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P, p /pi:/ *n* (pl **P's, p's** /pi:z/) **1** Mirang (*English*) cawang ah a hleiruknak: 'Philip' begins with (a) P/P'. **2** (idm) **mind one's p's and q's** ⇒ MIND².

P abbr (on a road sign) parking (area).

p abbr **1** (pl **pp**) page: see p 94 ○ pp 63-97. **2** /pi:/ (*Brit infml*) (decimal) penny or pence: a 12p stamp. Cf **D** 1. **3** (*music*) diimte'n; nuamten (*Italian piano*). Cf **F** 3.

pa /pa:/ *n* (*infml*) father; hringtu pa.

PA /pi:/ 'ei/ abbr **1** (*infml*) personal assistant: She works as PA to the managing director. **2** Press Association. **3** public address (system): I heard it on the PA.

pa abbr per year (*Latin per annum*): salary £12000 pa.

pace¹ /peis/ *n* **1** [C] kal (ke kal khat); kar: only a few paces away ○ She took two paces forward/ She advanced two paces. **2** [sing] (a) khul (a fung, a rang relnak, rang dan relnak): at a good, fast, slow, walking, etc pace ○ quicken one's pace ○ She slowed down her pace so I could keep up with her. ○ (fig) He gave up his job in advertising because he couldn't stand the pace, ie found the pressure of work too great. (b) [U] thansonak ih khul, karhzai daan: the pace of change in the electronics industry ○ This novel lacks pace, ie Its plot develops too slowly. **3** (idm) **at a snail's pace** ⇒ SNAIL. **force the pace** ⇒ FORCE². **keep pace (with sb/sth)** hmainawt, hmainor (*forward*) karh (thangso): He was so unfit he couldn't keep pace (with us). ○ It's important for a firm to keep pace with changes in the market. ○ Are wages keeping pace with inflation? **put sb/sth through his/its paces** ziang a bang (thiamnak/cahnak/nuncan) ti ih zohhniknak: The new recruits were put through their paces. ○ put a new car through its paces. **set the pace** tlan, feh, kekal tivek ah midang hnakin rang bik, cak bik in, mi zohthim tlaak in tlan/feh/vak thei: (fig) This company is setting the pace (ie is the most successful) in the home computer market.

□ **pacemaker** *n* (a) (also **pace-setter**) tlan zuamawknak ah, saikal (thirleeng)/mawtawka tlan zuamawknak ah a rang bik/a cak bik in, midang daw/thlun ding khop in a tlan/a mawng theitu: (fig) That firm was the pace-setter in car design for many years, ie introduced new ideas which were copied by others. (b) lungtur a dik lo/a cak lomi bawmtu electronic cet thilri.

pace² /peis/ *v* **1** (a) [Ipr, Ip] kekal hmanhman ih feh: He paced up and down the platform, waiting for the train. (b) [Tn] pakhat le pakhat

karlak; sungah feh/vak rero: The prisoner paced the floor of his cell. **2** [Tn] milai/rang/saikal tlan zuamawknak ah a rang daan ding thu khiahmi. **3** (phr v) **pace sth off/out** kekar in tah (ziang can a hlat/sau ti kha kekar in tah): She paced out the length of the room.

pace³ /peisi/ *prep* (*Latin*) upatnak in, a lungkimnak in.

pachyderm /pækidɜ:m/ *n* a vun a sah zetmi ke pali nei ramsa pawl; vui, zur tivek pawl.

pacific /pə'sifik/ *adj* (*fml*) remdaihnak tuah, remdaihnak duh zet.

▷ **pacifically** /-kli/ *adv*.

pacifism /pæsɪfɪzəm/ *n* [U] hriamhrei thawn do-awknak hmuahhmuah cu a tha lo; hau-awknak le rem lonak hmuahhmuah cu daite ih relkhawm in remter ding a si ti ih ruahnak.

▷ **pacifist** /-ist/ *n* raldo duh lo hau-awknak hmuah cu daite in relsuak ding a si ti ih a ruattu rem rel duhtu. Cf CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR (CONSCIENTIOUS).

pacify /pæsɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **-fied**) [Tn] **1** daiter (mi thinhennak daiter): He tried to pacify his creditors by repaying part of the money. **2** hmunkhat ih ral do-awknak daiter; remter/ daiter.

▷ **pacification** /pæsɪfɪ'keɪʃn/ *n* [U] remte ih um; daite ih um: the pacification of the rebel states. **pacifier** *n* (US) = DUMMY 3.

pack¹ /pæk/ *n* **1** [C] (a) thil a phunphun funmi, phurh dingih funmi thil phunkim: The tramp carried his belongings in a pack on his back. (b) zaang ih phurhmi puan khauh zet, lole, savun ih tuahmi dip hri neimi. Cf BACKPACK, HAVERSACK, RUCKSACK. **2** [C] cahnah, lole, cahnah khauh ih tuahmi thil retnak: a six-pack of beer, ie six cans of beer wrapped and sold together ○ (esp US) a pack of cigarettes. ⇒ Usage at PACKET. **3** [CGp] (a) sahning ei ramsa: Wolves hunt in packs. (b) rang thawn ramtoihnak hmanmi uico rual a bur ih ummi: a pack of hounds. (c) kum 7 ihsin kum 11 karlak nauhak mipa (Scouts), lole, nunau (Brownies) buur: a Brownie pack. (d) Rugby bawhlung team ih a hmailam lektu pawl. **4** [CGp] ~ (of sb/sth) (*derog*) tɔngmawi theinak dingih hman theumi minung, lole, thilri; eg mi aa rual/fifir rual/thuphan tom: a pack of fools/thieves ○ a pack of lies. **5** [C] (US **deck**) phekaat 52 a ummi phehtuk. **6** [C] hmai ngil dingih thuh lawkmi; thilri baalmi faiternak ih thuh lawkmi (ti le sabuan thawn faiter saalmi): a face-pack ○ an ice-pack.

□ **pack-animal** *n* thil phurhnak sumhnam, eg

rang, kalauk.

pack-ice *n* [U] tiffinriat, lole, tipi thuanthum parih tikhal fatete a finaw ih tikhal tumpi ah a cangmi.

pack-saddle *n* thiltom pawl ðeemnak a ummi rang tohkham.

packthread *n* [U] thil ðhitnak, lole, thil ðeemnak hrang hri fek.

pack² /pæk/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Tn, Tnpr] ~ **A** (in/into **B**); ~ **B** (with **A**) phur dingih ret/thun/san/tom, lole, hmanlai dingih thil ret: *Have you packed (your suitcase) yet?* ○ *Don't forget to pack your tooth brush!* ○ *All these books need to be packed (into boxes).* ○ *pack clothes into a trunk/pack a trunk with clothes* ○ *He takes a packed lunch* (ie sandwiches, etc packed into a box or some other container) *to work every day.* (b) [I, Ipr] ~ (into **sth**) thil phurhnak, lole, retnak ih ret le thun a theihmi: *This dress packs easily.* ○ *These clothes won't all pack into one suitcase.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (in **sth**) fun: *pack china in newspaper* ○ *glass packed in straw.* **3** [Tn] ngasa le sa tivek pawl reipi ret thei dingah thirbu sungih thanmi. **4** [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (with **sth/sb**) thil pakhat sungah thilri, lole, minung khat ko ih um/ret: *chanting fans packed the stadium/The stadium was packed with chanting fans.* ○ *The show played to packed houses,* ie large audiences. ○ *This book is packed with useful information.* ○ *an action-packed film, novel, etc* ○ *The restaurant was packed,* ie crowded with people. **5** [I, Tn] (of snow, ice, etc) thil hak a tlangpi cangmi: *The snow had packed against the wall.* ○ *The wind packed the snow against the wall.* **6** [Tn] (US *infml*) thil hmanrua thawn thuam-aw: *pack a gun.* **7** [Tn] (*derog*) mi pakhat za-awi dingih kawmiti hril, lole, palai thlah. **8** (idm) **pack one's bags** puantom zual; pok dingih timtuah: *After their row she packed her bags and left.* ○ *He was told to pack his bags.* **pack a (hard, etc) punch** (*infml*) (a) na pi in thong thei. (b) (fig) hmual nei: *Those cocktails pack quite a punch!* **send sb packing** ⇒ SEND.

9 (phr v) **pack sth away** thingkuang bizu tivek sungih thil hei than: *she packed away the deck-chairs for the winter.*

pack (sb/sth) in; pack (sb/sth) into sth tet zet ko tuah, ben: *All six of us packed into the tiny car.* ○ *That show has been packing them in for months,* ie attracting large audiences. **pack it in** (*infml*) midang thinhennak tuah/hnaihnocter mi va banter: *I'm sick of your complaining — just pack it in, will you?* **pack sth in** (*infml*) baansan; taansan: *She's packed in her job.* ○ *Smoking's bad for you; you ought to pack it in.* **pack sth in; pack sth in/into sth** caan tawite sungah thil tampi va tuah: *She managed to pack a lot of sightseeing into three*

days.

pack sb off (to...) hmun dangih mi va hnawh, daw: *She packed the children off to bed.* ○ *We were packed off to stay in the country.*

pack sth out (esp passive) umnak ah mi khat ðeh (eg baisakup zung tivek): *Opera houses were packed out whenever she was singing.*

pack up (*infml*) (a) thil tuahmi bansan: *Business is terrible — I might as well pack up.*

(b) (cet thilri pawl) a siat ih caangvai lo: *My car has packed up.* **pack (sth) up** hmundang ih va pok dingah thilri pawl tom le thil retnak ih san, timtuah: *He packed up his things and left.*

▷ **packer** *n* thil tom le fuuntu minung, lole, cet.

package /pækɪdʒ/ *n* [C] **1** (a) cahnah ih funmi, lole, thingkuang sungih sanmi thil: *The postman brought me a large package.* (b) thil sannak kuang. **2** (US) =PACKET. ⇒ Usage at PACKET. **3** (also **package deal**) thu burmi, lole, thubur cohlanmi: *Ministers are trying to put together a package that will end the dispute.*

▷ **package v** [Tn] zuar dingih thil pakhat thil funnak sungih san, lole a fun ih tuah: *Their products are always attractively packaged.*

packaging *n* [U] thilri funnak dingih thil tuah daan. ⇒ Usage at PACKET.

□ **package store** (US) =OFF-LICENCE.

package holiday, package tour tlawngpih caan a bur ih khualtlawnnak (cemliam ding pawl pakhat ih rak pek cia).

packet /pækɪt/ *n* [C] (a) (US usu **package**) thil zuar dingmi funnak dingih tuahmi cahnah, lole, cahnah kuangte: *a packet of biscuits, cigarettes, tea, etc.* (b) thilfun, thil sannak bu. **2** [sing] (*infml*) tangka tampi hlauh: *make* (ie earn) *a packet* ○ *cost* (sb) *a packet.* **3** [C] (also **packet-boat**) naite hmun-le-hmun ih ca phurtu le minung phurtu lawng. **4** (idm) **cop a packet** ⇒ COP².

NOTE ON USAGE: Some things in shops are sold in **packets** (US **pack**): *a packet of sweets, crisps, cigarettes* ○ *a six-pack of beer.* Note that a *packet/pack of cigarettes* contains some cigarettes but a *cigarette packet/pack* may be empty. A **parcel** (US also **package**) is something wrapped, often in brown paper, so that it can be sent by post: *The postman rang the bell because he had a parcel/package to deliver.* A **package** in British English is usually carried and not sent. **Packaging** is the material used to wrap and protect products sold in shops or sent through the post.

packing /pækɪŋ/ *n* [U] **1** thil fun zia. **2** thil funnak ding thilri: *pay extra for postage and packing,* ie when ordering goods by post.

□ **packing-case** *n* thil retnak ding/sannak ding thingkuang, lole, thil retnak.

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pact /pækt/ *n* khat le khat lungkim aw ih tuahmi cakhen (*sa-chuk*) — lungkim tiam-awknak ca: *They made a pact not to tell anyone.* ○ *a non-aggression pact.*

pad¹ /pæd/ *n* **1** thil dangih hnawt, rawt; khawngpang lo dingih a nemmi thilri tuamnak hmanmi, dammi, dam: *put a pad of cotton wool and gauze over a wound* ○ *shoulder pads*, ie to give shape to a jacket or dress. **2** (*usu pl*) lehnak ih khawngpang tikah na lo dingih tuammi thil neem: *shin pads*, ie worn by footballers, etc to protect the shins. **3** a tlaang khat ih erh cihmi cangannak cahnah: *a writing pad.* **4** = *INK-PAD.* **5** ramsa hrekhat pawl ih a tiit neemmi ke tanglam, eg uico, cinghnia. **6** vanzam, lole, helikopta pawl tumnak dingih tuahmi leirawn/lei ngil: *a launching pad.* **7** (*sl*) mi pakhat ih umnak: *Come back to my pad.*

pad² /pæd/ *v* (-dd-) **1** [*Tn esp passive*] thil pakhat siat lo dingih khamnak hrangih a tuamtu/thilri; pawr tuum deuh seh ti ih thilri nem ih tuam: *a padded envelope*, ie for sending fragile objects in ○ *a jacket with padded shoulders* ○ *a padded bra*, ie one worn to make the breasts appear larger. **2** (*phr v*) **pad sth out** (*a*) a pian danternak dingih thilri neem thawn hei tuah/thuam: *pad out the shoulders of a jacket to make them look square.* (*b*) tong le ca ngan ah san deuhternak dingih a thupi lole tuul lo betmi: *I padded out my answer with plenty of quotations.* ▷ **padding** *n* [*U*] **1** thil tuamnak dingih hmanmi thil neem. **2** ca-uk nganmi ah le tongnak ah a tuul lomi hei betmi: *there's a lot of padding in this novel.*

□ **padded cell** thluak kim lo sizung ah mina pawl tuahmawh-awknak lonak dingih tuahmi a neemmi phar, pharneem.

pad³ /pæd/ *v* (-dd-) (*phr v*) **pad about, along, around, etc** tumtahnak zawn ah ke feh awn ring lo te thawn feh: *The dog padded along next to its owner.* ○ *pad about the house in one's slippers.*

paddle¹ /pædl/ *n* **1** [*C*] a zim khatlam, lole, a zim lam veve a peer zet ih salhmi lawng hlaunak thing. **2** [*sing*] lawng hlaunak. **3** [*C*] lawng hlaunak vekih tuahmi thil thawinak, coknak, lole, rawl coknak thil (buhlel).

▷ **paddle** *v* [*Ip, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p*] **1** (*a*) lawng hlaunak: *We paddled (the canoe) slowly upstream.* (*b*) nuamnai te in lawng hlaunak. **2** (*idm*) **paddle one's own canoe** (*fml*) mahte ih ding, midang rinsan lo.

□ **paddle-boat** *n* leeng kekual a merhnak neimi lawng.

paddle-steamer *n* leeng ke kual merhnak neimi meisa tha ih fehmi lawng tumpi.

paddle-wheel *n* leeng kekual tlaang ah thing pheng ummi lawng.

paddle² /pædl/ *v* **1** [*I, Ip, Ip*] tidai puan ah ke

lawng ih hei feh: *paddling (about) at the water's edge.* Cf *WADE.* **2** [*Tn*] ti lak ah kut, lole, ke nuamte ih caangvai: *paddle one's toes in the water.*

▷ **paddle** *n* [*sing*] thil pakhat thawnnak dingih thil merhmi caan.

□ **paddling pool** (*US wading pool*) nauhak pawl lawng tonak ding tili puan te tuahmi.

paddock /pædək/ *n* **1** rang pawl thlahnak, lole, rang pawl thil zirhnak hmun. **2** rang, lole, mawtawka tlan zuam-awknak hmunah tlan zuam hlan ih a tlar ih feh khawmnak.

paddy¹ /pædi/ **1** [*C*] (also **paddy-field**) fangcang lo. **2** [*U*] fangcang kung pawl, lole, den hrih lomi fangmu (fanghum).

paddy² /pædi/ *n* (*Brit infml*) thin ai-thok, thinheng: *There's no need to get into such a paddy.*

Paddy /pædi/ *n* (*infml offensive*) Ireland mi (zomtainnak ih kawh).

padlock /pædlɒk/ *n* tawhkual; thir kual kilhnak phoih thei dingih tuahmi 'U' pianzia a simi tawh.

▷ **padlock** *v* [*Tn, Tn-pr*] hivek tawh ih hei hren: *The gate was padlocked.* ○ *She padlocked her bike to the railings.*

padre /pɑːdreɪ/ *n* (*infml*) (kawh daan) **1** ralkap sung ih tuammi (pastor) Pathian riantu: *Good morning, padre!* Cf *CHAPLAIN.* **2** (*Brit*) puithiam, pastor.

paean (*US pean*) /piːən/ *n* (*fml*) nehnak/porhnak, lole, khaisannak hla (khuate hlasam): *a paean of praise.*

paederasty = *FEDERASTY.*

paediatrics (*US pediatrics*) /piːdɪəˈtriːks/ *n* [*sing v*] nauhak natnak le a sii.

▷ **paediatric** (*US pediatric*) *adj* nauhak natnak le a sii thawn a sengmi: *a paediatric ward*, ie for sick children.

paediatrician (*US pedi-*) /piːdɪəˈtriːʃn/ *n* nauhak nat zohtu sibawi.

paed(o)- (*US ped(o)-*) *comb form* naute/nauhak: *paediatrics.*

paedophilia (*US pedo-*) /piːdɪˈfɪliə/ *n* [*U*] nauhak parah taksa hiarnak a neimi (nu le pa pawl duhnak neitu).

paella /paˈlelə/ *n* [*U*] buh, arsa, nga, kaikuang, cangai tivek le hanghnah hangrah pawl suanmi (u-kaang) kuang tumpi ah suang le ret ih eimi Spain rawl.

pagan /peɪɡən/ *n* **1** Khrihfa, Judah biaknak, lole, Muslem biaknak pawl a bia lotu. **2** (*formerly*) Khrihfa a si lomi. **3** biaknak nei lomi. Cf *ATHEIST* (*ATHEISM*).

▷ **pagan** *adj* Pathian bia mi si lonak thawn a pehparmi: *pagan worship of the sun.*

page¹ /peɪdʒ/ *n* **1** (*a*) (*abbr p*) cahmai: *read a few pages of a book* ○ *You'll find the quotation on page 35.* (*b*) cahnah hmai: *Several pages have*

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been torn out of the book. **2** thuanthu sungah thil a cangmi, lole, caan ngan ding a simi: a glorious page of English history.

▷ **page** *v* [Tn] cahmai hei siar.

page² /peɪdʒ/ (also **page-boy**) *n* (**a**) (US bellboy) rawl dawr vekah thil thuam a ce keng ih mi puantom/kutkhai ken sak, sangka on saktu nauhak/mino mipa hnaʔuantu. (**b**) mi upa ih tirhfialmi mipa nauhak mino, lole, monu umpitu.

▷ **page** *v* [Tn] awring (loudspeaker) sung in poihai sim duh ih mi hmin hei kawh.

pageant /ˈpædʒənt/ *n* **1** mi tampi zoh dingah hnipuan phunphun hruuk ih zinpi zawh ih fehmi, lole, tualleeng ih thuanthucawn hmuhmi: (fig) the pageant of history, ie history as a succession of colourful events. **2** thilzoh nuam hmuhtermi.

▷ **pageantry** /ˈpædʒəntri/ *n* [U] thil zohnuam dingih tuahmi: all the pageantry of a coronation.

paginate /ˈpædʒineɪt/ *v* [Tn] cabu ih cahmai pawl hei siar.

▷ **pagination** /ˌpædʒɪˈneɪʃn/ *n* [U] cahmai nambat nganmi.

pagoda /pəˈɡəʊdə/ *n* a sak daan a dotdot in ummi biaknak inn — pura, purang.

paid *pt, pp* of PAY².

pail /peɪl/ *n* (**a**) baʔin/kheeng: a pail of water. (**b**) kheeng sung thil ummi.

▷ **pailful** /ˈpeɪlfʊl/ *n* kheeng khat a simi thil.

paillasse = PALLIASSE.

pain /peɪn/ *n* **1** (**a**) [U] natnak: be in (great) pain ○ feel some, no, not much, a lot of, etc pain ○ a cry of pain ○ scream with pain ○ suffer from acute back pain ○ her back causes/gives her a lot of pain. (**b**) [C] taksa nom lonak: have a pain in one's back, chest, shoulder, etc ○ stomach pains. (**c**) [U] thinlung ih tuarnak: His harsh words caused her much pain. ○ the pain of separation. **2** [C] (infml) thinlung hnaihnik le nom lonak petu: She's been complaining again—what a pain! **3** (idm) **a pain in the neck** (infml) nin-umza a simi pa/nu. **on/under pain/penalty of sth** (fml) cawhkuan/hrem ton theinak: Prisoners were forbidden to approach the fence under pain of death.

▷ **pain** *v* [Tn no passive] natter: My foot is still paining me. ○ It pains me to have to tell you that.... **pained** *adj* tuar: a pained look, expression, glance, etc.

painful /-fl/ *adj* **1** natnak thlak: a painful blow on the shoulder ○ Her shoulder is still painful. **2** riahsiatnak, lole, ningzahnak suahter: a painful experience, memory ○ His incompetence was painful to witness. ○ It was my painful duty to tell him he was dying. ○ Her performance was painful, ie very bad. **3** har zet, lole, zinfē zet: the painful process of stripping the paint off the wall.

painfully /-fl/ *adv*: Her thumb is painfully swollen. ○ become painfully aware of sth. **painfulness** *n* [U].

painless *adj* naa lo: a painless injection. **painlessly** *adv*. **painlessness** *n* [U].

□ **pain-killer** *n* nat a deem deuhtertu sii: She's on (ie taking) pain-killers.

pains /peɪnz/ *n* [pl] (idm) **be at pains to do sth** thil pakhat teima zet ih tuah: She was at pains to stress the benefits of the scheme. ○ He was at great pains to deny the rumour of redundancies. **be a fool for one's pains** ⇒ FOOL¹. **for one's pains** mi pakhat ih teimak zuamnak, lole, harsat tuarnak ih a thusuak: she looked after her sick mother for 10 years and all she got for her pains was ingratitude, ie she received no thanks for her efforts. **spare no pains doing/to do sth** ⇒ SPARE². **take (great) pains (with/over/to do sth)** thil pakhat ralring zet, lole, teima zet ih hei tuah: She takes great pains with her work. ○ Great pains have been taken to ensure the safety of passengers.

□ **painstaking** /ˌpeɪnzteɪkɪŋ/ *adj* teima le ralring zet ih tuah: a painstaking job, investigation ○ painstaking accuracy ○ a painstaking student, worker, etc. **painstakingly** *adv*.

paint¹ /peɪnt/ *n* **1** (**a**) [U] thil pakhat parih a pianzia (a zawng/a rong): red, green, yellow, etc paint ○ give the door two coats of paint, ie put two layers of paint on it ○ wet paint, eg written on a notice to warn people not to touch it ○ [attrib] paint marks. (**b**) [U] thil pakhat parih a rong neimi si thuh carmi. **2 paints** [pl] thil thuh ding thil sidur/dawng pawl: The artist brought his paints with him. ○ a set of oil-paints. **3** [U] (usu derog) hmaithuh sii: She wears far too much paint.

□ **paintbox** *n* sii thuhnak retnak dawng pawl thannak thingkuang.

paintbrush *n* si thuhnak ih hmanmi barut.

paintwork *n* [U] thil pakhat parah a zawng/ rong neimi sii thuhmi: The paintwork is in good condition. ○ A stone hit the car and damaged the paintwork.

paint² /peɪnt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Cn-a] thil pakhat parah rong neimi thuh: paint a door, wall, room ○ paint a house blue. **2** [I, Ipr, Tn] rong nei in zukuai: She paints well. ○ paint in oils/water-colours ○ paint a picture, a portrait, a still life, etc ○ paint flowers, a girl, a landscape ○ (fig) In her latest novel she paints a vivid picture of life in Victorian England. **3** [Tn, Cn-a] (often derog) hmai le hmur tivek ah mawinak dingih hnuh: She spends hours painting her face. ○ paint one's nails red. **4** (idm) **not as black as it/one is painted** ⇒ BLACK¹. **paint the town red** (infml) khuasung ah va leeng ih nomnak va tuah ciamco. **5** (phr v) **paint sth in** zuk pakhat parih a mawinak dingih sii thuh bet. **paint sth out**

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thil pakhat nganmi/zukmi lang lo dingin a parah si thuh. **paint over sth** thil ngan cia/a balmi parih si thuh: *We'll have to paint over the dirty marks on the wall.*

painter¹ /peɪntə(r)/ *n* **1** inn le phar tivek pawl sii thuhtu: *He is a painter and decorator.* **2** mi zukuai thiamtu: *a famous painter.*

painter² /peɪntə(r)/ *n* lawng/tangphawlawng colh tiki hri hrennak.

painting /peɪntɪŋ/ *n* **1** [U] thil sii thuh thiam zia. **2** [C] suaimi zuk: *a painting by Rembrandt* ○ *famous paintings.*

pair /peə(r)/ *n* **1** [C] thil khuah khat: *a pair of eyes.* **2** [C] thil pahnih bangrep a simi, bunmi, eg mitkharh: *a pair of spectacles, tights, scissors, compasses* ○ *My spectacles are broken — I'll need to buy another pair.* ○ *These trousers cost £30 a pair.* **3** [pl v] mi pahnih thil tuah tlaang, lole, um tlaang: *the happy pair*, ie the newly married couple ○ (*infml*) *You've behaved very badly, the pair of you!* **4** [CGp] ramsa a pa le a nu khuahkhat: *a pair of swans nesting by the river.* **5** [C] leeng dir tlaangtu rang khuahkhat: *a coach and pair.* **6** [C] thu pakhat ah lungruallak a neimi party khatlam le khatlam ih tangmi Parliament tlangsuak upa pahnih. **7** (idm) **in pairs** a khuahkhuah: *cuff-links are only sold in pairs.* **show a clean pair of heels** ⇒ SHOW².

▷ **pair v** **1** [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **A with B** a khuah ih thil hei ret: *I've been paired with Bob* (ie Bob and I will play together as partners) *in the next round of the competition.* **2** [I] ramsa a pa le a nu pawl-awk. **3** [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **with sb**; ~ **A with B** (in Parliament) pahnih pawl tlaang. **4** (phr v) **pair (sb/sth) off (with sb)** pahnih pahnih ih hei kop: *The students had all paired off by the end of term.* ○ *Her parents tried to pair her off with a rich neighbour.* **pair up (with sb)** thil tuah/lek ding tivek ah a khuahkhuah ih um.

Paisley /peɪzli/ *adj* a teekzum nei thil: *a Paisley tie, dressing-gown, etc.*

pajamas (esp US) = PYJAMAS.

pal /pæl/ *n* (*infml*) **1** rualpi: *We've been pals for years.* **2** (*sometimes ironic*) (lungkim lo zawngih tong hman) ka rual: *Now look here, pal, you're asking for trouble!*

▷ **pal v** (-ll-) (*infml*) (phr v) **pal up (with sb)** rualpi ih hei kom.

pally /pæli/ *adj* ~ (**with sb**) (*infml*) mi kom paihmi: *She's become very pally with the boss/They've become very pally (with each other).*

palace /pælɪs/ *n* **1** ram uktu (siangpahrang), lole, biaknak lam siangkaw inn: *Buckingham Palace* ○ *The palace* (ie A spokesman for the king, queen, etc) *has just issued a statement.* ○ [attrib] *a palace spokesman.* **2** inn tumpi le tha zet a simi: *Compared to ours their house is a*

palace.

□ **palace revolution** siangkahrang, lole, ram uktu pakhat anmai sinak ihsin thlaknak.

palae(o)- (also esp US **pale(o)-**) *comb form* hlanlai Lungto San a simi: *palaeolithic* ○ *palaeontology.*

palaeography /pælɪə'græfi/ (also esp US **paleography** /peɪl-/ *n* [U] hlanlai Lungto San lai ih ca nganmi le thilri pawl thu zirnak.

▷ **palaeographer** (also esp US **paleo-**) /-græfə(r)/ *n.* **palaeographic** /pælɪə'græfɪk/ (also esp US **paleo-** /peɪl-/ *adj.*

palaeolithic /pælɪə'liθɪk/ (also esp US **paleon-** /peɪl-/ *adj* hlanlai Lungto San minung pawl thawn pehpar-awmi.

palaeontology /pælɪn'tɒlədʒi/ (also esp US **paleon-** /peɪl-/ *n* [U] ruah thil pawl um daan zir in khuahlan lei pian tir ih minung thu theih tumnak.

▷ **palaeontologist** (also esp US **paleon-**) /-ədʒɪst/ *n.*

palatable /pælətəbl/ *adj* (**a**) thil a thawmi. (**b**) (*fig*) lungkimza, lole, a thu pom theih zawng a simi: *The truth is not always very palatable.*

▷ **palatably** /-blɪ/ *adv.*

palatal /pælətəl or, rarely, pə'leɪtəl/ *adj* **1** kaa tlun lam, sangkhar, lole, dangtlun. **2** (*phonetics*) kaa kua tlun lam ah lei daiter ih tong daan.

▷ **palatal n** (*phonetics*) lei tlunlam khai ih tong (eg /j, ʒ, ʃ, dʒ/).

palate /pælət/ *n* **1** kaa sung tlun lam: *the hard/soft palate*, ie its front/back part. **2** (usu *sing*) thil thaw le thaw lo theihnak: *a refined palate* ○ *Have a good palate for fine wine.*

palatial /pə'leɪʃl/ *adj* (**a**) siangkahrang inn vek. (**b**) inn tum le a tha zetmi: *a palatial dining room, hotel, residence.*

palatinate /pə'lætɪnət; US -tənət/ *n* hlanlai siangkahrang vekih mi uktu.

palaver /pə'lævə(r); US -læv-/ *n* [U, *sing*] **1** (*infml derog*) thil thupi lo ah tok rero/ruri: *What a palaver there was about paying the bill!* **2** (often *joc*) hmaiton thu relkhawmnak.

pale¹ /peɪl/ *adj* (-r, -est) **1** hmai le taksa pawl rau duadi ih um, raam: *She has a pale complexion.* ○ *Are you feeling all right? You look rather pale.* ○ *He went/turned deathly pale at the news.* ○ *pale with anger, fear, shock, etc.* **2** (**a**) (pianzia) pianzia a raumi: *pale blue eyes* ○ *a pale sky.* (**b**) (khuatleu) vaangsuak lo: *the pale light of dawn.*

▷ **pale v** **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (**with sth**) (**at sth**) a rau, thisen um lo: *She paled with shock at the news.* **2** (phr v) **pale before, beside, etc sth** thil pakhat a dang thawn tahthim tikah a thupi lo deuh: *Her beauty pales beside her mother's.* ○ *Their other problems paled into insignificance beside this latest catastrophe.*

palely /peɪlli/ *adv.*

paleness *n* [U].

