralize, -ise *v* **1** a sinak, thiltitheinak lak sak ih hmual nei lo ko ih tuah: *neutralize a poison, neutralize an acid.* **2** lungkim tlangnak thawn (hmun pakhat, ram pakhat) ral daihnakih hmun/ram ihtuah: *a neutralized zone.*

neutralization, -isation /nju:trələ'zeiʃn; US -l'z-/ *n* [U]. **neutrally** /-rəli/ *adv.*

neutron /nju:trɒn; US 'n:-/ *n* ațom sungih thil fate sungih tekmi proton tlukih a rit mi; electric tha ih a zawh thei lo mi dat thil fate bik. Cf ELECTRON, PROTON.

□ **neutron bomb** inn le thil dang a siatsuah lo na'n tleu suahnak hmangin mi a thattu bomb.

never /nevə(r)/ *adv* **1** dah lo: *He has never been abroad.* ○ *I will never agree to their demands.* ○ *I'm tired of your neverending complaints.* **2** hlah: *Never fear!* țih hlah; *You never did!* Na tuah dah taktak lo: *That will never do,* ie is completely unacceptable. ○ *He never so much as smiled,* ie didn't smile even once. ○ *You never did!* ie Surely you didn't! ○ *Never fear!* ie Don't be afraid! **3** (idm) **on the never-never** (ps joc) lei le san cem ih thil ti dan: *buy something on the never-never.*

well, I never (did)! (lung kimlonak, mangbangnak sim tikah hmanmi): *Well, I never! Fancy getting married and not telling us!*

▷ **never** *inter* (infml) si lamlam hlah: *'I got the job.'* 'Never!'

nevermore /nevə'mɔ:(r)/ *adv* (arch) nawn lo ding: *never again.*

nevertheless /nevəðə'les/ *adv, conj* (fml) a si ko na'n, zianglam khalle: *Though very intelligent, she is nevertheless rather modest.* ○ *There was no news.* ○ *nevertheless we went on hoping* ○ *he was often rude to me, but I like him nevertheless.*

new /nju; US nu:/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** thar, a thar, a um dah lomi: *a new school, a new idea, film, novel, etc.* ○ *new potatoes* (aluu lak hmaisami): ○ *the newest fashions* ○ *new bread* (rawh tharmi). **2** (a) ~ (to sb) a um zo na'n hmuh hrih lomi, ton hrih lomi: *learn new words in a foreign language* ○ *a new star* (hmuh thar mi arsi): *As a beginner, everything is new to him.* (b) ~ (to sth) pawlŋgaih hrih lo, a keel hrih lo: *I am new to this town.* ○ *They are still new to the work.* **3** a hlan vek si lo, thleng, lamdang: *a new job, teacher, home* ○ *make new friends.* **4** (usu with the) san thar ah, neta bik umzia *the new poor/ rich* tu naite ih farah/milian ih a cangmi: *the new conformism among the young.* **5** [usu attrib] (a) thok pekte: *a new day.* ○ *a new era in the history of our country.* (b) tharthawh: *start a new life* ○ *This government offers new hope to the people.* (c) thilung/taksa ti-harhnak: *I feel (like) a new man.* **6** (idm) **brave new world** ⇒ BRAVE. **break fresh/new ground** ⇒ GROUND. **clean as a new pin** ⇒ CLEAN. **new/fresh blood** ⇒ BLOOD. (as) **good as new** a thar lai vekin a țha: *I'll just new up that tear, and the coat will be as good as new.* **a new broom (sweeps clean)** (saying) upa thar țuantu in midang lungtho zet in țhansonak a tewlrel (midang an lung a awi lo). **a new deal** nun khawsaknak le ram hruaidan tuahțhatnak le ram hrui dan tuahțhatnak. **a new lease of life; US a new lease on life** reinung ding asilole lungkimza, hmual nei ih um theinak caan țha: *Since recovering from her operation, she's had a new lease of life.* ○ (fig) *A bit of oil and some paint could give that old car a new lease of life.* **ring out the old year and ring in the new** ⇒ RING. **teach and old dog new tricks** ⇒ TEACH. **turn over a new leaf** mi țha mi fel si dingih nun zia thleng: *The thief was determined to turn over a new leaf once he was released from prison.*

▷ **new** (forming compound adjs) atute, tubai te: *a new-born baby* ○ *a newly formed group.* **2** thar le lamdang in: *newly arranged furniture.*

newlywed *n* tu baite ih a țhi-um awmi: *the young newly-weds.*

newness *n* [U].

□ **newcomer** *n* a thleng thar.

newfangled *adj* [usu attrib] (usu derog) mi tampiih ngaih lo le cohlan thei lo santhar umzia le thuruah dan: *I don't like all these newfangled gadgets.* ○ *You and your newfangled notions!*

new moon *n* (a) thlade. (b) thladet can (thlathar): *after the next next new moon.* Cf FULLMOON.

the New World Sak le thang Amerika. Cf THE OLD WORLD.

new year kum thar: *I'll see you in the new year.* ○ *Happy New Year.*

New Year's Day (US **New Year's**): January nikhat.

New Year's Eve December 31 ni.

NOTE ON USAGE: Compare **recent**, **current**, **contemporary**, **modern** and **new**. **1 Recent** and **current** have the most restricted and neutral meanings. **Recent** describes events that occurred a short time ago, but which may now have finished, or things which no longer exist: *Recent problems have been solved* ○ *She's spent all her recent pay rise*. **Current** suggests a situation that exists today but which may be temporary: *The factory cannot maintain current levels of production*. ○ *How long will she keep her current job?* **2 Modern**, **contemporary** and **new** often indicate a positive quality of being up-to-date, especially in style: *contemporary/modern dance, music, art, etc*. **Modern** can refer to a longer period up to the present: *Modern English*, ie since 1500. **Contemporary** need not relate to the present: *Shakespeare's plays tell us a lot about contemporary life*, ie the life of the 16th century. **New** can also mean 'original': *a completely new type of computer*. Note that **actual** cannot be used to mean **contemporary** or **current**. It means 'real': *I need the actual figures, not an estimate*. ○ *His actual age was 45, not 40 as he had stated on his form*.

newel /nju:əl/; US 'nu:əl/ **n** **1** kailawn dotu thuum thupi bik. **2** (also **newal post**) kailawn kutkaih tluan dotu thuum.

news /nju:z/; US nuz:/ **n** **(a)** [U] thuthang: *Have you heard the news?* ○ *What's the latest news?* ○ *It's news to me*. ○ *She is always in the news*. **(b) the news** [sing v] TV le radio ihsin simmi thuthang: *Here is the news* (thuthang simtu in hmaisai bik lamih simmi): *The news lasts half an hour*. **2** [U] thuthang ih than a tlakmi minung, thilri, thil cang, etc: *When a man bites a dog, that's news!* ○ *Pop stars are always news*. **3** (idm) **break the news (to sb)** thinphangza, duhum lo thu a sim hmaisai. **no news is good news** (saying) thuthang zianghman um lo cu thu fha tinak a si.

▷ **newsy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml) thupi lemlo thuthang a tam: *a newsy letter*. ○ *a bright, newsy magazine*.

□ **newsagent** *n* (Brit) (US **newsdealer**) thuthang ca, mangzine cabu tivek zuartu.

newsagency *n* thuthang a lakkhawm ih TV, radio tivek pawl hnenih a zuartu.

newscast *n* thuthang thannak. **newscaster** (also **news-reader**) TV, radio tivekah thuthang thantu; thuthang ca siartu.

newsdealer *n* (US) = NEWSAGENT.

newsletter *n* sungtel pawl hnenih thuthannak ca.

newsmonger *n* (usu derog) mi katam, mi relsiat

hmanq.

newspaper /'nju:spɛpə(r); US 'nu:z-/ **n** **1** [C] thuthang ca. **2** [U] thuthang ngannak cahnah: *a parcel wrapped in newspaper*.

newsprint *n* thuthang ca hrangih hmanmi cahnah.

news-reader *n* = NEWSCASTER.

newsreel *n* baite cangmi thu le simfiangnak lemkuk khum.

news-room *n* thuthang than dingih tawltrelnak le timtuahnak khaan.

news-sheet *n* cahmai malte nei thuthang ca.

news-stand *n* thuthang ca le cabu pawl zuarnakih hmanmi, cabuai.

news-vendor *n* thuthang ca zuartu.

newsworthy *adj* thuthang ca ih suah tlaak: *a newsworthy story*.

newt /nju:t/; US nu:t/ **n** **1** tidai sung khal ih a um theimi laiking. **2** (idm) **pissed as a newt** ⇨ PISSED.

Newtonian /nju:təʊniən; US nu:-/ *adj* [attrib] England mifim Scientist Sir Isaac Neoton (1642 - 1727) ih khawruah dan (thupom) thawn a pehtlai mi.

next¹ /nekst/ *adj* [attrib] ~ (to sb/sth); ~ (to do sth/that) **1** (usu with *the*) a sangtu t̄heh in: *How far is it to the next* (ie nearest) *petrol station?* ○ *The next person to speak will be punished*. ○ *The next six months will be the hardest*. **2** (used without *the* before eg *Monday, week, winter, year* to indicate the one immediately following): *Next Thursday is 12 April*. ○ *I'm going swimming next summer*. ⇨ Usage at LAST. **3** (idm) **better luck next time** ⇨ BETTER. **first/last/next but one, two, three, etc** ⇨ FIRST. **as good as the next man** (**good, well, far, much**) mi zaran tluk: *I can enjoy a joke as good as the next man, but this is going too far*.

the next world thih hnu ih umnak ti ih zummi ram.

▷ **the next** *n* [sing] a sangtu minung/thilri: *The first episode was good — now we have to wait for the next*.

□ **next door** a sangtu inn/inn khaan: *She lives next door*. ○ *The manager's office is just next door*. ○ [attrib] *our next-door neighbours*. **next door to** sangtu, naih bik: *Next door to us there's a couple from the USA*. ○ (fig) *Such ideas are next door to madness*.

next of kin (fml) (with sing or pl v) a nungmi sungkhat nai bik: *Who is your next of kin?* ○ *Her next of kin have been informed*.

next to prep **1** a sir, a sangtu: *Peter sat next to Paul on the sofa*. **2** cu t̄heh in, a sangtu: *Next to tennis her favourite sport was skiing*. **3** zikte: *Papering the ceiling proved next to impossible without a ladder*. ○ *I got it for next to nothing in a jumble sale*. ○ *My house came next to last*

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NOTE ON USAGE: Compare **nearest** and **next**. **(The) next** indicates 'the following' in a sequence of events or places: *When is your next appointment?* ○ *Turn left at the next traffic lights.* **(The) nearest** means 'the closest' (of several) in time or place: *'When can I have my birthday party?'* *'On the Saturday nearest to it.'* ○ *Where's the nearest supermarket?* Notice the difference between the prepositions **nearest (to) and next (to):** *Janet's sitting nearest (to) the window (of all the children).* ○ *Sarach's sitting next to the window (beside it).*

next² /nekst/ *adv* **1** *cutteh in, cule: Who's next on the list?* ○ *What did you do next?* ○ *Next we visited Tokyo.* ○ *What comes next?* ○ *the next oldest building is the church.* **2** *used after question words to express surprise* ○ *You're learning to be a scientist!* ○ *Whatever next!*

□ **next best** *adj* a *ṭha bik sangtu, hrilmi a pahnihnak: The next best solution is to abandon the project altogether.* ○ *That's the best idea.* ○ *Bill's is next-best.*

nexus /'neksəs/ *n* (*pl* ~ **es** /-səsɪz/) (*fml*) *pehzoṃmi, pehzoṃnak: shared ambition is the vital nexus between them.*

NHS /'en ɛɪf 'es/ *abbr* (*Brit*) *National Health Service.*

NI *abbr* *National Insurance.*

niacin /'naɪəsɪn/ *n* [U] *rawl le sa sungih vitamin.*

nib /nɪb/ *n* *catifung zimte, catifung hmur.*

nibble /'nɪbl/ *v* **1** (**a**) *keu ceuhco: fish nibbling (at) the bait.* ○ *She nibbled his ears playfully.* ○ *Mice have nibbled all the cheese away.* (**b**) *malten ei: No nibbling between meals!* **2** (*phr v*) **nibble at sth** *thinlung lut zet, duh zetnak lang ter: He nibbled at my idea, but would not make a definite decision.*