□ **pale-face** *n* (derog) America ram ih ummi Indian miphun in Mirang phun pawl an kawhnak.

pale² /peil/ *n* **1** (a) hruangkulhnak thing zim zummi. (b) hruang, lole, ri ðennak. **2** (idm) **beyond the pale** mi zaran, lole, mi senpi in dik an ti lo; pom thei lomi thu: *Those remarks he made were quite beyond the pale.*

pale(o)- ⇒ PALAE(O)-.

palette /pælet/ *n* zuk suai thiam pawl ih an si pianzia rawinak ding thingpheng.

□ **palette-knife** *n* (a) zuksuai thiam pawl ih hmanmi sii cawhnak namte neemmi. (b) rawl cawhnak namte zum bul.

palimpsest /pælimpest/ *n* (usu old) thudang a thar ih ngannak ding hmaisa bik nganmi ca pawl hlön ðehmi kutngan ca.

palindrome /pælindrəm/ *n* dunglam le hmailam bangrep ih siar theihmi ðongfang pawl, eg *madam* or *nurses run*.

paling /peilɪŋ/ *n* thing a zim hriam ih tuahmi.

palisade /pælɪseɪd/ *n* **1** [C] thir tung, lole, a zim lam hriammi hruang. **2 palisades** [pl] (US) tiva kapih ummi lung khaamsaang.

▷ **palisade** *v* [Tn] hruang zum ih kulh.

palish /peilɪʃ/ *adj* taksa rau duadi nawn.

pall¹ /pɔ:l/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (on sb) tontam le hmuhtam ruangih ning: *The pleasures of sunbathing began to pall (on us) after a week on the beach.*

pall² /pɔ:l/ *n* **1** mithi kuang khuhnak puan. **2** (fig) thil sah zet, lole, thim nawn: *A pall of smoke hung over the town.*

□ **pallbearer** *n* mithi thingkuang zawntu.

pallet¹ /pælit/ *n* thil sannak ih hmanmi thing/ thir kuangdau.

pallet² /pælit/ *n* **1** fang kung (capawl) ih tuahmi/ fang kung sanmi ihphah. **2** ihkhun hak fate.

palliasse (also **pallasse**) /pæliæs; US /pælɪæs/ *n* fangcang kung (capawl) thunmi ihphah.

palliate /pæliet/ *v* [Tn] (fml) **1** natnak deem deuhter. **2** sualnak, lole, upadi buarmi parah a thu deem deuhter.

▷ **palliation** /pælietɪʃn/ *n* [U] deemter deuhnak.

palliative /pælietɪv/ *n*, *adj* **1** (medicine) natnak a tuar deem deuh theinak sii: *Aspirin is a palliative (drug).* **2** a hrampi rehter loin puandeuh ih deemtermi: *Security checks are only a palliative (measure) in the fight against terrorism.*

pallid /pælid/ *adj* natnak ruangih hmai le taksa rau: *a pallid complexion* ○ *You look a bit pallid — do you feel all right?*

▷ **pallidly** *adv*. **pallidness** *n* [U].

pallor /pælə(r)/ *n* [U] (esp **unhealthy**) dam lonak ruangih hmai rau, raam: *Her cheeks have a sickly pallor.*

pally ⇒ PAL.

palm¹ /pɑ:m/ *n* **1** (a) kutzaphak: *sweaty palms* ○ *read sb's palm*, ie tell sb's fortune by looking at

the lines on his palm ○ *He held the mouse in the palm of his hand.* (b) kutzaphak tuamnak: *gloves with leather palms.* **2** (idm) **cross sb's palm with silver** ⇒ CROSS². **grease sb's palm** ⇒ GREASE *v*. **have sb in the palm of one's hand** mi pakhat parah thuneih zetnak. **have an itching palm** ⇒ ITCH *v*.

▷ **palm** *v* **1** [Tn] mi bumnak ah paisa thir, lole, phehnah kut zaphak ih hei thup. **2** [Tn, Tn.pr] kut zaphak ih thawi/beng (bawhlung thawi/beng): *The goalkeeper just managed to palm the ball over the crossbar.* **3** (phr *v*) **palm sb off (with sth)** (infml) hrokhrawl ih mi pakhat thil pakhat cohlang dingih hei leemsiah: *He tried to palm me off with some excuse about the bus being late.* **palm sb/sth off (on sb)** (infml) mi pakhat, lole thil pakhat kan duh lo ruangah midang ih cohlang ding forhfiat: *They palmed their unwelcome guests off on the neighbours.*

palm² /pɑ:m/ *n* **1** (also **palm-tree**) ðaan kung (khuasatnak ih khomi): *a date palm* ○ *a coconut palm* ○ [attrib] *palm fronds.* **2** ral nehnak, lole, thil tisuahnak hmuhsaknak cuih thinghnah: *the victor's palm.*

▷ **palmy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** ðaan kung tam zet ummi: *in my palmy day.*

□ **palm-oil** *n* [U] ðaan hriak; ðaan rah hang.

Palm Sunday Bawi Jesuh a thawhsaal Ni hlaan ih Zarhpi ni.

palmetto /pæl'metəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ s) thlan zahnak vek hnah a neimi ðaan kung fate phun.

palmist /pɑ:mɪst/ *n* kutrin zoh ih nun can um daan sim theitu/kutrin zoh thiam.

▷ **palmistry** /pɑ:mɪstri/ *n* [U] kutrin zoh thiamnak.

palpable /pælpəbl/ *adj* **1** tham theih le theih theimi. **2** (fml) thinlung sungah fiang zetin a cuangmi: *a palpable lie, error.*

▷ **palpation** /pælp'eɪʃn/ *n* [U].

palpitate /pælpɪteɪt/ *v* **1** [I] (of the heart) lung thi feh a rang ih turmi. **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) ruangpi zate, lole, ruangpi hmunkhat khat ðihphan ruangih ðhia, lole, thinlung hiar le sopar ruangih ðhia: *palpitating with terror.*

▷ **palpitation** /pælpɪteɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] ðiat ciamconak. **2 palpitations** [pl] lung a tur rang zet sung: *I get palpitations if I run too fast.* ○ (fig) *The thought of flying gives me palpitations,* ie makes me very nervous.

palsy /pɔ:lzɪ/ *n* [U] thahri nat; duhduh ih caangvai thei lo kutkeðhia ciamco: *cerebral palsy.*

▷ **palsied** /pɔ:lzɪd/ *adj* ðhia natnak ngah.

paltry /pɔ:ltrɪ/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** fate zet; thupi lo zet; malte lai: *a paltry amount, sum, etc.* **2** man nei lo, siartlaak lo: *a paltry excuse.*

pampas /pæmpəs; US -əz/ **the pampas** *n* [pl] phairawnpi; America thlanglam continent ih ummi thingkung um lo hrampi ram. Cf PRAIRIE,

SAVANNAH, STEPPE, VELD.

□ **pampas-grass** *n* [U] a par ai-hre le a rang nawn neimi hrampi kung saang.

pamper /ˈpæmpə(r)/ *v* [Tn] (*often derog*) mi pakhat, lole, ramsa pakhat hei duat zet: *the pampered children of the rich* ○ *pamper oneself after a hard day at work*.

pamphlet /ˈpæmflɪt/ *n* misenpi ih theih duhmi thu, lole, ukawknak thuhla ruah daan telmi cabu fate le paate.

▷ **pamphleteer** /ˈpæmflɪtɪə(r)/ *n* cuvek cabu fate ngantu.

pan¹ /pæn/ *n* (*often in compounds*) **1** (a) kutkaihnak neimi uukaang (thirbeel): *a frying-pan* ○ *a saucepan* ○ *pots and pans*. (b) uukaang khat thil ummi: *a pan of hot fat*. **2** uukaang vek pianzia neimi thil retnak: *a lavatory pan*, ie its porcelain bowl ○ *a bedpan* ○ *a dustpan*. **3** cuai thlai tiki thil tahnak pakhat khat. **4** lungte fate le thir thil suak pawl hei thennak thir pakaan. **5** = SALT-PAN (SALT). **6** = HARD-PAN (HARD). **7** lai meithal ih zianhnatheh retnak. **8** (idm) **a flash in the pan** ⇒ FLASH¹.

▷ **pan** *v* (-nn-) **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (**for sth**) sui le leistungsuak thir phun pawl thleinak uukaang: *prospectors panning for gold*. **2** [Tn] (*infml*) thil pakhat relsiat/soisel ciamco: *The film was panned by the critics*. **3** (phr v) **pan sth off/out** uukaang sungah thil hei thlei — lungto le sui/ thir tivek pawl. **pan out** (a) (of gravel, a river, an area, etc) sui, lole, a dang thil mankhung suak. (b) (*infml*) a rungcaang — thu um daan a thleng-aw: *It depends how things pan out*.

□ **pan-fish** *n* (pl unchanged) (US) uukaang sungah nga a pum ih kio.

pan² /pæn/ *v* (-nn-) (cinema or broadcasting) (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] mi zuknak, thlalaaknak (*camera*) thil a caangvaimi zuk duh ah keh le vorh ah hei thawn/mer, lole, thil kau deuh ih lang dingah hei thawn. (b) [I, Ipr] zuk dingah thlalaaknak (*camera*) hei thawn vivo: *The shot panned slowly across the room*.

pan- *comb form* a zate a seng/za te huap in: *panchromatic* ○ *pan-African* ○ *pantheism*.

panacea /pænəˈsiə/ *n* ~ (**of sth**) natnak phunkim damter theinak sii/harnak rehternak: *There's no single panacea for the country's economic ills*.

panache /pæˈnæʃ/; US pə-/ *n* [U] mah le mah rin-aw/lungkim-aw zet ih um daan: *She dresses with great panache*.

panama /ˈpænəmə/ *n* (also **panama hat**) faangkung vek phun ih tahmi/sakmi lukhuh.

panatella /ˈpænəˈtelə/ *n* kuakzual (*sii-pin-lik*) a feem ih a saumi.

pancake /ˈpæŋkeɪk/ *n* **1** [C] a sat lai ih eimi hmuk kio car. **2** [U] hmaihnuh phunkhat. **3** (idm) **flat as a pancake** ⇒ FLAT².

□ **Pancake Day** Shrove Tuesday, a daan in

pancake an ei theu caan (Lent hlan nikhat).

pancake landing thupoi cakkhai ah vanzam a keel ih tum loin dawp ih tum.

panchromatic /ˈpæŋkrəˈmætɪk/ *adj* (of photographic films) rong a phunphun hman theimi le soal lo tein a suahtheimi.

pancreas /ˈpæŋkriəs/ *n* rawl rialnak ti a suahtu; laa.

▷ **pancreatic** /ˈpæŋkriˈætɪk/ *adj* laa thawn a pehparmi: *pancreatic juice*.

panda /ˈpændə/ *n* **1** (also **giant panda**) Tuluk ram nitlaklam thlang lam ih ummi a raang le a dum cokpolh hmul neimi savom tumpi phunkhat. **2** India ram ummi hmul sah le a meisau ih a bormi ramsa phunkhat.

□ **panda car** (Brit) England ram ih palik mawtawka.

pandemic /pænˈdemɪk/ *n, adj* rampi, lole, leilung tlun huap ih a tlungmi tlaangrai. Cf ENDEMIC, EPIDEMIC.

pandemonium /pændrɪˈmɒniəm/ *n* [U] hnok ruri le buai celcel ih um reromi: *There was pandemonium when the news was announced*. ○ *Pandemonium reigned in the classroom until the teacher arrived*.

pander /ˈpændə(r)/ *v* (phr v) **pander to sth/sb** (*derog*) taksa hiarhlnak thoter: *newspapers pandering to the public love of scandal*.

▷ **pander** *n* = PIMP.

P and O /pi: ən ˈəʊ/ *abbr* Peninsular and Oriental (Steamship Company): *the P and O line*.

p and p /pi: ən ˈpi:/ *abbr* (Brit commerce) (price of) postage and packing, a fun man le kuatman: *price £28.95 including p and p*.

pane /peɪn/ *n* tukvirh (pokhlet) thalang pheeng: *a pane of glass* ○ *a window-pane*.

panegyric /ˈpæniˈdʒɪrɪk/ *n* (*fml*) pakhat khat porhnak tɔngkam, lole, canganmi.

panel /pænl/ *n* **1** [C] saangka phar ih khuarmi a then tete: *a ceiling with carved panels*. **2** [C] mawtaw tivek a pumruang thenkhat. **3** [C] puan hrukmi (angki fual) tivek ih thil hei bun cihmi. **4** [C] vanzam, mawtawka tivek ah a mawnnak ih thiltul pawl bunnak a tung zawngih retmi thil tlep: *an instrument panel* ○ *a control panel*. **5** [CGp] mi tampi hmaiah thusuhnak, thu relkhawmnak nei dingmi minung bur khat: *a panel of experts* ○ [attrib] *a panel game*. **6** (a) [C] thuhtentu dingih hrilmi minung rual khat. (b) [CGp] thuhtentu bur khat. **7** [C] (Brit) hnaŋuan khawm sibawi pawl hmin cazin.

▷ **panel** *v* (-ll-; US -l-) [Tn esp passive] panel thawn ceimawi/bun: *a paneled room, ceiling, wall, etc*. **paneling** (US **panelling**) *n* [U] **1** panel a ruun ih bunmi: *a room with fine oak panelling*. **2** sangka khwar nei tuahnak ding thingpheng. **panellist** (US **panelist**) /ˈpænelɪst/ *n* mipi hmai ih thu relkhawm le thu sutnak nei dingmi pa/

- nu.
- **panel-beater** *n* moṭawka ruangpi parih thir a kuarmi/a phaimi sobul thawn a remsaaltu.
- panel truck** (US) a khuh-aw thluhmi thil zemnak mawṭawka.
- pang** /pæŋ/ *n* (usu *pl*) **(a)** hun theih hruakmi tuarnak; a naa zukzi: *pangs of hunger/hunger pangs*. **(b)** nuam lo zet ih um reronak: *pangs of jealousy, remorse, guilt, conscience, etc.*
- panhandle** /pæn'hændl/ *n* (US) leilung a fiak ih a saumi.
- ▷ **panhandle** *v* [I, Tn] (*infml*) lamzin pi ih paisa diltu.
- panic** /pænik/ *n* [C, U] **1** **(a)** thinphang; lau: *be in a (state of) panic (about sth)* ○ *I got into a panic when I found the door was locked.* ○ *The thought of flying fills me with panic* ○ [attrib] *a panic decision*, ie one resulting from panic. **(b)** mibur khat ihsin phaannak a thleng ciamcomi: *There was (an) immediate panic when the alarm sounded.* ○ *The collapse of the bank caused (a) panic on the Stock Exchange*, ie the value of shares fell quickly. **2** (idm) **panic stations** (*infml*) thinphan le lau ciamconak: *It was panic stations when the police arrived to search the building.*
- ▷ **panic** *v* (-ck-) [I, Tn] **1** ramsa, lole, mi pakhat thin phang ko ih tuah: *Don't panic!* ○ *The gunfire panicked the horses.* **2** (phr *v*) **panic sb into doing sth** mi pakhat thinphan ruangah thil pakhat tuahter: *The banks were panicked into selling sterling.*
- panicky** /pænikɪ/ *adj* (*infml*) phaang; lau: *Don't get panicky!* ○ *a panicky reaction, feeling, etc.*
- **panic-stricken** *adj* thinphaang le khur thlohtlo: *You look panic-stricken!*
- panjandrum** /pæn'dʒændrəm/ *n* (joc) mah le mah thupi-awter ih um.
- pannier** /pæniə(r)/ *n* **1** thirleeng dunglam ih dip khat veve thlaimi ih a pakhat sawn. **2** rang ih phurhmi khatlam le khatlam ih bawm ummi a pakhat sawn.
- pannikin** /pænikɪn/ *n* (Brit) **(a)** thir khuat/hai. **(b)** cuih khuat-hai sungih ummi thil.
- panoply** /pænəpli/ *n* (*fml*) **1** zoh ding ih retmi thilri. **2** (formerly) ralthuam angki.
- ▷ **panoplied** /pænəplɪd/ *adj* (*fml*) cuvek ralthuam angki neihmi.
- panorama** /pænə'rɑ:mə/ US -'ræmə/ *n* **1** **(a)** kau zet ih khua contheinak: *From the summit there is a superb panorama of the Alps.* **(b)** ram thla laak. **2** thil a phunphun a thleng-aw vivo: *The book presents a panorama of British history since the Middle Ages.*
- ▷ **panoramic** /pænə'ræmɪk/ *adj*: *a panoramic view from the top of the tower.*
- pan-pipes** /pæn paɪps/ *n* [pl] ruadawng vek phunih tuahmi semmi thil awnmawi phunkhat, phiphut.
- pansy** /pænzɪ/ *n* **1** a par tlap kau ih a kung tawimi hmuan pangpar phunkhat (*tuh-khah-paan*). **2** (*infml derog*) nunau nun a neimi mipa; nuciam (*a-chauk*).
- pant** /pænt/ *v* [I, Ipr] **1** thaw thawt sam: *He was panting heavily as he ran.* **2** (phr *v*) **pant along, down, etc** thaw thawt sam phah ih tlan/feh/vaak: *The dog panted along (the road) beside me.* **pant for sth** **(a)** haal (tihaal, thaw thawt sam): *panting for breath, a cool drink.* **(b)** thil pakhat tuah hiar zet/hiarnak nei: *panting for revenge* ○ *He was panting with desire for her.* **pant sth out** thaw thawt sam phah ih ṭong: *He panted out the message.*
- ▷ **pant** *n* thaw sam: *breathe in short pants.*
- pantingly** *adv.*
- pantaloons** /pæntə'luz/ *n* **1** **pantaloons** [pl] (US; Brit *joc*) bawngbi (tawhrolh) fual. **2** (also **Pantaloons**) puai piahnak ih capoh tuah thiamtu ih bum rero takmi.
- pantechnicon** /pæn'teknikən/ *n* (Brit) tonak tivek inn thilri pawl phurhnak mawṭawka tumpi.
- pantheism** /pænθi'zəm/ *n* [U] **1** Pathian cu ziang hmuahhmuah a si ih ziang hmuahhmuah cu Pathian a si ti zumnak. **2** pathian pohpoh zumnak le biaknak.
- ▷ **pantheist** /θi'ist/ *n* pantheism thupom zumtu/thluntu.
- pantheistic** /pænθi'stɪk/ *adj* pantheism thawn a pehparmi.
- pantheon** /pænθi'ən/ US -θi'ən/ *n* **1** (esp in ancient Greece and Rome) pathian biaknak inn. **2** rampi biakmi pathian: *the ancient Egyptian pantheon.* **3** ram sung hminthang pawl phumnak inn, lole, an lungphun tuahnak innpi.
- panther** /pænθə(r)/ *n* **1** tlavang (tlavang dum): *a black panther.* **2** (US) puma ti kawhmi tlavang.
- panties** /pæntɪz/ *n* [pl] (*infml*) nauhak/nunau pawl ih sung hruk bawngbi.
- pantyhose** (also **pantyhose**) /pæntɪ'həʊz/ *n* [pl *v*] (US) = TIGHTS, taksa parih tet zet ih hrukmi bawngbi.
- pantile** /pæntaɪl/ *n* inn khuhnak tlakrawh tlaap a kuarmi/pawngmi: [attrib] *a pantile roof.*
- pant(o)-** *comb form* all; universal: *pantograph* ○ *pantomime*.
- panto** /pæntəʊ/ *n* (pl **pantos** /pæntəʊz/) (*infml*) = PANTOMIME 1.
- pantograph** /pæntə'grɑ:f/ US -græf/ *n* **1** thil zuk pawl hei ku (*copy*) lehnak thilri. **2** tlangleeng parih electric tha feh theinak ding a tuahnak thil.
- pantomime** /pæntə'maɪm/ *n* **1** **(a)** [C] Christmas can ih an tuah theumi khuavang lasi thuanthu lemcawn ih laam le hlasak awnmawi pawl thawn cemmi hnihsuhsai tuahmi: *Let's take the children to the pantomime!* ○ [attrib] *a*

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pantomime dame, horse. (b) [U] hivek thuanthu cawn: *She's acted in a lot of pantomime.* 2 [U] mithmai le ruang caangvai ih thu pakhat simnak.

pantry /pæntri/ *n* 1 rawl retnak khaan fate. 2 rawl dawr, tangphawlawng, inn tumpi tivek ah thlalang ngun thilri, cabuai khuh tivek retnak khaan.

pants /pænts/ *n* [pl] 1 (a) mipa pawl ih sungbruk bawngbi, nunau/nauhak pawl ih bawngbi tawite: *a clean pair of pants.* (b) (esp US) bawngbi fual. 2 (infml) (idm) **bore, scare, etc the pants off sb** thihphaih, hringhro; ningter. **by the seat of one's pants** ⇒ SEAT¹. **catch sb with his pants/trousers down** ⇒ CATCH¹. **have ants in one's pants** ⇒ ANT. **in long/short pants** (US) upa si zomi/upa si hrih lomi: *I've known him since he was in short pants.* **wear the pants/trousers** ⇒ WEAR².

pap /pæp/ *n* [U] 1 mi naa, lole, naute rawl a simi rawl nawi (cencerh tivek). 2 a thupi si lomi ca: *How can you bear to read such pap!*

papa /pə'pɑː/; US 'pɑːpə/ *n* (dated infml) nauhak pawl ih 'pa' an ti can; 'pa' ti kawhnak. Cf POP², PAPP.

papacy /'peɪpəsi/ *n* 1 **the Papacy** [sing] Pope siangbawi pi sinak. 2 (a) [U] RC biaknak ih pope siangbawi ih uk-awk daan. (b) [C] pope siangbawi pakhat ih uk sung/uknak sung: *during the papacy of John Paul II.*

▷ **papal** /'peɪpl/ *adj* Pope siangbawi thawn a pehtlaimi/a sengmi: *papal authority.*

papaw (also **pawpaw**) /pə'pɔː/; US 'pɔːpɔː/ *n* 1 (a) (also **papaya** /pə'paɪə/) [C] hnuhnun, hnuhnun kung. (b) [C, U] hnuhnun rah. 2 (a) [C] sak lam America ram ih thingkung niam a hring ringring mi. (b) [C, U] cuilh thingkung rah (ei theih).

paper /'peɪpə(r)/ *n* 1 (often in compounds) [U] cahnah: *a piece/sheet of paper* ○ *writing paper* ○ *tissue paper* ○ [attrib] *a paper bag, handkerchief, towel, etc.* 2 [C] thuthang ca: *Where's today's paper?* ○ *a daily, an evening, a Sunday paper.* 3 [C, U] cahnah: *a pretty striped paper for the bedroom.* 4 **papers** [pl] a thupimi zungca; eg mi pakhat ih thuhla: *Immigration officials will ask to see your papers.* (b) nganzomi cahnah: *His desk is always covered with papers.* 5 [C] (a) camipuai ih thusuhnak cahnah pawl: *The geography paper was difficult.* ○ *The French paper was set by our form teacher.* (b) camipuai tuahnak/lehnak (a-phyi) ca pawl: *She spent the evening marking examination papers.* 6 thiamsang pawl hnenih siarmi ca: *He read a paper at a medical conference on the results of his research.* 7 (idm) **on paper** (a) nganmi: *Could you put a few ideas down on paper?* (b) a thuhla in: *It's a fine scheme on paper, but will it work in practice?* ○

She looks good on paper, ie has good qualifications. a **paper tiger** ruahnak hnakin thihnung/thupi a si lomi minung/thil pakhat.

put pen to paper ⇒ PEN.

▷ **paper** *v* 1 [Tn] thil pakhat cahnah ih hei tuam: *We're papering the bathroom.* 2 (idm) **paper over the cracks (in sth)** a tha lomi, a harmi, a palhmi thup duak: *Critics of government policy argue that the new measures introduced to fight crime are simply papering over the cracks.* 3 (phr v) **paper sth over** (a) cahnah thawn lang lo dingih khuh/ben/tuam: *We papered over the stains on the wall.* (b) lungkim-awk lonak/mawhnak, lole, harsatnak zamrang zet ih rak hup/famkim lo zet ih hei hup.

papery /'peɪpəri/ *adj* cahnah vek a simi: *wrinkled, papery skin.*

□ **paperback** *n* [C, U] a phaw cahnah ih tuahmi cabu: *a cheap paperback* ○ *When is the novel coming out in paperback?* ○ [attrib] *a paperback book, edition.* Cf HARDBACK (HARD¹).

paper-boy (fem **paper-girl**) *n* thuthangca zemtu mipa/nunau nauhak.

paper-chase *n* tlan lehnak ah a hmai lam tlantu in cahnah thlak vivo ih a dawitu in cahnah thlaknak thlun in dawimi.

paper-clip *n* a hnah pawl kilhnak thir kawi, lole, plastic thilri.

paper-knife *n* cahnah thleknak naamte, lole, ca-ik onnak naamte.

paper-mill *n* cahnah tuahnak cetzung.

paper money cahnah tangka.

paperweight *n* cahnah pawl zuang hlo lo dingih a nennak thil rit pakhat.

paperwork *n* [U] ca ngan ih tuan thamnak: *She's good at paperwork.*

papier mâché /'pæpiɛr mæʃeɪ/; US 'peɪpərmæʃeɪ/ (French) thingkuang, hai tivek ih tuah theihmi, neem ko ih ermi cahnah.

papist /'peɪpɪst/ *n* (derog) Roman Catholic lo pawl ih hmanmi RC tinak.

papoose /pə'puːs/; US 'pæpuːs/ *n* 1 dip vekih tuahmi nau pawknak phun khat. 2 America saklam um Indian nauhak.

paprika /'pæpri:kə/; US 'pə'pri:kə/ *n* (a) [C] makphek thlum phun. (b) [U] hivek thil in tuahmi a sen vut, tihang hmeh lak thlaakmi.

papyrus /pə'paɪərəs/ *n* 1 [U] tidai lak ih khomi hlan Egypt pawl ih cahnah ih an tuahmi hrampi phunkhat. 2 [U] hivek cahnah. 3 [C] (pl **papyri** /pə'paɪəri/) hivek parih canganmi.

par /pɑː(r)/ *n* 1 [sing] (also **par value**) stock le share ticket parih a man zat nganmi: *sell shares above/at/below par.* 2 [sing] (also **of exchange**) ram dangih theihpi mi ram pakhat ih tangka man. 3 [sing] (in golf) golf lek thiam timi cin ih thawi lut ding khur zat: *Par for the course is 72.* ○ *She went round the course in*

three below (ie three strokes less than) **par**. Cf BIRDIE 2, BOGEY 1, EAGLE 2. **4** (idm) **below par** (infml) a keel hnakh niam deuh: *I'm feeling a bit below par today*. **be par for the course** (infml) mi pakhat/thil pakhat cutiin a si ding tihi ruahsan mi: *She was an hour late, was she? That's about par for the course for her*. **on a par with sb/sth** mi va bang: *As a writer she was on a par with the great novelists*. **up to par** (infml) caan dang keel vekih tha: *I didn't think her performance was up to par*.

par (also **para** /pəˈrə/) abbr paragraph: see **par** 19
○ **paras** 39-42, eg in a contract.

para¹ pref (forming ns) **1** sir ah, a kap ah, a nai ah: *parameter* ○ *paramilitary*. **2** lan ah: *parapsychology* ○ *paranormal*.

para² comb form kilhim-aw: *parachute* ○ *parasol*.

parable /pəˈræbl/ *n* (esp in the Bible) nun daan ding, lole, thlarau hrangah (thu tarlang) tican neimi thuanthu; tahthimnak thuanthu tawite: *Jesus taught in parables*. ○ *the parable of the prodigal son*.

parabola /pəˈræbələ/ *n* a khatlam a ding zetmi riin kual.

parabolic /pəˈræbəlik/ *adj* **1** thuanthu tahthimnak ih thusim. **2** parabola vek a simi.

parachute /pəˈræʃu:t/ *n* vanzam par in nuam tete ih dawp thei dingih thawng vek ih a pharh theimi thil, parasut: *land by parachute* ○ [attrib] *a parachute jump/drop*.

▷ **parachute** *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] van zam par in thawng vek thil tuah ih thlaak/dawp: *She enjoys parachuting*. ○ *We parachuted into enemy territory*. ○ *Supplies were parachuted into the earthquake zone*.

parachutist /-ɪst/ *n* vanzam par in thawng vek thil thawn a dawptu.

parade /pəˈreɪd/ *n* [C] **1** ralkap raalthuang tuah: *a drill parade* ○ *ceremonial parades*. **2** =PARADE-GROUND. **3** thil, lole, minung a thlun-aw ih fehmi: *a parade of players before a football match* ○ *a fashion parade*, ie one in which models display new clothes to an audience. **4** (esp in names) senpi hmantlang vualvo theimi hmun, zin, dawr tivek: *He lives in North Parade*. **5** (idm) **make a parade of sth** (esp derog) porh-aw; titer-aw: *He's always making a parade of his knowledge*. **on parade** a tlar ih feh; raalthuang tuah rero: *The regiment is on parade*. ○ *A number of new hats were on parade at the wedding*.