▷ **nibble** *n* (**a**) *keu: I felt a nibble on the tips my fingers.* (**b**) *rawl malte: Drinks and nibbles will be served.*

nibs /nɪbz/ *n* (*idm*) **his nibs** (*Brit infml joc*) *mah le mah thupi zetih a ruat-awmi upa ṭuan pakhat thurel tikah sulhseek le hmuhsuam ih kawhnak: Please tell his nibs that we'd like his help with the washing-up!*

nice /nais/ *adj* (**-r, -st**) **1** (**a**) *nuam, ṭha, lungkimza: a nice person, smile, remark* ○ *a nice day* ○ *nice weather* ○ *We had a nice time at the beach.* (**b**) ~ (**to sb**) *nun ṭha, kom nuam: Try to be nice to my father when he visits.* **2** (*ironic linglet ṭong*) *ṭha lo, nuam lo: This is a nice mess you've got us into!* ○ *That's a nice thing to say!* (*ṭong mawi lo a ṭong ruangih ti mi a si*). **3** *a cekci, a fel a ṭul: a nice distinction* ○ *a nice point of law.* **4** (**a**) *lungton har: too nice in one's dress.* (**b**) (*usu in*

negative expressions) *upat tlaak, felfai tuk: She's not too nice in her business methods.* **5** (*idm*) **nice and** *a nuammi: nice and warm by the fire* ○ *nice and cool in the woods.* **nice/good word** ⇒ **WORK¹.** **nice work if you can get it** (*saying*) *midang vanṭhatnak par ih iksiknak sim duh mi a si.*

▷ **nicely** *adv* **1** *zohmawi in, umdan mawi in: nicely dressed, done, said.* **2** (*infml*) *a ṭha ngaingai; a nuam: That will suit me nicely.* ○ *The patient is doing nicely* *dam vivo.*

nicety /'naɪsəti/ *n* **1** [U] *a cekci, a dik rori mi: nicety of judgement* ○ *a point of great nicety* *rالرررر le felfai zet ih a ṭulmi.* **2** [C *usu pl*] *hliakhlai le cipciar ih tuahmi: I can't go into all the niceties of meaning* ○ *observe the social niceties.* *nunzia mawi thlun.* **3** (*idm*) **to a nicety a** *dik cekci: You judged the distance to a nicety.*

niche /'nɪʃ, ni:f/ *n* **1** *phar tivek kuarter mi (thil ret theih): a niche with a shelf.* **2** (*fig*) *a kaih zetmi le lungawiza dinhmun, umnak, hnaṭuan, etc: I don't think he's yet found his niche in life.*

nick¹ /'nɪk/ *n* **1** *fate ih tanmi: Make a nick in the cloth with the scissors.* **2** (*idm*) **in good nick, in bad nick, in bad nick** (*Brit sl*) *harhdam (sidan), umtlan nuam: She's in pretty good nick for a 70-year-old.* ○ *The car's in poor nick.* **in the nick of time** *khel fangfang: You got here in the nick of time — the train's just leaving.*

▷ **nick** *v* *fate ih tan; aat: nick one's chin when shaving.*

nick² /'nɪk/ *n* **the nick** [*sing*] (*Brit sl*) *thawnggin (asilole) palik zung: the burglar was taken to the local nick.*

▷ **nick** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] (*Brit sl*) **1 ~ sb (for sth)** *mi pakhat kai: He was nicked for stealing.* **2 ~ sth (from sb/sth)** *thil fir: He nicked \$ 5 (from his friend).*

nickel /'nɪkl/ *n* **1** [U] **nickel** *dar raang: nickel-plated.* **2** [C] *US le Canada tangka pya (5) fang.*

▷ **nickel** *v* *nickel ti ih khut.*

□ **nickel silver** *nickel: dar, le zine rawimi.*

nick-nack *n* (also **knick-knack**) *man ol temi ceimawi awknak hlawn thil.*

nick-name /'nɪkneɪm/ *n* *duh-kawh hmin, a tawi zawngih kawhnak: Harold's nickname was Harry* ○ *As he was always cheerful he had the nickname 'Smiler'*

▷ **nickname** *v* [Tn, Cn-n *esp passive*] (*esp passive*) *capo hmin, duhkawh hmin phuah, sak: He was nicknamed Shorty because he was so tall!*

nicotine /'nɪkəti:n/ *n* [U] *kuhsi sungih ummi tur: nicotine-stained fingers* ○ [*attrib*] *cigarettes with a low nicotine content.*

niece /ni:s/ *n* *tunu, u le nau ih fanu, pasal unau ih fanu. Cf NEPHEW.*

niff /nɪf/ *n* (*Brit sl*) *uuh rim; thu rim: What a niff!*

▷ **niffy** *adj* (*Brit sl*) *rim a sia mi: that meat's a bit niffy.*

nifty /nifti/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (*infml*) **1** (a) fim, tizia thiammi: *a footballer's nifty footwork*. (b) a thahnemmi, a tlomi, thil ti thei: *a nifty little gadget for peeling potatoes*. **2** mawi, ceimawimi: *wearing a nifty new outfits*.

niggard /nigəd/ *n* hrokhrawl, tirhfak minung.
 ▷ **niggardly** *adj* **1** hrokhrawl, tirhfak: *a niggardly old lady*. **2** (of a gift etc) man nei lem lomi: *a niggardly contribution to the fund*.

niggardliness *n* [U].

nigger /nigə(r)/ *n* (*derog offensive*) mi dum, Negro.

niggle /nigl/ *v* **1** ~ (about/over sth) a tʉl lomi a cipciar tiang dengfel; thupi lo zawnih mi soisel: *Stop niggling about every penny we spend*. **2** (*vi*) thupi lo zawnih mi thinhengter; buaiter: *His untidiness constantly niggled her*.

▷ **niggling** /nigliŋ/ *adj* **1** a thu pi lo zetmi; caan heu men: *Don't waste time on niggling details*. **2** thupi lo zet ih mibuaiter ringring: *niggling criticism* ○ *a niggling pain*.

nigh /nai/ *adv, prep* (-er, -est) a nai: *The end of the world is nigh!* Cf WELLNIGH.

night /nait/ *n* [C, U] **1** zaan: *during the night* ○ *a late night show* ○ *Night fell* khua a hung zaan: *Can you stay over night* zaan na riak thei pei maw? **2** thil pakhat tuahnak zaanlam, simhnu: *the first night of a play* ○ *the last night of a fashion show*. **3** (idm) **all night (long)** zaanvarte: **right on the night** ⇒ RIGHT. **at night** zaanah, zaan a si tikah: *These animals only came at night*. **by night/by day** ⇒ DAY. **an early night** tuanih a ih zaan. **a late night** zaantlai, zaanhnu. **have a good night** ihhmuh thawten. **in the dead of night** ⇒ DEAD. **like a thief in the night** ⇒ THIEF. **the livelong day/night** ⇒ LIVELONG. **make a night of** nomnak a tuah ih zan meng: **night after night** zaan khat hnu zaan khat. **night and day/day and night** apehzm in, a ringring in: *Machines kept running night and day*. **a night out** maih innsang siloin hmum dang ah zanlam nom-awk. **ships that pass in the night** ⇒ SHIP. **in the still of the night** ⇒ STILL. **spend the night with sb** ⇒ SPEND. **things that go bump in the night** ⇒ THING. **turn night into day** sunih tuah theumi zaan ah tuah.

▷ **nightie** (also **nighty**) *n* (*infml*) = NIGHT-DRESS. **nightly** *adj, adv* zaantin, zaan ih thil ti: *nightly performances* ○ *a film show twice nightly*.

nights *adv* (*esp US*) zaan caan ah a si leuh leuh mi: *I can't sleep nights* ○ *He works nights*.

□ **night-bird** *n* **1** zaan ih a cangvaimi vate; sumbuh. **2** (*fig infml*) zanih a cangvai thei cuangmi milai.

night-blindness *n* [U] khawthim, thimzik ah; khua thate'n hmuh theilonak.

nightcap *n* **1** zaan ih khummi lukhuh neem. **2** (usu alcoholic) zaan kim hlante ih in mi zu.

night-dress (also *infml* **nightie, nighty**) *n*

nunau/naute in zaan ih hruhmi angki nem fual.

nightfall *n* [U] khawthim zik caan, thim zawng: *We hope to be back by nightfall*.

nightgown *n* = NIGHT-DRESS.

nightjar *n* a aw a khing zet mei sau nei zaan vate.

night-life *n* [U] zaan ih nomnak: *There's not much night-life in this small town*.

night-light *n* ihkhun kiangih vanmi meifar.

night-line *n* zaan ih kammi nga thang.

night-long *adj* zaanvarte.

nightmare *n* **1** tihnungza mangsia (mangaa): *I have nightmares about falling off a cliff*. **2** (*infml*) tihnungza/a nuam lo zet mi hmuh tonmi: *Driving during the blizzard was a nightmare*.

nightmarish /naitmæriʃ/ *adj*.

night porter zaan hnaʉuan riabhuk (hotel) thil thiartu.

night safe bank (tangka khawlnak) phar lenglam ih retmi tangka thun theinak thir kuang.

night-school zaan tlawng.

night-shift (a) zaan a tʉantu hnaʉuan pawl: *The night-shift comes off at dawn*. (b) hih hnaʉuan pawl ih an tuan caan: *be on the night/shift*. Cf DAY SHIFT (DAY).

night shirt *n* zaan ihnak mipa angki fual.

night-soil *n* [U] (*euph*) zaanlai ih hlommi minung zunpawng.

nightstick *n* (US) palik funghreu.

night-time *n* zaan khawthim caan: *in the night-time* ○ *at nighttime*.

night-watch *n* zaan ih kilvennak.

night-watchman *n* (pl -men) innpi (a silole) cet zung a lenglam in zanih a kiltu.

NOTE ON USAGE: Compare **at night, by night, in the night, during the night, on a (...)** night (...). **At night** is used of something habitually happening during the hours of darkness: *Nocturnal animals such as bats and owls only come out at night*. ○ *I don't like driving at night*. **By night** can cover the meanings of **at night**. It is used especially when the conditions or circumstances of an action are being emphasized: *The enemy attacked by night, ie under cover of darkness*. **In the night** usually refers to the night immediately past: *I'm exhausted. The baby woke up three times in the night*. **During the night** can also be used in this sense: *Everything was quiet during the night*. **On** is used when the night in question is further defined: *on a night in May* ○ *on a cold winter's night*. For further information on prepositions of time, see the note on usage at TIME¹.

nightingale /naitŋeɪl/; US -tŋ-/ *n* [U] **1** a senle pawl pianhmang nei vate, zaan ah a pa in

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awnmawi te thawn a awn (sunkhal ah a awn thei) uh-aw (kawl) vate.

nightshade /nait-ʃeɪd/ *n* [U, C] thihtheinak rah sen nei hramlak thingkung phun khat: *deadly nightshade*.

nihilism /ˈniːlɪzəm, ˈniːl-/ *n* [U] biaknak le nunzia ih zumnak pawl elnak, hnonnak.
 ▷ **nihilist** /-ɪst/ *n* biaknak a hnongtu.
nihilistic /ˌnaɪˈlɪstɪk, ˌniːl-/ *adj*.

nil /nɪl/ *n* lolak, zianghman lo: *Our team won the game three nil/three goals to nil*, ie 3:0.

nimble /ˈnɪmbl/ *adj* (-r, -st) **1** zamrangte'n a cangvai a feh thei mi: *as nimble as a goat* ○ *sewing with nimble fingers*. **2** (fig) zamrang zet ih thu ruatthei (thinlung): *a lad with nimble wits*.
 ▷ **nimble** *n* [U]. **nimbly** /ˈnɪmblɪ/ *adv*.

nimbus /ˈnɪmbəs/ *n* (pl -es /-besɪz/ or -bi /-baɪ) **1** (lemzuk suainak) mi thianghlim lu par, lu velkim tleu zet ih suoi mi, a tleu (thawm tleu).

nincompoop /ˈnɪŋkəmpuːp/ *n* (infml) mi-aa (mihrut).

nine /naɪn/ *pron, det* **1** 9 = pakua. **2** (idm) **nine to five** zinglam pakua in zahlam panga tiang (zung hnaʔuan tikcu): *I work nine to five*. ○ [attrib] *a nine-to-five job*.
 ▷ **nine** *n* **1** nambat 9. **2** (idm) **dressed up to the nines** ⇨ DRESS.
nine- (in compounds) thil pakua a simi: *a nine-hole golf-course*.

ninth /naɪnθ/ *pron, det* pakuanak. — *n* then kua then khat. **ninthly** *adv*.

ninepin /ˈnaɪnpɪn/ *n* **1** **ninepins** [sing *v*] lehnak phunkhat; palang vek thingtan pakua an tungih bawhlung an vun hrilh tikah a pahtluk theh an zuam aw. Cf SKITTLE, TENPIN BOWLING. **2** [C] cuih palang vek thingtan. **3** (idm) **go down like ninepins** mi tampi an ril, an tlu: *There's a lot of flu about — people are going down like ninepins* (mi tampi an naa).

nineteen /ˌnaɪnˈtiːn/ *pron, det* hleikua 19.
 ▷ **nineteen** *n* nambat 19.
nineteenth /ˌnaɪnˈtiːnθ/ *pron, det* hleikuanak (19th).
 — *n* then hleikua then, then khat.

ninety /ˈnaɪntɪ/ *pron, det* sawmkua 90.
 ▷ **ninetieth** /ˈnaɪntɪəθ/ *pron, det* sawmkuatnak 90th.
 — *n* then sawmkua then, then khat.

ninety *n* **1** Nambat sawmkua 90. **2** (idm) **in one's nineties** kum 90 le 100 karlak. **ninety-nine times out of a hundred** almost always.

ninny /ˈnɪni/ *n* (infml) mi-aa: *Don't be such a ninny*.

nip /nɪp/ *v* (-pp-) **1** (a) [Tn] cep (kutzung pi le kut zung dang karlak ih cep; cang-ai ih cep tivek); rial: *A crab nipped my finger*. ○ *She nipped her finger in the door*. (b) [I, Ipr] ~ (at sth) dimte ih keu: *that dog nips!* ○ *The dog was nipping at her ankles*. **2** (thingkung) than dawn: *The icy*

breeze nipped the young blooms. **3** (infml) zamrangte'n cangvai, manhlap: *Where did she nip off to?* ○ *I'll nip on ahead and open the door*.

4 (idm) **nip and tuck** nasa takih zuamawk, tluk aw zet ih cuh awk: *The two runners contested the race closely — it was nip and tuck all the way*.

nip sth in the bud thil pakhat a thanso pekte ih siatsuah, cawlhter: *She wanted to be an actress, but her father soon nipped that idea in the bud*. **5** (phr *v*) **nip sth in** (thil thitmi) a kauhlam suup: *nip in the sides of a dress*. **nip sth off (sth)** ih hlou: *nip the shoots off (a plant)*.
 ▷ **nip** *n* **1** tam, keu: *The dog gave me a nasty nip on the leg*. ○ *a cold nip in the air*. **2** (infml) malte ih in (zu): *a nip of brandy*.

nipper /ˈnɪpə(r)/ *n* **1** [C usu *pl*] cangaai hnge. **2** **nippers** [*pl*] (infml) cehnak; tannak thilri: *a pair of nippers*. **3** [C] (Brit infml) naute: *a mother with two young nippers*.

nipple /ˈnɪpl/ *n* **1** hnawi hmur. **2** ramsa hnawi hmur, naute palang ih hnawifawhnaak hmur. **3** hnawi hmur vek thil; *grease nipples* a ti mi vun thunnak hmur te.

nippy /ˈnɪpi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml) **1** zamrangih a cang, a thawn theimi: *a nippy little car*. **2** a daai: *It's jolly nippy today, isn't it?*

nirvana /ˌnɪəˈvɑːnə/ *n* [U] (in the religion of Buddhism and Hinduism) Vancung ram; milai pawl ih thinlung haheuhnak, duhhamnak tipawl a cem tikih thlen theinak lungawi, hnangam, le daihnaak thawn a khatmi hmun.

Nissen hut /ˈnɪsn hʌt/ kua bangtuk ih sakmi thlam.

nit /nɪt/ *n* **1** hrik ti, thah ti. **2** mi-aa; mihmuk.
 □ **nit-picking** *adj n* [U] (derog) thupi lo zet ih mi sual hawl ro: *nit-picking criticism*.

nitrate /ˈnaɪtreɪt/ *n* [U, C] dat dawm, esp *potassium nitrate* or *sodium nitrate*, used as fertilizers: *soil enriched with nitrates*.

nitre (US **niter**) /ˈnaɪtə(r)/ *n* [U] *potassium* or *sodium nitrate*; *saltpetre*, *ziancing*.

nitric /ˈnaɪtrɪk/ *adj* nitrogen daat tel.
 □ **nitric acid** a fai zet ih pianzia a nei lo mi thil a siatter thei zettu acid (esit) ti.

nitrogen /ˈnaɪtrədʒən/ *n* [U] *naitrozen* daat (rim, thawtnak, pianzia a nei lo ih boruak sungah then nga, then thenli a luah).
nitrogenous /ˈnaɪtrədʒɪnəs/ *adj*.

nitroglycerine (also esp US **-glycerin**) /ˌnaɪtrəʊˈglɪsəriːn; US -rɪn/ *n* [U] nasa zet ih a puak kuai theimi (*glycertine le nitric acid le sulphuric acid* pawl rawimi).

nitrous /ˈnaɪtrəs/ *adj* *ziancing* bangtuk.
 □ **nitrous oxide** (also **laughing-gas**) a hleice in ha-sibawi pawl ih hmanmi ih that sii.

nitty-gritty /ˈɪtɪ ˈgrɪtɪ/ *n* **the nitty-gritty** [sing] (infml) thil pakhat ih a hrihram, a diknak ciah: *Let's get down to (discussing) the nitty-gritty*.

nitwit /'nitwit/ (also **nit**) *n* (infml) mi-aa; mihmuk:
Why did you do that, you nitwit?

▷ **nit-witted** /'nit'wɪtɪd/ *adj* aa, hmuk.

nix /nɪks/ *n* [U] (sl) thulolak; a lak, zianghman: *It costs me absolutely nix.*

no /nəʊ/ *neg, det* **1** lo; a si lo; pakhat hman a si lo:
No words can express my grief. ○ *No student is to leave the room.* ○ *I have no time at all to write to you.* ○ *No two people think alike.* **2** (onlonak, sianlonak): *No smoking.* ○ *No dogs in the restaurant.* **3** (tong fang sullam ih a linglet): *It was no easy part to play* a har zet tinak a si: *She was wearing no ordinary hat.* ○ *She no fool.*

▷ **no** *interj* a si lo ti ih leh-nak/sonnak: 'Is it raining?' 'No, it isn't' ○ 'Are you still a student?' 'No, I've got a job now.'

no *neg adv* (used before comparative *adjs* and *advs*) lo; a si lo: *It's no worse than the last exercise.* ○ *This book is no more expensive than that one.* ○ *If you're no better by tomorrow I'll call the doctor.*

noes /nəʊz/ *n* [pl] zapi hmai ih thu elawknak ah "lungkim lo" mee a petu mipi: *The noes have it lungkim lo* an tam sawn.

□ **no-ball** *n* cricket lehnak ah a dik lo ih den mi bawhlung; bawhlung deng.

— *v* (lehnakih thuṭhentu in) bawhlung kha a deng zo a si ti'n a than.

no-claims bonus amahkhaan (aamkhaan) hrang kumtin pekmi paisa sungin, a hlamtu um lo ruangah, dirhmi (suupmi) paisa.

no-go area luh khammi hmun.

no man's land (ral do lai ah) a do aw mi ral kap hnih karlak.

no one zo hman lo.

no-show *n* (infml) khaul tlawnnak ah ticket a lei zo na'n a hmang sal lo mi.

No *abbr* **1** (US) *North* (ern) saklam. **2** (also **no**) (pl **Nos, nos**) (US *symp #*) nambat: *No 10* (Downing street). ○ *room no 145, Shareton hotel.*

Noah's ark *Noah* tangphawlawng.

nob /nɒb/ *n* (sl *derog esp Brit*) mi thupi, hnaṭuan upa ṭuantu, milian: *He acts as if he's one of the nobs.*

nobble /'nɒbl/ *v* (Brit sl) **1** tlanzuamnak ah neh lo dingin rang an rak dekcok (hrohhrawlak in). **2** a dik lo zawngin mithmai ṭha ngah; maihrang ṭhatnak lamsial: *nobble the judge before trial.* **3** a dik lo zawngih thil ngah. **4** kai (misual).

Nobel Prize /nəʊbel 'praɪz/ Minung hrang thil ṭha tuahsuak ruangih kumtin (zuamman) pekmi laksawng (phun 6 an pe ṭheu): *He's the winner of this year's Nobel Prize for chemistry* Nobel laksawng.

nobility /nəʊ'bɪləti/ *n* **1** [U] upat ṭihzah tlak thu ruahdan, umtukhawsakdan, pianpi: *Her nobility of character made her much admired.* **2** the

nobility [Gp] miphun u, miphun sang, mi ropi: *a member of the British nobility* ○ *marry into the nobility.* Cf ARISTOCRACY.

noble /'nəʊbl/ *adj* (-r, -st) **1** phun-u, bawi hrin: *a family of noble descent.* **2** ruahnak le nunzia a pi-pa mi, a ṭuktak lo: *a noble leader; mind* ○ *It was noble of you to accept a lower salary to help the company.* **3** nasa zet, mi hiip zetmi: *a noble building, horse* ○ *a woman with a noble bearing.*

▷ **noble** *n* miphun u le ṭha.

nobly /'nəʊbli/ *adv* nunzia le um dan pipa zetin: *nobly born* ○ *thoughts nobly expressed.*

□ **nobleman** /-mən/ (pl -men), **noblewomen** (pl -women) *ns* phun-u le mi thupi, bawi upa. Cf ARISTOCRAT.

noblesse oblige /nəʊbles ə'bli:z/ (French saying) dinhmun le hnaṭuan saang a neitu in an dinhmun thawn kaih aw in ṭuanvo an lak a ṭul.

nobody /'nəʊbɒdi/ (also **no one** /'nəʊwʌn/) *neg pron* zohman; zohman si lo: *Nobody came to see me.* ○ *When I arrived there was nobody there.* ○ *He found that nobody could speak English.*

▷ **nobody** *n* mi ṭuktak: *He was just a nobody before he met her.* ○ *Your friends are all just a bunch of nobodies.*

nocturnal /'nɒktɜ:nl/ *adj* **1** zaan caanah, zaan thawn pehtlai in tuahmi/a cangvaimi: *a nocturnal visit, trip, etc.* **2** zaan ih vaak, a cangvai mi: *The tiger is a nocturnal animal.* ○ *nocturnal birds, eg owl.*

▷ **nocturnally** *adv.*

nocturne /'nɒktɜ:n/ *n* **1** nuam le dimte ih ngai nuam awnmawi. **2** zaan ih a lang mi hmunram suaimi zuk.

nod /nɒd/ *v* (-dd-) **1** [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (to/at sb) lusut (lungkim nak langter, cibai buknaṭak thupek): *The teacher nodded in agreement.* ○ *I asked her if she wanted to come and she nodded.* ○ *She nodded (to me) as she passed.* ○ *Why are you nodding if you disagree.* **2** [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr, Dp-rt] lusut ih langter mi pawl: *She nodded her approval.* ○ *He nodded me a welcome.* ○ *He nodded to me to leave the room.* **3** [I] ihhmu (mitkuh) ih sing: *The old lady sat nodding by the fire.* **4** [I] (pangpar etc) kuun ih hniin: *nodding sunflowers.* **5** [I] daithlan ruangih palh, thilsual tuah. **6** (idm) **have a nodding a acquaintance with sb/sth** mi pakhat, thil pakhat thei fangfang: *I have no more than a nodding acquaintance with her novels.* **Homer (sometimes) nods** (saying) ṭha bik le mi nasa bik pawlhman in veikhat veihnih cu an palh ve. **7** (phr v) **nod off** (infml) it that: *I often nod off for a little while after lunch.*

▷ **nod** *n* **1** lusutnak: *She gave me a nod as she passed.* **2** (idm) **the land of Nod** ⇨ LAND. **a nod is as good as a wink (to a blind horse)** (saying) sikthup ih simmi le ruahnak pek mi tla cu fiang zet ih sim ṭul loin theih a theih. **on the nod**

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(*informal*) (a) (*Brit*) relkxawm lo ih lung kimnak: *The proposal went through* (ie was approved) on the nod. (b) (*esp Brit*) a baakin: *buy sth on the nod*.

noddle /nɒdl/ *n* (*informal*) lu.

node /nɒd/ *n* 1 (*botany*) (a) a hram, asilole, a hnge pari h a bol. (b) thingkung ih a hnah cerhnak zawn. 2 taksa hlihklok thling. 3 (*physics*). 4 (*mathematics*) a ngawi ih riin mi a tonawknak.
▷ **nodal** /nɒdɪl/ *adj*.

nodule /nɒdjʊ:l/ *US* /nɒdzu:l/ *n* a botete.

▷ **nodular** /-lə(r)/, **nodulated** /-leɪtɪd/ *adjs* botete nei.

Noel /nəʊəl/ *n* (*esp in carols*) Christmas.

noggin /nɒɡɪn/ *n* 1 zu mal takte/hai fate ¼ pint. 2 (*informal*) lu.

nohow /nəʊhəʊ/ *adv* (*dialect or informal*) ziang-ti-lam khal in; a si hrimhrim lo: *We couldn't fix it nohow*.

noise /nɔɪz/ *n* 1 [C, U] awn-au, thawng vaang: *What's that noise?* ○ *Who's making those stange noises?* 2 **noises** [pl] khihhmuh nei ih simnak: *She made polite noises about my work.* ○ *He made all the right noises.* 3 (idm) a big noise ⇒ BIG. **make a noise (about sth)** napi ih tlok le phunzai: *She made a lot of noise about the poor food.*

▷ **noise** *v* (phr *v*) **noise sth abroad** (*datal or fml*) zapi theih dingih sim/than: *It is noised abroad that he has been arrested.*

noiseless *adj* thawthang (thawm) um lo: *With noiseless footsteps.*

noiselessly *adv*.

noiselessness *n* [U].

noisy /nɔɪsəm/ *adj* (*fml*) fihnung, luaksuak, a thu mi: *I can't work in tere it's far too noisy.*

▷ **noisily** /-ɪli/ *adv*. **noisiness** *n* [U].

nomad /nəʊmæd/ *n* tilva tlannak hmunram tha hawl in a thawn vivo mi, mi vaakvai.