▷ **parade** *v* **1** [I, Tn] zohfel dingih hmunkhat ih um khawmter: *The colonel paraded his troops*. **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] a sangsang ih feh, lole, zoh dingah thil a sangsangte ih ret: *The strikers paraded through the city centre*. ○ *She paraded up and down in her new hat*. **3** [Tn] zoh dingih thil hei hmuh (porh-aw duh ah): *She was parading*

her new fur coat yesterday, ie wearing it to show it off to others.

□ **parade-ground** *n* ralkap pawl ih raal thuangtuahnak hmun.

paradigm /pəˈrædəm/ *n* **1** tongfang a phun a phun ih retkhawmmi: *verb paradigms*. **2** zohthim ding thil: *a paradigm for others to copy*.

▷ **paradigmatic** /pəˈrædɪɡmətik/ *adj*.

paradise /pəˈrædəs/ *n* **1** [sing, without *a* or *the*] vancung. **2** (a) [C] ziangtinkim a famkimnak hmun: *This island is a paradise for bird-watchers*. (b) [U] lungawi thlangam biknak: *Being alone is his idea of paradise*. **3 Paradise** [sing, without *a* or *the*] (in the Bible) Adam le Eve rak tlanlennak Eden Hmuan duum. **4** (idm) **a fool's paradise** ⇒ FOLL¹.

▷ **paradisaical** /pəˈrædɪˈzaɪəl/ *adj* vancung vek a simi; a famkimmi, a nuammi.

paradox /pəˈrædɒks/ *n* **1** (a) [C] hnihsuakza, lole, a kalhkeh-awmi a bang nain a ngaingai thudik a si mi tongkam: *'More haste, less speed' is a well-known paradox*. (b) [U] tong le cangannak ah hivek thucem dan hmanna: *Paradox and irony are characteristics of her style*. **2** [C] minung, thil, lole, thuhla ah a linglet ih thu ummi: *It is a paradox that such a rich country should have so many poor people living in it*.

▷ **paradoxical** /pəˈrædɒksɪkl/ *adj*.

paradoxically /-klɪ/ *adv*.

paraffin /pəˈræfɪn/ *n* [U] **1** (also **paraffin oil**) (Brit) (US **coal oil**, **kerosene**) lung meihol thliing; zinan raang: [attrib] *a paraffin lamp*, *stove*. **2** (also **paraffin wax**) hriakfar (phayawng-daing) tuahnak ih hmanmi khuailul vek thil.

paragon /pəˈræɡən; US -ɡɒn/ *n* (a) ~ of sth cawn le zoh thimtlak neimi minung: *a paragon of virtue*. (b) mi famkim; soisel um lo dingih thatnak neimi pa/nu: *I make no claim to be a paragon*.

paragraph /pəˈræɡrɑ:f; US -ɡræf/ *n* **1** catlaang then: *begin a new paragraph*. **2** (also **paragraph mark**) ca tlaang thennak zawn hmuhsaknak tuahmi (¶). **3** thuthangca sungih thu tawite theiinternak nganmi: *There's a paragraph on the accident in the local paper*.

▷ **paragraph** *v* [Tn] ca tlaang hei then.

parakeet /pəˈræki:t/ *n* a mei saumi kilaw fate phunkhat.

parallel /pəˈrælel/ *adj* **1** (a) thil rin pahni, lole, pahni hnakh tam bangrep le a zawn zet ih tlar, artlaang rin: *parallel lines*. (b) [pred] ~ to/with sth thil rin a tlar ih um: *The road runs parallel with the railway*. ○ *The road and the railway are parallel to each other*. **2** a bang-aw/a ruang-awmi: *a parallel case, career, development*.

▷ **parallel** *n* 1 [C] (also **parallel line**) artlaang ih fehmi rin. 2 (also **parallel of latitude**) [C] leilung hlumpi parih ruahnak thinlung sung ih rinmi: *the 49th parallel*. 3 [C, U] minung thil umdan a bang-awmi: *a career without parallel in modern times*. 4 [C] (a) taht̃him: *draw a parallel between A and B*. (b) bang-awknak: *I see parallels between the two cases*. 5 (idm) **in parallel** electric hri a nu le pa khat lam veve ih pehmi. Cf **SERIES** 2.

parallel *v* [Tn esp passive] 1 bang; bang-aw: *His performance has never been paralleled*. 2 taht̃him thei, lole, a bang-aw: *Her experiences parallel mine in many instances*.

parallelism /-izəm/ *n* [U] bang-awknak: *Don't exaggerate the parallelism between the two cases*.

□ **parallel bars** lehnak dingih tuahmi thingpum/per tlar

parallelogram /pærə'leləgræm/ *n* (geometry) a hoih-awmi rin a tlar ih ummi kiilli nei zuk.

paralyse (US **paralyze**) /pærəlaɪz/ *v* 1 [Tn] zeng, zengnat; thahri that lonak ih ruang hmunkhat khat a thimi: *The accident left her paralyzed from the waist down*. ○ *She is paralysed in both legs*. 2 [Tn-pr esp passive] ~ **sb** (with sth) caang thei lo ko ih rak tuah/siter: *be paralysed with fear, horror, shock, etc*.

paralysis /pærə'leɪsɪs/ *n* (pl -ses) 1 [C, U] zengnat; ruangpi hmun khatkhat thihnak nat: *suffer from paralysis of the right leg* ○ *The paralysis affects his right leg and he can only walk with difficulty*. 2 [U] (fig) cangvai thei lo rori: *the complete paralysis of industry caused by the electricians' strike*.

paralytic /pærə'litɪk/ *adj* 1 zengnat a simi; thahri thihnat. 2 (Brit infml) zu ri zet: *She was got completely paralytic last night*.

▷ **paralytic** *n* mizeng.

paramedical /pærə'medɪkl/ *adj* sibawi pawl ih hnaʔuan bomnak le betnak.

parameter /pærə'mɪtə(r)/ *n* 1 (mathematics) kanaan tuatnak ah hmun khat ah a thleng-aw lo nan hmundang pawl ah a thleng-awmi. 2 tah theih, zaiter theih a simi thil, thil umzia. 3 (usu pl) rikhih; leiteek: *We have to work within the parameters of time and budget*.

paramilitary /pærə'mɪlɪtəri/ *adj* ralkap vekih rak simi: *a paramilitary organization* ○ *paramilitary activity*.

▷ **paramilitary** *n* cuvek pawlkom sungtel.

paramount /pærə'maʊnt/ *adj* (fml) a thupi bik a simi, poimawh bik: *This matter is of paramount importance*. ○ *The reduction of unemployment should be paramount in the government's economic policy*.

▷ **paramountcy** /-tsɪ/ *n* [U] (fml) cuvek sinak.

paranoia /pærə'nɔɪə/ *n* [U] 1 thinlung kim lo/dik lo. 2 (infml) mah le mah thupi tuk ah ruat-aw

ih mi in in tuahmawh tum tivek lunghrinnak.

▷ **paranoid** /pærə'nɔɪæk/ *n*, *adj* =PARANOID.

paranoid /pærənɔɪd/ (also **paranoidiac**) *adj* thinlung dik lo simi: *paranoid fears* ○ *paranoid schizophrenia* ○ *She's getting paranoid about what other people think of her*. ○ *I don't think she likes me — or am I just being paranoid?*

▷ **paranoid** *n* thinlung dik lo pa/nu.

paranormal /pærə'nɔ:ml/ *adj* a thuhla simsuak thei si lomi: *paranormal phenomena*.

parapet /pærəpɪt, -pet/ *n* 1 lilawn, donhleivek ih tlakham pharson niamte. 2 khur kap ih leilung, lungto pawng.

paraphernalia /pærəfə'neɪliə/ *n* [U] milek pawl ih thil hmanrua: *skiing, climbing, jogging, etc paraphernalia*. ⇒ Usage at DATA.

paraphrase /pærəfreɪz/ *n* a duhsannak fiang deuh ih nganmi: *a paraphrase of the sonnet*.

▷ **paraphrase** *v* [Tn] fiang deuh dingih hei ngan: *paraphrase a speech in colloquial English*.

paraplegia /pærə'pli:dʒə/ *n* [U] ke le ruangpi hrekhat thihnak/zengnat.

▷ **paraplegic** /pærə'pli:dʒɪk/ *n*, *adj* (person) ke le ruangpum thi/mizeng: *She's (a) paraplegic*. ○ [attrib] *paraplegic sports*, ie of or for paraplegics.

paraquat /pærəkwoʊt/ *n* [U] (propr) hrampi thahnak si (a tii).

parasite /pærəsəɪt/ *n* 1 a dang nung hring parah um ih cuih nunghring ihsin rawl-eimi. 2 (derog) mi ih ti le rawl been ih ummi: *live as a parasite on society*.

▷ **parasitic** /pærəsɪtɪk/, **parasitical** /pærəsɪtɪkl/ *adjs* (a) *parasite* ih nung: *a parasitic plant, worm* ○ (fig) *He lives a parasitic existence, borrowing money from his friends*. (b) *parasite* ruangih a cangmi: *a parasitic disease*. **parasitically** /-klɪ/ *adv*.

parasol /pærəsəl/ *US* -sɔ:l/ *n* nithawng, nisa khamnak thawng. Cf **SUNSHADE** (SUN).

paratroops /pærə'tru:ps/ *n* [pl] vanzam ihsin parasut thawng dawptu ralkap.

▷ **paratrooper** /pærə'tru:pə(r)/ *n* vanzam ihsin dawp pawl ralkap.

paratyphoid /pærə'taɪfɔɪd/ *n* [U] typhoid vek nat asinain a deem deuhmi.

parboil /pɑ:bɔɪl/ *v* [Tn] rawl hmin deuh lo/hmin hlaam ih suan: *Potatoes can be parboiled before roasting*.

parcel /pɑ:sl/ *n* 1 (US also **package**) carek ih kuat dingmi thil funtom: *The postman has brought a parcel for you*. ○ *She was carrying a parcel of books under her arm*. ⇒ Usage at PACKET. 2 ram hmun pakhat: *a parcel of land*. 3 (idm) **part and parcel of sth** ⇒ PART¹.

▷ **parcel** *v* (-ll-; US -l-) (phr v) **parcel sth out** thil a thenthen ih tuah: *He parceled out the land into small plots*. **parcel sth up** hei fun/hei tom: *She parceled up the books*.

□ **parcel bomb** carek ih kuat dingmi funmi bomb.

parcel post thil pawl carek ih kuat daan: *send sth (by) parcel post.*

parch /pɑ:tʃ/ *v* [Tn esp passive] **1** caar ko ih em/ rawh: *earth parched by the sun* ○ *the parched deserts of N Africa* ○ *parched lips*, eg of a person with a fever. **2** tihaal dangcar ih um: *Give me a drink — I'm parched.*

parchment /pɑ:tʃmənt/ *n* **1** (a) [U] cangaannak ih hmanmi tuu le mee phawsah. (b) [C] tuu le mee phawsah parih ca nganmi. **2** [U] saphaw vek a simi cahnah.

pardon¹ /pɑ:dən/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (for sth) ngaihthiamnak: *ask/seek sb's pardon for sth.* **2** [C] (a) cawh lo ih thlah; sualnak ruangih cawhkuan parah cawh lo ih ngaihthiamnak: *He was granted a pardon after new evidence had proved his innocence.* (b) ngaihthiamnak ca. **3** (idm) **beg sb's pardon** ⇒ **BEG**. **I beg your pardon** ⇒ **BEG**.

pardon² /pɑ:dən/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tsg] ~ **sb** (for sth/doing sth) (esp fml) zaangfah ngaihthiam dil: *He begged her to pardon him (for his rudeness).* ○ *pardon an offence, a fault, etc* ○ *Pardon me (for) asking/Pardon my asking, but isn't that my hat you're wearing?* **2** (idm) **excuse/pardon my French** ⇒ **FRENCH**.

▷ **pardon interj** (US also **pardon me**) tongmi theih fiang lo tikh tongsaal dingih dilnak tongsam, ziangse.

pardonable /pɑ:dənəbl/ *adj* ngaih thiam theihmi: *a pardonable error.* **pardonably** /-əbl/ *adv* (fml) theihthiam zet in: *She is pardonably proud of her wonderful cooking.*

pardoner *n* (in the Middle Ages) Pope ih fialmi indulgence ticket zuartu.

pare /peə(r)/ *v* [Tn] **1** zoh mawi dingin a tlang tan: *pare one's finger-nails.* **2** a zelh, meet: *pare an apple.* **3** (phr v) **pare sth down** thum deuh: *We have pared down our expenses to a bare minimum.* **pare sth off** (sth) a hawng/phaw meet/hiik: *She pared off the thick peel with a sharp knife.* ⇒ Usage at CLIP².

▷ **parings** /peərɪŋz/ *n* [pl] zelhmi, meetmi a hawng; tanmi tinzim: *nail parings.*

parent /peərənt/ *n* **1** [usu pl] nu le pa: *May I introduce you to my parents* (ie my father and mother)? ○ *Denise and Martin have recently become parents.* ○ *Do you get on with your parents?* ○ *the duties of a parent.* **2** ramsa/ hramkung ci-thlahtu: [attrib] *the parent bird, tree.*

▷ **parentage** /-ɪdʒ/ *n* [U] nu le pa an sinak; suahkehna: *a person of unknown parentage*, ie having parents whose identity is not known ○ *of humble parentage.*

parental /pə'rentl/ *adj* [usu attrib] nu le pa thawn pehpar-aw simi: *parental affection, love, support, etc* ○ *children lacking parental care.*

parentally /pə'rentəl/ *adv.*

parenthood /peərənthud/ *n* [U] nu le pa sinak: *the responsibilities of parenthood.*

□ **parent company** kampani dangdang a nei ih a uktu kampanipi.

parent-teacher association (abbr **PTA**) Tlawngta nu le pa le Zirhtu Pawlkom.

parenthesis /pə'renθəsis/ *n* (pl **-eses** /-əsi:z/) **1** [C] a mahte a famkim ciami catluan ah fianternak ih betmi cakulh. **2** [C usu pl] betmi ca pawl kulhnak. **3 in parenthesis** kulhmi sungah: *The statistics were given in parenthesis.* ○ (fig) *Let me add, in parenthesis, ..., ie as an aside...*

▷ **parenthetic** /pə'renθetɪk/, **parenthetical** /-ɪkl/ *adjs* parenthesis thawn a pehparmi: *parenthetical remarks.* **parenthetically** /-klɪ/ *adv.*

par excellence /pɑ:r 'eksələns; US 'eksələn/ *adv* (French) a dang hnakin si cuang: *He is the elder statesman par excellence.* ○ *the fashionable quarter par excellence.*

pariah /pə'raɪə, 'pæriə/ *n* **1** mi ih hnnonmi: *be treated as a pariah.* **2** (in India) miphun sia; hnamnau.

parietal /pə'raɪəl/ *adj* (anatomy) lu par lam le a sir lam ruh (**parietal bones**).

parish /pæriʃ/ *n* **1** [C] pastor bial; siangbawi pakhat ih ukmi bial: *He is vicar of a large rural parish.* ○ [attrib] *a parish church* ○ *a parish priest* ○ *parish boundaries.* **2** (also **civil parish**) [C] (in England) uknak lam ih bialthen pakhat. Cf **BOROUGH** 1. **3** [CGp] siangbawi pakhat uknak bial sung um minung: *The parish objected to some of the vicar's reforms.* **4** (idm) **parish pump** [attrib] pastor bial sungmi; uknak bialthen minung: *parish-pump affairs, politics, gossip.*

▷ **parishioner** /pə'riʃənə(r)/ *n* pastor bial sungmi; siangbawi uknak bial sungum a khawm ringringtu.

□ **parish clerk** bial cazi; siangbawi uknak bial biakinn cangantu.

parish council siangbawi uknak bial hruaitu hohatu rual.

parish register siangbawi uknak bial sung nau hmin, thit-umnak le thihhloh ngankhumnak cabu, hminsinnak cabu.

Parisian /pə'ri:ziən; US -ɪzn/ *adj* Paris khua thawn a pehparmi.

▷ **Parisian** *n* Paris khua mi.

parity /pə'reti/ *n* [U] (fml) **1** bangrep sinak: *parity of status, pay, treatment* ○ *Primary school teachers are demanding parity with* (ie as much pay as) *those in secondary schools.* **2** (finance) ram dang paisa thawn a man a bangawknak: *The two currencies have now reached parity*, ie are at par.

□ **parity of exchange** uknak kumpi pakhat le

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pakhat paisa thleng-awknak lungkimnak tuahmi zat.

park¹ /pɑ:k/ *n* **1** hmuən; pangpar hmuən: *The Children have gone to play in the park.* **2** inn thawn a peh-aw mi hmuən ram kulh. **3** (US) lehnak bualrawn. **4** (in compounds) misenpi colhdamnak hrang hmanmi leiram: *a national park* ○ *a safari park* ○ *an amusement park.*

□ **parkland** /-lənd/ *n* [U] thingkung um phahphah mi hrampi ram kau zet: *The house stands in 500 acres of rolling parkland.*

parkway *n* (US) a kap tluanah thingkung ummi lamzin kaupi.

park² /pɑ:k/ *v* **1** [I, Tn, Tn-pr] mawṭawka colhter/ret: *Where can we park (the car)?* ○ *You can't park in this street.* ○ *You are/Your car is very badly parked.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] (infml) (a) mi pakhat, lole, thil pakhat hmunkhat ih taan ta hrih: *Park your luggage here while you buy a ticket.* (b) ~ **oneself** to: *Park yourself in that chair while I make you a cup of tea.*

parka /pɑ:kə/ *n* **1** lukhuh nei savun ih tuahmi saphaw angki, Eskimo pawl ih hmanmi. **2** hivek angki a si ih tlaang par kainak ih hruckmi.

parkin /pɑ:kɪn/ *n* [U] ai-thing, sangvut le cithlum thawn tuahmi sang/kek.hmuk.

parking /pɑ:kɪŋ/ *n* [U] (a) mawṭawka hmunkhat ah ret sung: *There is no parking between 9 am and 6 pm.* ○ [attrib] *a parking fine*, ie one incurred for parking illegally. (b) mawṭaw colhter sungnak: *Is there any parking near the theatre?*

□ **parking-lot** *n* (US) = CAR-PARK (CAR).

parking-meter *n* mawṭawka ret sung man tahnak meter kuangte.

parking-ticket *n* mawṭawka colh lonak dingih colh ruangah cawhkuan peeknak ca: *I got a parking-ticket today!*

Parkinson's disease /pɑ:kɪnsnz dɪzɪz/ (also **Parkinsonism** /pɑ:kɪnsnɪzəm/) *n* [U] thathir le derdai nat (tarlam ih a suak ṭheumi).

Parkinson's law /pɑ:kɪnsnz lɔ:/ (joc) caan a um aheun ṭuan ding a um ko ding timi khawruahnak.

parky /pɑ:ləns/ *adj* [usu pred] (Brit dialect infml) a daai (thli, nikhua).

parlance /pɑ:ləns/ *n* [U] (fml) ṭong hman daan: *in common parlance* ○ *in legal parlance.*

parley /pɑ:lɪ/ *n* (pl ~ s) raal le raal rem-awknak thu relkhawmnak: *arrange/hold a parley with sb.*

▷ **parley** *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb) remnak reel.

parliament /pɑ:ləmənt/ *n* **1** [CGp] rampi upadi thu relkhawmnak: *the French, West German, Spanish, etc parliament.* **2** **Parliament** England ram ih rampi thurelkhawmnak: *the Houses of Parliament* ○ *a Member of Parliament* ○ *The issue was debated in Parliament.* ○ *get into* (ie be elected a Member of) *Parliament* ○ *adjourn,*

dissolve (a) *Parliament* ○ *the State Opening of Parliament*, ie the ceremony in which the sovereign opens a new session of Parliament. **3** [C] rampi ai-awh hril-awh lakkar ih rampi hrang thu relkhawm neihnak: *The government is unlikely to get the bill through within (the lifetime of) this Parliament.* **4** [C] rampi hrang thurelkhawmnak innpi.

▷ **parliamentarian** /pɑ:ləmən'teəriən/ *n* rampi hrang thu relkhawmnak ih thu rel le mi eel thiam pa: *one of our most eminent parliamentarians.*

parliamentary /pɑ:lə'mentəri/ *adj* **1** [usu attrib] parliament thawn a pehpar mi: *parliamentary debates* ○ *parliamentary procedure* ○ *a parliamentary recess.* **2** rampi thu relkhawmnak hrangah ṭongkam thiammi.

parlour (US **parlor**) /pɑ:lə(r)/ *n* **1** (formerly) mileeng khaan. **2** (in compounds) (esp US) thil zuarnak, lole, thil tuahsahnak daw: *a beauty/ice-cream/funeral parlor.*

□ **parlour car** = PULLMAN.

parlour game innsung ih tohmun lehnak.

parlous /pɑ:ləs/ *adj* (fml or rhet) ṭihnung le ralrin ṭulmi: *the parlous state of international relations* ○ *English tennis is in a parlous condition.*

Parmesan /pɑ:mɪzæn; US pɑ:rmɪ'zæn/ *n* (also **Parmesan cheese**) [U] Italy ram tuahmi thawphat a hakmi/khalmi.

parochial /pə'rəʊkiəl/ *adj* **1** [usu attrib] (fml) kawhhran bu thawn a pehpar-awmi: *parochial matters.* **2** (derog) a hrekkhat hmun lawngah duhnak neimi: *a parochial person, attitude, event* ○ *He is rather too parochial in his outlook.* ▷ **parochialism** /-ɪzəm/ *n* [U]. **parochially** /-kiəl/ *adv.*

parody /pə'rədi/ *n* **1** [C, U] ~ (of sth) mi ih canganmi soi nawn phah ih hei cawn: *a parody of a Shakespearean sonnet, an operatic aria, a well-known politician* ○ *She has a gift for parody.* **2** [C] thil pakhat tisual tuk ruangah tihrim le capoh vek a bangmi: *The trial was a parody of justice.*

▷ **parodist** /-ɪst/ *n* cu tivek ih cangantu: *a gifted parodist.*

parody *v* (pt, pp -died) [Tn] mi pakhat, lole, thil pakhat hnihsuhsainak ih cawng: *parody an author, a style, a poem.*

parole /pə'rəʊl/ *n* **1** [C, U] thawngtla pakhat in tlan lo ding le suahnak tuah lo dingih kamnak in malte sung hei thlahnak: *be on parole*, ie have been released after making this promise ○ *let sb out release sb on parole* ○ *break (one's) parole*, ie commit a crime after being released from prison or fail to return to prison at the specified time. **2** [sing] thawngtla pakhat ih ṭhatein um dingih thukam ruangah hei thlahnak: *He's hoping to get parole.*

- ▷ **parole** *v* [Tn] cuti ih thlah.
- paroxysm** /ˈpærəksɪzəm/ *n* napi ih thinhennak, lole, hnihsuahnak; nat ruangih ai le hni le kioraaknak: *He went into a paroxysm of rage*, ie became very angry. ◦ *paroxysms of coughing, giggling, etc.*
- parquet** /ˈpɑːkeɪ/ *US* parˈkeɪ/ *n* [U] thingphel sah tete thaw n zial donmi: [attrib] *a parquet floor*.
- parr** /pɑː(r)/ *n* (pl unchanged or ~ **s**) salmon nga faate.
- parricide** /ˈpærɪsaɪd/ *n* **1** [C, U] mah ih pa, lole, sungkhat nai thahnak. **2** [C] mah ih pa, lole, mah sungkhat nai thattu. Cf **PARTRICIDE**.
- ▷ **parricidal** /ˈpærɪsaɪdl/ *adj*.
- parrot** /ˈpærət/ *n* **1** kilaw. **2** (esp derog) midang ðong daan le um daan cawngtu. **3** (idm) **sick as a parrot** ⇒ **SICK**.
- ▷ **parrot** *v* [Tn] ruat lo ih cawng.
- **parrot-fashion** *adv* (derog) thil pakhat ruat, lole, thei lo in: *learn/repeat sth parrot-fashion*.
- parry** /ˈpæri/ *v* (pt, pp **parried**) [Tn] **1** mi thong le thawi phial le kham. **2** (fig) thusuhnak sawn lo ih um: *parry an awkward question*.
- ▷ **parry** *n* feisun le thong-awknak ah hei phialnak.
- parse** /pɑːz/ *US* pars/ *v* [Tn] (grammar) **1** ðongfang pakhat ih a hmandan le a thu fehda simfiang. **2** catluan kha a ðenðen ih ðong hmandan simfiang.
- Parsee** /ˈpɑːsi/ *n* India ram sungah Persia ihsin a rami biaknak phunkhat a thluntu.
- parsimony** /ˈpɑːsɪməni/ *US* -məʊni/ *n* [U] (fml) tangka hmandan a ralring tukmi, lole, tenren tuknak.
- ▷ **parsimonious** /ˈpɑːsɪməniəs/ *adj* (fml) terhfak, tenrentuk: *a parsimonious old man*.
- parsimoniously** *adv*. **parsimoniousness** *n* [U] = **PARSIMONY**.
- parsley** /ˈpɑːsli/ *n* [U] rawl rim thawtnak le rawl mawiternak ih hmanmi a hnah hringih kirmi hnahhring (*Ṭa-zuk nan-nan*): [attrib] *parsley sauce*.
- parsnip** /ˈpɑːsnɪp/ *n* (a) [C] a aihre ih eitha hram a neimi thingkung phunkhat. (b) [C, U] hivek thinghram ei dingih suanmi: [attrib] *parsnip soup*.
- parson** /ˈpɑːsn/ *n* **1** (in the Church of England) siangbawi. **2** (infml) Protestant Khrihfa biaknak ih pastor.
- ▷ **parsonage** /-ɪdʒ/ *n* cuvek saya pawl umnak inn.
- **parson's nose** (*US* **pope's nose**) (infml) ar tawcawm.
- part¹** /pɑːt/ *n* (often without a when singular) **1** [C] ~ (of sth) thil pakhat ih a hrekkhat/kau khat: *We spent (a) part of our holiday in France*. ◦ *The early part of her life was spent in Paris*. ◦ *She had a miserable holiday — she was ill for part of the time*. ◦ *The film is good in parts*. ◦

Parts of the book are interesting. ◦ *We've done the difficult part of the job*. ◦ *The police only recovered part of the stolen money*. ◦ *Part of the building was destroyed in the fire*. **2** [C] ~ (of sth) (a) milai/ramsa/thingkung ih ruangrai hmunkhat khat: *the parts of the body* ◦ *Which part of your leg hurts?* (b) (usu essential) cet pakhat, lole, thil pakhat ih a thil hmunkhat: *lose one of the parts of the lawn-mower* ◦ *the working parts of a machine* ◦ *spare parts*. (c) bial, ram, khua pakhat ih hmun pakhat: *Which parts of France have you visited?* ◦ *Which part of London do you come from?* ◦ *Do come and visit us if you're ever in our part of the world*. (d) thil pakhat khat ih a tel cihmi: *We'd like you to feel you're part of the family*. ◦ *work as part of a team*. **3** [C] cabu, thuthannak ah a ðenkhath a simi: *a TV serial in 10 parts*, ie instalments ◦ *an encyclopaedia published in 25 weekly parts* ◦ *Henry IV, Part II*. **4** [C] thil pakhat ih ðenkhath khat: *a sixtieth part of a minute* ◦ *She divided the cake into three parts*. **5** [C] usu *sing* ~ (in sth) mi pakhat ih a tuah ding ðuanvo/a ti dingmi: *Everyone must do his part*. ◦ *He had no part in the decision*. ◦ *I want no part in this sordid business*. **6** [C] (a) lemnung cawngtu pawl ih rak tuah dingmi: *He took/played the part of Hamlet*. ◦ *He was very good in the part*. ◦ (fig) *He's always acting/playing a part*, ie pretending to be what he is not. (b) lemnung cawngtu ih ðong dingmi: *Have you learnt your part yet?* **7** [C] (music) soprano, mezzo soprano, contralto, tenor, baritone, bass, etc tivek ih aw ðen: *sing in three parts* ◦ *the piano, violin, cello, etc part*. **8 parts** [pl] bial/hmun: *She's not from these parts*. ◦ *He's just arrived back from foreign parts*. **9** [C] (US) = **PARTING** **2**. **10** (idm) **the best/better part of sth** si deuhnak lam/a tam deuh sawn lam: *I spent the best part of an hour trying to find my car keys*. ◦ *We've lived here for the better part of a year*. ◦ *You must have drunk the best part of a bottle of wine last night*. **discretion is the better part of valour** ⇒ **DISCRETION**. **look the part** a kaihmi hnipuan hruk: *At her wedding the new princess certainly looked the part*. **for the most part** zate in/a tam bik ah/si ðeunak ah: *Japanese TV sets are, for the most part, of excellent quality*. **for my part** keimai hrang ahcun: *For my part, I don't mind where we eat*. **the greater part of sth** ⇒ **GREAT**. **in part** a tawkmawi in; tawkfang tiang: *His success was due in part to luck*. **a man/woman of (many) parts** thil a phunphun thiamkim. **on the part of sb/on sb's part** mi pakhat ih tuah; lam ahcun: *It was an error on my part*. ◦ *The agreement has been kept on my part but not on his*, ie by me but not by him. **part and parcel of sth** a thupitnak zawn: *Keeping the accounts is part and parcel of my job*. **play a part (in sth)**

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(a) a tuahtu ah rak tel ve: *She plays an active part in local politics.* (b) thil pakhat rak thathnemter: *She played a major part in the success of the scheme.* ○ *We all have a part to play in the fight against crime.* ○ *Economic factors have played a significant part in Britain's decline as a world power.* **take sth in good part** a tha zawngin cohlang thiam: *He took the teasing in good part.* **take part (in sth)** rak tuah; rak tel: *take part in a discussion, demonstration, game, fight, celebration* ○ *How many countries will be taking part (in the World Cup)?* **take sb's part** rak tan: *His mother always takes his part.*

▷ **part** adv a hrek then in: *She is part French, part English.* ○ *The dress is part silk, part wool.* ○ *Her feelings were part anger, part relief.*

partly adv a hrekhat ahcun: *She was only partly responsible for the accident.* ○ *It was partly her fault.*

□ **part-exchange** n [U] thil man khung leinak ah tangka ai ah thil pakhat betmi: *offer/take sth in part-exchange.*

part of speech (grammar) tongfang feh le hman daan a thenthen.

part-owner n mi thawn thil pakhat nei tlangtu: *Tim is part-owner of the flat.*

part-ownership n [U].

part-singing n [U] awthen pakhat rak sak.

part-song n awthen neimi hla.

part-time adj, adv a lang ih tuah/tuan, hlawh laang hnañuan pipa a si lomi: *part-time work/employment* ○ *She's looking for a part-time job.* ○ *part-time workers* ○ *work part-time.* **part-timer** n hnañuantu a si ngaingai lo/a laang le man can ih hnañuantu. Cf **FULL-TIME** (FULL).

part² /pa:t/ v 1 [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (from sb); ~ sb (from sb) (minung) then-aw: *I hope we can part (as) friends, ie leave one another with no feeling of anger or resentment, eg after a quarrel.* ○ *They exchanged a final kiss before parting.* ○ *She has parted from her husband/She and her husband have parted, ie started to live apart.* ○ *The children were parted from their father.* 2 [I, Tn] kaang/then; then-aw: *Her lips parted in a smile.* ○ *The crowd parted to let them through.* ○ *The clouds parted and the sun shone through.* ○ *The police parted the crowd.* 3 [Tn] (sam) then hnih ih rak then: *He parts his hair in the middle.* 4 (idm) a fool and his money are soon parted ⇒ **FOOL**¹. **part company** (with sb/sth) (a) a dangdang ih feh/thendarh: *We parted company at the bus-stop.* ○ *He and his agent have parted company/He has parted company with his agent.* ○ (joc) *Her blouse had parted company with her skirt, ie become untucked.* ○ (fig) *It is on political questions that their views part company, ie are different.* (b) lungkimpi lo: *I'm afraid I have to part company with you*

there. 5 (phr v) **part with sth** thil pakhat thawn then-aw; peek hlo theh: *Despite his poverty, he refused to part with the family jewels.* ○ *He hates parting with (ie spending) his money.*

partake /pa:'teik/ v (pt **partook** /-tu:k/, pp **partaken** /-teikən/) [I, Ipr] ~ (of sth) (fml or rhet) telve; ei/in: *They invited us to partake of their simple meal.* ○ *Will you partake of a glass of sherry?*

parterre /pa:'teə(r)/ n hman kaupi sungah pangpar cinnak dingih leirawn an tuahmi.

parthenogenesis /pa:'θi:nəʊ'dʒenəsis/ n [U] (biology) nunghring le thingkung ah a-pa ci tel loih punzainak.