▷ **nomadic** /nəʊmædɪk/ *adj* nomad pawl thawn pehpar in; vaakvaimi: *a nomadic society*.

nom de plume /nɒm də 'plu:m/ *n* (*pl noms de lume*) (*French*) = PSEUDONYM, hmindeu; cangantu pawl ih anmah lala (mah le mah) an sak awk mi, hmin.

nomenclature /nə'menklətʃə(r)/ *US* /nəʊmənkleɪtʃər/ *n* (*fml*) (a) [C, U] thil hmin pek dan, a hleice in science zirnak ih hmin: *Botanical nomenclature*. ○ *the nomenclature of chemistry*. (b) [U] cu vekih hmanmi hmin pawl.

nominal /nɒmɪnəl/ *adj* 1 a hmin menih um; a takih a um lo mi: *She is only the nominal chairperson; the real work is done by somebody else.* 2 pek a tul ih pek mi paisa malte: *She charged only a nominal fee for her work.* 3 (*grammar*) thil hmin thawn pehpar aw mi.

▷ **nominally** /-nəli/ *adv*.

nominate /nɒmɪneɪt/ *v* 1 [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-n/a, Cn-t]

~ **sb (for/as sth)** hrilsung; hmin peksung: *She has been nominated as a candidate for the Presidency.* ○ *I nominate Tom to make the tea.*

2 [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-n/a] ~ **sth (as sth)** hnaʔuan pek: *The board nominated her as the new director.* 3 thil tuahnakah a caan le hmun relcat: *11th December has been nominated as the day of the election.*

nomination /nɒmɪneɪʃn/ *n* (a) [U] hrilsungnak; hrilsungmi: *How many nominations have there been so far?* (minung paziat so an hrilsung?).

nominative /nɒmɪnətɪv/ *n* grammar sungah simtu, tuahtu a sawhkhhihtu thil hmin, thil hmin-sawng: *Is this noun in the nominative?*

▷ **nominative** *adj* grammar ah nominative a si mi: 'I', 'we', 'she', and 'they' are all nominative pronouns.

nominee /nɒmɪni:/ *n* hrilsungmi.

non- *pref* (used widely with *ns, adjs* and *advs*) lo, a si lo: *nonsense* ○ *non-fiction* ○ *non-alcoholic* ○ *non-profit-making*.

non-age /nəʊnɪdʒ/ *n* [U] (*fml*) kum kim lo; kum 18 kim lo; ram sungih mi mal deuh pawl.

nonagenarian /nɒnədʒɪ'neəriən/ *n, adj* kum 90 le 99 karlak minung.

non-aggression /nɒn ə'ɡresʃn/ *n* [U] mi do lo, ral thok lo: *a non-aggression pact, treaty*.

non-aligned /nɒn ə'ɡresʃn/ *adj* (ram thu ah) tan nei lo, tance nei lomi (ram picang pakhat, asilole a bur lamih a tang lomi).

▷ **non-alignment** /nɒn ə'laimmənt/ *n* [U] tanbul/ tance nei lo pawl ih thluun dan, ti daan.

nonce /nɒns/ *n* (idm) **for the nonce** (*dated or rhet*) (a) tu tum khat hrang lawng. (b) tu laangte hrang.

□ **nonce-word** *n* tum khat hrang lawngih phuahmi tongfang.

nonchalant /nɒnʃələnt/ *adj* zuam lo, paih lo, lungtho lo: *She defeated all her rivals for the job with nonchalant ease.*

▷ **nonchalance** /-ləns/ *n* [U]: *Beneath his apparent nonchalance he is as nervous and excited as the rest of us.* **nonchalantly** *adv*.

non-combatant /nɒn 'kɒmbətənt/ *n* ral do hmunah a tel na'n a do ve lomi (sibawi, pastor tivek).

non-commissioned /nɒn kə'mɪʃənd/ *adj* senkhat tlunlam bo a ngah hrih lo mi ralkap: *non-commissioned officers*.

non-committal /nɒn kə'mɪt/ *adj* pek-awknak um lo; ruahnak sim lo; tanmi langter lo: *a non-committal attitude, reply, letter*. ○ *She was very non-committal about my suggestion.*

▷ **non-committally** *adv*.

non-compliance /nɒn kəm'plaiəns/ *n* [U] zawn thlunlonak; elnak.

non compos mentis /nɒn kɒmpɒs 'ments/ *adj* [pred] (*Latin*) fiangte'n a ruat thei lo mi: *I had*

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 a few beers and was completely non compos mentis.

non-conductor /ˌnɒn kən'dʌktə(r)/ *n* electric tha (asilole) a satnak a phittu, luan a khamtu thil.

non-conformist /ˌnɒnkən'fɔ:mɪst/ *adj* **1** mizapi thil ti dan (a ummi dan) a thluun lotu. **2** **Nanconformist** Church of England kawhhran ih zumnak le tuah daan a thluun lotu kawhhran (sungtel).

▷ **non-conformity** *n* [U] **1** (also **non-conformism**) mizapi thil ti dan thlunlonak. **2** *Nonconformist* kawhhran thurin le zumnak. **3** thil pakhat le pakhat karlak pehtlaihnaq um lo.

non-contributory /ˌnɒn kən'trɪbjʊtri/; US -tɔ:ri/ *adj* sum burnak ih tel lo.

nondescript /ˌnɒndɪskrɪpt/ *n, adj* ol te ih sim fiang thei/thleidan lomi: *He's such a nondescript you'd never notice him in a crowd.*

none /nʌn/ *indef pron* **1** (a) (referring back to a pl *n* or *pron*) pakhat si lo; zo khal/zianq khal si lo: *We had three cats once none is alive now.* (b) (referring forward to a pl *n* or *pron*) pakhat hman lo/si lo. *None of the guests wants to stay.* ○ *None of them has come back yet.* **2** (a) (referring back to a [U] *n* or *pron*) pakhat hman lo: *I wanted some string but there was none int he house.* ○ *'Is there any breada lift?'* 'No, none at all?' (b) (referring forward to a [U] *n* or *pron*) pakhat hman lo: *None of this money is mine.* ○ *I'll have none of your wild ideas.* **3** (*infml*) (with comparatives and *than*) zohman si lo: *He is aware, none but better than he, that ...* **4** (*idm*) **none but** lawng (only) *None but the best is good enough for my child.* ○ (*saying*) *None but the brave deserves the fair.* **none other than** (used forempphasis) a si ti nak: *The new arrival was none other than the President.*

▷ **none adv** **1** (used with *the* and a comparative) si hrinhrim lo: *After hearing her talk on computers I'm afraid I'm none the wiser.* ○ *He's none the worse for falling into the river.* **2** (used with *too* and *adjs* or *advs*) tuk lo: *The salary they pay me is none too high.*

□ **none the less** a si na'n, sihman sehla: *It's not cheap but I think we should buy it none the less.*

noneentity /nɒ'nentəti/ *n* **1** (*dergo*) mi thupi lo: *How could such a noneentity become chairman of the company?* **2** thil a um taktak lomi, thinslung ih umter cop mi.

nonesuch (also **nonsuch**) /ˌnɒnsətʃ/ *n* [*sing*] (*fml*) a dang hmuahhmuah hnakin a t̄ha deuh mi. Cf **NONPAREIL**.

non-event /nɒn'ɪvnt/ *n* (*infml*) ruat vekih a thupi lomi: *The party was a non-event; hardly anyone come!*

non-existent /ˌnɒnɪg'zɪstənt/ *adj* a um lo mi: *a non-existent danger, enemy.*

non-fiction /ˌnɒn'fɪkʃn/ *n* [U] thungai thu nganmi

ca: *I prefer non-fiction to fiction.*

non-flammable /ˌnɒn'flæməbl/ *adj* (hnipuan le thilri) olte ih a kaang thei lo mi.

nonillion *n* pakhat hnu ah lolak 30 a ummi nambat (America le French ih nambat siar dan).

non-interference /ˌnɒnɪntə'venʃn/ (also **non-intervention** /ˌnɒnɪntə'venʃn/) *n* [U] mi ih thu (ram thu) thlaklonak: *a strick policy of non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries.*

non-iron /ˌnɒn'aɪən; US -'aɪərn/ *adj* thirling (istari) ih hnawt t̄ul lo mi; sawp hnu ih a kir lo mi: *a non-iron shirt, blouse, etc.*

non-observance /ˌnɒnəb'zɜ:vəns/ *n* [U] (*fml*) dan, thukham thlun theilo: *They were accused of non-observance of the test-ban agreement.*

no-nonsense /ˌnəʊ'nɒnsns; US -sens/ *adj* [attrib] dik le dingfel in, thungaitlak in, langfiang in: *Let's have a no-nonsense agreement to start work as soon as possible.* ○ *She has a firm no-nonsense towards her staff.*

nonpareil /ˌnɒnpə'reɪl; US -'rel/ *n* [*sing*], *adj* [attrib] (*infml*) zokhal ih tluk theih lo, zuam theih lo (minung, thil).

nonparallel /ˌnɒnpə'ræl/ *adj* midang ih bang thei lo mi.

non-payment /ˌnɒn'peɪmənt/ *n* [U] (*fml*) (leiba, cawhkuan tivek) pe lo ih um.

nonplus /ˌnɒn'plʌs/ *v* (-**ss**-; US -**s**-) [Tn esp passive] khawruah harter, mangbangter: *I was completely nonplussed by his sudden appearance.*

non-proliferation /ˌnɒnp'rɒlɪfɪ'reɪ/ *n* [U] t̄ih nung za hriamnam malternak, khamnak: *a non-proliferation treaty aimed at stopping the spread of nuclear weapons.*

non-resident /ˌnɒn'rezɪdənt/ *adj* (*fml*) **1** hmun pakhat ih um lo: *This block of flats has a non-resident caretaker.* **2** (also **non-residential**) a hmunih umcih t̄ul lomi (hna t̄uan): *a non-resident (ial) post.*

▷ **non-resident** *n* riahbuk ih a riak lomi: *The bar is open to non-residents.*

nonsense /ˌnɒnsns; US -sens/ *n* **1** [U] sullam nei lo t̄ong: *jumble up the words in a sentence to produce nonsense* ○ *This translation is pure nonsense.* **2** (a) [U, *sing*] aatthlak thu, sullam nei lo thurel: *You're talking nonsense.* ○ *This discovery makes nonsense of previous theories.* (b) [U] aatthlak ziaza; ziaza t̄ha lo: *He won't stand any nonsense from the staff.* ○ *Stop that nonsense, children, and get into bed.* **3** (*idm*) **stuff and nonsense** ⇨ **STUFF**.

▷ **nonsensical** /ˌnɒn'sensɪkl/ *adj* sullam nei lo, hnihsuakza, zohsia. **nonsensically** /-klɪ/ *adv*.

non sequitur /ˌnɒn 'sekwi:tə(r)/ *n* (*Latin*) dung le hmai thu a rual lomi thu-el awknak: *This non sequitur invalidates his arguments.*

non-skid /ˌnɒn'skɪd/ *adj* (of tyres) naal lo dingih tuahmi (mawtaw ke).

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non-smoker /ˌnɒn'smækə(r)/ *n* **1** kuak fawp lo. **2** kuak fawh khammi khaan.

▷ **non-smoking** *adj* kuak fawp lonak: *a non-smoking section in the cinema.*

non-starter /ˌnɒn'stɑ:tə(r)/ *n* **1** tlan zuamnakah hmin pek asina'n zuamnakah a tel taktak lomi rang: *Number 18 in the 2:30 at ling field is a non-starter.* **2** (*fig infml*) ðathnemnak, hlensuahnak a nei lo dingmi minung, thilri: *Your proposal is absurd; it's an absolute non-starter.*

non-stick /ˌnɒn'stɪk/ *adj* (bel, thir bel ah rawl) kaang lo dingih hnuh mi: *It's very difficult to make pancakes without a non-stick frying pan.*

non-stop /ˌnɒn'stɒp/ *adj, adv* (**a**) cawl lo in: *a non-stop flight to Tokyo* ○ *fly non-stop from New Yourk to Paris.* (**b**) cawl lo baang lo in, a pehzom in: *non-stop all the way.*

non-such = NONESUCH.

non-U /ˌnɒn'iu:/ *adj* (*Brit infml*) (umzia, ðong dan, hnipuan tivekah) a saang lomi; a-u deuh lo mi: *a non-U accent* ○ *non-U speech, manners.*

non-union /ˌnɒn'ju:niən/ *adj* [usu attrib] **1** pursum leilawn pawlkom ih tel lomi: *Non-union labour was used to end the strike.* **2** pursum leilawn pawlkom sungtel a nei lomi (compani, cetzung tivek): *a non-union factory.*

non-violence /ˌnɒn'viələns/ *n* [U] **1** ram le mipi nunzia thleng dingah rumro ih thil a tuah lomi. ▷ **non-violent** /-lənt/ *adj* *a nonviolent protest, demonstration.*

non-white /ˌnɒn'waɪt/ *n, adj* (person) hmaairaang phunhnam a si lomi: *These policies will affect non-whites especially.*

noodle¹ /nu:dl/ *n* [usu pl] khohsuai, sangvut, arti, le tidai rawi ih tuahmi sang hri: *Chinese food is often served with rice or noodles.* ○ [attrib] *chicken noodles soup.*

noodle² /nu:dl/ *n* (*dated infml*) mi-aa.

nook /nʊk/ *n* **1** a tlan khuhmi kxanhlim (kelkawi) hmun pakhat: *a shady nook in the garden.* **2** (idm) **every nook and cranny** (*infml*) khui-tawkip ah, hmunkip ah: *I've searched every nook and cranny but I still can't find the keys.*

noon /nu:n/ *n* [sing] (*fml*) (used without *a* or *the*) suundir: *They arrived at noon.* ○ *She stayed until noon.* ○ [attrib] *the noon bell.*

□ **noonday** /-deɪ/ **noontide** /-taɪd/ *ns* [sing] sun lai fang.

noose /nu:s/ *n* **1** hrihna, hrisal; ðemnak, reknak ih tuah cia mi hri: *He's facing the hangman's noose, thah ding hngak a um.* **2** (idm) **put one's head in the noose** ⇒ HEAD.

nope /nəʊp/ *interj* (*sl*) sihlah! a si lo!

nor /nɔ:(r)/ *conj, adv* **1** (used after *neither* or *not*) cule a si lo: *He has neither talent nor the desire to learn.* **2** (*fml*) (used with *aux vs* and *modal vs*, with the subject following the *v*) and ... *not* ... *either.* *He can't see, nor could he hear until a*

month ago. ○ *It won't arrive today.* ○ *Nor tomorrow.* Cf NEITHER.

nor¹ ⇒ NORTH.

Nordic /ˈnɔ:dɪk/ *adj* **1** Scandinavia ram pawl thawn a pehpar mi. **2** a saang ih mit a pawl le samsen nawn a nei Zurup mi pawl thawn a pehparmi: *Nordic peoples.* ○ *Nordic features.*

norm /nɔ:m/ *n* **1** (usu with *the* when *sing*) hmun pakhat, mibbur pakhat ih um zia (tah fung): *You must adapt to the norms of the society you live in.* ○ *Criminal behaviour seems to be the norm of this neighbourhood.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-n/a] ~ **sb** (to/as sth) [C] (ram hrekkhat ah) ni khat sungih ðuan ding zat khiahsakmi: *fulfill lone's norm.* ○ *There's a production norm below which each worker must not fall.* **3** [Tn, Cn-n/a] ~ **sth** (as sth) tlangreel. **4** a dang thawn ðahðhim dingih retmi.

normal /ˈnɔ:ml/ *adj* **1** a keel, a si ðeu mi, a si ringringmi: *the normal position, place, etc.* ○ *in the normal course eof events* ○ *the normal temperature of the human body* ○ *Weeping is a normal response to pain.* **2** thinlung hman lonak, natnak um lo in: *People who commit crimes like that aren't norme.* Cf ABNORMAL.

▷ **normal** *n* [U] si keel, si ðeunak; tah fung: *Her temperature is below/above normal.* ○ *Things have returned to normal.*

normality /nɔ:'mæləti/ (also esp US **normalcy**) *n* [U] a keel vek sinak.

normalize, -ise /ˈnɔ:məlaɪz/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] (cause sth to) a keel ah cangter sal, rualremter sal: *Relations between our two countries have normalized.* **2** [Tn] tidan keel ih canter: *The editors have normalized the author's rather unusual spelling.*

normalization, -isation /ˌnɔ:məlaɪ'zeɪʃn; US -lɪz-/ *n* [U].

normally /ˈnɔ:məli/ *adv.*

Norman /ˈnɔ:mən/ *adj* **1** (*architecture*) Kum zabi 11 lai ah France ram Normandy ihsin England a siimtu pawl thawn pehparmi: *The Norman Conquest.*

normative /ˈnɔ:metɪv/ *adj* (*fml*) cawn ding, zohðhim ding ðong, zianza ih tuahmi/ruahmi: *A normative grammar of a language describes how its authors think language should be spoken or written.*

Norse /nɔ:s/ *n* [U] (also **Old Norse**) hlanlai Norway ðong.

▷ **Norse** *adj* [esp attrib] *Norse myths and legends.*

north /nɔ:θ/ *n* [sing] (*abbr N*) **1** (esp with *the*) saklam: *He lives to the north of here.* ○ *Do you know which way is north?* **2 the north, the North** ram pakhat a saklam: *The north is less expensive to hive in than the south.*

▷ **north** *adj* [attrib] (*a*) saklam thawn a pehpar

mi: *the North star* ○ *the North people* ○ *the north wall*. (b) saklam in a ra mi: *the north wind*.
north *adv* saklam ah: *sail north* ○ *drive north*.
northerly /nɔːðəli/ *adj* **1** (of winds) saklam in a hrangmi (thli). **2** saklam ah: *travel in a northerly direction*. — *n* saklam thli: *Cold northerlies will bring rain to Scotland this week*.
northwards /nɔːθwədz/ (also **north-ward**) *adv* saklam pan in.
 □ **northbound** saklam zawhmi lamzin: *northbound traffic*.
the North Country England ram saklam.
North-countryman /-mən/ *n* England ram saklam mi.
north-east (sometime, esp nautical, **nor'-east** /,nɔːr'i:st/) *n* [sing] *adv* (abbr **NE**) (region, direction, etc) nisuahlam le saklam karlak, nisuah saklam.
northeaster *n* nisuah saklam thlipi, thlisia.
northeasterly *adj* (of direction) nisuah saklam ah; (thlipi) nisuah saklam in a hrang. **north-eastern** /-i:stwədz/ (also **north-north** /-i:sten/) *adj*. **north-eastwrds** /-i:stwədz/ (also **north-eastward**) *adv*.
the North Pole leilungpi ih a luzim.
north-west (sometimes, esp nautical, **nor'-west** /,nɔːr'west/) *n* [sing] *adj* (abbr **NW**) (region, direction, etc) nitlaklam le saklam karlak, nitlak saklam.
north wester *n* nitlak saklam thlipi, thlisia.
north westerly *adj* (of direction) nitlak saklam pan in; (thlipi) nitlak saklam ihsin a hrang.
north-western /-westən/ *adj* nitlak saklam ah, in, thawn pehpar in.
north-westwards /-westwədz/ (also **north-westward**) *adj* nitlak saklam ah.
northern /nɔːðən/ *adj* [usu attrib] saklam; saklam thawn a pehpar mi: *the northern region, frontier, climate*. ○ *the northern hemisphere*.
 ▷ **northerner** /nɔːðənə(r)/ *n* ram pakhat ih saklam mi.
northern-most /-məʊst/ *adj* [usu attrib] saklam bik.
 □ **the northern lights** ⇒ AURORA 1.
Nos (also **nos**) *abbr* nambat, siarnak.
nose¹ /nəʊz/ *n* **1** [C] hnar. **2** [C] thil pakhat parih hnar vek ummi: *He brought the aircraft's nose up and made a perfect landing*. **3** [sing] (a) rim hnimnak, rim theih theinak: *a dog with a good nose*. (b) ~ **for st** (*infml*) thil tɔŋgthei, hmuthei, theithe: *a reporter with a nose of news*. **4** (idm) **be no skin off one's nose** ⇒ SKIN. **blow one's nose** ⇒ BLOW. *by a nose* malte lawng hleih aw in *The candidate lost the election by a nose*. **cut one's to spite one's face** (*infml*) midang lehrulsam duh ah mah le mah siatsuah aw: *If you refuse her help because you're angry with her, you're cutting off your nose to spite your face*.

keep one's nose clean thil tha lo, a dik lomi tuah lo te ih um: *If you keep your nose clean, the boss might promote you*. **follow one's nose** ⇒ FOLLOW. **get up sb's nose** (*sl*) mi hnaihok, buapi: *Her cheeky remarks really get up my nose!* **have one's nose in sth** (*infml*) thil lung lut zet in siar: *Peter's always got his nose in a book*. **keep one's nose to the grindstone** (*infml*) nasa takin hnaʔuan rero. (**sb's nose**) **lead sb by the nose** ⇒ LEAD. **look down one's nose at sb/sth** (*infml*) nautatnak in zoh, tuahsia: *I gave the dog some lovely steak, and he just looked down his nose at it!* **on the nose** (esp *US sl*) a cekci in, a zawn ciah in: *You've hit it on the nose!* na sim ngah cekci a si (asilole) a cekci in na theifiang a si. **pay through the nose** ⇒ PAY². **plain as the nose on one's face** ⇒ PLAIN¹. **poke/stick one's nose into sth** (*infml*) mah thawn a pehtlai lomi thu rak thlaak ve: *Don't go poking your nose into other people's business!* **put sb's nose out of joint** (*infml*) mi ningzahter, thinhengter, buaiter: *He's so conceited that when she refused his invitation, it really put his nose out of joint*. **rub sb's nose in it** ⇒ RUB². **thumb one's nose at sb/sth** ⇒ THUMB *v*. **turn one's nose up at sth** (*infml*) hmuhsuam: *She turned her nose up at my small donation*. (**right**) **under sb's (very) nose** (*infml*) (a) hmaiton rori in, hmaika rori ah: *I put the bill right under his nose so that he couldn't miss it*. (b) a man theih lo asinan a hmaika ah: *They were having an affair under my very nose, and I didn't even realize!* **with one's nose in the air** (*infml*) porhaw le uaraw zet in: *She walked past us with her nose in the air*.
 ▷ **-nosed** (forming compound adjs) hnar pianhmang khat nei: *red-nosed* ○ *long-nosed*.
 □ **nosebag** (*US feedbag*) a hmurih hrawlh cihmi rangrawl retnak dip.
nosebleed *n* hnarthi pawt.
nose-cone *n* rocket vanzam ih a hmailam zum-puum.
nosedive *n* **1** vangezam a bir ih ʔum, a hmailam leilung lam sawhin: *go into a sudden nosedive*. **2** (*fig*) hmakhat te ih thil a ʔummi: *Prices have taken a nosedive*. — *v* **1** a bir, a sukiah ʔum. **2** (*fig*) hmakhat te ih ʔum: *Demand for oil has nosedived*.
nose-flute *n* hnar ih tummi phirivau.
nosering *n* caw, naa hnarhri.
nose-wheel *n* vanzam ih a hmailam lengke.
nose² /nəʊz/ *v* **1** [Ipr Tn-pr] (cause sth to) nuamten hmailam ah fehter: *The car nosed carefully round the corner*. ○ *He nosed the car into the garage*. **2** (*phr v*) **nose about/around; nose around sth** (*infml*) thu virvet: *Don't nose in other people's affairs (Don't nose about)*. ○ *A reporter is nosing around for news*. **nose sth out** (*infml*) (a) a rim hnim ih tongsuak: *The dog nosed out a*

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rat. (b) (fig) thil pakhat hawlsuak: *That man can nose out a news story anywhere.*

nosegay /nəʊzɡeɪ/ *n* pangpar tom.

nosey (also **nosy**) /nəʊzi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml often dergo) thuduh tuk, thutheih hiar tuk: *I've always found her unbearably nosey.*

▷ **nosily** *adv.* **nosiness** *n* [U].

□ **Nosy Parker** *n* (Brit infml derog) thu duh tuk mi minung: *I caught that Nosey Parker reading.*

nosh /nɒʃ/ *v* (sl esp Brit or Austral) **1** raw: *There was lots of nosh at the party.* **2** [sing] (quick) zamrang ih ei mi rawl (rawnhru): *We'll have a quick nosh, then start out.*

▷ **nosh** *v* (sl esp Brit) [I] ei.

□ **nosh-up** *n* (sl esp Brit) rawl, pumpuar ko ei dingmi: *We had a great nosh-up at Bill's wedding.*

nostalgia /nɒ'stældʒe/ *n* [U] lunglennak, innlam ngainak.