Parthian shot /pa:'θi:ən 'ʃɒt/ hei kaam zawngih tong saumi. Cf **A PARTING SHOT** (PARTING).

partial /pa:'ʃl/ adj 1 a kau-seu; a hrekhat lawng simi; a zate a si lomi: *a partial recovery, eg after an illness* ○ *our holiday was only a partial success.* ○ *a partial eclipse of the sun.* 2 [usu pred] ~ (towards sb/sth) tanbul neihmi: *The referee was accused of being partial (towards the home team).* Cf **IMPARTIAL**. 3 [pred] ~ to sb/sth minung, lole, thil pakhat a hleice ih duh cuang: *He's (rather) partial to a glass of brandy after dinner.*

▷ **partiality** /pa:'ʃælɪ/ n 1 [U] ~ (towards sb/sth) minung ah, lole, thil pakhat ah tan bul neihnak: *He judged the case without partiality.* 2 [C] ~ for sb/sth duh hleice neihnak: *She has a partiality for French cheeses.*

partially /pa:'ʃæli/ adv 1 a zate si lomi: *He is partially paralyzed.* 2 tanbul nei in.

participate /pa:'tɪsɪpeɪt/ v [I, Ipr] ~ (in sth) tel; rak tel ve: *participate in a competition, discussion, meeting* ○ *She actively participates in local politics.* ○ *How many countries will be participating (in the Olympic Games)?*

▷ **participant** /pa:'tɪsɪpənt/ n ~ (in sth) thil tuahnak ah a teltu: *All the participants in the debate had an opportunity to speak.*

participation /pa:'tɪsɪpeɪʃn/ n [U] ~ (in sth) rak tel venak: *Union leaders called for the active participation of all members in the day of protest.*

participle /pa:'tɪsɪpl/ n (grammar) Mirang (English) tong ah verb ah ing bet, lole, -ed, -en betmi (eg *She is going/she has gone*), lole, adjective ih hmanmi (eg *a fascinating story*): 'Hurrying' and 'hurried' are the present and past participles of 'hurry'.

▷ **participial** /pa:'tɪsɪpiəl/ adj participle a simi: 'Loving; in 'a loving mother' and 'polished' in 'polished wood' are participial adjectives.

particle /pa:'tɪkl/ n 1 thil fate: *particles of dust/dust particles* ○ *He choked on a particle of food.* 2 thil fate bik: *There's not a particle of truth in her story.* 3 (grammar) (a) minor part of speech such as an article (a, an, the). (b) common

prefix or suffix, eg *non-*, *un-* or *-ness*, eg *non-*, *un-* or *-ness*.

particoloured /pɑːtɪkələd/ (US **-clored**) *adj* a then then ih a pianzia dangdang a simi.

particular /pəˈtɪkjələ(r)/ *adj* **1** [attrib] minung, lole, thil pakhat ih sinak: *in this particular case* ○ *his particular problems* ○ *Is there any particular colour you would prefer?* **2** [attrib] a dang ce simi: *a matter of particular importance* ○ *for no particular reason* ○ *She took particular care not to overcook the meat.* ○ *He is a particular friend of mine.* **3** ~ (about/over sth) poimawh zet ih neih/ruatmi: *She's very particular about what she wears.* ○ *She's a very particular person.* ○ *particular about cleanliness, money matters, one's appearance.* **4** (idm) **in particular** a bik in: *The whole meal was good but the wine in particular was excellent.* ○ *'Is there anything in particular you'd like for dinner?'* 'No, nothing in particular.'

▷ **particular** *n* (often pl) a thuhla theiinternak; sinak a terek tiang: *Her account is correct in every particular/all particulars.* ○ *He gave full particulars of the stolen property.* ○ *The policewoman wrote down his particulars, ie his name, address, etc.*

particularity /pəˈtɪkjələˈrɪti/ *n* [U] (a) a hleice sinak. (b) a terek tiang zohfelnak.

particularize, -ise /pəˈtɪkjələraɪˈzeɪʃn/ *v* [I, Tn] a terek ih hei ti. **particularization, -isation** /pəˈtɪkjələraɪˈzeɪʃn/ *n* [U].

particularly *adv* a hleice in: *I like all her novels, but her latest is particularly good.* ○ *Be particularly careful when driving at night.* ○ *I particularly want to see that film.*

parting /pɑːtɪŋ/ *n* **1** [C, U] then-awknak; tiannak: *a tearful parting* ○ [attrib] *a parting kiss.* **2** [C] (US **part**) sam thennak. **3** (idm) **a/the parting of the ways** (a) zin teek. (b) thil pahnih ah khat sangsang ti ding a ummi thu ruah fulmi. **a parting shot** then-awk zawng ih tong tha lo tong sanmi. Cf PARTHIAN SHOT.

partisan /pɑːtɪˈzæn, 'pɑːtɪzæn; US 'pɑːtɪzn/ *n* **1** ziang ruat loin nasa zet ih tha petu/tantu. **2** ral pawl ih rak huapmi sungin hriamhrei thawn rak thotu: [attrib] *partisan warfare.*

▷ **partisan** *adj* thatho zet ih tan: *partisan attitudes, feelings, thinking, etc* ○ *You must listen to both points of view and try not to be partisan.*

partisanship /-ʃɪp/ *n* [U].

partition /pɑːtɪʃn/ *n* **1** (a) [U] then-awknak (ram): *the partition of India in 1974.* (b) [C] a then ih cannak. **2** [C] a khaan hmunhnh ih thennak phar, khan dan.

▷ **partition** *v* **1** [Tn] then: *India was partitioned in 1947.* **2** (phr v) **partition sth off** a dangah hei then: *We've partitioned off one end of the*

kitchen to make a breakfast room.

partitive /pɑːtɪtɪv/ *adj* (grammar) thil pakhat ih a then, lole, a zat khihhmuhnak.

▷ **partitive** *n* (grammar) partitive tongfang/ tongtluan: 'Some' and 'any' are partitives.

partner /pɑːtnə(r)/ *n* **1** tanpi/tuantlangtu: *She was made a partner in the firm.* ○ *a senior/junior partner in a firm of solicitors* ○ *They were partners in crime.* **2** thil tuahpi: *dancing partners* ○ *Take your partners for the next dance.* ○ *be sb's partner at bridge, badminton, etc.* **3** nupa sinak ih koppi: *He doesn't have a regular (sexual) partner at the moment.*

▷ **partner** *v* **1** [Tn] ziang pohpohtuahnak kop/pawl: *partner sb at bridge, tennis, etc* ○ *partner sb in a tango.* **2** (phr v) **partner (sb) off (with sb)** kop-aw: *We (were) partnered off for the next dance.*

partnership /-ʃɪp/ *n* ~ (with sb) (a) [U] tuantlangnak; tawm-awkm hnañuan: *She worked in partnership with her sister/They worked in partnership.* ○ *He went/entered into partnership with his brother.* ○ *He and his brother went/entered into partnership.* (b) [C] a bur ih hnañuannak: *a successful partnership.*

partook *pt* of PARTAKE.

partridge /pɑːtrɪdʒ/ *n* (a) [C] (pl unchanged or ~ s) kharhkhaang, valah phun vate pawl. (b) [U] a cuh vate sa.

parturition /pɑːtʃʊˈrɪʃn; US -tʃʊ-/ *n* [U] (medical) nau hrinnak/daan.

party /pɑːti/ *n* **1** [C] (esp compounds) puai tuah ih pawlkom: *a birthday party* ○ *a dinner party* ○ *a garden party* ○ *I'm giving/having/holding a party next Saturday night.* ○ [attrib] *a party dress.* **2** [CGp] (used esp in compounds or attributively with ns) khual tlawng, lole, hnañuan tlangmi bu khat: *a search party* ○ *The Government set up a working party to look into the problem.* ○ *a party of schoolchildren, tourists, etc.* **3** [CGp] (used esp in compounds or attributively with ns) ram hruaitu pañi (party): *The main political parties in the United States are the Democrats and the Republicans.* ○ *She's a member of the Communist Party.* ○ [attrib] *the party leader, policy, manifesto* ○ *party interests, funds, members* ○ *the party system, ie government based on political parties.* **4** [C] (law) thu hnok eel-awknak ah khat sangsang ih a tangtu: *the guilty party, ie the person who is to blame for sth* ○ *Is this solution acceptable to all parties concerned?* **5** [C] (dated infml) milai. **6** (idm) **be (a) party to sth** thu pakhat tuahnak le tumtahnak ah tel ve, lole, a theipitu; tanpitu: *be party to an agreement, a crime, a decision* ○ *They refused to be party to any violence.*

□ **party line** telephone hri fehnak hman tlangtu. **party line** rampi uk-awknak lam ih

pawlkom: *Some MPs refused to follow/toe the party line on defence.*

party politics ram hruiinak lam ih pawlkom thu fehpi le cangvaihnak. **party political** party thawn a pehparmi: *a party political broadcast by the Labour Party.*

aprtly spirit 1 ram uknak hrang pawlkom ah thinlung peek zetmi. 2 a ðan zettu.

party-wall n thil pakhat a ðentu phar (thil a neitu kap hnih ih ðuanvo laakmi).

parvenu /pɑːvənjuː/; US -nuː/ n (derog) mi farah le mi nauta dinhmun ihsin neihsak, lole, thupitnak dinhmun ih kainak.

paschal /pæskəl/, also 'pɑːskəl/ adj (religion) 1 Judah pawl ih Lantak Puai thawn pehparmi. 2 Thawhsaal Puai thawn pehparmi.

pass¹ /pɑːs/; US pæs/ n 1 camipuai onnak: *get a pass in French* ○ 2 *passes and 3 fails.* 2 (a) mi pakhat hrang thil ti theinak caken, eg sukso vaak theinak tivek: *All visitors must show their passes before entering the building.* ○ *There is no admittance without a pass.* (b) bus, lole, tlangleeng tonak caken: *a monthly bus pass*, ie one that is valid for a month. 3 ~ (to sb) bawhlung tivek lehnak ah lehpai pakhat hnenih bawhlung hei peek/hei den/hei thawi: *a long pass to the striker.* 4 tlangkhawn; tlangtluanpi ah a niamnak zawn. 5 phe lehnak ah mah caan thlen tikah tuah lo, lole, lek lo ih midang tunnak. 6 (esp in conjuring) mitkher, thil pakhat parah kut caangvaiter: *The conjuror made a few passes with his hand over the hat.* 7 (in fencing) namsau ih sun-awknak ah nam thawn hei dawt. 8 (idm) **bring sth to pass** (fml) thil pakhat hei cangter. **come to pass** (fml) a cang taktak: *Many people would like the electoral system to be reformed but I don't believe this will ever come to pass.* **come to such a pass/a pretty pass** aw-loksong vansan ton: *Things have come to a pretty pass when the children have to prepare their own meals.* **make a pass at sb** (infml) tisa hiarnak thawhter. **sell the pass** ⇒ SELL.

□ **passbook** n (a) tangka suah le thun lutnak cabute. Cf BANK-BOOK (BANK³). (b) (in S Africa) mi pakhat ih mipahun, umnak le hnaðuannak pawl khummi zungca nganmi.

pass degree (in British universities) dikari ngah theinak fang ih onnak.

passkey n (a) sangka, lole, kotka khar (gate) ah luh theinak tawh peekmi. (b) =MASTER-KEY (MASTER¹).

pass law (in S Africa) hmaidum pawl sukso veivahnak hrang upadi suahmi hmatpungtin.

password (also **watchword**) n ðong thup — mah sung si le si lo thleidan theihnak hmanmi ðongfang thup: *give the password.*

pass² /pɑːs/; US pæs/ v 1 [I, Tn] lan; hmailam ih hei ðhawn, lole, khat lam ah minung, lole, thil

hei ðhawn: *The street was so crowded that cars were unable to pass.* ○ *pass a barrier, sentry, checkpoint, etc* ○ (fig) *Not a word passed her lips*, ie She said nothing. 2 [I, Tn] minung, lole, thil pakhat hei feh lan: *Turn right after passing the Post Office.* ○ *She passed me in the street without even saying hello.* ○ *I pass the church on my way to work.* ○ *A car passed (ie overtook) me at 90 mph on the motorway.* 3 [Ipr, Ip] ~ **along, down, through, etc** (sth) thil zawn hoih ih feh/ðhawn: *The procession passed slowly down the hill.* ○ *We passed through Oxford on our way to London.* ○ *He glanced at her and then passed on*, ie continued to walk forward. 4 [Tn-pr] ~ **sth across, around, through, etc sth** thil pakhat hmunkhat tawkwawn lam ih ðhawnter/fehter (pat) thul; (hri) ngerh: *She passed her hand across her forehead.* ○ *pass a thread through the eye of a needle* ○ *pass a rope round a post.* 5 [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth (to sb)** thil pakhat mi pakhat hnenah kut in hei peek/san: *Pass (me) the salt, please.* ○ *They passed the photograph round*, ie from one person to the next. ○ *Pass me (over) that book.* ○ *She passed the letter to Mary.* 6 [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (to sb)** passing pek; bawhlung vek phun lehnak ah mahlam mi hnenah bawhlung ke in hei sit ih peek, kut ih deeng: *He passed (the ball) to the winger.* 7 [Ipr] ~ **to sb** mi pakhat hnenah ro hei roh: *On his death, the title passed to his eldest son.* 8 [Ipr] ~ **from sth to/into sth** sinak thleng-aw: *Water passes from a liquid to a solid state when it freezes.* ○ *pass from boyhood to manhood.* 9 (a) [I] (tikcu) a lan; caan a lan: *Six months had passed, and we still had no news of them.* ○ *The holidays passed far too quickly.* (b) [Tn] caan hman: *What did she do to pass the time* (ie to make the period of boredom less tedious) *while she was convalescing?* ○ *How did you pass the evening?* 10 [I] a cem/a net: *They waited for the storm to pass.* ○ *His anger will soon pass.* 11 (a) [I, Tn] thil ti suak/hlawhtling: *You'll have to work hard if you want to pass (the exam).* ○ *She hasn't passed her driving test yet.* (b) [Tn] hlawhtlinter; onter: *The examiners passed all the candidates*, ie decided that their work was of the required standard. 12 (a) [Tn] lungkimnak laak; hngetter: *Parliament passed the bill.* ○ *The motion was passed by 12 votes to 10.* (b) [I, Tn] (esp of a bill, law, proposal, etc) thu burmi lungkimnak tuah: *The bill passed and became law.* ○ *This film wil never pass the censors*, eg because it is too sexually explicit. 13 [I] thlah; lanter; lungkimp: *I don't like it, but I'll let it pass*, ie will not make objections. ○ *His rudeness passed without comment*, ie People ignored it. ○ *Such behaviour may pass in some circles but it will not be tolerated here.* 14 [Tn,

Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (on sb/sth) thu pakhat parah thu thennak tuah; a sinak sim: *pass sentence* (on sb found guilty of a crime) ○ *pass judgement* on a matter ○ *pass a remark*. **15** [I, Ipr] ~ (**between A and B**) thil rak cang: *after all that has passed between them*. **16** [Tn] si lo tuk ti ih ruah — ruah ban lo, theihban lo tivek: *pass belief*, ie be unbelievable ○ *pass one's comprehension*, ie be impossible for one to understand. **17** [I] phe lehnak ah mai caan asinain tuah lo ihn mi hei tun. **18** [Tn] ruangpi sung in thil suak, eg zun thawh tivek: *If you're passing blood you ought to see a doctor*. **19** (idm) **make/pass water** ⇒ WATER¹. **pass the buck (to sb)** (infml) tuanvo, lole, mawhpurhnak mi va pen. **pass the hat round** (infml) mina hrang, lole, puai tuahnak dingih paisa hei khon. **pass muster** famkim a si ti ih cohlan. **pass the time of day (with sb)** mi hei ton ih malte lai thurelpi. **ships that pass in the night** ⇒ SHIP¹.

20 (phr v) **pass as sb/sth** = PASS FOR SB/STH.

pass away (euph) thi; a thi: *His mother passed away last year*.

pass by (sb/sth) feh lan: *I saw the procession pass by*. ○ *The procession passed right by my front door*. **pass sb/sth by** (a) theihpi lo ih um: *The whole business passed him by*, ie he was hardly aware that it was happening. ○ *She feels that life is passing her by*, ie that she is not profiting from or enjoying the opportunities and pleasures of life. (b) thei duh lo ih um, hrial: *We cannot pass this matter by without protest*. **pass sth down** (esp passive) a sansan in thil a peh tluan in a cang: *knowledge which has been passed down over the centuries*.

pass for sb/sth mi pakhat/thil pakhat a si taktak ti theihmi: *He speaks French well enough to pass for a Frenchman*.

pass in (to sth) tlawng luhnak camipuai on ruangih cohlanmi.

pass into sth thil dangah hei cang: *Many foreign words have passed into the English language*. ○ *His deeds have passed into legend*, ie because of their bravery, importance, etc.

pass of (a) rak cang duak: *The demonstration passed off without incident*. (b) nuam tete in a hlo/cem vivo: *The numbness in your foot will soon pass off*. **pass sb/sth off as sb/sth** midang hei cang-awtker/thil dang hei canter: *She passed him off as* (ie pretended that he was) *her husband*. ○ *He escaped by passing himself off as a guard*.

pass on = PASS AWAY. **pass on (to sth)** hmun khat/thil pakhat in a dangih hei feh, thawn: *Let's pass on to the next item on the agenda*.

pass sth on (to sb) hei pe; hei san: *Pass the book on to me when you've finished with it*. ○ *I passed her message on to his mother*. ○ *She caught my cold and passed it on to* (ie infected)

her husband.

pass out lung cimit. **pass out (of sth)** thil zirnak in ong suak: *a passing-out ceremony/parade*, ie for cadets who have completed their training.

pass sb over hnaṭuannak kai dingih ruah sak lo: *He was passed over in favour of a younger man*. **pass over sth** ruat lo; dungtun; ziang siar lo ih um: *They chose to pass over her rude remarks*. ○ *Sex is a subject he prefers to pass over*, eg because it embarrasses him. **pass through** feh tlaang; pal (khua): *We came to say hello as we were passing through*. **pass through sth** hmuhton; nuntep: *She passed through a difficult period after her marriage failed*.

pass sth up (infml) cohlaang duh lo; co duh lo: *Imagine passing up an offer like that!*

□ **passer-by** /pɑːsə 'baɪ/; US /pæsər/ n (pl **passers-by** /pɑːsəz 'baɪ/) milai/thil pakhat kiangin rak feh lantu: *Police asked passers-by if they had seen the accident happen*.

passable /pɑːsəbl/; US /pæs-/ adj **1** [usu pred] (a) (lamzin) feh theih, zawh theihmi: *The mountain roads are not passable until late spring*. (b) (tiva) feh tlang theih; leuh tlang theih, tan theih. **2** tha zet lo nan lungkim zawng a simi; a cang thei pam a simi: *a passable knowledge of German*.

▷ **passably** /-əbl/ adv cohlan theih fangin.

passage /pæsɪdʒ/ n **1** [U] (a) feh lan; liam lanmi: *the passage of time*. (b) feh tlang; feh lan: *The passage of motor vehicles is forbidden*. (c) feh theinak: *They were denied passage through the occupied territory*. **2** [C usu sing] lam ong: *force a passage through the crowd*. **3** [C] tangphawlawng, vanzameeng tivek thawn khualtlawnnak ih pekmi toman: *book one's passage to New York* ○ *He worked his passage to Australia*, eg paid for the journey by doing jobs on the ship he was traveling on. **4** (also **passageway**) [C] karlak lamfiak. **5** [C] minung ruangpi sungih ongmi; thli, a tii le a ha pawl a leeng feh suaknak kua ong: *the nasal passages* ○ (infml) *the back passage*, ie the anus. **6** [C] cabu, thusimmi tong/awnmi aw sungih tawite lai hei laakmi: *a passage from the Bible*. **7** [U] upadi tuahmi.

passé /pæseɪ; US pæ'seɪ/ adj [usu pred] (French) (a) sanman lomi: *I'm beginning to find her novels rather passé*. (b) tar lam pan: *He was a fine actor but he's a bit passé now*.

passenger /pæsɪndʒə(r)/ n **1** mawṭawka, vanzam tivek ih khualtlawng: *The driver of the car was killed in the crash but both passengers escaped unhurt*. ○ [attrib] *the passenger seat*, ie the seat next to the driver's seat in a motor vehicle ○ *a passenger train*, ie one carrying passengers rather than goods. **2** (infml esp Brit) hnaṭuan pawlkom sungin hnaṭuan taima

lo pawl: *This firm can't afford (to carry) passengers.*

passim /pæsɪm/ *adv* (Latin) cabu sung le ca suahnak ah a caancaan ih rak tel theumi tongfang tete.

passing /'pɑːsɪŋ; US 'pæs/ *adj* **1** can tawite sung cangmi, malte lai sung a simi: *a passing thought, fancy.* **2** taktai lo: *a passing glance, reference, remark.*

▷ **passing** *n* [U] **1** thil a cem rero, feh rero mi: *the passing of time, the years.* **2** (fml) (a) cem; neet: *the passing of the old year*; ie on New Year's Eve. (b) (euph) thih: *They all mourned his passing.* **3** (idm) **in passing** rin lo ah; ti men ah: *mention sth in passing.*

passion /'pæʃn/ *n* **1** (a) [U, C] thinlung thutak suah in: *She argued with great passion.* ○ *Passions were running high at the meeting*, ie people were in an angry or emotional state. (b) [sing] thinheng zet: *be in a passion* ○ *get/fly into a passion*, ie become very angry. **2** [U] ~ (for sb) taksa hiarhal zet ih duhnak: *His passion for her made him blind to everything else.* **3** [sing] (a) ~ **for sth** thil pakhat duh zetnak neih: *a passion for chocolate, detective stories, tennis.* (b) thil/thuhla pakhat mi pakhat ih a duh zetmi: *Horse-racing is her passion.* ○ *Music is a passion with him.* **4 the Passion** [sing] (religion) Khrih ih tuarnak le thihnak.

□ **passion-flower** *n* a par rong phunphun a neimi a zaam thei pangpar kung.

passion-fruit *n* [C, U] saap thei: [attrib] *passion-fruit ice-cream.*

passion-play *n* Khrih thihnak thu lemcaun.

Passion Sunday (in the Christian Church) RC ah Rawl-ulh caan (Lent) a zarh nganak Zarhpi ni.

Passion Week (in the Christian Church) Passion Sunday le Palm Sunday kar ih Zarh.

passionate /'pæʃənət/ *adj* **1** (a) nu le pa sual duhnak hiarhalnak nei: *a passionate kiss, lover, relationship.* (b) thinlung taktak ih ruat, thutak zet in: *a passionate plea for mercy* ○ *her passionate support for our cause* ○ *a passionate defender of civil liberties.* **2** thutak ih nehkhuhmi; cuvek suakter: *a passionate nature, temperament, woman.*

▷ **passionately** *adv* (a) hiarhal zet ih duh: *He loved her passionately.* (b) (used before adjs) thutak in: *She is passionately fond of tennis.* ○ *He is passionately opposed to racial discrimination.*

passive /'pæsɪv/ *adj* **1** cakvak lo; tuh-lut-awmi: *play a passive role in a marriage* ○ *passive obedience, acceptance* ○ *passive smoking*, ie breathing in fumes from tobacco being smoked by others. **2** thinlung ih duhnak nei lo, tumtahnak um lo: *a passive audience* ○ *He had a passive expression on his face.* **3** a tuartu, lole

hei timi, khiihmuh ih sum/ngan daan, as in *Her leg was broken and He was bitten by a dog: a passive sentence.* Cf ACTIVE.

▷ **passive** *n* [sing] (also passive voice) (grammar) passive(3) form of verb (phrase) or sentence: *In the sentence 'He was seen there', 'was seen' is in the passive.* Cf ACTIVE VOICE (ACTIVE).

passively *adv.*

passiveness (also **passivity** /pæ'sɪvətɪ/) *n* [U] passive sinak.

□ **passive resistance** ram uktu pawl ih thu thlun loin um tahrat ih dodalnak.

Passover /'pɑːsəʊvə(r); US 'pæs-/ *n* Judah pawl ih salsuahnak Lantaak Puai.

passport /'pɑːspɔːt; US 'pæs-/ *n* **1** ramdang tlawn theinak caken (cabute): *a British passport.* **2** ~ **th sth** thil pakhat tuah theinak dingih caken: *The only passport to success is hard work.*

past¹ /pɑːst; US pæst/ *adj* **1** a cemta mi caan; tikcu: *in past years, centuries, ages* ○ *The time for discussion is past.* ○ *in times past.* **2** a cem pekte mi: *The past month has been a difficult one for him.* ○ *I've seen little of her in the difficult one for him.* ○ *I've seen little of her in the past few weeks.* **3** a cem zomi ta a simi; cemcia ta a simi: *past happiness* ○ *past and present students of the college* ○ *past achievements, failures, generations, presidents.* **4** (grammar) tikcu cemcia ta ih tuahnak: *The past tense of 'take' is 'took'.* ○ *a past participle, eg passed, taken, gone.*

▷ **past** *n* **1 the past** (a) [sing] a cemcia caan: *I've been there many times in the past.* (b) [sing] a cem zomi caan ih thil cangmi: *memories of the past* ○ *look back on, remember, regret the past* ○ *We cannot change the past.* **2** [C] a cemcia caan ih mi pakhat ih nun: *We know nothing of his past.* ○ *She's a woman with a 'past'.* **3** [sing] (also **past tense**) a cemciami caan ih tuahnak: *The past of the verb 'take' is 'took'.* **4** (idm) **a thing of the past** ⇒ LIVE².

□ **past master** ~ (in/of sth); ~ (at sth/doing sth) thil pakhat khat ah a thiam zetmi: *She's a past master at the art of getting what she wants.*

past² /pɑːst; US pæst/ *prep* **1** (a) (tikcu) caan a lan zomi: *half past two* ○ *ten (minutes) past six* ○ *There's a bus at twenty minutes past the hour*, ie at 1.20, 2.20, 3.20, etc. ○ *It was past midnight when we got home.* (b) (kum) hnakin a tam: *an old man past seventy* ○ *She's past her thirties*, ie at least 40. **2** hei lan in: *You can see the house past the church.* ○ *She walked past the shop.* ○ *He hurried past me without stopping.* **3** (a) si nawn lo dingmi: *The man is past working*, ie too old, weak, etc to work. ○ *I'm past caring* (ie I no longer care) *what he does.* ○ *It's quite past my comprehension*, ie I can't understand it. (b) a kum in a peek nawn lo; caan a liam theh zo:

She's past playing with dolls. ○ *She's long past retirement age.* **4** (idm) **past it** (infml) thil pakhat tuah dingah a tar tuk zo: *At 93 he's finally realized he's getting past it.* ○ *That overcoat is looking decidedly past it.*

▷ **past** adv part hei lan taak: *walk, march, go, rush, etc past.*

pasta /pæstə; US 'pɑ:stə/ *n* [U] arti le sangvut bek ih tuahmi Italy sang/hmuk: [attrib] *a pasta dish, eg lasagne.* Cf NOODLE.

paste¹ /peɪst/ *n* **1** [sing] thil a bek ih tuahmi ei theih, eg ngapih tivek: *a smooth, thin, thick, etc paste* ○ *She mixed the flour and water to a paste.* **2** [U] cahnah ben (erh)nak dingih tuahmi sangvut le tidai nawn beekmi. **3** [U] (esp in compounds) pawngnmuk parih maanmi ngasa vut, lole, savut beek ko ih tuahmi: *anchovy paste* ○ *liver paste.* **4** [U] lungvar a lem (tuah cop) tuahnak dingih hmanmi thlalang vek thil: [attrib] *paste jewellery.*

paste² /peɪst/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] thil pakhat parah thil dang hei erh/ben. **2** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth (on) to sth**; ~ **sth on (sth)**; ~ **A and B together** a seengmi thawn erh/ben: *She pasted posters onto the wall.* ○ *paste pieces of paper together.* **3** [Tn] (dated infml) mi hei vuak/thawi. **4** (phr v) **paste sth down** thil a phaw a ernnak ih erh; thil pakhat ih erh. **paste sth in**; **paste sth into sth** a ernnak thawn ih ben/cabu parih erh: *She pasted the pictures into a scrapbook.* **paste sth up** (a) thil a tungmi parah thil ben: *paste up an advertisement, a notice, a poster, etc.* (b) kawthawn ih ben.