▷ **nostalgic** /nɒ'stældʒɪk/ *adj* lungleng: *I get very nostalgic when I watch these old musicals on TV.*

nostalgically /-klɪ/ *adv.*

nostril /nɒstrəl/ *n* hnarkua.

nostrum /nɒstrəm/ *n* (fml derog) **1** a si lo zawngih sii pek; thiam lo nan thiam vekih mi damter tum; ram hruainak le mipi nun ih tonmi harsatnak pawl a puanlaang zawngih siamrem tumnak: *Some nostrum peddled as a cure for unemployment.*

not /nɒt/ *adv* **1** (a) (used with *aux vs* and *modal vs* to form the negative; often contracted to *-n't* /nt/ in speech and in formal writing) ○ *She didnot see him.* ○ *They aren't here.* ○ *They mustn't forget.* **2** (a) (used after *believe, expect, hope, trust, etc*) ○ *'Will it rain?' 'I believe not.'* ○ *'Can I come in?' 'I'm afraid not.'* (b) (used to indicate the negative alternative): *Is she ready or not?* ○ *Can you mend it or not?* ○ *I don't know if whether he's telling the truth or not?* **3** (a) (used to replay in the negative to part or all of the question): *'Are you hungry?' 'Not hungry, just very tired.'* ○ *'Would you like some more?' 'Not for me, thank you'* ○ *'Do you go in the sea every day?' 'Not in the winter?'* (b) (used to deny the significance of the following word or phrase): *It was not greed but ambition that drove him to crime.* ○ *Not all the students have read the book.* ○ *'Who will do the washing-up?' 'Not me?'* (c) (used to show that the opposite of the following word or phrase is intended) ○ *a town that is not a million miles away from here* a naih zat: *She argued and not without reason, that no one could appear to pay.* ○ *We plan to meet again in the not too distant future* a reihlanah. **4** (idm) **not only ... (but) also:** *Not only the grandparents were there but also the aunts, uncles and cousins.* ○ *He not only writes his own plays, he also acts in them.* **not that** *She hasn't written to me yet — not she ever said she would.*

notable /nəʊtəbl/ *adj* theih tlak, hmnsin tlak: *a notable success, event, discovery* ○ *a notable artist, writer, etc.*

▷ **notability** /nəʊtə'bɪləti/ *n* [C] mi hminthang, mi thupi.

notably /nəʊtəblɪ/ *adv* hmnsin tlakin; theih tlakin.

notable *n* mi hminthang, mi thupi.

notary /nəʊtəri/ *n* (also **notary public**) hmin thutmi a dik a si ti ih upadi daan vekih theihpitu; Acozah in thuneihnak pekmi.

notation /nəʊ'teɪʃn/ *n* **1** [C] awnmawi le thil um zat tivek pawl langtertu, ti fiangtu a cuk a deh tivek pawl: *They tried to develop a new and simpler notation.* **2** [U] siar le zoh tikih nambat ai-awhtu ding zuk, pianzia a phunphun, lem, tivek: *musical notation* ○ *scientific notation.*

notch /nɒtʃ/ *n* **1** ~ (in/on sth) V-pian nei ih a zim tan/tuah: *cut/make a notch in a stick.* **2** a t̄a bik, a sang bik can: *Action and direction are several notches up on the standards we are used to.* **3** (US) tlangkawn fiakte.

▷ **notch** *v* [Tn] **1** cuvek zum dingin tuah. **2** (phr v) **notch sth up** (infml) neh, tisuak, hlensuah: *notch up a win, a record, etc.* ○ *He said taking notes of everything that was said.* **2** (phr v) **notch sth up** (infml) neh, tisuak, hlensuah: *notch up a win, a record, etc.* ○ *With this performance, she has notched up third championship title.*

note¹ /nəʊt/ *n* **1** [C] hmnsinnak (tawitete nganmi): *She lectured without notes.* ○ *He said taking notes of everything that was said.* **2** [C] (a) ca tawite: *a note of thanks.* ○ *he wrote me a note asking if I would come.* (b) Acozah pakhat le pakhat karlak ih cakuat: *an exchange of notes between governments.* **3** [C] cabu pakhat sungih t̄ongfang, asilole, catluan simfiangnak, fakselnak: *a new edition of 'Hamlet,' with copious notes.* ○ *See the editor's comments, page 259, note 3.* Cf FOOT NOE (FOOT¹). **4** [C] (also **banknote**, US usu **bill**) bank ih suahmi paisa ca: *a £5 note* ○ *Do you want the money in notes or coins?* **5** [C] (a) aw asilole awnmawi pakhat ih a saan le niam, a sau lam awsuak: *the first few notes of a sound.* ○ (arch) *the blackbird's merry note* (hla). (b) awnmawi le hla ngan tikih hmanmi hmnsin thil: *Quavers, crotches and minims are three of the different lengths of note in written music.* (c) organ, piano tivek pawlih awpek (key) pakhat khat: *the black notes and the white notes.* **6** [sing] thil pakhat ih sinak; khiihmuhnak: *There was a note of self-satisfaction in his speech.* ○ *The book ended on an optimistic note.* **7** [U] hlaih, hnathong: *worthy of note.* ○ *Take note of what he says.* **8** (idm) **compare notes** ⇨ COMPARE. **of note** thupi, hminthang: *a singer, writer, etc of some note.* **make a mental note** ⇨ MENTAL. **hit/strike the right/wrong note** ⇨ HIT. **strike/sound**

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 a **note** thilnung um mi le hmuh dan simnak: *She sounded a note of warning in her speech.*
strike/sound a false note ⇨ FALSE.

▷ **notelet** /'nəʊtlɪt/ *n* cakuat tawite ngannak cahnah.

□ **notebook** *n* hmnsin ngannak cabute.

notecase *n* paisa retnak kuang, paisa bawm.

notepad *n* hmnsin ngannak cahnah thuah.

notepaper *n* [U] cakuat ngannak cahnah.

note² /'nəʊt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tf, Tw] (*esp infml*) hliah, zohliah, cing: *She noted that his hands were dirty.*
 ○ *Not how I do it, then copy me.* **2** (*phr v*) **note sth down** ngan suak, ca ih hmnsin: *The policeman noted down every word she said.*

▷ **note** *adj* ~ (**for/as sth**) hminthang, zapi theih mi: *a noted pianist* ○ *a town noted for its fine buildings.*

note worthy *adj* hmnsin tlak, cinken tlak: *a noteworthy performance by a young soloist.*

nothing /'nʌθɪŋ/ *neg pron* **1** zianghman si lo, pakhat hman um lo: *There's nothing interesting in the newspaper.* ○ *I've had nothing to eat since lunchtime.* ○ *What's the matter?* ○ *Nothing serious, I hope.* **2** (*idm*) **be nothing to sb** 'What is she to you?' 'She's nothing to me' **for nothing** (**a**) a lakin: *Children under scan travel for nothing.* ○ *We could have got in for nothing — nobody was collection tickets.* (**b**) man nei lo, sullam nei lo: *All that preparation was for nothing because the visit was cancelled.* **have nothing on sb** (*infml*) (**a**) mi pakhat tluk lo: *Sherlock Holmes has nothing on you — your'e a real detective.* (**b**) mi pakhat kai dingah thu ngah a famkim lo: *They've got nothing on me — I've got an alibi.* **have nothing to do with sb/sth** *He's a thief and a liar; I'd have nothing to do with him, if I were you.*

nothing but *lawng; lawnglawng*: *I want nothing but the best for my children.* **nothing if not** (*infml*) *zet, ngaingai*: *The holiday was nothing if not varied.* **nothing less than** *completely* ○ *totally* ○ *His negligence was nothing less than criminal.* **nothing like** (*infml*) (**a**) a bang hrimhrim lo: *It looks nothing like a horse.* (**b**) *Her cooking is nothing like as good as yours.* **nothing more than** *lawng*: *It was nothing more late and did nothing much all day. (there's) nothing to it* a olte: *I did the crossword in half an hour — there was nothing to it.* **there is/was nothing (else) for it** (**but to do sth**) (*cumi siar lo*) a dang tuah ding a um hlei lo: *There was nothing else for it but to resign.*

▷ **nothingness** *n* [U] zianghman umlo sinak: *pass into nothingness.*

notice /'nəʊtɪs/ *n* **1** [C] catar, thuthannak ih thuthangca tivek ihsin mipi hnenih thu theihternak: *put up a notice* ○ *notices of births, deaths and marriages in the newspapers.* **2** [U]

(**a**) ralrin pekna (thilcang dingmi hrangah): *He received two months' notice to leave (a house, job, etc)* ○ *The bar is closed until further notice.* (**b**) hnaŋuan suahnak ca: *He gave him a month's notice.* ○ *She leaves without notice.* **3** [C] fakselnak tawite: *The play received good notices.*

4 (*idm*) **be beneath one's notice** (*fml*) *He regarded all these administrative details as beneath his notice* theihpi lo, dungtun sanmi. **bring sth to sb's notice** (*fml*) *It was Susan who brought the problem to our notice.* **come to sb's notice. *It has come to my notice that you have been stealing.* **escape notice** ⇨ ESCAPE. **sit up and take notice** ⇨ SIT. **take no notice/not take any notice (of sb/sth)** paih lo, huam lo: *Don't take any notice of what he says!***

▷ **notice** *v* **1** [I, Tn, Tf, Tw, Tng, Tni] zohhliah, theihliah; mang: *Didn't you notice?* ○ *he has dyed his hair.* ○ *Sorry, I didn't notice it.* ○ *I noticed he left early.* ○ *Did you notice him coming in?* **2** hnatuan, zohhliah: *She just wants to be noticed, that's why she dresses so strangely.* **noticeable** /-əbl/ *adj* hmuh ol, hliahtheih: *There's been a noticeable improvement in her handwriting.* **noticeably** /-əbli/ *adv.*

□ **notice-board** *n* [US **bulletin board**] thuthan ca bennak, tarnak.

notify /'nəʊtɪfaɪ/ *v* (*pt, pp -fied*) (*fml*) [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-pr, Dn-f] ~ **sb (of sth)**; ~ **sth to sb** theihter, simthan: *Have the authorities been notified (of this)?* ○ *Notify a loss to the police.* ○ *He notified us that he was going to leave.*

▷ **notifiable** /'nəʊtɪfaɪəbl/ *adj* [*esp attrib*] (*of diseases*) harhdamnak upa hnenih theihter a tlakmi (natnak): *Typhoid is an example of a modifiable disease.*

notification /'nəʊtɪfɪ'keɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] (*fml*) (*act of*) suah, thih, nat thalo tivek pawl thannak: *There have been no more notifications of cholera cases in the last week.*

notion /'nəʊʃn/ *n* **1** [C] ~ (**that ...**) (**a**) ruahnak, zumnak, thupom: *a system based on the notions of personal equality and liberty.* (**b**) a fianglo, a laklawh, zum um lo ruahnak: *I had a notion that she originally came from Poland.* ○ *He has a notion that I'm cheating him.* ○ *Your head is full of silly notions.* **2** [*sing*] ~ (**of sth**) thei, theithiam: *Do you have the slightest notion of what this means?* ○ *She has no notion of the difficulty of this problem.* **3** **notions** [pl] (US) thil thitnakih hmanmi thil tete pawl; thim, korhren, pathlum, etc.

▷ **notional** /-ʃənl/ *adj* ruahnak in a dik, a cekki timi: *My calculation is based on notional figures, since the actual figures are not yet available.*

notorious /'nəʊtɔːriəs/ *adj* (*derog*) thil thalo tuah ih hmin thangmi: *He was notorious as a gambler and rake.* ○ *She's notorious for her wild*

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behaviour. ○ a notorious criminal, area, etc.

▷ **notoriety** /ˈnɒtəriəti/ n [U] (derog) thatlonak pakhat khat ruangih hminthang: *His crimes earned him considerable notoriety.*

notoriously adj.

notwithstanding /ˌnɒtwɪðˈstændɪŋ/ prep (fml) hmansehla: *Notwithstanding a steady decline in numbers, the school has had a very successful year.* ○ *Language difficulties notwithstanding, he soon grew to love the country and its people.*

▷ **notwithstanding** adv (fml) ziang a si hmanah: *Many people told her not to try, but she went ahead notwithstanding.*

nougat /ˈnuːgɑː, also US ˈnʌgət; ˈnuːgət/ n [U] thingrah, cinmi/khuaitizu thawn tuah mi muṭhai/thanthling.

nought /nɔːt/ n **1** lolak, 0: *He writes three noughts on the blackboard.* ○ *nought point one (0.1).* **2** (also **naught**) (arch) zianghman lo: *His crime has gained him naught.*

□ **noughts aad crosses** (US **tick-tack-toe**) 0 le x ngan ih leh zuamawknak.

NOTE ON USAGE: The figure **0** has several different names in British English. **1** In speaking about temperature and in the language of science zero is used: *The temperature rarely falls below zero here.* **2** **Nought** is commonly used when referring to the figure **0** as part of a number: *A million is 1 followed by six noughts (1000000).* **3** When reading a telephone or bank account number (ie when the number does not represent a quantity) we say the letter ‘O’ /əʊ/: *The account number is 0-two-0-four-three-eight-one (0204381).* ○ *Their phone number is four-seven-double 0-five (47005).* **4** In reporting the score in a team game we use **nil** or **nothing**: *The final score was three nil/nothing (3-0).* ○ *Wales won 28-nil.* In US English zero is commonly used in all these cases.

noun /naʊn/ n (grammar) thil hmin.

nourish /ˈnʌrɪʃ/ v **1** rawl thawn nung le dam ko ih cawm (tuah): *Most plant are nourished by water drawn up through their roots.* ○ *Wellnourished children/undernourished children.* **2** (fml,fig) umter, karhter (thinlung-um): *Nourish feelings of hatred* ○ *nourish hopes of a release from captivity.*

▷ **nourishing** adj: *nourishing food.*

nourishment n [U] rawl: *Obtain nourishment from the soil.*

nous /naʊs/ n [U] khawruah thiam, fimkhur: *None of them had the nous to shut the door when the fire broke out.*

nouveau riche /ˌnuːvəʊ ˈriːʃ/ n [U] (pl **nouveaux riches** /ˌnuːvəʊ ˈriːʃ/) (usu pl) (derog) hmatekhat ah a lian lohli ih a lennak langter a duhzettu (ti

te-len le mi se len).