▷ **pasting** *n* (infml) na zet ih thawi; sung neekneek: *give sb a pasting* ○ *Our team got/took a real pasting on Saturday.*

□ **paste-up** *n* zuk ummi cahnah bennak dingih cahnah sah, lole, thingpheeng.

pasteboard /peɪstbɔ:d/ *n* [U] kaw erhmi cahnah sahpi.

pastel /pæstl; US pæ'stel/ *n* **1** a rong phunphun ummi cafung (khe-daan): *She works in (ie uses) pastels.* **2** hivek hmangih zuk suaimi. **3** zuk a rong a rau mi: [attrib] *pastel shades/colours.*

pastern /pæstən/ *n* rang ke zaphak le ke dil a hmul umnak karlak.

pasteurize, -ise /pɑ:stʃəraɪz; US 'pæs-/ *v* [Tn] ca hnawi tivek satter ih a sung um rulcawng thah.

▷ **pasteurization, -isation** /pɑ:stʃəraɪzɪʃn; US pæstʃəraɪzɪʃn/ *n* [U] hi veki natnak hrik thah.

pastiche /pæ'sti:ʃ/ *n* **1** [C] mi thil tuah daan (cangan le hla phuah) cawngih tuah vemi. **2** [C] hmun dangdang le mi dangdang hnenih cawn le laakmi thil tuah daan; eg hla tivek. **3** [U] cuvek thil tuah daan: *He has a gift for pastiche.*

pastille /pæstəl; US pæ'sti:l/ *n* dang nat sii hlum eimi: *throat pastilles.*

pastime /pɑ:stam; US 'pæs-/ *n* tikcu caan cemternak men ih thil tuahmi: *Photography is her favourite pastime.*

pastor /ɑ:stə(r); US 'pæs-/ Pathian hnaʔuantu; tuukhaal.

pastoral /pɑ:stərəl; US 'pæs-/ *adj* **1** khawte lam, hramlak, lole, tuukhal thawn a pehparmi: *a pastoral scene, poem, painting* ○ *pastoral poetry/verse* ○ *Beethoven's 'Pastoral' Symphony.* **2** (lei) saʔil tlannak dingih rak zuahmi ram. **3** Pathian hnaʔuantu le a hnaʔuan daan thawn a pehparmi: *pastoral care, duties, responsibilities, etc.*

▷ **pastoral** *n* **1** pastoral bezai, zuk tivek. **2** (also **pastoral letter**) pastor ih a Kawhhran hnenih kuatmi cakuat, a heice in bishop hnen ihsin a ukmi bial sung cakuat.

pastrami /pæ'strɑ:mɪ/ *n* [U] cawsa pherh.

pastry /peɪstri/ *n* **1** [U] sangvut le sathau, ti thawn ih cawh ih rawhmi: *You eat too much pastry, ie food made with pastry.* **2** [C] cuvek ih tuahmi sang/hmuk: *Danish pastries.*

□ **pastry-cook** *n* hivek sang/hmuk rawh le tuahtu.

pasture /pɑ:stʃə(r); US 'pæs-/ *n* **1** [C, U] sumhnam (ʔilva) tlannak dingih hrampi ram: *acres of rich pasture.* **2** [U] hivek ram ih hrampi khomi.

▷ **pasture** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] sumhnam pawl hram ei dingih thlah: *pasture one's sheep on the village common.* **2** [I, Ipr] sumhnam pawl hram/thinghna ei.

pasturage /pɑ:stʃəɪdʒ; US 'pæs-/ *n* [U] **1** sumhnam thlahnak ram. **2** sumhnam pawl thlah theinak thu.

pasty¹ /peɪsti/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** thil beek: *a pasty substance* ○ *mix to a pasty consistency.* **2** taksa rau le dam lo hmel kengmi: *a pasty face, complexion.*

□ **pasty-faced** *adj* dam lo taksa: *a pasty-faced youth.*

pasty² /pæsti/ *n* (Brit) sa, thingthei, ih tuahmi rawl: *a Cornish pasty, ie one with a filling of meat and potatoes.*

pat¹ /pæt/ *adv* **1** rak ticop/lohli; hngak lo ih ti lohli: *Her answer came pat.* **2** (idm) **have/know sth off pat** ʔha tein ciing; theifiang: *He had all the answers off pat.* ○ *She knows the rules off pat.* **stand pat** (esp US) tumtahnak thleng lo.

▷ **pat** *adj* **1** remcaang zet/cekci. **2** (derog) khulrang zet; zamrang tuk: *It's a complex question and her answer was too pat.*

pat² /pæt/ *v* (-tt-) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] kut in zuut: *pat a dog* ○ *pat sb's hand* ○ *pat a child on the head, ie as a sign of affection* ○ *pat a ball, ie so that it bounces up and down.* **2** [Tn-pr, Ca-n, Cn-pr] hei zuut; hnuul: *She patted down a few wisps of*

hair. ○ He patted his face dry (with a towel). ○ She patted her hair into place/shape. **3** (idm) **pat sb/oneself on the back** lungkim zet ih sim — mi/mah le mah lawm.

▷ **pat n 1** zuut: She gave the child a pat on the head. ○ He gave her knee an affectionate pat/He gave her an affectionate pat on the knee. **2** thil zuutnak aw diim. **3 ~ (of sth)** thil a per (a beekmi): a pat of butter. **4** (idm) **a pat on the back (for sth/doing sth)** thil pakhat tuahthat ruangih lomnak tong: give sb/get a pat on the back ○ She deserves a pat on the back for all the hard work she's done.

Pat abbr patent (number): Pat 1 230 884.

patch¹ /pætʃ/ **n 1** thil belh; thil a ong; a siat, lole, a ngawlmi parih siat lo dingih a khuh/a tuamnak: a jacket with leather patches on the elbows ○ She sewed a patch onto the knee of the trousers. ○ a patch on the inner tube of a tyre. **2** a siat le tha lo parah him dingih a khuh tuahmi: He wears a black patch over his right eye. **3** thil pakhat parih a rong dang cuangmi: a black dog with a white patch on its neck ○ a worn patch on the elbow of a sweater ○ damp patches on a wall. **4 ~ (of sth)** a fiakmi thil pakhat a um hmun: patches of fog, ice, sunlight ○ patches of blue in a cloudy sky ○ The ground is wet in patches. **5** tihaang duum hrang hmun fate: a cabbage, an onion, a potato, etc patch. **6** (Brit infml) mah hnaʔuan hmun, lole, mah theihnak hmun: He knows every house in his patch. **7** (infml) (idm) **(go through, hit, strike, etc) a bad patch** harsat caan/nom lo caan: Their marriage has been going through a bad patch. ○ Our firm has just struck a bad patch. **not be a patch on sb/sth** midang/thildang tluk/bang deuh lo: Her latest novel isn't a patch on her others.

□ **patch-pocket** *n* hnipuan (angki/bawngbi) a leeng lam ih zaal tuah (benmi zaal).

patch² /pætʃ/ **v 1** (a) [Tn] belh; tuam: patch a hole in a pair of trousers. (b) [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) thil belh; thit ih belh: patch up an old pair of jeans ○ The elbows of your jersey are worn — I'll need to patch them. **2** [Tn] thil belhnak. **3** (phr v) **patch sth up** (a) thil rem: The wrecked car was patched up and resold. (b) remnak tuah: They patched up their differences.

patchouli /pætʃʊli, pətʃu:li/ **n 1** [C] nisuahnak ram lam ih a khomi a rim hmuimi thingkung. **2** [U] hivek thingkung ihsin tuahmi rimhmui.

patchwork /pætʃwɜ:k/ **n 1** [U] puan hniar fate te komkhawm ih a mawi dingih a phunphun ih thit kommi: [attrib] a patchwork bedcover, cushion, quilt, etc. **2** [sing] thil a phunphun kommi: A patchwork of fields seen from an aeroplane.

patchy /pætʃi/ **adj** (-ier, -iest) **1** a hmunhmun te ih ummi thil, a kom-aw lomi: patchy fog, mist, cloud, etc. **2** (fig) a ruang-aw lomi; thil a tha

suak deuh lomi: a patchy essay, novel, performance ○ His work is rather patchy. ○ My knowledge of German is patchy, ie not complete.

▷ **patchily** *adv*. **patchiness** [U].

pate /pet/ *n* (arch or joc infml) lu, lole, luruh; lukawng (sam kho lo): a shiny bald pate.

pâté /pæteɪ; US pæteɪ/ *n* [U] sa, lole, ngasa dip le beek ko tuahmi thawn tuahmi hmuk/rawl: liver, duck, mackerel pâté.

□ **pâté de foie gras** /pæteɪ də fwa: 'grɑ:/ rampai hngawng sau a thaumi ih thin thawn tuahmi rawl.

patella /pə'telə/ *n* (pl -lae /-li:/) (anatomy) khuk zawn ih a permi ruh-kep, khukkepte.

patent¹ /peɪnt, also 'pænt; US 'pænt/ *adj* ~ (to sb) a fiang zetmi/fiah zetmi: a patent lie ○ his patent dislike of the plan ○ a patent disregard for the truth ○ It was patent to anyone that she dislike the idea.

▷ **patently** *adv* fiang zetmi: It was patently obvious that he was lying.

patent² /pænt, also 'pænt/ *n 1* (a) thilthar tuah hmaisatu le neitu sinak acozah ih pekmi ca, a tuahmi midang in cawng lo ding le amah ih tuah/nei/zuar theinak a neihmi kilhim saknak: take out (ie obtain) a patent to protect an invention ○ patent applied for, eg marked on goods not yet protected by patent. (b) hivek thu neihmi. **2** thil tuah tharmi ah, upadi ih a siannak kilhimnak thu: It's my patent.

▷ **patent** *adj 1* [attrib] thil tuahthar siannak le kilhimnak a simi. **2** [attrib] thil tuahnak zung pakhat ih tuah le zuarmi: patent drugs, medicines, etc ○ (joc) his patent (ie personal) remedy for hangovers.

patent *v* [Tn] thil tuah le zuar theinak cozah thupeek ngah.

patentee /peɪnti:/ *n* ,pænt-/ *n* cuvek cozah thu peek ngah/neitu.

□ **patent leather** kadam le kutkhai zaal tuahnak hmanmi a hak ih a tleu/ngilmi savun.

patent office patent a suahtu cozah zung.

paterfamilias /peɪtəfə'miliæs; US ,pæt-/ *n* (pl **patresfamilias** /pə'treɪzəfə'miliæs/) (fml or joc) innsang hotu bik; papi bik.

paternal /pə'tɜ:nl/ *adj 1* pa lam in a simi/pa thawn a sengmi: paternal affection, authority ○ He has a paternal concern for your welfare, ie like that of a father for his child. **2** pa lam ih unau a simi: her paternal grandmother, ie her father's mother. Cf **MATERNAL**.

▷ **paternally** /-nəli/ *adv*.

paternalism /pə'tɜ:nəlɪzəm/ *n* [U] ram sung minung tulsammi tuah le peek ih pa vek in hei uk.

▷ **paternalistic** /pə'tɜ:nəlɪstɪk/ *adj*.

paternalistically /-klɪ/ *adv*.

paternity /pə'tɜ:nəti/ *n* [U] **1** pa sinak: He denied paternity of the child, ie denied that he was its

father. **2** pa lam in piannak: *a child of unknown paternity.*

paternoster /ˈpætəˈnɒstə(r)/ *n* Bawipai' Thlacam; a hleice in Latin ðong ih cam tikah hmanmi.

path /pɑːθ/; *US* pæθ/ *n* (pl ~ **s** /pɑːðz/; *US* pæðz/) **1** (also **pathway**, **footpath**) ke zin: *keep to the path or you'll lose your way.* ○ *The path follows the river and then goes through the woods.* ○ *We took the path across the fields.* **2** minung thil pakhat ih fehnak zin/a zawn: *the moon's path round the earth* ○ *the path of a tornado* ○ *She threw herself in the path of (ie in front of) an oncoming vehicle.* ○ (fig) *She has had a difficult path through life.* **3** thil tuah ding daan zawn: *I strongly advised him not to take that path.* **4** (usu sing) ~ **to sth** thil tinak; thil ti suaknak: *the path to success, victory, riches, power, ruin.* **5** (idm) **cross sb's path** ⇒ **CROSS**². **lead sb up the garden path** ⇒ **LEAD**³. **the primrose path** ⇒ **PRIMROSE**. **smooth sb's path** ⇒ **SMOOTH**².

□ **pathfinder** /ˈpɑːθfaɪndə(r); 'pæθ-/ *n* **1** hmunthar tong, lole, thil tuah daan a thar ih theitu/tongtu. **2** bomb thlaaktu ding vanzam lam hruaitu vanzamleng.

NOTE ON USAGE: **A lane** is a narrow country road. **A path or footpath** is a way marked out for people to walk along, between houses in a town or across fields, beside rivers, etc in the country. **A track** is a rough path in the country, often not officially marked, but made by the constant passing of people, animals or vehicles. **Lane** and **track** can also refer to the separate parts of a road (lane) or railway (track) separation cars or trains passing in opposite directions or overtaking: *a six-lane motorway* ○ *a double-track railway line*. Runners in an athletics stadium run in individual **lanes**. The whole area they run on is called the **track**.

-path ⇒ **-PATHY**.

pathetic /pəˈθetɪk/ *adj* **1** zaangfahnak thinlung neihter: *pathetic cries for help* ○ *the pathetic sight of starving children* ○ *His tears were pathetic to witness.* **2** (infml) a famkim lo zetmi; ten ummi; nautat thlaakmi: *a pathetic attempt, performance, excuse* ○ *You're pathetic! Can't you even boil an egg?*

▷ **pathetically** /-kli/ *adv*: *pathetically thin* ○ *His answers were pathetically inadequate.*

□ **pathetic fallacy** (in literature) nunnak nei lomi thil pawl nunnak nei le ruahnak nei vek sitermi.

path(o)- *comb form* natnak: *pathology*.

pathological /ˈpæθəˈlɒdʒɪkl/ *n* **1** natnak rulcawng ruangih natnak neihmi. **2** tisa, lole, ruahnak thluak ihsin cangtermi. **3** (infml) ruah theih lomi: *a pathological fear of spiders,*

obsession with death, hatred of sb ○ *a pathological (ie compulsive) liar.*

▷ **pathologically** /-kli/ *adv*: *pathologically jealous, mean, etc.*

pathology /pəˈθɒlədʒi/ *n* [U] ruangpi sungih natnak lam zirnak.

▷ **pathologist** /pəˈθɒlədʒɪst/ *n* natnak lam zirnak ih fimnak neitu.

pathos /ˈpeɪθɒs/ *n* [U] zaangfahnak neihternak ca, ðong le umdaan in: *the pathos of Hamlet's death.*

-pathy *comb form* (forming *ns*) **1** natnak damter daan: *homeopath* ○ *osteopath*. **2** taksa le thinlung ih theihnak: *telepathy*.

▷ **-path** *com form* (forming *ns*): *homeopath* ○ *osteopath*.

-pathic *comb form* (forming *adjs*): *homeopathic* ○ *telepathic*.

patience /ˈpeɪfəns/ *n* [U] **1** ~ (with **sb/sth**) thinsau; zaidam; phunzai lo ih um thei: *I warn you, I'm beginning to lose (my) patience (with you), ie become impatient.* ○ *After three hours of waiting for the train, our patience was finally exhausted.* ○ *She has no patience with (ie cannot tolerate) people who are always grumbling.* ○ (saying) *Patience is a virtue.* **2** ~ (for **sth/to do sth**) thil pakhat parah thinsau: *Learning to walk again after his accident required great patience.* ○ *She hasn't the patience to do embroidery.* **3** (Brit) (*US solitaire*) phe leh daan. **4** (idm) **the patience of Job** thinsau zetmi: *His behaviour would try (ie test) the patience of Job.*

patient¹ /ˈpeɪfənt/ *adj* ~ (with **sb/sth**) minung, lole, thil pakhat parah thinsau: *You'll have to be patient with my mother — she's going rather deaf.* ○ *patient research, questioning, listening* ○ *She's a patient (ie persevering) worker.*

▷ **patiently** *adv*: *wait, sit, listen patiently.*

patient² /ˈpeɪfənt/ *n* (a) mi naa rak zohmi. (b) sibawi pawl ih natnak tuamhlawmmi mi naa: *I have been a patient of Dr Smith for many years.*

patina /ˈpætnə/ *n* [sing] **1** dar, lole, dar le rangva rawimi a hlun tuk ruangih a parah a hring zawng a kaimi. **2** thing hlumpi parih a nalh zetmi a leeng phaw.

patio /ˈpætiəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ **s** /-əʊz/) **1** donhle; zaute; zialsin. Cf **VERANDA**. **2** luanglu; tlunkhuh nei lomi inn kulh sung. Cf **TERRACE** 3.

patisserie /pəˈtɪsəri/ *n* **1** [C] France rawl ei ða le hmuk zuarnak dawr. **2** [U] *pastry* le cake pawl zuarnak dawr.

patois /ˈpætwaː/ *n* (pl **unchanged** /-twəz/) zapi hmanmi ðong hnakin a cee deuhmi, bial area pakhat ih hmanmi ðong: *He speaks the local patois.*

patri- *comb form* pa: *patricide* ○ *patriarch*. Fc **MATRI-**.

patriarch /ˈpetrɪɑːk; *US* 'pæt/ *n* **1** innsang

patrician

pakhat ih mipa a lu bik; hotu bik, lole mi hnam khat sungih hotu. Cf MATRIARCH. **2** **Patriarch** (Orthodox le RC biaknak ih) siangkawi upa. **3** upat tlaakmi putar.

▷ **patriarchal** /ˈpeɪtriɑːk/; US ˈpæt-/ *adj* **1** pa bik sinak a simi. **2** mipa upa ih uk le hoha mi: *a patriarchal society*.

patriarchate /-eɪt/ *n* biaknak lam ih hohatu sinak.

patriarchy /-ki/ *n* [C, U] ram, lole, pawlkom ah mipa ih hohat le uknak ih a fehmi ram.

patrician /ˈpætɹɪʃn/ *n* (esp in ancient Rome) hnam u; hnam phunsang a simi pa. Cf PLEBEIAN *n*.

▷ **patrician** *adj* hnam-u sinak thawn a pehparmi: *patrician arrogance, haughtiness, good looks*.

patricide /ˈpætɹɪsaɪd/ *n* (a) [C, U] mai pa that. (b) [C] pa thattu. Cf MATRICIDE, PARRICIDE.

patrimony /ˈpætɹɪməni/; US -məni/ *n* [U] **1** pa, lole, pu le pa ihsin ngahmi ro. **2** mi ih peekmi biakinn thilri, lole, sumsaw ngahmi.

▷ **patrimonial** /ˈpætɹɪməniəl/ *adj* patrimony thawn a pehparmi.

patriot /ˈpætɹiət/; US ˈpeɪt-/ *n* ram duhdaw ih a run duhtu: *a true patriot*.

▷ **patriotic** /ˈpætɹiətɪk/; US ˈpeɪt-/ *adj* ram le mipun duhdawtu/tantu a simi: *patriotic members of the public* ○ *patriotic support, fervour* ○ *patriotic songs*.

patriotically /-kli/ *adv*.

patriotism /-ɪzəm/ *n* [U] ram duhnak thinlung.

patrol /ˈpætɹəʊl/ *v* (-II-) [I, Tn] thil tha le tha lo zoh dingih vaak — raal um le um lo/thil tha le tha lo ti hei haal: *The army regularly patrol (along) the border*. ○ *Police patrol the streets at night*.

▷ **patrol** *n* **1** thil/minung hei halhnak: *carry out a patrol* ○ *The army make hourly patrols of the area*. ○ *The navy are maintaining a 24-hour air and sea patrol*, eg in order to find survivors from a ship that has sunk. **2** minung — minung bur/rual; mawṭaw/tangphawlawng le vanzambleeng thil haaltu ih ret/ummi: *a naval, army, police patrol* ○ [attrib] *a police patrol car*. **3** minung (6) a tel theumi Scout, lole, Girl Guide bur khat. **4** (idm) **on patrol** hmunkhat khat rak haal: *Terrorists attacked two soldiers on patrol*.

□ **patrolman** /-mən/ *n* (pl **-men** /-mən/) **1** motor feh daan zoh kiltu. **2** (US) hmunkhat ih ṭuanvo peekmi palik.

patrol wagon (US) = BLACK MARIA (BLACK¹).

patron /ˈpeɪtrən/ *n* **1** tangka, lole, thu le hla ih rak ṭuanpitu: *a wealthy patron of the arts*. **2** dawr, rawl dawr, tivek ah thil ra lei ringringtu: *Patrons are requested to leave their bags in the cloakroom*.

□ **patron saint** kilhimtu ih ruatmi Mithianghlim (a thi zomi tla): *St Christopher is the patron*

saint of travelers.

patronage /ˈpætɹənɪdʒ/; US ˈpeɪt-/ *n* [U] **1** tha peek ṭanpinak: *patronage of the arts* ○ *Without the patronage of several large firms, the festival could not take place*. ○ *The theatre is under the patronage of the Arts Council*. **2** dawr thil lei ringringtu pawl ih tha peeknak: *We thank you for your patronage*. **3** mi pakhat hnaṭuan upa peek theinak/peek dingih bom theinak thu neitu. **4** (dated) upa le thiam deuh ah mah le mah ret-aw ih umnak.

patronize, -ise /ˈpætɹənaɪz/; US ˈpeɪt-/ *v* [Tn] **1** midang nausiah ih pawlkom: *He resented the way she patronized him*. **2** dawr pakhat ah hmaanhmaan dawr thil lei ringring: *The restaurant is patronized by politicians and journalists*. **3** mi pakhat, lole, thil pakhat thu ah ṭanpi, lole, bawm.

▷ **patronizing, -ising** *adj* midang hnakihi thupi sawn le fimkhur sawn: *a patronizing person, manner, attitude, smile, tone of voice*.

patronizingly, -isingly *adv*.

patronymic /ˈpætɹəˈnɪmɪk/ *n, adj* pa lam le pu le pa lam ihsin ken vivomi (hmin).

patsy /ˈpætsi/ *n* (US infml derog) bum olmi.

patter¹ /ˈpætə(r)/ *n* [U] capoh tuah thiam; mitkher, lole, thil zuar pawl ih hman theumi ṭong nalh, ṭong rang: *You have to learn to resist the sales patter*.

▷ **patter** *v* **1** [Tn] thlacam tivek ih ṭong rang ih ṭong. **2** [I] ṭongrang ih ṭong.

patter² /ˈpætə(r)/ *n* **1** [sing] ring tuk lo in a rang ih thil khawn-aw: *the patter of rain on a roof* ○ *the patter of footsteps*. **2** (idm) **the patter of tiny feet** (joc) innsang sungih nauhak thawmvang: *She can't wait for the patter of tiny feet*.

▷ **patter** *v* **1** [I] thil a rang ih khawn-aw: *rain pattering on the window panes*. **2** (phr v) **patter along, down, etc (sth)** ke feh awn ring lemlo ih khulrang ih lam feh: *She pattered along (the corridor) in her bare feet*.

pattern /ˈpætn/ *n* **1** mawi dingih hnipuan parih thil rin le ngan ih takmi; hnipuan mawinak dingih a rong phunphun le a rin daan a phunphun ih takmi: *a checked, flowery, Paisley pattern* ○ *She wore a dress with a pattern of roses on it*. **2** (a) (often in compounds) hnipuan parih pungsan tuah daan: *a knitting/sewing pattern* ○ *a paper pattern*, ie a set of pieces of paper that show the shapes of the various parts of a garment. (b) thir, suan tivek pungsan burnak hrangih tuahmi thing kuangte. **3** hnipuan, lole, thil dang zohṭhim dingih tuahmi: *a book of tweed patterns*. **4** thil tuah daan le a cang daan: *patterns of behaviour/behaviour patterns* ○ *the pattern of economic decline in Britain* ○ *the pattern of events which led up to the war* ○ *These sentences all have the same grammatical pattern*. ○ *The murders all*

seem to follow a set pattern, ie occur in a similar way. **5** thlun le zir ding thil um daan: *This company's profit-sharing scheme set a pattern which others followed.*

▷ **pattern** *v* [Tn-pr esp passive] ~ **oneself/sth on sb/sth** mi um daan/thil um daan va cawng — a dang vekih tuah: *He patterns himself upon his father.* ○ *Her ideas are patterned on Trotsky's.* **patterned** *adj* mawi dingih telhmi, pungsan vekih tuahmi: *patterned china, fabric, wallpaper.*

□ **pattern-maker** *n* thil pungsan tuahtu.

pattern-shop *n* cetzung ih thil pungsan tuahnak innkhaan.

paucity /pɔːsɪti/ *n* [sing] ~ **(of sth)** (fml) thil a mal zet sinak; malte sinak: *a paucity of evidence.*

paunch /pɔːntʃ/ *n* pumcek; pumdur (mipa): *You're getting quite a paunch*, eg from drinking a lot of beer.

▷ **paunchy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) pumdur mi.

paunchiness *n* [U].

pauper /pɔːpə(r)/ *n* mi farah zet: *He died a pauper.*

▷ **pauperism** /pɔːpərɪzəm/ *n* [U] farah zetnak.

pause /pɔːz/ *n* **1** ~ **(in sth)** tong lai, lole, thil tuahlai ih colh duak: *a moment's pause* ○ *He slipped out during a pause in the conversation.* ○ *After a short pause, they continued walking.* ○ *She spoke for an hour without a pause.* ⇒ Usage at BREAK². **2** (music) (↷) a si ding hnakh a sau sawn in aw dirhnak. **3** (idm) **give pause to sb/give sb pause** mi pakhat a thil tuah lai colhlawktter: *Weather conditions were bad enough to give pause to even the most experienced climbers.* **a pregnant pause/silence** ⇒ PREGNANT.

▷ **pause** *v* [I, Ipr] ~ **(for sth)** tonglai hei colhlawk: *He paused for a moment, and then continued his speech.* ○ *Let's pause for a cup of coffee.* ○ *speak without pausing for breath*, ie very quickly.

pave /peɪv/ *v* **1** [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (with sth)** lungper, asilole, phahlei (tlakrawh) thawn phah/don: *The path is paved with concrete slabs.* **2** (idm) **pave the way (for sb/sth)** lamzin rak ong; suul rak sat: *His economic policies paved the way for industrial expansion.* **the road to hell is paved with intentions** ⇒ ROAD.

□ **paving stone** lei ih phah dingmi lungpheeng.

pavement /pəvmənt/ *n* **1** [C] (Brit) (US sidewalk) motor zin tlangih ke fehnak ding zin: *Don't ride your bicycle on the pavement.* **2** [U] (US) zin hak. **3** [C] lungto, lole, mirang lei phahmi.

□ **pavement artist** mi sukso vaak pawl in sum pe hai seh tinak ih zin parih a rong mawi zetzet ih zuk suaitu.

pavilion /pəˈvɪliən/ *n* **1** (Brit) lehnak bualrawn kiangah a lektu le a zohtu mipi ih hman ding inn tumpi: *a cricket pavilion.* **2** [U] (US) beunak inn sakmi. **3** [C] puai tuahnak inn: *the Royal Pavilion in Brighton.* **4** thil phunphun zoh dingih an hmuhnak a laangih tuahmi inn.

paving /peɪvɪŋ/ *v* [U] **(a)** phahmi rawn. **(b)** phahnak ih hmanmi thil.

pavlova /pəvˈlɒvə/ *n* [C, U] (also **pavlova cake**) rawl ei theh ih ei dingmi sang neem phunkhat.

paw /pɔː/ *n* **1** tin nei ramsa pawl ih kut/ke zung: *a dog's paw.* **2** (infml joc or derog) kut: *Take your dirty little paws off me!*

▷ **paw** *v* **1** [Ipr, Tn] ~ **(at) sth** (of an animal) ramsa in a kut tin/ke tin in a taksa hei kheuh. **2** [Tn] (of a horse or bull) rang, lole, caw in leilung kha a ke zaphak ih huat. **3** [Tn] mi/thil pakhat kut in tham le zuut: *He can't be near a woman without pawing her.*

pawky /pɔːki/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (Brit dialect) capoh mawi lomi.