Nov abbr November: *21 Nov 1983.*

nova /ˈnɒvəl/ n (pl **-s** or **-vae** /-vi:/) (astronomy) caan tawite sung tleu zet ih a langmi arsi.

novel¹ /ˈnɒvl/ adj (esp approv) a thar, a lamdang; theihdah lomi thil: *a novel idea, fashion, design, experience.*

novel² /ˈnɒvl/ n cabu ih ngansuahmi thuanthu; phuahcop asilole santhuanthu: *the novels of Sir Robert.* ○ *the historical novels.*

▷ **nolette** /ˈnɒvələt/ n a thu a niam deuh mi thuanthu tawi.

novelist /ˈnɒvlɪst/ n novel ngantu.

novelty /ˈnɒvlti/ n **1** [U] a thar sinak; lamdang sinak: *The novelty of his surroundings soon wore off.* ○ [attrib] *There’s a certain novelty value in this approach.* **2** [C] theihdah lomi a umdah lomi: *A British businessman who can speak a foreign language is something of novelty.* **3** [C] man olte nauhak lehpannak thilri: *a chocolate egg with a plastic novelty inside.*

November /ˈnɒvembə(r)/ n [U, C] (abbr **Nov**) kum khat sungih thla hleikhatnak.

novice /ˈnɒvɪs/ n **1** hnaṭuan a thok pekte mi; mithar: *She’s a complete novice as a reporter.* ○ [attrib] *a novice writer, salesman, cook, etc.* **2** phungki cang dingih a tim-awmi. Cf **POSTULANT**.

▷ **noviciate** (also **novitiate**) /nəˈviːʃɪət/ n mithar si can, mithar sinak.

now /naʊ/ adv **1** (a) tuicaan atu: *Where are you living now?* ○ *He will be in London by now.* ○ *Now is the best time to start.* ○ *Now I can get on with my work.* (b) atu rori ah; atu zamrangin: *Start writing now.* ○ *You’ve got to ask her.* ○ *It’s now or never.* (c) (used often a prep) atu: *Until now I hadn’t head from him.* ○ *He should have arived by now.* Cf **THEN**. **2** (used by the speaker, request, warning, etc) ○ *Now the next thing he did was to light a cigarette.* ○ *Now be quiet for a few moment and listen to this.* **3** (idm)

(every) **now and then/now and again** a lak cancan ah: *I like to go to the opera now and then.*

○ *Every new and again she went upstairs to see if he was still asleep.* **now, now/now then** (used before expressing disapproval or admonishment) ○ *Now, now, stop quarrelling.* ○ *Now then, that’s enough.* ○ *Now, now, cheer up and forget about it.* **now ... now/then** ○ *Her mood kept changing — now happy, now filled with despair.* **now then** (a) ⇒ **NOW, NOW.** (b) (used to introduce a statement) ○ *Now then, why don’t you volunteer?* ○ *Now then, are there any comments on this report?* (c) (used to fill a pause when thinking what to do or say next) ○ *I must say I enjoyed that.* ○ *Now then, what’s next?*

now for sb/sth (used when turning to a fresh task or subject) ○ *Now you’ve passed your driving test you mention it, I do remember the*

incident. ○ *Now you've passed your driving test you can drive on your own.*

now conj ~ (that) ...

nowadays /'nəʊədeɪz/ *adv* tulai caan ah (hlan a si lo mi): *Nowadays, children prefer watching TV to reading.*

nowhere /'nəʊweə(r); US -hweər/ *adv* **1** khui hman lo ah: 'Where are you going at the weekend?' 'Nowhere special? ○ *He was getting nowhere (ie getting no progress) with his homework until his sister helped him* ○ £20 goes nowhere (ie does not buy much) when your'e feeding a big family these days. ○ *One of the horses I backed come second* ○ *the rest were nowhere* (ie were not among the first three the race. **2** (idm) **in the middle of a nowhere** ⇒ MIDDLE. **nowhere near** ⇒ NEAR. **nowhere to be found/seen** *The children were nowhere to be seen.* ○ *The money was nowhere to be found.*

noxious /'nɒksɪəs/ *adj* (fml) mi siatsuah theimi; thihsii; t̄urnei: *noxious fumes, gases, etc.*

▷ **noxiously adv** **noxiousness** *n* [U].

nozzel /'nɒzl/ *n* thli asilole ti a pawt suahtak dawngih a zim, a netnak.

nr *abbr* near; khawte sung inn umnak thlentikih hmanmi: *Warpsgrove, nr Chalgrove, Oxfordshire.*

NSB /en es 'bi/ *abbr* (Brit) *National Savings Bank* (operated by the post office).

NSPCC /en es pi: si: 'si:/ *abbr* (Brit) *National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children*: Nauhak pawl parih siatvatnak khamtu pawlpi.

NT *abbr* **1** *New Testament* (of the Bible). Cf. OT. **2** (Brit) *National Trust*.

nth /enθ/ *adj* (in fml) **1** [attrib] tampi lakih a netabik: *You're the nth person to ask me that.* ○ *For the nth time, you can't go!*

Nth *abbr* north ○ *Nth pole, eg on a map.*

nuance /'nju:ɑ:ns; US 'nu:-/ *n* a sullam, pianzia (rong), lungput tivek ah malte te danawknak: *be able to react to nuances of meaning.*

nub /nvb/ *n* [sing] **the ~ of sth** harsatnak, buainak hrampi, laimuril: *The nub of the problem is our poor export performance.*

nubile /'nju:baɪl; US 'nu:bl/ *adj* (of girls or young women) **1** pasal neih-cu nunau (a kum a tam tuk mi nunau). **2** mipa nunau sinak a hiip thei mi: *a photograph of a nubile young woman.*

nuclear /'nju:klɪə(r); US 'nu:/ *adj* [usu attrib] **1** a laimuril a si mi daat fate pool komih a laimu: *a nuclear particle* ○ *nuclear physics*. **2** nuclear tha suaht ternak: *a nuclear-powered submarines*. □ **nuclear disarmament** nuclear ral thuum hnawtsiatbalnak.

nuclear energy (also **nuclear power**) atom sungih daat fate bik pawl thenter sinih a suakmi tha-hmual.

nuclear family (sociology) sungkhat dang pawl

telter lo in pa, nu le fale pawl lawng siar innsang.

nuclear-free *adj* [esp attrib] nuclear thuumhnaw ret dingih onlonak hmun: *They have declared their country a nuclear-free zone.*

Inuclear war nuclear ral thuumhnaw hmangih doawknak.

nuclear winter nuclear ral suahtlan te can (tleu, hlumnak, thannak a um lo can).

nucleic acid /'nju:klɪəs; US 'nu:-/ *a* nungmi taksa sungih a um DNA le RNA phunkhat khat.

nucleus /'nju:klɪəs; US 'nu:-/ *n* (pl **nuclei** /-klɪaɪ/)

1 (a) laifang: *The fortress was the nucleus of the ancient city.* (b) a hramthawhnak: *These panning will form the nucleus of a new collection:* a dang pawl cu bet vivo an si ding tinak. **2** (a) (physics) proton le neutron pawl a telmi a tom ih a laifang. (b) a nungmi cet pakhat ih a laifang.

nude /nju:d; US nu:d/ *adj* (esp of a human figure in art) lawngte ih um, zianghman hruk lo; lawngfangkkeh.

▷ **nude** *n* **1** minung taksa lawng zuk, lem. **2** (idm) **in the nude** lawng fangkkeh, hnipuan hruk lo: *swimming in the nude.*

nudism (also **naturism**) *n* [U] a hleice in harhdammak thu ruangah lawngte ih um (cuti ih umdan zirnak).

nudist /-ɪst/ (also **naturist**) *n* lawngte ih um hman minung.

nudity /'nju:dəti; US 'nu:-/ *n* [U] lawngfangkkeh: *Some people regard nudity as offensive.*

□ **nudist camp** (also **nudist colony**) lawngfangkkeh ih umtheinak le cangvai theinak hmun.

nudge /nʌdʒ/ *v* [Tn] **1** kiu ih dai, dimte ih hngong:

I nudged her and pointed to the man across the street. **2** dimte le nuamte ih tuul asilole sut: *The horse nudged my pocket with its nose.* ○ *He accidentally nudged the gate post with the front of the car.*

▷ **nudge** *n* dai, dimte ih tuul, sutnak: *She gave me a nudge in the ribs.*

NOTE ON USAGE: **Nudge, prod, poke, jab** and **stab** indicate the action of pushing a hard or sharp object (eg a finger or stick) into a person or thing and are shown here in increasing order of force or violence. **Nudge** = push or touch gently, especially with one's elbow, in order to catch somebody's attention: *She nudge him with her elbow.* **Prod (at)** = push, especially with a finger or stick, in order, for example, to make something move: *He prodded at the pig with his walking-stick.* The three remaining verbs can be used in two constructions: **poke/jab/stab** somebody or something with a sharp object OR **poke/jab/stab** a sharp object into somebody or something. **Poke (at)** = push sharply: *He poked (at) the fire with a stick. He poked a stick into*

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the fire. **Jab (at)** = strike forcefully and roughly with a sharp object: *The vet jabbed (at) the dog with a needle/jabbed a needle into the dog.* **Stab** = strike forcefully into somebody or something with a pointed object, especially a knife, in order to wound: *The killer stabbed him with a knife/stabbed a knife into him.*

nugatory /'nju:gətəri; US 'nu:gətəri/ *adj (fml)* man nei lo; sullam nei lo; ʔhahnem lo: *It's a nugatory idea, argument, proposal, etc.*

nugget /'nʌɡɪt/ *n* **1** leilung sungih tonsuahmi thil mankhung, sui tivek pawl. **2 (fig)** a man khung zet ih ruahmi thilfate: *The is a book full jof nuggets of useful information.*

nuisance /'nju:sns; US 'nu:-/ *n* a buai thlakmi, mi hnaihok thil, minung, umzia: *The noise was so loud that it was a nuisance to the neighbor.*

null /nʌl/ *adj (idm)* **null and void (law)** upadi daan in phiat a si zomi, a ʔhahnem nawn lomi: *this contract null and void.*

▷ **nullify** /'nʌlɪfaɪ/ *v (pt, pp -fied)* **1** upadi daan ih a dinhmun siatter, hlohter. **2** ʔawntai ko ih tuah; leh-rul: *How can we nullify the enemy's propaganda?* **nullification** /'nʌlɪfɪ'keɪsn/ *n* [U].

nullity /'nʌləti/ *n* [U] upadi daan a kim lo mi, phiat a simi: *the nullity of a marriage.* ○ [attrib] a *nullity suit*, ʔhit-umnak phiat dingih thukhinnak, taza cuainak.

numb /nʌm/ *adj* a hit ih a caang thei lomi: *His fingers were numbed with cold.* ○ (fig) *She was numbed with terror.*

▷ **numb v** [Tn esp passive] **1** hit ter: *Her fingers were numbed by the cold.* ○ *His leg was numbed by the intense pain.* **2 (fig)** khurkhua ruat thei lo ih umter: *She was completely numbed by the shock of her father's death.*

numbly *adv.*

numbness *n* [U].

number /'nʌmbə(r)/ *n* **1** [C] Nambat siarnak; a zat simnak: *3, 5, 67 and 104 are numbers* ○ *My telephone number is 622998.* ○ *What's the number of your car?* Cf CARDINAL NUMBER (CARDINAL¹), ORDINAL NUMBER (ORDINAL). **2** (sing or pl in form) a tam a mal, a zat: *A large number of people have applied.* ○ *Considerable numbers of animals have arisen.* ○ *We were fifteen in number.* **3** [sing] (fml) a bur, a tom: *One of our number kanmah lakih pakhat.* **4** [C] (abbrs **No, no;** US symb #) paziatnak ih um, paziatnak a si ti sim nakih hmanmi: *Room No (number) 145 is on the third floor.* ○ *He's living at no 4, Canon Drive* (inn nambat pali ah a um): *No 10, Downing street, is the official residence of the British Prime minister.* **5** [C] thuthang ca le zarhtin an suah mi pawl (ca): *back numbers of 'Time'* ○ *the current numbr of 'Newsweek'.* **6** [C] (music) hla, laam, etc: *Sing a slow, romantic*

number. ○ *they were asked tosing a special number.* **7** [U] (grammar) thilhmin le thiltuah ah pakhat maw, pakhat hnakh tam so ti langternak: *'Men' is plural in number.* ○ *The subject of a sentence and its verb must agree in number.* **8** [sing] (sl) mi ih dawtmi thil: *She was wearing a little red number.* ○ *That new jeep is a fast little number.* **9 numbers** (pl) (infml) kanaan: *He's not good at numbers, kanaan a thiam lo.* **10** (idm) **by numbers** nambat vekih a sangsang tein. **a cushy number** ⇒ CUSHY. **have got sb's number** (sl) mi pakhat ziangvek teu a si; ziang a tumtah timi thei: *She pretends to be friendly but I've got her number.* ○ *She just likes to know everything.* **in round numbers/figures** ⇒ ROUND. **sb's number is up** (pl) mi pakhat a thih caan, a siat caan a thleng: *When the wheel came off the car I thought my number was up!* **number one** (in fml) mah (oneself): *You can depend on it that she'll always look after number one.* (b) mi thupi bik, thil thupi bik: *This company is number one in the oil business.* **sb's opposite number** ⇒ OPPOSITE. **there's safety in numbers** ⇒ SAFETY. **times without number** ⇒ TIME¹. **weight of numbers** ⇒ WEIGHT.