▷ **pawkily** *adv.* **pawkiness** *n* [U].

pawl /pɔːl/ *n* **1** thil pakhat riil lo dingih khamnak; riilh dawn ih tuahmi. **2** (nautical) thil dirhnak leeng dungkir lo dingih khamnak thirper tluan, donak.

pawn¹ /pɔːn/ *n* **1** chess; keicang lehnak ih a fate bik le man nei lo bik a simi (a ralkap). **2** (fig) midang ih duhduh hman menmi: *We are mere pawns in the struggle for power.*

pawn² /pɔːn/ *v* [Tn] **1** neihmi thilri pakhat khat a pawng dawr ah va pawng (a thilri man hnakh niam deuh tangka va cawi ih a thang thawn va tlan saal): *He pawned his gold watch to pay the rent.* **2** (fig) thil pakhat ngah thei dingah a dang thil pakhat taan hlo ta: *pawn one's honour.*

▷ **pawn** *n* (idm) **in pawn** thil pawng: *My watch is in pawn.*

□ **pawnbroker** *n* a pawng laisin neitu.

pawnshop *n* a pawng dawr.

pawn-ticket *n* thil pawngnak a pawng dawr ih caken.

pawpaw = PAPAW.

pay¹ /peɪ/ *n* [U] **1** thlahlawh (lakha): *an increase in pay/a pay increase* ○ *He doesn't like the job, but the pay is good.* ○ (infml) *What's the pay like* (ie How much are you paid) *in your job?* ○ [attrib] *pay negotiations.* ⇒ Usage at INCOME. **2** (idm) **in the pay of sb/sth** (derog) mi hrang a thup hnaʔuannak ih hlawh peekmi: *a spy in the pay of the enemy.*

□ **pay-claim** *n* thlahlawh (hnaʔuan man) thannak dilmi.

pay-day *n* **1** zarh khat, lole, thlakhat hrang hnaʔuan man tangka peekmi; thlahlawh suahni.

pay dirt (US) a miat suak thei ding ummi lei sung thil suak umnak lei hmun.

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payload *n* 1 vanzam, lole, tangphawlawng ih phurhmi thilri, lole, milai (*passenger*). 2 vanzam, lole, rocket ih phurhmi a puakkuai thei thil. 3 rocket, lole, vanzam ih phurhmi thilri thuamhnaw.

paymaster *n* 1 thlahlawh petu bawi upa. 2 (usu *pl*) (*derog*) mi pakhat, lole, mi bur deuh pawl tñanman petu: *The syndicates*. **Paymaster General** (*Brit*) tñanman paisa umnak uktu (Tangka Vuanzi).

pay-packet *n* hlawh-man tangka retnak cabawm.

pay phone (*US pay station*) thir tangka hmangih biakmi telephone.

payroll *n* (a) hlawhman pek dingmi hñañuan pawl cazin pakhat khat in erhsak: *a firm with 500 employees on the payroll*, ie one that employs 500 people. (b) company ih hñañuantu pawl hnenah hlawhman le thla sum peek ding paisa.

pay-slip *n* hñañuantu pakhat ih a co dingmi paisa, kaat ding pawl tuah hnu ih a ngah dingmi.

pay² /peɪ/ (*v* (*pt*, *pp paid*)) 1 (a) [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ (sb) (for sth); ~ sth (to sb) (for sth) thil man le hñañuan man hrangih paisa hei peek/phalh: *My firm pays well*, ie pays high wages. ○ *Are you paying in cash or by cheque?* ○ *They tried to leave the restaurant without paying (for their meal).* ○ *Her parents paid for her to go* (ie paid the cost of her travel) *to America.* ○ *Have you paid the milkman this week?* ○ *pay sb by the hour/by the job* ○ *How much did you pay for your house?* ○ *We paid £200 for that car.* ○ *Have you paid that money to the bank yet?* ○ *You're not paid to sit around doing nothing!* (b) [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ sth (to sb) baakmi paisa peek; siah khonmi peek, lole, thil san man peek: *pay taxes, rates, rent, etc* ○ *pay a bill, debt, fine, subscription, etc* ○ *He paid the terrorist a ransom of £50 000 for his kidnapped son.* ○ *Membership fees should be paid to the club secretary.* 2 (a) [I] (of a business, etc) thil tuah man; thil zuar man a miat/a thahnemmi: *The shop closed because it didn't pay.* ○ *It's difficult to make sheep farming pay here.* (b) [I, Tn] thil tuahnak ah a hlawkmi: *Crime doesn't pay.* ○ *It would pay (you) to use an accountant.* ○ *It pays to be honest with the taxman.* ○ *It pays to be honest with the taxman.* 3 (idm) **expenses paid** ⇒ EXPENSE. **give/pay lip service to sth** ⇒ LIP-SERVICE (LIP). **he who pays the piper calls the tune** (*saying*) thil pakhat hrang paisa a suahtu in a hmadaan cekfel ding. **pay attention (to sb/sth)** thla te'n ngai/hminsins: *Pay attention when I'm talking to you!* ○ *pay attention to one's teacher.* **pay sb a compliment/pay a compliment to sb** mi pakhat thil thla a tuahmi parah lawm. **pay**

court to sb (*becoming dated*) mi pakhat (a bik in nunau) ih mithmai thla co cuh ruangah upatnak pe ciamco. **pay dividends** a miat zem: *I think you'll find it pays dividends*, ie it will make you fitter. **pay heed (to sb/sth)** mi pakhat/thil pakhat parah poimawh zet ih ruat: *She paid no heed to our warnings.* **pay sb (back) in his own/the same coin** mi pakhat ih a mi tuahsiat vek cekci in hei rulh saal. **pay/settle an old score** ⇒ OLD. **pay the penalty (for sth/doing sth)** thil ti sual ruangih mah ih tuar: *I'm paying the penalty for drinking too much last night; I've got a dreadful headache!* **pay a/the price (for sth)** thil pakhat hlawk le ngah ding hrangah sunnak neihmi: *Our troops recaptured the city, but they paid a heavy price for it*, ie many were killed. **pay one's respects (to sb)** (*fml*) upatnak pek; mi pakhat upatnak ih va leen: *Please pay my respects to your mother.* ○ *Hundreds came to pay their last respects to the dead president*, eg by attending his funeral. **pay through the nose (for sth)** (*infml*) thil pakhat hrangah paisa tamtuk cem. **pay (a) tribute to sb/sth** mi pakhat parah upatnak, lole, uarnak langter: *His colleagues paid generous tributes to the outgoing president.* **pay sb/sth a visit** hei leeng. **pay one's/its way** (of a person, business, etc) mah hlawhmi te in cawm-aw. **put paid to sth** (*infml*) kham, lole, siatsuah: *Coming to work drunk put paid to her hopes of promotion.* **rob Peter to pay Paul** ⇒ ROB. **there'll be the devil to pay** ⇒ DEVIL¹. **there will be/was hell to pay** ⇒ HELL. **you pays your money and you takes your choice** (*infml catchphrase*) thil bangrep pahnih ah a duhduh a hril ding tinak.

4 (phr *v*) **pay sb back (sth)**; **pay sth back** (*money*) cawimi paisa sam leh, rulsal: *Have you paid (me) back the money you owe me yet?* ○ *I'll pay you back next week.* **pay sb back (for sth)** mi parah phuhlam: *I'll pay him back for the trick he played on me.*

pay for sth thil pakhat tuah sual ruangih tuarmi: *The home team paid (dearly) for their defensive errors*, eg by losing the match. ○ *I'll make him pay for his insolence!*

pay sth in; pay sth into sth tangka zung ah tangka ret: *pay a cheque into one's account.*

pay off (*infml*) (of a risky policy, course of action, etc) thahnem/hlawk: *the gamble paid off.* **pay sb off** (a) mi pakhat a tñan man paisa peek ih hñañuan in suah: *pay off the crew of a ship.* (b) (*infml*) thil tuah lo dingih paisa pek; nawhthuh pek. **pay sth off** paisa rul theh: *pay off one's debts, a loan, a mortgage, etc.*

pay sth out (a) thil pakhat hrangah paisa tampi pek (pek theumi): *I had to pay out £200 to get my car repaired!* ○ *We're paying out £300 a month on our mortgage.* (b) hridai zim kha kut

in thlah vivo.

pay up thil pakhat hrangih baakmi paisa a zate ih pek: *I'll take you to court unless you pay up immediately.*

▷ **payable** /'peɪəbl/ *adj* [pred] pek ding a simi: *Instalments are payable on the last day of the month.* ○ *The price of the goods is payable in instalments.*

payee /'peɪi:/ *n* thil pekmi pa/nu; a cotu, saangtu.

payer *n* petu/a petu ding.

□ **paid-up** *adj* pakhat khat hnenih baakmi a zate'n pek thluh: *She's a (fully) paid-up member of the party.*

pay-as-you-earn *n* [U] (Brit) (abbr **PAYE**) paisa a hlawhtu hnen ihsin a ngah zat sungin sumbur (sia) pek ding paisa dir sak cia.

pay-bed *n* (Brit) sizung to tikah ihkhun hman man pekmi, ih man.

paying guest *mi* inn um sungih rawl-ei man petu mikhual.

pay-off *n* (inform) **1** *mi* pakhat thil pakhat tuah sak dingih paisa phalh (nawhtuh). **2** lomnak thil ngah ding (laksawng) lole, cawhkuan. **3** thuanthu pakhat sungih a thupitnak zawn, lole, thil a pehpeh in a cang vivomi ih a vawrtawp.

PAYE /'pi: ei wai 'i:/ *abbr* (Brit) (of income tax) pay-as-you-earn.

payment /'peɪmənt/ *n* ~ (for sth) **1** [U] pekmi: *We would be grateful for prompt payment of your account.* ○ *Payment of subscriptions should be made to the club secretary.* **2** [C] pek ding paisa a simi; pek dingmi paisa: *The television can be paid for in ten monthly payments of £50.* ○ *Would you accept £50 as payment (for the work)?* **3** [U, sing] lawmman: *We'd like you to accept this book in payment for your kindness.* ○ (ironic) *Personal abuse was the only payment he got for his efforts.*

payola /'peɪələ/ *n* (esp US) **1** [C] thil tuahmi a zuar that theinak dingin mi pakhat ih a dinhmun, lole, a thil ti theinak hmang dingih paisa hei phalh. **2** [U] hi tivek ih paisa phalhmi.

PC /'pi: 'si:/ *abbr* (Brit) **1** personal computer. **2** (pt **PCs**) police constable: *PC (Tom) Marsh.* Cf **WPC**. **3** Privy Councillor.

pc *abbr* **1** (US **pct**) (symb %) per cent: *20 pc.* **2** /'pi: 'si:/ (inform) postcard.

pd *abbr* paid (eg on a bill).

pde *abbr* (in street names) parade: *29 North Pde.*

PDSA /'pi: di: es 'ei/ *abbr* (Brit) People's Dispensary for Sick Animals.

PDT /'pi: di: 'ti:/ *abbr* (US) Pacific Daylight Time.

PE /'pi: 'i:/ *abbr* physical education: *do PE at school* ○ *a PE lesson.* Cf **PT**.

pea /'pi:/ *n* **1** (a) bete phun a simi thlai-rah; be le be phun. (b) hivek rah. **2** (idm) **like as two peas/as peas in a pod** ⇒ **LIKE**³.

□ **pea-green** *adj, n* (having a) be rah vekin a hringmi.

pea-shooter *n* be rah romi thianternak ih simmi dawng.

pea soup bete suanmi/bete tisop.

pea-souper *n* (dated Brit inform) ai-hre rong neimi mero sah zet.

peace /'pi:s/ *n* **1** (a) [U] remdaihnak: *The two communities live together in peace (with one another).* ○ *After years of fighting the people longed for peace.* ○ [attrib] *a peace treaty* ○ *peace studies, negotiations* ○ *the Peace Movement*, ie the movement campaigning for nuclear disarmament. (b) [sing] remdaih caan: *a lasting peace* ○ *After a brief peace, fighting broke out again.* **2** (often **Peace**) [U, sing] ral rehnaak dingih lungkim tlangnak cakhen: *Peace/A Peace was signed between the two countries.* ○ *The Peace of Versailles.* **3** [U] daih caan; daihnak: *break/disturb the peace* ○ *the peace of a summer evening, the countryside* ○ *I would work better if I had a bit of peace and quiet.* ○ *He just wants to be left in peace*, ie not to be disturbed. ○ *peace of mind*, ie freedom from worry ○ *May he rest in peace*, eg carved as an inscription on sb's tombstone. **4** [U] rualrem-awknak. **5** (idm) (be) **at peace (with oneself/sb/sth)** mahte hnangam te ih um; mi thawn rualrem te ih um: *She's never at peace with herself*, ie is always restless. **hold one's peace/tongue** (dated) tong duh lo te ih um; suup. **keep the peace** (a) mipi va hnaihok lo. (b) *mi to-aw va kham: a peace-keeping force*, ie armed troops sent to a country where there is civil war, to prevent more fighting. **make one's peace with sb** ngaihthiam dilnak in hau-awknak daihter. **make peace** (of two people, countries, etc) hau-awknak daihter.

□ **Peace Corps** (US) ramdang ah mino (mahte lungthoh) pum pe-aw pawl thlahtu pawlkam.

peace-loving *adj* daihnak duh: *a peace-loving nation, people, tribe, etc.*

peacemaker *n* remdaihnak tuahmu.

peace offering remdaih duhnak langternak neih, lole, thil pakhat hrang ih ngaihdam dil duhnak neih: *I bought her some flowers as a peace offering.*

peace-pipe *n* (also **pipe of peace**) America ram um Indian miphun pawl in ral thawn daihnak tuah tiki kuak an fawhmi (kuak fung), kuakcaat.

peacetime *n* [U] ram pakhat ih ral neih lo caan.

peaceable /'pi:səbl/ *adj* **1** *mi to duh lo; hau-aw duh lomi, dai reprep: a peaceable temperament, person.* **2** do-awknak um lo; buai lo: *a peaceable settlement, discussion* ○ *peaceable methods.*

▷ **peaceably** /-əbl/ *adv*: *live peaceably with one's neighbours.*

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peaceful /'pi:slf/ *adj* **1** ral buai lomi; buainak um lomi: *a peaceful demonstration, reign, period of history* ○ *peaceful uses of atomic energy* ○ *peaceful co-existence*, eg of countries with opposing political systems. **2** daihnak duhmi: *peaceful nations* ○ *peaceful aims*. **3** daite ih ummi: *a peaceful evening, scene, death* ○ *peaceful sleep* ○ *It's so peaceful out here in the country*.

▷ **peacefully** /-fəli/ *adv*: *die, sleep peacefully*. **peacefulness** *n* [U].

peach /pi:tʃ/ *n* **1** [C] mekei; methei rah: *tinned peaches* ○ [attrib] *a peach stone*. **2** [C] (also **peach tree**) mekei kung. **3** a sen-aihre thlangmi mekei rah (a hmin zomi). **4** (*infml*) (**a**) [C] nunau duhnungza zet a simi: *She's a real peach*. (**b**) [sing] ~ (**of a sth**) thil a þa cuangmi: *That was a peach of a shot!*

▷ **peachy** *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) mekei vek.

□ **peaches and cream** (*approv*) duhnungza senhlaam rong neimi: *a peaches-and-cream complexion*.

peach Melba vur khaal le theihmu ti thawn tuahmi rawl hme.

peacock /pi:kɒk/ *n* **1** utawng (*uh-daung*) a pa: [attrib] *peacock feathers*. **2** (idm) **proud as a peacock** ⇒ **PROUD**.

□ **peacock blue** *adj*, *n* a hring le mepian tleu rong a simi.

peahen /pi:hen/ *n* utawng (*uh-daung*) a nu.

peak¹ /pi:k/ *n* **1** (**a**) tlangzim: *The plane flew over the snow-covered peaks*. (**b**) tlang: *The climbers made camp half-way up the peak*. **2** thil zum: *the peak of a roof* ○ *hair combed into a peak* ○ *widow's peak*, ie hair-style or growth that slopes back on each side from a point in the centre of the forehead. **3** luthlung ih a zumnak zawn. **4** (**a**) thil a si biknak (thil man/thil ti theinak tivek): *Traffic reaches a peak between 8 and 9 in the morning*. ○ *She's at the peak of her career*. (**b**) [attrib] a tam bik, a nasa bik: *peak periods, production, load* ○ *the peak hour*, ie when the greatest number of people are travelling to or from work ○ *peak hours*, ie when demand for sth, eg electricity, is highest ○ *peak time*, eg when the greatest number of people are watching television ○ *peak, rate*, ie highest prices charged at the busiest periods by hotels, airlines, etc. Cf **OFF-PEAK** (**OFF**).

▷ **peaked** *adj* a zummi: *a peaked cap, roof*.

□ **the Peak District** England ram ih Derbyshire ram an kawhnak (an tlangzim a tam ruangah cuti kawhmi a si).

peak² /pi:k/ *v* [I] **1** thil a saan biknak thlen: *Toy sales peaked just before Christmas and are now decreasing*. ○ *Demand for electricity peaks in the early evening*. **2** (idm) **peak and pine** lungsiatnak ruangih dam lo/naa; ti hloral.

▷ **peaky** (**-ier, -iest**) (also **peaked**) *adj* (*infml*)

dam lo, lole, dam lo ruangih taksa thi um lo, rau: *look, feel a bit peaky*.

peal /pil/ *n* **1** (**a**) darkhiing aw ring zetmi. (**b**) darkhiing aw phunphun a suakmi awnmawi feh daan phunkhat. **2** darkhiing aw phunphun ih awnmwi. **3** veikhat te ah thil awn ring zet ih suakmi: *a peal of thunder* ○ *break into peals of laughter*.

▷ **peal** *v* **1** [I, Ip] ~ (**out**) darkhiing vekih aw suak: *The bells pealed (out) over the countryside*. **2** [Tn] (bells) darkhiing tum (awnter): *peal the bells to celebrate victory*.

pean (US) = **PAEAN**.

peanut /'pi:nat/ *n* **1** [C] (**a**) myipee. (**b**) (also **ground-nut**) (*myi-pe*) leistung rahmi be. **2** **peanuts** [pl] (*sl esp US*) malte (a bikin paisa): *He gets paid peanuts for doing that job*.

□ **peanut butter** lei be (*myi-pe*) kanmi rial dip in ei ding hrangah beek ko ih tuahmi.

peanut oil leibe/myipe rial ih siti ah tuahmi, myipe hriak.

pear /peə(r)/ *n* **1** *tit-taw* thei/a rah. **2** (also **pear tree**) *tit-taw* kung.

pearl /ps:l/ *n* **1** (**a**) tipi thuanthum sung um nunghring pakhat ih a ruang, a rang zet (tangka tivek raudan) lole, mepian meikhu pian nawn a simi thilman khung (*pa-lee*): *a string of pearls* ○ [attrib] *a pearl necklace*. (**b**) hivek tuah copmi: *cultivated pearls*. **2** hivek thil a bangmi: *pearls of dew on grass*. **3** thil pakhat sunlawihter ih kawhnak: *a pearl among women* ○ *pearls of wisdom*. **4** (idm) **cast pearls before swine** ⇒ **CAST**¹.

▷ **pearly** *adj* (**-lier, -liest**) palee vek; hivek mankhung a simi: *a pearly sheen* ○ (*joc*) *the Pearly Gates*, ie the gates of Heaven. **pearlies** *n* [pl] (*Brit*) London ih hanghnah-hangrah zuartu hrekhat pawl ih hrukmi palee kepsih nei hnipuan. **pearly king, pearly queen** (*Brit*) hivek thil thuum a hruktu hanghnah-hangrah zuar pa/cupa ih nupi.

□ **pearl barley** baali sangvut fangcang tia ih rial dipmi.

pearl button pearl ih tuahmi hruk puan a sih, peal korbeh.

pearl-diver (also **pearl-fisher, pearler**) *n* ti sungih *pa-lee* (pearl) hawltu.

pearl-oyster *n* *pa-lee* (pearl) tuahtu tisung kharkhem phunkhat.

pearmain /'peəmeɪn/ *n* a phaw sen ih a sa rangmi apple rah pohpoh.

peasant /'peznt/ *n* **1** (in the rural areas of some countries) lothlo pa: [attrib] *peasant farming*. **2** (*formerly*) mi farah lothlotu. **3** (*infml derog*) hoier mawi lo neimi: *He's an absolute peasant*. ▷ **peasantry** /'pezntri/ *n* [Gp] (**a**) ram sung lothlo simi. (**b**) lothlo dinhmun.

pease-pudding /'pi:z'pʊdɪŋ/ *n* [C, U] (*esp Brit*) be rial suang ih hnuuntermi rawl.

peat /pit/ *n* [U] ti ruangih thing, lole, a hnah a muatmi (*peat bogs*) dawm, lole, meisa tih dingah an hmang: *a bag, bale of peat* ○ [attrib] *a peat fire*, ie one in which cut pieces of peat are burned.

▷ **peaty** *adj* thingrop, thingmuat umnak/vek a simi: *peaty soil*.

pebble /pebl/ *n* **1** tikua ih um lungto hlum fate/ tiak. **2** (idm) **not the only pebble on the beach** amah lawng uar ding le thupi ih ruat ding a si lo.

▷ **pebbly** *adj* lunghlum le ngil tete thawn a khatmi: *a pebbly*.

□ **pebble-dash** *n* [U] (*Brit*) inn phar leenglam thuahnak dingih mirang leilung le lungto fatete rawimi.

pecan /pi:kən, pɪkæn; US pr'kɑ:n/ *n* **1** America ram ummi sendup le a pawl rong nei ih a mu ei cih theihmi thingrah. **2** cuvek rah ih a kung.

peccadillo /pekə'dɪləʊ/ *n* (-**l** - **es** or ~ **s** /-ləʊz/) mawh le palhnak fate: *guilty of some mild peccadillo*.

peccary /pekəri/ *n* America laifang le thlang lam ram ih um ngal phunkhat.

peck¹ /pek/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (at sth) (try to) (vate) hmur thawn cuk ih ei: *Hens feed by pecking*. ○ *birds pecking at the window* ○ *The lamb had been pecked by crows*. ○ (fig) *peck at one's food*, ie (of people) eat very small pieces or eat without appetite. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] hmur hmang ih thil tuah: *peck corn* ○ *The birds pecked a hole in the sack*. **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (on sth) (*infml*) zamrang le dai fangfang te ih hnam: *peck sb on the cheek*. **4** (idm) **a/the pecking order** (*infml*) mibur khat sungin thil ti theinak hoih in a sangsang ih thleidan: *Newcomers have to accept their position at the bottom of the pecking order*. **5** (phr v) **peck sth out** hmur in cuk ih thil khoih suak: *Vultures had pecked out the dead sheep's eyes*.

▷ **peck** *n* **1** (a) cuk. (b) cuknak a hma: *The parrot gave me a sharp peck on the finger*. **2** (*infml*) zamrang ih hnam: *She gave her aunt a quick peck on the cheek*.

peck² /pek/ *n* (*formerly*) tlaangrel, lole, a tiimi tahnak.

pecker /pekə(r)/ *n* **1** (US sl) mipa zahmawh; zang. **2** (idm) **keep one's pecker up** (*Brit infml*) harsat khal ah lungawi thei ringring.

puckish /pekɪʃ/ *adj* (*infml*) rilrawng: *feel a bit puckish*.

pectin /pektɪn/ *n* [U] (*chemistry*) thingrah hrekkhat ah cini vek thil ummi.

▷ **pectic** /pektɪk/ *adj* (a) pectin thil thawn a pehparmi. (b) pectin thil a suahmi.

pectoral /pektərəl/ *adj* **1** taang, lole, pawhte thawn a pehparmi: *pectoral muscles* ○ *a pectoral fin*. **2** taang le pawhte parih hrukmi: *a pectoral cross*, ie worn by a bishop.

▷ **pectorals** *n* [pl] (*often joc*) taang (awm) tit pawl.

peculate /pekjuleɪt/ *v* [I, Tn] (*fml*) paisa a dik lo (hrokhawl) ih laak (mi senpi paisa).

▷ **peculation** /pekjʊleɪʃn/ *n* (a) [U] paisa a dik loih laaknak. (b) [C] hivek ih thil tuah.

peculiar /pr'kju:lɪə(r)/ *adj* **1** (a) phundang deuh/a dang vek si lo deuh: *a peculiar taste, smell, noise, etc* ○ *a peculiar feeling that one has been here before* ○ *My keys have disappeared — it's most peculiar!* Cf FUNNY PECULIAR (FUNNY). (b) (of people) midang vek si lomi/mi zia dang: *He's a bit peculiar!* ○ *her rather peculiar behaviour*. **2** (*infml*) dam lo: *I'm feeling rather peculiar — I think I'll lie down for a while*. **3** [pred] ~ **to sb/sth** (a) hmun pakhat ta a si deuhmi; hmundang ahcuna lamdangmi: *an accent peculiar to the north of the region* ○ *a flavour peculiar to food cooked on an open fire* ○ *a species of bird peculiar to Asia*. (b) mi pakhat ih ti theu daan/thil pakhat si theu daan: *customs peculiar to the 18th century* ○ *slang peculiar to medical students*. **4** [attrib] a hleice, phundang ce simi: *a matter of peculiar interest* ○ *His own peculiar way of doing things*.

▷ **peculiarity** /pr'kju:lɪə'rɪti/ *n* **1** [U] phundang ce sinak. **2** [C] a phundannak: *these small spiced cakes are a peculiarity of the region*. **3** [C] hawizawng lo; phundang a simi um daan/sinak: *peculiarities of dress, behaviour, diet, etc*. **peculiarly** *adv* (a) phundang ih um: *behave peculiarly*. (b) a si keel lomi: *a peculiarly annoying noise*.

pecuniary /pr'kju:mɪəri; US -ɪəri/ *adj* (*fml*) tangka thawn a pehparmi: *pecuniary advantage, aid, difficulties* ○ *work without pecuniary reward*.

pedagogue (US -gog) /pedəgɒg/ *n* **1** (arch or *fml*) saya, zirhtu. **2** (*derog*) saya/zirhtu fek zet.

▷ **pedagogy** /pedəgɒdʒi/ *n* [U] ca zirh daan.

pedagogic /pedəgɒdʒɪk/ (also **pedagogical** /-ɪkl/) *adj* cazirh daan thawn a pehparmi. **pedagogically** /-klɪ/ *adv*: *a pedagogically accepted method of testing students' knowledge*.

pedal¹ /pedl/ *n* **1** bicycle ke palnak vek ih ke ih pal ih thilhernak: [attrib] *a pedal cyclist* ○ *a pedal boat*, ie one propelled by pedals. **2** piano tivek awnmawi ringter dingah ke ih pal ih tuahmi thil: *the loud/soft pedal*, ie on a piano.

▷ **pedal** *v* (pp, pt -**ll**; US also -**l**) **1** [I] ke ih pal ih fehter, cangvaiter: *pedal rapidly to make the machine run smoothly*. **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] ke in her ih mawng: *pedal fast* ○ *pedal down the hill* ○ *pedal along*. **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ke in her ih feh: *pedal a bicycle across the field*.

□ **pedal bin** a sin merhnak merh tikah a ongaw theimi hnawmpung.

pedal² /pi:dl/ *adj* ke ih ta, lole, ke thawn a pehpar-awmi.

pedant /pednt/ *n* (*derog*) **1** cabu sung vek rori ih

thil tuah/a dan vek cekci ih thil tuah duh pawl (ca zirh le zirnak lam). **2** mah thiamnak langer duhmi.

▷ **pedantic** /prɪˈdæntɪk/ *adj* pedant vek, thawn a pehparmi: *a pedantic insistence on the rules.* **pedantically** /-klɪ/ *adv*.

pedantry /ˈpedntri/ *n* (a) [U] thil tidan a si vek rori thlun duh, lole, thil a terek tiang tuah duhmi. (b) [U] mi porh-aw le mah thiamnak langter duhmi. (c) [U] hi tivek ih rak ummi.

peddle /ˈpedl/ *v* **1** [I] thil tuktak tete inn khat hnu inn khat va zuar vivo. **2** [Tn, Dn-pr] ~ **sth** (to **sb**) inn khat ihsin inn khat ah va feh vivo ih thil mi va zawrh: *peddle one's wares* ○ *be arrested for peddling illegal drugs.* ⇒ Usage at **SELL**. **3** [Tn, Dn-pr] ~ (to **sb**) ziang thupi lemlo mi thuhla mi va relpi: *peddle malicious gossip* ○ *peddling his crazy plan to other party members.* ▷ **peddler** /ˈpedlə(r)/ *n* **1** (US) = **PEDLAR**. **2** cozah khammi sii rit theinak zuartu: *dope addicts exploited by peddlers.*

pederasty (also **paederasty**) /ˈpedərəsti/ *n* [U] upa mipa pakhat in nauhak mipa thawn tisa pawl-awknak.

▷ **pederast** /ˈpedərəst/ *n* mipa nauhak thawn pawl-tu/sualpitu.

pedestal /ˈpedɪstl/ *n* **1** θuam hram. **2** thir/thing, lole, Mirang leilung ih tuahmi milai zuk ih a hram/a dinna θuam. **3** (idm) **knock sb off his pedestal/perch** ⇒ **KNOCK²**. **place, etc sb on a pedestal** a sualmawhnak hmu lo tiangih mi pakhat uar.

□ **pedestal table** a laifang in θuam ih domi cabuai.

pedestrian /prɪˈdestrɪən/ *n* khua sungah ke ih vaaktu/lam fehtu: *Two pedestrians and a cyclist were injured when the car skidded.* Cf **MOTORIST** (MOTOR).

▷ **pedestrian** *adj* **1** minung tɔng le cangan ah sambaumi/tlamtling lomi: *a pedestrian description of events that were actually very exciting* ○ *Life in the suburbs can be pretty pedestrian.* **2** [attrib] ke vaak pawl thawn a pehparmi: *a pedestrian walkway.*

□ **pedestrian crossing** (Brit) (US **crosswalk**) khuasung zin ah ke feh pawl hrangah mawtaw zin parih a θial ih rinmi. Cf **PELICAN CROSSING** (PELICAN), **ZEBRA CROSSING** (ZEBRA).

pedestrian precinct khuapi sung hmun hrekhat thil zuarnak hmun ah mawtaw feh khamnak ummi: *pedicure.*

pedi- *comb form* ke thawn a pehparmi: *pedicure.*

pedicel /ˈpedɪsəl/ (also **pedicle** /ˈpedɪkl/) *n* (biology) thingkung, lole, ramsa sungih ummi.

pedicure /ˈpedɪkjʊə(r)/ *n* [C, U] ke lam nat damternak; ketin mawiternak. Cf **MANICURE**.

pedigree /ˈpedɪɡri/ *n* **1** (a) [C] a sansan in a peh ih ummi pupa suahkehnak: *proud of his long pedigree.* (b) [U] san thuanthu peh neitu:

people without pedigree. **2** [C] (a) pipu hmin cazin. (b) sañil suahternak cazin.