▷ **number v 1** nambat pek, khen: *the doors were numbered 2, 4, 6 and 8.* ○ *We'll number them from one to ten.* **2** cu zat kim: *We numbered twenty kul kan kim.* **3** (idm) **sb's/sth's days are numbered** ⇒ DAY. **4** (phr v) **number sb/sth among sth** bur khat sungih telh: *I number her among my closest friends.* **number off** (military) a sangsang te ih mai nambat siar: *The soldiers numbered off, srtarting from the right-hand man.* **numberless** *adj (fml)* sia cawk lo: *numberless stars, bacteria, grains of sand.* ⇒ Usage at INVALUABLE.

□ **number-plate** (also esp US **license plate, licence plate**) *n* mawʔawka par ih laisin nambat tarnak thirper.

numeral /'nju:mərəl; US 'nu:-/ *n* nambat siarnak. Cf ARABIC NUMRALS (ARABIC), ROMAN NUMERALS (ROMAN).

numerate /'nju:mərət; US 'nu:-/ *adj* kanaan tawkfang a thiammi: *It is important to make children numerate.* Cf LITERATE 1.

▷ **numeracy** /'nju:mərəsi; US 'nu:-/ *n* [U].

numeration /'nju:mə'reɪʃn/ *n* [U] (mathematics) **1** nambat siar dan. **2** nambat ih nganmi ʔongfang awsuak ih siar dan.

numerator /'nju:mə'reɪtə(r); US 'nu:-/ *n* bung ʔhen kanaan ih a tlunta nambat ¾ (ʔhen 4 ih ʔhen 3). Cf DENOMINATOR.

numerical /'nju:'merɪkl; US nu:-/ *adj* nambat thawn a pehpar aw mi: *in numerical order* ○ *numerical symbols.*

▷ **numerically** /-klɪ/ *adv* a zat ih siar in: *The enemy were numerically superior.*

numerous /ˈnju:mərəs; US ˈnu:-/ *adj* (*fml*) tam zet: *Her numerous friends* ○ *on numerous occasions*.

numinous /ˈnju:mi:nəs; US ˈnu:-/ *adj* (*religion*) thlarau mi sinak.

numismatics /ˈnju:mɪzˈmætɪks; US ˈnu:-/ *n* [sing *v*] thir, ngun tangka le medal tuah zirnak.

▷ **numismatist** /ˈnju:ˈmɪzˈmætɪst; US ˈnu:-/ *n* tangka le medal a tuahtu; a khawl khawmtu.

num-skull (also **numb-skull**) /ˈnʌmskʌl/ *n* (*infml*) mi-aa; mi santlai lo.

nun /nʌn/ *n* phungki tlawngih ummi nunau phungki. Cf **MONK**.

▷ **nunnery** /ˈnʌnəri/ *n* phungki nunau pawl umnak (*convent*). Cf **MONASTERY**.

nuncio /ˈnʌnsiəʊ/ *n* (*pl* ~ **s**) Pope ih thlahmi ram palai (*ambassador*).

nuptial /ˈnʌpʃl/ *adj* [attrib] (*fml or joc*) thit-umnak thawn a pepar mi: *the nuptial ceremony* ○ *nuptial bliss*.

▷ **nuptials** *n* [*pl*] (*fml or joc*) thit-unmak (*kutsihnak*): *the day of nuptials*.

nurse¹ /nɜ:s/ *n* **1** minaa tuamhlawmtu, sibawi bawmtu sayama (mipa a si le malenurse ti a si): *Red Cross nurses*. ○ *Male nurses are often employed in hospitals for the mentally ill*. ○ *a psychiatric nurse* thinlung le thluak a dik lomi pawl retnak sizungih hna a tuanmi sayama. **2** (also **nurse-maid**) naute umtu nunau. Cf **NANNY**. **3** (also **wet nurse**) maih fa a silo mi hnawiti fawh hna a tuantu nunau.

nurse² /nɜ:s/ *v* **1** [*I, Tn*] minaa le hmapu pawl tuamhlawm, zoh, kilkhawi: *My mother's been nursing for 40 years*. ○ *She nurses her aged mother*. **2** hnawi fawp, hnawi fawh: *The baby was nursing at its mother's breast*. ○ *being nursed at*. **3** cawi, pom, bom: *She nurses a child/a puppy*. ○ *He nurses a fragile vase in his arms*. **4** (**a**) zoh dingah hlumte ih um. (**b**) thinlung ih uammi, ruah ringring mi: *nurse feelings of revenge, hopes of promotion, etc*.

▷ **nursing** *n* [*U*] dam dingih mi tuamhlawmnak: *train for (a career in) nursing* ○ [attrib] *the nursing*.

□ **nursing-home** a bikin mahte neihmi sizung fate (nu-tar pa-tar pawl tla an um theu).

nursing mother naute hnawi a fawhtu nu (nupi nu).

nursery /ˈnɜ:səri/ *n* **1** nau-umnak hmun; nu le pa hna tuan an feh sung nauhak pawl retnak tlawng (tualleng tlawng): *a day nursery*. Cf **CRECHE**. **2** naute pawl hrangih retmi innkhaan pakhat: *We've turn the smallest bed room into a nursery for our new baby*. **3** (often *pl* though referring to a single place) thilci, thlaici erhnak hmun: *I'm going to the nursery/nurseries in Hampton to buy new plants*.

□ **nurseryman** *n* (*pl* -**men**) thlaici erhnak ih

hna a tuantu.

nursery nurse nauhak te pawl tuamhlawmtu nurse sayama.

nursery rhyme (usu *traditiona*) nauhak te pawl hrang phuahmi hla, biazai.

nursery school tualleng tlawng (kum 2, 3 in kum 5 tiang). Cf **PLAYGROUP** (**PLAY**¹).

nursery slope vur par tawlh zir pawl hrangih a tawkmi hmun hrap tuk lo.

nursery stakes kum hnih tang pawl tlan zuamnak.

nurture /ˈnɜ:tʃə(r)/ *v* [*Tn*] **1** (nau hak te) fingkhawi le zirh: *Children are nurtured by loving parents*.

2 (**a**) hanter, cawmdawl: *He nurtures delicate plants*. (**b**) thangso dingih bawm: *We want to nurture the new project, not destroy it*.

▷ **nurture** *n* [*U*] fingkhawi, tuamhlawmnak; bomnak: *the nurture of a child, plant* ○ *the nurture of new talents*.

nut /nʌt/ *n* **1** [*C*] (often in compounds) a hawng a hakmi ei tha thingrah: *chocolate with fruit and nuts*. ○ *a hezlnut* ○ *a walnut* ○ *a Brazil-nut*.

2 [*C*] skru lu; thir hrennak ih hmanmi a laifang ongmi thir perte (bolt tlong lo dingih hrencih mi).

3 [*C*] (*sl*) (minung) lu: *He cracked his nut on the ceiling*. **4** **nuts** meiling/meihol. **5** **nuts** [*pl*] (*sl esp US*) til: *He kicks the man in the nuts*.

6 [*C*] (*sl derog*) (**a**) (*Brit also nutter*) mi-aa: *He drives like a nut — he'll kill himself one day*. (**b**)

(preceded by a *n*) thil pakhat atcihtu: *a moving nut, a soccer nut*. **7** (*idm*) **do one's nut** (*Brit sl*)

thinng tuk: *She'll do her nut when she sees the broken window*. **for nuts/peanuts** (*Brit sl derog*)

hrimhrim lo: *He can't play football for nuts!* **a hard/tough nut (to crack)** (*infml*) (**a**) buainak,

(ngaihtuah harmi) umzia: *The final exam was a tough nut*. (**b**) lemhar, soisak harmi minung: *She's a tough nut to crack* ○ *I don't think she'll give us permission*. **the nuts and bolts** (*infml*) a

tułmi a terekte pawl: *The manager has been dealing with the nuts and bolts of the project*. **off one's nut** (*sl*) mi hmukhmak: *You must be off your nut!*

▷ **nutty** *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) thing theirah ih thawtnak; rah pawl a tel mi: *a nutty flavour* ○ *nutty chocolate, cake, etc*. **2** (*sl*) mi hmukhmak;

thinlung ciangkuang lo: *I love her nutty behaviour!* **3** (*idm*) (**as**) **nutty as a fruitcake** (*sl*)

mi hawizawng lo, mi phundang.

□ **nut-brown** *adj* hazel rah a pawl nawn pianhngang neimi.

nut-case *n* (*sl*) mi-aa.

nutcrackers *n* [*pl*] nut thingrah pawl kheh-nak.

nut-house *n* (*sl offensive*) thinlung diklo (a mawlh mi) pawl retnak sizung.

nutshell *n* **1** nut thingrah tuamtu a hakmi hawng. **2** (*idm*) (**put sth in a nutshell**) tongfang

malte ih thil pakhat simsuak: *To put it in a*

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nutmeg /ˈnʌtmeg/ *n* **1** [C] E India ih thingrah hmui phunkhat mu. **2** [U] rawl hmuihmer tertu hih thingrah rialdipmi.
nutrient /ˈnjuːtriənt; US ˈnuː-/ *adj (fml)* a bikin thingkung hrampi le tilva pawl cahdamnak petu thil: *Plants draw minerals and other nutrients from the soil.*
nutriment /ˈnjuːtrɪmənt; US nuː-/ *n* [C, U] (*fml*) cahdamnak petu rawl: *essential nutriments for a growing child.*
nutrition /ˈnjuːtriʃn; US nuː-/ *n* [U] **1** damnak petu rawl; rawl: *This food provides all the nutrition your dog needs.* **2** minung nunnak rawl thu zirnak: *a number of books on nutrition.*
 ▷ **nutritional** *adj* the nutitional value of a food.
nutritionally *adv.*
nutritionist *n* cahdamnak pe theitu rawl umzia a thei ngah ih a zirhtu.
nutritious /ˈnjuːˈtriʃəs; US nu-/ *adj (fml)* cahdamnak rawl, rawl tha: *a nutritious meal, snack, etc.*
nutritive /ˈnjuːtrətɪv; US nu-/ *adj (fml)* **1** rawl vekih pekmi: *a nutritive substance.* **2** cahdamnak petu rawl thawn pehpar in: *the nutritive process.*
nuts /nʌts/ *adj* [pred] (*sl*) **1** hmukhmak, mawlh.
2 nuts about sth duh tuk, a atcih: *She's beautiful I'm nuts about her.* ○ *He's nuts on cars.*
nutter /ˈnʌtə(r)/ *n* (*Brit infml*) = NUT 6.

nuzzle /ˈnʌzl/ *v* **1** hnar thawn dimte le nuamte ih hnawt, dai: *The horse nuzzled my shoulder.* **2** (*phr v*) **nuzzle up to sb/sth; nuzzle (up) against sb/sth** lu a silole hnar thawn nuamte le dimte ih hnawt, dai: *The dog nuzzled up to/against me on the sofa.*
NW *abbr* North-West (*ern*) ○ *NW Australia.*
NY *abbr* New York.
NYC *abbr* New York City.
nylon /ˈnaɪlɒn; US -lə:n/ *n* **1** [U] hri, burut le samthih tivek tuahnak hmanmi nailonhri: *This dress is 80% nylon.* ○ [attrib] *nylon tights, nylon blouses, etc.* **2 nylons** [pl] nunau mawca.
nymph /nɪmf/ *n* **1** (Greek le Rom pawl ih khuavaang thuanthu sungah) tiva, thingkung, tlang tivekih ummi khawzing nu. **2** (a bikin baizai sungah) a mawimi falano. Cf SYLPH. **3** pitling pianzia a kengmi cucik kharbawk faate.
nymphet /ˈnɪmfet; nɪmˈfet/ *n* (*in fml or joc*) mi a hiip theimi fala no.
nympho /ˈnɪmfəʊ; US -foʊ/ *n* (*pl ~ s*) (*infml often derog sexist*) a hurtuk mi nunau.
nymphomania /ˈnɪmfəˈmeɪniə/ *n* [U] sup aw thei lo tiangih mipa duhtuknak.
 ▷ **nymphomaniac** /ˈnɪmfəˈmeɪniæk/ *n, adj (often derog) (woman)* mipa hiar tuknak; cuvekih a hiar tukmi nunau.
NZ *abbr* New Zealand.