▷ **pedigree** *adj* [attrib] (of an animal) sañil suahkehnak ah a phunhnam fingshawinak: [attrib] *pedigree cattle, dogs, horses, etc.*

pediment /ˈpedɪmənt/ *n* (architecture) (usu) inn hulhiap zumte.

pedlar (US **peddler**) /ˈpedlə(r)/ *n* (esp formerly) hmunkip le inn kip feh ih thil va zuartu.

pedometer /ˈpɪdəmɪtə(r)/ *n* mi pakhat ih lam feh ke kal siarnak thilri.

pee /pi:/ *v* [I, Ipr] (infml) zun thawh: *a dog peeing against a fence.*

▷ **pee** *n* (infml) (a) [U] zun. (b) [sing] zun thawh: *go for/have a quick pee.*

peek /pi:k/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (at **sth**) bih; zamrang te ih zoh thup: *No peeking!* ○ *peek over the fence* ○ *peek at sb's diary.* Cf **PEEP¹**, **PEER²**.

▷ **peek** *n* [sing] mitsir ih zoh duak: *take a peek at what was hidden in the cupboard.*

peekaboo /ˈpi:kəˈbu:/ (Brit also **peepbo** /ˈpi:pəʊ/) *interj*, *n* [U] hmai hup thul ong thul tuah ih nauhak pawl leh daan.

peel /pi:l/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth** (for **sb**) hiik, meet, zelh: *peel a banana, an apple, a potato, etc* ○ *Would you peel me an orange?* (b) [Ip, Tn-p] ~ (sth) **away/off** thil hawng kheh/hiik: *peel away the outer layer* ○ *The label will peel off if you soak it in water.* (c) [I] a hawng kheh/khok: *These oranges peel easily.* **2** (a) [I, Ip] ~ (off) (of a covering) hawk; tlong/phoih: *The wallpaper is peeling (off).* ○ *After sunbathing, my skin began to peel.* ○ *The bark of plane trees peels off regularly.* (b) [I] (of a surface) a hawng a hniar tete ih tlong/hawk; kok: *My face is peeling.* ○ *The walls have begun to peel.* **3** (idm) **keep one's eyes peeled/skinned** ⇒ **EYE¹**. **4** (phr v) **peel off** (of cars, aircraft, etc) mawtawka, vanzam tivek thil a rual sung ihsin khat lam deuh ih thawn: *One squadron peeled off to attack enemy bombers.* **peel (sth) off** (infml) phoih (hnpuan phoih): *peel off and dive into the sea* ○ *peel off one's jumper.*

▷ **peel** *n* [U] thingthei hawng: *lemon peel* ○ *candied peel*, ie peel of oranges, lemons, etc coated in sugar. Cf **RIND**, **SKIN** 4, **ZEST** 3.

peeler *n* (esp in compounds) thil hawng hiiknak thilri: *a potato peeler.*

peelings /ˈpi:lɪŋz/ *n* [pl] (esp of fruit and vegetables) hiik taakmi thingrah hawng.

peep¹ /pi:p/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] **1** ~ (at **sth**) bih thup; zohthup: *peep a secret document* ○ *be caught peeping through the keyhole.* Cf **PEEK**, **PEER²**. **2** (of light) thil ong in ra pawt: *daylight peeping through the curtains.* **3** nuam tete'n, lole, a hrek lawng pawt: *The moon peeped out from behind the clouds.* ○ *green shoots peeping through the soil.*

▷ **peep** *n* **1** (esp sing) a rang ih zoh hruak: *have a peep through the window* ○ *take a peep at the baby asleep in her cot*. **2** (idm) **peep of day** ni suah pek.

peeper *n* (usu pl) (sl) mit.

□ **peep-hole** *n* phar, sangka parih bihnak ding ong.

Peeping Tom (derog) mi bihthup theitu; nupa pawl-awh lai rak bihthup ih mah le mah diriam-awtertut.

peep-show *n* thingkuang sungih zuk retmi ong pakhat in durbing ih zohnak.

peep² /pi:p/ *n* **1** [C] zinghnam vate tivek ih kio awnmi. **2** [C] (also **peep peep**) mawtawka peetpeet awn (rakcawng). **3** [sing] (infml) sim duhmi tongfang hmang loin awn ih suah: *I haven't heard a peep out of the children for an hour*.

▷ **peep** *v* [I] bih.

peepul = PIPAL.

peer¹ /piə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) [C] sinak le dinhmun a bang-awmi: *It will not be easy to find his peer*. ○ *be judged by one's peers*. (b) [C usu pl] khukthi (kum bang-awmi): *He doesn't spend enough time with his peers*. **2** [C] (in Britain) miphun upa sungin mipa a simi: *a life peer*.

▷ **peerage** /'piəri:dʒ/ *n* **1** [Gp] miphun upa sinak: *elevate/raise sb to the peerage*, ie make sb a peer or peeress. **2** [C] phun upa: *inherit a peerage*. **3** [C] phun upa pawl le an pupa pawl hmin khumnak cabu.

peeress /'piəres/ *n* (a) miphun upa (hna upa) sungin nunau. (b) hnam upa ih nupi, lole, a thi zomi miphun upa pa ih nupi.

peerless *adj* a bangu um lo; mi hnakin cuang deuh.

□ **peer group** khukthi khat, lole, dinhmun a bangmi: *mix with one's peer group*.

peer of the realm (in Britain) miphun upa sungin Mirang (England) rampi Tlangsuak upa thurelnak ih to theimi.

peer² /piə(r)/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (at sth/sb) tha zet ih zohfel: *peer shortsightedly* ○ *peer at sb over one's spectacles* ○ *peer into the mist* ○ *peer out of the window/over the wall/through a gap*. ⇒ Usage at LOOK¹. Cf PEEK, PEEP¹ 1.

peeve /pi:v/ *v* [Tn] (infml) mi thin hengter; thin heng ko ih tuah: *It peeves me to be ordered out of my own house*.

▷ **peevish** *adj* ~ (about sth) (infml) thintok: *He looks very peevish about something*.

peevish /'pi:viʃ/ *adj* thinheng ol: **peevishly** *adj*.

peevishness *n* [U].

peewit (also **pewit**) /'pi:wit/ *n* = LAPWING.

peg¹ /peg/ *n* **1** thil thlaihnak (thing, thir, plastic, thirfung, tivek). **2** (a) phar parih hnipuan le lukhuh thlaihnak khenmi, liingkiim: *a hat/coat peg*. (b) (also **tent-peg**) puanzar, thlaamzaarnak ah a tlaang in lei ih khen cihnak thir fungte. (c)

leihmun hminsinnak ding ih lei ah khen mi thirfung: *a surveyor's peg*. **3** thing pawl kaikhawmtu (pehtu) ih hmanmi thir, lole, thingkhen. **4** = CLOTHES PEG (CLOTHES). **5** (also **tuning peg**) tingtang (violin) hri merhnak thing tial. **6** thingih tuahmi tipung ong phihnak thingtlap. **7** (also **peg-leg**) (infml) (a) thingih tuahcopmi thing ke (kelem). (b) thing ke tuahcop hmangtu. **8** (idm) **a peg to hang sth on** thil pakhat tuah hnawhsannak: *a minor offence which provided a peg to hang their attack on*. **off the peg** (of clothes) thit cia: *buy a suit off the peg* ○ [attrib] *an off-the-peg suit*. **a square peg** ⇒ SQUARE¹. **take sb down a peg (or two)** mi hngal a thinlung tangdor dingih tuah. □ **peg-board** *n* (a) [C, U] thingpheng thilri pawl hri thlaih thei dingih a ong tuahmi. (b) [C] lehnak hrangih tuahmi a ong tuahmi thingpheng.

peg² /peg/ *v* (pp, pt -gg-) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] a kilhnak thawn kilh: *peg a tent* ○ *peg the clothes (out) on the line* ○ *peg sth in place*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (at sth)** hmunkhat zawn ih bun/ret: *Pay increases were pegged at five per cent*. **3** (idm) **level pegging** ⇒ LEVEL¹. **4** (phr v) **peg away (at sth)** (infml) zuam zet in napi ih tuan: *He's been pegging away at his thesis for months*. **peg sb down (to sth)** mi pakhat tangdor ding ko ih tuah; thu dik sim ko ih tuah: *I pegged him down to a price for the work*. **peg sth down** thil pawl a hrennak hmang ih thlaih: *have difficulty pegging the tent down in a storm*. **peg out** (infml) thi. **peg sth out** (a) fung hmang ih lei ah hminsinnak tuah: *peg out a claim*, ie mark out the land of which one claims ownership. (b) (esp in the game of cribbage) leh tikah nehna; neh zat thei thei dingah thingpheng parah thingfate thlaih; hminsinnak tuah.

pejorative /'pi:dʒərətɪv/; US -'dʒɔ:r- or, rarely, 'pi:dʒərətɪv/ *adj* (fml) nautat, hmuhsuam; soisel: *pejorative remarks, comments, words, etc*.

▷ **pejoratively** *adv*.

peke /pi:k/ *n* (infml) Pekinese.

Pekinese (also **Pekingese**) /'i:kri:nɪz/ *n* (pl unchanged or ~ s) Tuluk ram ih hramthok piannak a neimi ke tawi hmulsau ui fate phun.

pekoe /'pi:kəʊ/ *n* [U] lakphak phun tha deuh (a hnah no ihsin tuahmi).

pelagic /pe'lædʒɪk/ *adj* (fml) (a) (of fishing, whaling, etc) tipithuanthum, lole, tiffinriat ih hnañuan. (b) (of fish, etc) tipithuanthum kap ih um.

pelican /'pelɪkən/ *n* a hmur tangah rawl khawnak dip a neimi ti lak tlang vate tumpi phunkhat.

□ **pelican crossing** mawtaw zin kaannak ah ke feh pawl vaannak ding hminsinnak rinmi. Cf PEDESTRIAN CROSSING (PEDESTRIAN), ZEBRA

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pellagra

CROSSING (ZEBRA).

pellagra /pə'lægrə, -'leɪg-/ *n* [U] (*medical*) vuncar nat — neta cun aatnak cangmi natnak phunkhat.

pellet /pelɪt/ *n* **1** saihlum: *paper pellets*. **2** sii hlum. **3** (thli meithal hrang) cerek mu.

pell-mell /pel'mel/ *adj* **1** hnok culci ih rak buai ruri: *The children rushed pell-mell down the stairs*. **2** felfai lo; thiang lo — rep rai lo: *The books were scattered pell-mell over the floor*.

pellucid /pe'lʊ:sɪd/ *adj* (*fml*) **1** fiangfaimi; hmuhtlang theih. **2** (*fig*) (of style, meaning, etc) felfai zet.

pelmet /pelmit/ (also esp *US valance*) *n* pokhlet (tukvirh) tlun ah puan zarnak hri phentu dingih retmi thing tluan puanhri.

pelota /pə'ləʊtə/ *n* [U] Spain, America thlangta ram le Phillipine ram ah hmanmi lehnak phunkhat — bawlung thawinak dingah an ngel ah bawmte an thlahi.

pelt ¹ /pelt/ *n* hmulsah a um laimi ramsa phaw.

pelt ² /pelt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (with sth); ~ **sth** (at sb) deng ciamco: *pelt sb with snowballs, stones, rotten tomatoes, etc* ○ *The crowd pelted bad eggs at the speaker*. **2** [I, I-pr, Ip] ~ (down) (of rain, etc) ruahpi napi in a sur: *It was pelting with rain*. ○ *The rain was pelting down*. ○ *hail pelting on the roof*. **3** (idm) **full pelt/tilt/speed** ⇒ FULL. **4** (phr v) **pelt along, down, up, etc** (sth) hmunkhat hoih zawn in zamrang zet ih tlan: *pelting down the hill*.

pelvis /pelvɪs/ *n* (pl ~ **es** /pelvɪsɪz/ or **pelves** /pelvɪz/) (*anatomy*) khel ruh.

▷ **pelvic** /pelvɪk/ *adj* khel ruh thawn pehparmi.

pemmican /pemɪkən/ *n* [U] sa car dip ko ih phomi N American Indian minung pawl eimi.

pen ¹ /pen/ *n* **1** [C] cangannak, cafung: *fountain pen* ○ *ball-point pen* ○ *felt-tip pen*. **2** [sing] canganmi: *He lives by his pen*. **3** (idm) **the pen is mightier than the sword** (*saying*) hriamnam kai (ralkap) hnakin cangan thiam in mi a neh sawn. **put pen to paper** (*fml*) ca-kuat tivek ngan thok. **a slip of the pen/tongue** ⇒ SLIP¹.

▷ **pen v** (-nn-) [Tn] (*fml*) ca ngan: *She penned a few words of thanks*.

□ **pen-and-ink** *adj* [esp attrib] ca-ti thawn ngan/zuk suai: *pen-and-ink drawings, sketches, illustrations, etc*. **pen-friend** (also esp *US pen-pal*) *n* ca kuat-awk ih neihi ton dah lomi rualpi.

penknife *n* (pl -**knives**) dip sung san theih, a thlep theimi naamte.

penname *n* thuanthu le cadang ngan tikah hmin ngai sawngtu ih hmanmi hmin phuahcop (hmindeu).

pen-pusher *n* (*infml derog*) ca tuah/cangan ding tam zet neitu.

pen-pushing *n* [U] (*infml derog*) nin um zet a simi ca tuah cangan hnaŋuan.

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pen ² /pen/ *n* **1** sumhnam thlahnak dingih ram le hmun kulhmi: *a sheep-pen*. **2** tisung vaakmi tangphawlawng (*submarine*) bomb puah lo/ ngah lo dingih tuahmi beunak, colhnak (bomb proof shelter).

▷ **pen v** (-nn-) (phr v) **pen sb/sth in/up** kharhkhum: *pen up the chickens for the night* ○ *She feels penned in by her life as a housewife*.

pen ³ /pen/ *n* (*US infml*) thawnginn.

Pen *abbr* (esp on a map) Peninsula.

penal /pi:nl/ *adj* [esp attrib] **1** upadi ih dantat/ daan pek/cawhkuan thawn a pehparmi: *penal laws, reforms* ○ *a penal colony/settlement*, ie a place where criminals are sent as a punishment ○ *penal seems like a punishment*. **2** upadi veki cawh theihmi: *a penal offence*.

▷ **penally** /pi:nəli/ *adv*.

□ **penal code** upadi buarnak ruangah dantatnak tuah dan ding upadi.

penal servitude (*Brit law*) (*formerly*) dantatnak simi thawngtlaak ih hnaŋuan harzet ŋuanter.

penalize, -ise /pi:nəlaɪz/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr esp passive] ~ **sb** (for sth) upadi buar ruangih cawh; harter/midang dik lo zet ih harter: *People who drive when they are drunk should be heavily penalized*. ○ *He was penalized for a foul on the striker*, eg A free kick was awarded to the striker's team. **2** [Tn] thil pakhat khat in tlasamter/harsatter, lole, zinfeter: *They new law penalizes the poorest members of society*. **3** [Tn] upadi vek in cawh a theih.

▷ **penalization** /pi:nəlaɪzəʃn; US -lɪz-/ *n* [U].

penalty /penlti/ *n* **1** ~ (for sth) (a) upadi buarnak cawhmi: *It is part of the contract that there is a penalty for late delivery*. (b) dantatnak thawngthlaak, lole, paisa kuannak: *the death penalty* ○ *it is an offence to travel without a valid ticket — penalty £100*. ○ *The maximum penalty for this crime is 10 years' imprisonment*. **2** thil pakhat tuahnak ruangih tlamtlin lonak/ tlaksamnak tuarnak le zinfetnak: *One of the penalties of fame is loss of privacy*. **3** (a) (in sports and games) lehnak upadi buarnak ruangih cawhkuan tonnak: *The referee awarded a penalty to the home team*. (b) (in football) kawh ihsin kar (12) hlat in kawltun cawhkuan. **4** (idm) **on/under pain/penalty of sth** ⇒ PAIN. **pay the penalty** ⇒ PAY².

□ **penalty area** (in football) penelti cawhkuan sitnak ding kulhsung.

penalty clause thukam tuahmi a pelh le tangka kuan theinak dingih lungkim-tonnak sa-chuk tuahmi.

penalty kick (in football) penelti sit.

penance /penəns/ *n* **1** [C, U] ~ (for sth) thil ŋa lo tuah ngah ruangah sualsirnak langter in mah le mah cawhkuan/daan pek-awk: *an act of penance* ○ *do penance* (ie perform an act that shows one is sorry) *for one's sins* ○ (*joc*) *She*

made him do the washing-up as. (a) *penance* for forgetting her birthday. 2 [U] (in the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches) *sual phuannak*, *sual thlahnak*, le *sualsirnak langternak* ah *siangbawipa ih cawhkuan peeknak pawl a telmi serh le sang (sacrament)*.

pence *pl* of PENNY.

penchant /pɑːnʃɑːn; US 'pentʃənt/ *n* (French) ~ **for sth** *duhnak/thiarnak nei: She has a penchant for Indian food.*

pencil /pensl/ *n* 1 (a) [C] *khedan cafung: [attrib] a pencil drawing.* (b) [U] *khedan ih nganmi: Should I sign my name in pencil or ink? ○ pencil rubs out easily.* 2 [C] (usu in compounds) *khedan vek a simi/vekih zummi: an eyebrow pencil*, ie a stick of cosmetic material used by women to darken the eyebrows.

▷ **pencil** *v* (-ll-; US -l-) 1 [Tn] *khedan thawn cangan: She pencilled the rough outline of a house.* ○ *pencilled eyebrows.* 2 (phr *v*) **pencil sth in** *nisiarnak diary sungah nitiam, tumtahnak pawl ngan: Let's pencil in 3 May for the meeting.*

□ **pencil-case** *n* *cafung retnak kuangte.*

pencil-sharpener *n* *khedaan zumnak.*

pendant /pendənt/ *n* 1 (hngawng ih orhmi) *thii parih thlaihmi hlawnthil.* 2 *innsung meisa vannak hrang thil thlaihmi ah a mawinak hrang thlaihmi thlhalang.* 3 = PENNANT.

pendent /pendənt/ *adj* (fml) *thil pakhat in a tlaaimi/a tlaai puangpimi.*

pending /pendɪŋ/ *adj* [pred] (fml) (a) *relcat hrih lomi; hngakmi: The lawsuit was then pending.* (b) a rak cang zik thlang; silai ding/si thlang ding tʉan leh dingih retmi: *A decision on this matter is pending.*

▷ **pending** *prep* (fml) (a) *thil hngah lai/hlan lo/ hlansung: She was held in custody pending trial.* (b) *laiah (laisung): pending the negotiations.*

pendulous /pendjʊləs; US -dzʊləs/ *adj* (fml) *khatlam khatlam seep thei ding thil tlaai: pendulous breasts.*

pendulum /endjʊləm; US -dzʊləm/ *n* 1 *duhduh seep thei dingih thil rit pakhat hri ih thlaaimi.* 2 *cuvek ih tuahmi pharpar tar nazi.* 3 (idm) **the swing of the pendulum** ⇨ SWING².

penetrable /penitrəbl/ *adj* (fml) *thil pem tlang theimi; luhhnawh theimi.*

▷ **penetrability** /penitrə'bɪləti/ *n* [U].

penetrate /pentreit/ *v* 1 [Ipr, Tn] ~ (into/through) *sth* *thil pakhat ah pem/luhhnawh: Our troops have penetrated (into) enemy territory.* ○ *The heavy rain had penetrated right through her coat.* ○ (fig) *The cat's sharp claws penetrated (ie pierced) my skin.* ○ *The party has been penetrated (in infiltrated) by extremists.* ○ *A shrill cry penetrated the silence.* 2 [Tn, Tn-pr esp passive] ~ **sb/sth (with sth)** *rak khat thluh:*

Cold horror penetrated her whole being. 3 [Tn] *hmu thei/feh suak; suntlang: Our eyes could not penetrate the darkness.* ○ *The headlamps penetrated the fog.* ○ (fig) *We soon penetrated his disguise, ie saw who he really was.* 4 [Tn] *theifiang/tong suak/hmu suak ngah: It penetrated their thoughts.* 5 [I, Tn] *thei theh: I explained the problem to him several times but it didn't seem to penetrate.* ○ *Nothing we say penetrates his thick skull!*

▷ **penetrating** *adj* 1 *zamrang tein thu ruat lohli thei: a penetrating mind, question, thinker* ○ *a penetrating look, glance, stare, etc.* 2 (of a voice or sound) *hna khong ko ih awnmi: a penetrating cry, shriek, yell, etc.* **penetratingly** *adv.*

penetration /penitr'eɪʃn/ *n* [U] 1 (action or process of) *lut tlangnak: our penetration of the enemy's defences.* 2 *zamrang ih thei ko thuruah theinak: the penetration of her mind/her powers of penetration.*

penetrative /penitrətɪv; US -trɪtɪv/ *adj* 1 *lut tlang theimi.* 2 (of sb's mind, thoughts, etc) *fimkhur zetmi: a penetrative analysis.*

penguin /pɛŋgwɪn/ *n* a *zaang lam dum ih a tʉang lam raang, tidai lak tlangmi rampai ke vek neimi vate, zam thei lo, ti leuh thiammi (pi 3 a sang thei).*

penicillin /penɪ'sɪlɪn/ *n* [U] *papar fate zet ihsin ngahmi nat hrik thahnak hmanmi sii, penisilin.*

peninsula /pə'nɪnsjələ; US -nsələ/ *n* *tidai ih a kulh thluh zikte mi leilung: the Iberian peninsula, ie Spain and Portugal.*

▷ **peninsular** /-lə(r)/ *adj* *cuvek leilung um dan a simi.*

penis /'piːnɪs/ *n* *minung le ramsa nunghring mipa/a pa ih zahmawh; zang.*

penitence /penɪtəns/ *n* [U] ~ (for sth) *thil tʉa lo tuah pangmi parah sir-awknak: show penitence for one's sins.*

penitent /penɪtəns/ *adj* *tuah sual/sualnak ruangah a sir-awmi: a penitent sinner.*

▷ **penitent** *n* (religion) *sualnak ruangih a sir-awmi.*

penitently *adv.*

penitential /penɪ'tenʃl/ *adj* *sir-awknakthawn a pehparmi.*

▷ **penitentially** /-ʃəli/ *adv.*

penitentiary /penɪ'tenʃəri/ *n* (US) *thawnginn.*

▷ **penitentiary** *adj* (a) *mah sualnak ruangah sir-aw ih mah le mah dantat-awknak thu thawn a pehparmi.*

penmanship /penmənʃɪp/ *n* [U] *cangan thiam, lolle, cangan daan (kut ngan).*

pennant /penənt/ (also **pendant, pennon**) *n* (a) *tlaang thum neimi thantar (aa-la'an) zum.* (b) (US) *tlaang ih hmanmi thantar puanzum.*

penniless /penɪlɪs/ *adj* *paisa nei lo, farah zet: a penniless old man.*

pennon /'perɪən/ *n* 1 *tlaang thum neimi thantar*

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zum, lole, piangpial mei vek a teekmi thantar.

2 = PENNANT.

penn'orth /'penəθ/ *n* [sing] (*infml*) = PENNYWORTH (PENNY).

penny /'peni/ *n* (*pl* **pence** /pens/ **pennies** /'peniz/)

1 (*abbr* **p**) (since decimal coinage was introduced in 1971) Mirang (*British*) thir tangka pya khat: *Potatoes are 20 pence a pound.*

○ *These pencils cost 40p each.* **2** (*abbr* **d**) 1971

tiang an hmanmi darsen tangka (shilling

pakhat ah pya 12 a um). **3** (*US infml*) cent timi

tangka pya sen. **4** (*idm*) **be two/ten a penny** (**a**)

man ol zet. (**b**) a tam zet ih ngah ding a ol. **earn/**

turn an honest penny ⇒ **HONEST. in for a penny,**

in for a pound (*saying*) thil pakhat thok

hnuhnu cu paisa le tikcu cem ding a man ko.

the penny drops (*infml esp Brit*) a hlanah ka

rak thei lo ti kha a thei fiang saal: *I had to*

explain the problem to her several times before

the penny finally dropped. **a penny for your**

thoughts (*catchphrase*) (used to ask sb what he

is thinking about). **penny wise** (**and**) **pound**

foolish paisa malte cu ralring zet in hmang ih,

paisa tam zet cu duh tawk ih hman. **a pretty**

penny ⇒ **PRETTY. spend a penny** ⇒ **SPEND. turn**

up like a bad penny (*infml*) (habitually)

thinlung in duh lo, lole, hmuak lo khalle ra

ringring.

□ **penny farthing** hlanlai hmanmi bicycle

pakhat ah ke kual a tum le a fate ummi.

penny-pincher (*infml*) mi tirhfak.

penny-pinching *adj* tirhfakmi. — *n* [U]

tirhfak(nak) zet.

pennyweight *n* a ritnak 24 grains a simi.

penny whistle = **TIN WHISTLE** (TIN).

pennyworth /'pəniwəθ/ (also **penn'orth**) *n*

[sing] England tangka penny pakhat ih a lei

theimi thilri a zat.

penology /pi:'nɒlədʒi/ *n* [U] sualnak le dantat

daan pawl zirnak/thawnginn ih thawngtla

pawl uk le kilkhawi daan zirnak.

pension¹ /'penʃn/ *n* [C, U] hnaʔuan kumkim

colh; acozah hnaʔuan a kum teek cem, lole,

mah kum teek cem zo ih ʔuan nawn lo ih baang

— pinsin: *an old-age pension* ○ *a retirement*

pension ○ *an army pension* ○ *draw one's*

pension, eg obtain it regularly from a Post

Office ○ *live on a pension*.

▷ **pension** *v* **1** [Tn] pinsin ih suaktu hnenah

pension paisa suah/peek. **2** (*phr* *v*) **pension sb**

off (often passive) pinsin laak dingih siang,

lole, hramhram in pinsin ih colhter: *He was*

pensioned off and replaced with a younger man.

pension sth off (often passive) (*infml*) thilri

pakhat a kum a tam (a hlun) ih a ngawl zo

ruangah hmang nawn lo, hnong: *The old*

printing press will have to be pensioned off.

pensionable *adj* pinsin peek theih thlang a

simi: *a pensionable job, position, post, etc* ○ *She*

is of pensionable age.

pensioner /'penʃənə(r)/ *n* pinsin paisa rak

saang rerotu: *an old-age pensioner.*

pension² /'pɒnsɪən/ *n* (*French*) France le Europe

ram dangah riah le rawl-ei ngahmi rawl dawr.

pensive /'pensɪv/ *adj* na zet in thu ruatmi; lung

nuam lo le thutak zet in thu ruatmi: *a pensive*

expression, look, mood ○ *She looked pensive*

when she heard the news.

▷ **pensively** *adv.* **pensiveness** *n* [U].

penta- *comb form* thil panga in a simi: *a pentagon*

○ *the pentathlon.*

pentagon /'pentəɡən; US ɡɒn/ *n* **1** [C] geometry

zok suaimi ah kiil panga le kap riin panga

neimi. **2 the Pentagon** (**a**) [sing] America ram

Washington khua ih an Ralkap zung hmunpi.

(**b**) [Gp] America ralkap ah hruiatu bawi upa: *a*

spokesman for the Pentagon.

▷ **pentagonal** /pen'tæɡənəl/ *adj* kap nga a neimi

thil.

pentameter /pen'tæmɪtə(r)/ *n* catluan panga

ciar ih ʔhenmi hla, lole, cangan ʔhen panga

ummi.

Pentateuch /'pentətju:k/ *n* **the Pentateuch**

[sing] Baibal cabu a hmaisai lam panga.

pentathlon /en'tæθlən, -lən/ *n* leh zuam-awknak

ah phunnga lehnak (tlaan, rangto, ti-leuh,

namsau sun-aw, le thal kah).

Pentecost /'pentɪkɒst; US -lən/ *n* [sing] **1** Judah

pawl ih Lantakpuai a nihnihnak hnu thok ni

sawmnga kimnak ih Thlathar puai. **2** (*Brit*

also **Whit Sunday**) (in the Christian Church)

Bawi Khrih Thawhsal puai hnu a Zarhpi vei

sarihnak ih tuah ʔheumi tirhthlah pawl hnenih

Thiang Thlarau burhnak cin ringringnak puai,

pentecost ni.

▷ **Pentecostal** /'pentɪkɒstl; US -kɔ:stl/ *adj* **1**

Pentecost thawn a pehparmi. **2 Pentecostal**

(of a religious group) Pentecostal Kawhhran

pawl.

penthouse /'penthaus/ *n* **1** inn saangpi par a

luanglu ih sakmi inn khaan, lole, inn: [attrib] *a*

luxury penthouse flat/apartment/suite. **2** inn

pakhat ih phar sirhsan ih sakmi beu-nak inn.

pent up /'pent 'ʌp/ *adj* (of feelings) thinlung

sungih a taangmi (thin hen, lung siatnak)

phuang suak lo ih um: *feeling that have been*

pent up for too long ○ *pent-up anger, emotion,*

frustration, etc.

penultimate /pen'ʌltɪmət/ *adj* [attrib] a neta bik

sangtu: *the penultimate letter of a word* ○ *the*

penultimate day of the month.

penumbra /'pɪn'ʌmbərə/ *n* (*pl* **-brae** /-bri:/ or

-bras /-brəz/) thil a thlaam sungih a dum, a

thimnak hmun deuh.

penurious /'prɪnjʊriəs/ *adj* (*fml*) **1** farah zet. **2**

paisa parah tirhfak zet.

▷ **penuriously** *adv.* **penuriousness** *n* [U] =

PENURY.

penury /'penjʊəri/ *n* [U] (*fml*) farah taktak simi: *living in penury* ○ *reduced to penury*.

peon /'pi:ən/ *n* **1** (Indai ram tivek ah) zunglam ih tirhfial mi. **2** (in Latin America) lothlo.

peony /'pi:əni/ *n* a parah senrau (pink) a sen, lole, a rang a simi hmuang pangpar.

people /'pi:pl/ *n* **1** [pl] mi/minung pawl: *Were there many people at the party?* ○ *Some people are very inquisitive*. ○ *streets crowded with people* ○ *he meets a lot of famous people in his job*. ○ *Many old people live alone*. ⇒ Usage at MAN¹. **2** (a) [C] (all the persons belonging to a) mi phunkhat simi: *the English speaking peoples*. (b) [pl] hmunkhat, bial khat ih um minung, lole, miphun pakhat a simi minung: *the people* (ie inhabitants) of London ○ *the British, French, Russian, etc people*. ⇒ Usage. **3 the people** [pl] ram mi: *The President no longer has the support of the people*. **4 the people** [pl] mi senpi; mi zaraan: *the common people* ○ *a man of the people*, eg a politician who is popular with ordinary people. **5** [pl] ukmi milai; dinpitu milai: *a king loved by his people* ○ *His people worked hard to get him elected*. **6** [pl] (*infml*) nu le pa, lole, unau nai; a milai pawl ti kawh: *She's spending Christmas with her people*. **7** (idm) **people (who live) in glass houses shouldn't throw stones** (*saying*) mah vek sualpalhnak nei pawl soisel lo ding.

▷ **people** *v* [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] hmunkhat ah mi an um/an hngak, an luah an khat: He believes the world is peopled with idiots.

NOTE ON USAGE: Compare **person**, **persons**, **people** and **peoples**. **1** **People** is the most usual plural of **person**. **Persons** is formal and mostly used in legal language. **2** **Person** can also sound formal and is often a voided. In general statements, the sentence can be made plural: *A person has the right to defend himself/People have the right to defend themselves*. When referring to a particular situation, we can say *I saw someone/a man/a woman riding a horse* instead of *I saw a person riding a horse*. **3** **People** is also a singular noun (plural **peoples**) meaning 'nation', 'tribe' or 'race': *The Ancient Egyptians were a fascinating people*. ○ *The Frenc-speaking peoples of the world*.

pep /'pep/ *n* [U] (*infml*) thatho le lungawi sopar: *full of pep and running around like a puppy*.

▷ **pep** *v* (pp, pt -pp-) (phr v) **pep sb/sth up** thatho dingih rak tuah: *A walk in the fresh air will pep me up*. ○ *lively music to pep up the party*.

□ **pep pill** thathotertu sii.

pep talk mi thathawhternak thu sim/thu rel: *The team was given a pep talk on the morning of the big match*.

pepper /'pepə(r)/ *n* **1** [U] hri tlai ih a rahmi makphek phunkhat (*nga-zuk-kawng*): *a dash of pepper*. **2** [C] (a) thing makphek kung. (b) hivek rah rawl hmeh ih hmanmi: *peppers stuffed with meat and rice*.

▷ **paper** *v* **1** [Tn] makphek paih, thlah. **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth with sth** mi/thil pakhat thil fate thawn thawi rero: *The wall had been peppered with bullets*. ○ *a batsman peppering the field with shots* ○ (*fig*) *paper sb with questions*.

peppery /'pepə(r)/ *adj* **1** a thawtnak pepper thawn a bangmi. **2** olte in thinheng thei/thintawi: *a peppery old colonel*.

□ **pepper-and-salt** *adj* **1** (of cloth) a dup deuh le a rau deuh ih tialmi puan si dingah a rong dup le rau deuh tuuhmul pat a cokkalh ih takmi. **2** (of hair) a rang le a pawl rawimi (sam).

peppercorn *n* pepper rah car dip ko phomih hmanmi. **peppercorn rent** thil san man ol zetmi.

pepper-mill *n* makphek a vut retnak kuang/tin. **pepper-pot** *n* makphek vut phulhnak dawngte (a sin ah ongtete a ummi). Cf SALT-CELLAR (SALT).

peppermint /'pepəmint/ *n* **1** (a) [U] miṭhai (*chuchin*) le si ih rawimi a thak nawn ih a hmuimi: *oil of peppermint*. (b) (also **mint**) [C] a rim a thaw zetmi peppermint hriak: *suck a peppermint* ○ [attrib] *peppermint creams*. Cf SPEARMINT.

pepsin /'pepsin/ *n* [U] pumpi ihsin a suakmi rawl rialtu a ti phunkhat.

▷ **peptic** /'peptik/ *adj* rawlrialnak lam a simi: *a peptic ulcer*, ie one in the digestive system.

per /pə(r); strong form pɜ:(r)/ *prep* (used to express rates, prices, etc) si zat/man zat siarnak/a zat ah tinak: £60 *per day* ○ £2 *per person* ○ *calculated per square yard* ○ *45 revolutions per minute* ○ *100 miles per hour*.

perambulate /pə'ræmbjʊlət/ *v* (*fml* or *rhet*) **1** [Tn] vaakkual rero: *perambulate the boundaries of his estate*. **2** [I] sukso tawi: *perambulate after lunch*.

▷ **perambulation** /pə'ræmbjʊləʃn/ *n* [C, U]: *perambulations in the old city*.

perambulator /pə'ræmbjʊlətə(r)/ *n* (Brit *fml*) naute hrang a kut ih tulmi leeng.

perceive /pə'si:v/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tf, Tw, Tnt, Tng] (*fml*) hmuuak; theisuak; rak zoh thiam: *I perceived a change in his behaviour/that his behaviour had changed*. ○ *We had already perceived how the temperature fluctuated*. ○ *The patient was perceived to have difficulty in standing and walking*. **2** [Cn-n/a] ~ **sth as sth** hmuh daan ah; ruah daan ah: *I perceived his comment as a challenge*.

▷ **perceivable** *adj*.

percentage /pə'sentɪdʒ/ *n* **1** [C] zateek: *The*

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figure is expressed as a percentaghe. ○ The salesmen get a percentage (ie a commission) on everything they sell. ○ [attrib] a percentage increase in ticket prices. **2** [sing or pl v] a buaktlak/tam le mal thlun-aw: What percentage of his income is taxable? ○ An increasing percentage of the population own their own homes.

percentile /pə'sentail/ (US **centile**) *n* (a) (in statistics) ngahmi hmuahhmuah a bangran theinak dingin buakthlak ih 100 thawn tahnak. (b) cuvek ih tuahnak: an examination score in the 85th percentile, ie a score higher than 85 per cent of all scores attained in an examination.

perceptible /pə'septəbl/ *adj* ~ (to sb) (fml) **1** theih thei lohli mi: perceptible movements, sound, etc. **2** theih/hmuh theih a simi; hmuh tlaak tiangih tum/theihthiam: perceptible change, deterioration, improvement, increase, loss of colour.

▷ **perceptibility** /pə'septə'biliti/ *n* [U].

perceptibly /-əbli/ *adv*: The patient has improved perceptibly.

perception /pə'sepʃn/ *n* [U] (fml) **1** hmuh theinak, hna ih theih theinak, lole, thinlung ih hmuh thiam theinak: improve one's powers of perception. **2** theih theinak; hmuh theinak: His analysis of the problem showed great perception. **3** ~ (that ...) hmuh daan, theih daan: My perception of the matter is that... ○ his perception that conditions had not changed.

perceptive /pə'septiv/ *adj* (fml) **1** hmu thiam le thei thei lohli: The most perceptive of the three, she was the first to realize the potential danger of their situation. **2** hmu thiammi: a perceptive analysis, comment, judgement, etc. **3** [attrib] hmuh thiamnak thawn a pehparmi: perceptive skills.

▷ **perceptively** *adv*. **perceptiveness**. **perceptivity** /pə'sep'tivəti/ *ns* [U]: show rare perceptive ness.

perch¹ /pɜ:tʃ/ *n* **1** (a) vate a futnak. (b) vate a colhnak; riahnak colhnak — thingtlang, arsiar. **2** (infml) umnak saang; tohmun saang: He watched the game from his perch on top of the wall. **3** (also **pole**, **rod**) leiram tahnak ah pi 5½, lole, miṭa 5.03 a hlatmi. **4** (idm) **knock sb off his pedestal/perch** ⇒ KNOCK.

▷ **perch** *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (on sth) (vate) a fu (thingpar; thingteek ah); thing pakhat parah: The birds perched on the television aerial. **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (on sth) (of a person) hmunsang ih to; thil fate le fiakmi parih to; a kap ih to: perch on high stools at the bar ○ perch dangerously on a narrow ledge ○ perch on the edge of the cliff ○ perch a beret on the side of one's head ○ a castle perched above the river.

perch² /pɜ:tʃ/ *n* (pl **unchanged**) tifim lak tlangmi

a thla ah hling nei mi ei theih nga.

perchance /pə'tʃɑ:ns; -tæns/ *adv* (arch) **1** si theimi. **2** si pang.

percipient /pə'sɪpiənt/ *adj* (fml) **1** ol le fiangte ih thei thei/hmu thei: a percipient onlooker. **2** hmu thiam/thei thiam: a percipient comment.

▷ **percipience** /pə'sɪpiəns/ *n* [U].

percolate /pə:kəleɪt/ *v* **1** (infml perk) (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (through sth)/~ (through) (of water) a ongtete in a zun; a ciah ih a zun: The coffee is percolating, ie Boiling water is passing through ground coffee beans. (b) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ sth (through sth/through) (thil tii) a zun, a dok: coffee made by percolating boiling water through ground coffee beans ○ I'll percolate some coffee, ie make it by percolating. **2** (a) [Ipr, Ip] ~ through (sth) (of liquid) thil pakhat sungih fehtlang, eg vunnel sungah tidai a lut/a zun: water percolating through sand. (b) [Ipr] ~ through sth (ruahnak, thuhla, thinlung in) thu theih: The rumour percolated through the firm.

▷ **percolation** /pə:ke'leɪʃn/ *n* [C, U].

percolator *n* (a) in ding khawfi tisa ih ciahnak bel; lakphak bel. (b) a tii (thil tii pawl) zeetnak thilri.

percussion /pə'kʌʃn/ *n* **1** [U] (a) thil a hakmi pahnih khawng-aw. (b) thil a hakmi pahnih khawng-awknak awring. **2** [U] awnmawi tumnak ah thil pahnih khawng-awknak ih awsuah. **3** the percussion [pl v] (also **percussion section**) awnmawi tumnak ah thil khawng-aw (tumtu a rual). **4** [U] (medical) nat zohnak ah kut in mi ih taksa malte hei khawnmi.

▷ **percussionist** /-ʃənɪst/ *n* thil a khawng-awmi awnmawi tumtu.

□ **percussion cap** (also **cap**) a puakkuai theimi tuamnak thir fate, lole, cahnah.

percussion instrument a thawi le a vuak ih tummi awnmawi thilri.

perdition /pə'dɪʃn/ *n* [U] **1** (fml religion) mi ṭha lo pawl thih hnu ih kumkhua hremnak/dantatnak: damned to perdition. **2** (arch) ti-ral ṭheh; siatsuah ṭheh.

peregrination /pə'grɪneɪʃn/ *n* (fml) **1** [U] khualtlawn. **2** [U] khualtlawnnak: his peregrinations in southern Europe.

peregrine /pə'grɪn/ *n* (also **peregrine falcon**) vate fate pawl kai thei dingih zirh a theihmi a dum le a rang rong a neimi khau (mu) tumpi.

peremptory /pə'remptəri; US 'perəmp'tɔ:ri/ *adj* (fml) **1** (esp derog) (minung) umdan hoiher in mi neh le uk duhnak nei: His peremptory tone of voice irritated everybody. **2** (of commands) eel theih lo; son kiir theih lomi thupeek: a peremptory dismissal, rebuke, shout.

▷ **peremptorily** /-trəli; US -tɔ:rəli/ *adv*.

□ **peremptory writ** (law) thukhin (ta-ya-cuai) mi pa thuthennak zungah ra dingih thu

peeknak ca.

perennial /pə'reniəl/ *adj* **1** reipi tiang daih: *a perennial subject of interest*. **2** a cang ringringmi: *a perennial problem* ○ *perennial complaints*. **3** (of plants) kum hnih hnak rei nungmi.

▷ **perennial** *n* reipi nung thingkung; tuar theinak nei a kung: *hardy perennials*, ie plants that can normally tolerate frost.

perennially /-niəli/ *adv*.

perestroika /pɛrɛ'stroika/ *n* [U] (Russian) Russia ram ʔansonak le uk-awknak lam a thar le phundang deuh ih remnak.

perfect¹ /pɜːfɪkt/ *adj* **1** (a) famkim; thil tlaamtling zet ih neih: *in perfect condition* ○ *a perfect set of teeth*. (b) sual/palhnak um hrimeh lo; felfai zet: *a perfect performance of the play* ○ *a perfect weather, behaviour* ○ *a perfect score*, ie one in which no point have been lost; 100 per cent ○ *Nobody is perfect*. ○ *Speak perfect English*. **2** thil phunkhat sungih a ʔa bik: *the perfect meal* ○ *the perfect crime*, ie one in which the criminal is never discovered. **3** cekci, famkim: *a perfect circle, square* ○ *a perfect copy, match, fit* ○ *perfect accuracy, timing*. **4** ~ **for sb/sth** mi pakhat hrang, lole, thil pakhat hrang a kaih zetmi: *perfect for each other* ○ *perfect day for a picnic*. **5** (grammar) (of verb tenses) composed of has/have or had + past participle: *the present and past perfect tenses*, eg 'I have eaten'/'I had eaten'. **6** [attrib] (infml) a si cekci; a sii thluh: *perfect nonsense, rubbish, etc* ○ *a perfect fool, pest, stranger, etc* ○ *She's a perfect angel!* **7** (idm) **practice makes perfect** ⇒ PRACTICE.

▷ **perfect** *n* **the perfect** [sing] perfect tense: *The verb is in the perfect*. ○ *the present/past perfect*.

perfectly *adv* **1** a cekci in; famkim zet in: *The trousers fit perfectly*. **2** kim thluh, si zet: *perfectly happy, satisfied, contents, etc* ○ *perfectly well* ○ *perfectly able to find her own way*. **3** (infml) si zet: *a perfectly delicious cake* ○ *awful weather* ○ *a perfectly foul headache*.

□ **perfect pitch** (also **absolute pitch**) (music) ziang vek awsuah khal theithiam theinak, lole, sak theinak: *She has perfect/absolute pitch*.

perfect² /pə'fekt/ *v* [Tn] thil pakhat kinter/felter/ʔhater: *She needs to perfect her Arabic before going to work in Cairo*. ○ *a violinist who spent years perfecting his technique*.

▷ **perfectible** *adj* ʔatsuafter theihmi.

perfectibility /pə'fektə'bɪləti/ *n* [U].

perfection /pə'fɛkʃn/ *n* **1** [U] famkiminternak: *They are working on the perfection of their new paint formula*. **2** [U] famkim sinak/palhnak um lo sinak: *Perfection is impossible to achieve in that kind of work*. ○ *aim for perfection*. **3** [U] si biknak dinhmun: *Her singing was perfection*. **4**

(idm) **a counsel of perfection** ⇒ COUNSEL. **to perfection** a si ding vek cekci in: *wine aged to perfection* ○ *a dish cooked to perfection*.

▷ **perfectionist** /-ʃənɪst/ *n* **1** a ʔa bik si lo cu lungkim thei lotu. **2** (derog) thil a ʔul lo tiangin a terek tiangih famkim tumtu.

perfectionism /pə'fɛkʃənɪzəm/ *n* [U].

perfidy /pɜːfɪdi/ *n* ~ (to/towards sb) (fml) (a) [U] hrokhrawl le rintlaak si lo ih nungcang. (b) [C] hi tivek ih umnak.

▷ **perfidious** /pə'fɪdiəs/ *adj* ~ (to/towards sb) (fml) mi parah bumduhnak nei; zum tlaak si lomi: *by perfidious allies*. **perfidiously** *adv*.

perfidiousness *n* [U].

perforate /pɜːfəreɪt/ *v* [Tn] **1** pem tlang; vit: *perforate the cover to let air in* ○ [attrib] *a perforated ulcer*. **2** cahnah parah a tlar in ong tete hei tuah: [attrib] *a perforated sheet of postage stamps*.

▷ **perforation** /pɜːfəreɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] rak vih ongmi. **2** [C] cahnah parih a tlaang/a tlar ih ong vihmi: *tear the sheet along the perforations*.

perforce /pə'fɔːs/ *adv* (arch of fml) ʔultuknak ah.

perform /pə'fɔːm/ *v* **1** [Tn] thil pakhat hei tuah/ʔuan: *perform a task, one's duty, a miracle* ○ *perform an operation to save his life*. **2** [I, Ipr, Tn] thuanthu cawn hei tuah/awnmawi tum, lole, mitkher tivek mi hmaiah tuah: *They are performing his play/piano concerto tonight*. ○ *watch sb perform* ○ *perform skillfully on the flute* ○ *perform live on television* ○ *performing seals in a circus*. **3** [I] (of a machine, invention, etc) cet ih thil ʔuan/tuah — thil dangih thil a tidan: *How is the new car performing?* ○ *the new drug has performed well in tests*. **4** [Tn] a daan vekin thil tuah: *perform a ceremony, rite, ritual, etc*.

▷ **performer** *n* puai zohtu/misenpi hmai ah zoh dingih thil tuah: *an accomplished performer*.

□ **performing arts** awnmawi lam, thuanthucawn tivek misenpi ih zoh dingih thil tuahmi.

performance /pə'fɔːməns/ *n* **1** [sing] thil tuahnak/tuah daan: *faithful in the performance of his duties*. **2** (a) [C] misenpi zoh dingih thil tuah (thuanthu cawn): *the evening performance* ○ *give a performance of 'Hamlet'*. (b) [U] in ~ misenpi/puai zohtu pawl nunnomnak hrangah zoh ding thil tuah: *Come and see her in performance with the new band*. **3** (a) [C] (esp outstanding) thil ti/tuahnak: *She won a gold medal for her fine performance in the contest*. ○ *His performance in the test was not good enough*. (b) [U] thil a rang le a felfai ih ti theinak: *The customer was impressed by the machine's performance*. ○ *Performance is less important than reliability in a car*. **4** [C] (infml) (a) hnihsuakza, lole, mualpho thlak ih nungcang: *What a performance the child made!*

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(b) (esp unnecessary) a ʔul lo pi ah poi zet awter ih thil ti ciamco: *He goes through the whole performance of checking the oil and water every time he drives the car.*

perfume /pəˈfjuːm; US also perˈfjuːm/ n [C, U] **1** rimhmui: *the perfume of the flowers* ○ *flowery perfumes*. **2** thil a tii rimhmui (pangpar ihsin tuahmi) ruangpi par hnih dingih tuahmi: *sell perfumes and toilet-waters* ○ *French perfume*.

▷ **perfume** /pəˈfjuːm/ v [Tn] **1** (of flowers, etc) rimhmui thuh; hmuiter: *The roses perfumed the room*. **2** thil pakhat parah rimhmuit; rimhmui thuh: *perfume a handkerchief*.

perfumer /pəˈfjuːmə(r)/ (also **perfumier** /pəˈfjuːmiə(r)/) n **1** [C] rimhmui zuartu; a tuahtu.

perfumery /pəˈfjuːməri/ n **1** [C] rimhmui tuahnak hmun, lole, zuarnak hmun. **2** [U] rimhmui tuah daan.

perfunctory /pəˈfʌŋktəri/ adj (a) (of an action) duhsaknak nei lo nain ʔuanvo si ruangih rak tuah/ʔuan: *a perfunctory examination, greeting, salute*. (b) (of a person) hi tivek ih thil tuah.

▷ **perfunctorily** /-trəli/ US -tɔːrəli/ adv: *check the luggage perfunctorily*. **perfunctoriness** n [U].

pergola /pɜːgələ/ n hmuang sung lam vaaknak tlun ih thil zaamnak parah thlaikung zaamter ih lam a khuhmi.

perhaps /pəˈhæps, also præps/ adv a si theimi; a cang theimi: *Perhaps the weather will change this evening*. ○ *Perhaps it will, perhaps it won't*. ○ *It is, perhaps, the best known of his works*. ○ *Perhaps not/so*, ie expressing half-hearted agreement with what a person says. ○ *Perhaps you would be kind enough to...*, ie a polite way of saying 'Would you...?'

peri- perf **1** a kiim veel: *periscope* ○ *periphrasis* ○ *perimeter*. **2** kiangah: *perihelion* ○ *perigee*.

perigee /pəˈriːdʒi/ n thlapi le rocket in leilung an heelnak ah leilungpi thawn a naihnak bik zawn.

perihelion /pəˈriːhiːliən/ n (pl **-lia** /-liə/) leilung tivek pawl ih ni an heelnak ah ni thawn a naihnak bik zawn.

peril /pəˈrəl/ n **1** [U] thihhrulh; thihnak thawn a naihnak zet: *in great, mortal, etc peril*. **2** [C usu pl] ʔihnungza thil, lole, ʔihnung zet can/mi: *face the perils of the ocean*, ie storm, shipwreck, etc ○ *These birds are able to survive the perils of the Arctic winter*. **3** (idm) **at one's peril** (used esp when advising sb not to do sth) thihnak tlaak ʔihnungmi: *The bicycle has no brakes — you ride it at your peril*. ○ *One ignores letters from the bank manager at one's peril*. **in peril of one's life** thih ding ʔihnungza sungah.

▷ **perilous** /pəˈrələs/ adj ʔihnung tuksumza simi: *a perilous journey across the mountains*.

perilously adv: *perilously hot, fast, steep, etc* ○ *They were perilously close to the edge of the*

precipice.

perimeter /pəˈrɪmɪtə(r)/ n **1** thil a leenglam a tumnak bik veelkim. **2** hmun pakhat ih ramri: *guards patrolled the perimeter of the airfield*. ○ [attrib] *the perimeter fence*. Cf **CIRCUMFERENCE**.

period /ˈpiəriəd/ n **1** caan pakhat khat ih a rei zia/ sau zia: *a period of three years* ○ *He has had several long periods of work a broad*. ○ *a period of peace, recovery, uncertainty* ○ *showers and sunny periods*, eg in a weather forecast ○ *The work must be completed within a two-month period*. ○ *The incubation period* (ie The delay between catching a disease and the symptoms appearing) *is two weeks*. **2** (a) mi pakhat, ram pakhat, lole, nunphung ʔhansonak caan: *a painting belonging to the artist's early period* ○ *the period of the French Revolution* ○ *the post-war period* ○ *The house is 19th century and has furniture of the period*, ie of the same century. ○ *The actors wore costumes of the period*, ie of the same century. ○ *The actors wore costumes of the period*, ie of the time when the events of the play took place. ○ [usu attrib] *period dress, furniture, etc* ○ *a period cottage*, ie not modern.

(b) (geology) leilungpi a leenglam a thleng-awknak: *the Jurassic period*. **3** ca zirnak caan khiah: *a teaching period of 45 minutes* ○ *a free period* ○ *three periods of geography a week*. **4** (a) nunau thii neih caan/nunau daan neih caan: *have a period* ○ [attrib] *period pains*. (b) nunau thii neih sung. **5** (esp US) (a) = **FULL STOP** (FULL) timi khi US in period an ti. (b) catluan pakhat a cem tinak ih cukmi. (c) (infml) a tawp, a net: *We can't pay higher wages, period*, ie that is final. **6** (grammar) catluan pakhat a kim tinak ih tuahmi. **7** (astronomy) velkhat heel suak caan (a rei zat).

□ **period piece** (infml) mi sanman lomi: *The play, which once seemed so modern, has become a period piece*.

periodic /pəˈriːdɪk/ adj thil hmaanhmaan a cangmi: *periodic attacks of dizziness* ○ *a periodic review of expenditure*.

▷ **periodical** /-kl/ n, adj a caan kim hmaanhmaan (zarh tin, thla tin tivek) ih ca suah ringringmi.

periodically /-klɪ/ adv hmaanhmaan a simi.

□ **periodic table** (chemistry) dat um daan siarnak, eg, Hydrogen H₁, Oxygen O₈ tivekin.

peripatetic /pəˈrɪpəˈtɛtɪk/ adj **1** ʔhawn vivomi. **2** (Brit) (of teachers) mi pakhat tlawng pahnih, lole, pahnih hnak tam ah zirhtu ʔuanih kahtlang reromi: *Peripatetic music teachers visit the school regularly*.

▷ **peripatetically** /-klɪ/ adv.

periphery /pəˈrɪfəri/ n (fml) **1** (a) thil pakhat ih a rii/a tlaang. (b) a zum; hnarpawn: *industrial development on the periphery* (ie outskirts) *of the town*. **2** (fig) thu pakhat ih sinak thawn a

khat zetmi; a muril thawn a hlatmi: *The ideas are also expressed by minor poets on the periphery of the movement.* **3** (also **peripheral device**) (computing) computer sungih thu pawl thunnak/suahnak: *display units, printers and other peripherals.*

▷ **peripheral** /-əɹəl/ *adj* **1** ~ (to sth) a thupi lo deuh: *topics peripheral to the main theme.* **2** a leenglam deuh: *peripheral zones.* **peripherally** /-əɹəli/ *adv.*

periphrasis /pə'rifrəsis/ *n* (pl **-ases** /-əsi:z/) (*fml*) **1** (a) [U] thu sim tikah a si cekcinak sim loin a thu hei feh kual ternak; thu a sau zawng ih simmi. (b) [C] fiang cuca lo, herkual ih thusimnak, lole, ngannak, eg 'give expression to' instead of 'express'. **2** (grammar) (a) [U] a sau zawng ih simnak, eg 'It does work' for 'It works' or 'the word of God' for 'God's word'. (b) [C] cuvek ih tahthimnak.

▷ **periphrastic** /pə'rifræstik/ *adj* a sau zawng ih simmi.

periphrastically /-kli/ *adv.*

periscope /pə'riskəup/ *n* ti thukpi tangin/sung ihsin tidai tlun zohnak durbung.

▷ **periscopic** /pə'riskəpik/ *adj* cuvek durbung a simi.

perish /pə'riʃ/ *v* **1** [I] (*fml*) siatral; thi: *Thousands of people perished in the earthquake.* ○ *We shall do it or perish in the attempt.* **2** [I, Tn] (*esp Brit*) thil pakhat tawtter: *The seal on the bottle has perished.* ○ *If any oil gets on the car tyres, it will perish them.* **3** (idm) **perish the thought** (*infml*) cang hram hlah seh: *The neighbours' children want to learn to play the trumpet, perish the thought!*

▷ **perishable** *adj* (*esp of food*) a thing ih siat-olmi: *perishable food should be stored in a refrigerator.* **perishables** *n* [pl] a siat-olmi, lole, a tawt-olmi thil pawl: *Perishables need to be consumed as quickly as possible.*

perished *adj* [pered] (*esp Brit*) zinfle le nuam lo zet; tuarhar zetmi: *We were perished with cold and hunger.* ○ *The children were perished when they arrived home.*

perisher *n* (*dated Brit sl*) buaipitu; hnaihnoktu (nauhak si bik): *Wait till I catch the little perisher!*

perishing *adj* (*esp Brit*) **1** khua si taktak/zet: *I'm perishing!* ○ *It's perishing out there.* ○ *a period of perishing cold.* **2** (*dated sl*) thinheng le zinfle zet ih tɔng: *I can't get in — I've lost the perishing key!* **perishing** (also **perishingly**) *adv* (*sl esp Brit*) (used to emphasize sth bad) tha lo zet ti duhnak: *It's perishing/perishingly cold out there.* ○ *He's too perishing mean to pay his share.*

peristyle /pə'ristail/ *n* (architecture) (a) zung le biakinn tivek ih thuam tumpipi phunmi: *the imposing peristyle of the Parthenon.* (b) thuam

tumpipi ih kulhmi hmun.

peritonitis /ˌpɛrɪtə'naitɪs/ *n* [U] (*medical*) sunglam pum vun a tuamtu thling natnak.

periwinkle¹ /ˌpɛrɪwɪŋkl/ *n* a raang, lole, a mepian rong neimi par kung niamte: [attrib] *periwinkle blue.*

periwinkle² /ˌpɛrɪwɪŋkl/ (also **winkle**) *n* ei theihmi kharkhem phunkhat.

perjure /ˌpɜːdʒə(r)/ *v* [Tn] ~ **oneself** (*law*) thuθennak zungah thu dik ka sim ding ti kam-awh hnu ah thu phanper: *Several witnesses at the trial were clearly prepared to perjure themselves in order to protect the accused.*

▷ **perjurer** /ˌpɜːdʒərə(r)/ *n* (*law*) thukam hnu ih thuphan hei pertu.

perjury /ˌpɜːdʒəri/ *n* (*law*) (a) [U] mah le mah bum-awknak: *They tried to persuade her to commit perjury.* (b) [U] thukam peek hnu thuphan per.

perk¹ /pɜːk/ *v* (phr v) **perk up** (*infml*) thatho le sopar deuh ih um: *He looked depressed but perked up when his friends arrived.* **perk sb/sth up** (*infml*) (a) mi pakhat lungawi thatho deuh ih tuah: *A holiday would perk you up.* (b) mi pakhat zohmawi deuhter: *He had perked himself up for the occasion.* (c) thil pakhat zohmawi deuhter; tha deuh/cak deuhter: *perk up the plants with a good watering* ○ *You need a bright red scarf to perk up that grey suit.* **2** lu tung, lole, hna tung: *The horse perked up its head when I shouted.*

▷ **perky** *adj* (-ier, -iest) (*infml*) **1** tha tho zet, tha nei zet: *He's still in hospital, but he seems quite perky.* **2** mah le mah ring-aw zet: *That child is a bit too perky!*

perkily /-li/ *adv.*

perkiness *n* [U].

perk² /pɜːk/ *n* (usu pl) (*infml*) (a) mah ih lakha (thlahlawh) bet ah voco thil ngahmi: *His perks include a car provided by the firm.* (b) mah hnañuannak in thil ngah thei; hman theinak ngahmi: *One of the perks is the use of the official car park.*

perk³ /pɜːk/ *v* = PERCOLATE 1.

perm /ˌɜːm/ *n* **1** (*infml*) = PERMANENT WAVE (PERMANENT). **2** (*infml*) = PERMUTATION 1.

▷ **perm** *v* [Tn] **1** reipi tiang daih dingih sam kinter: *Her hair has been permed.* **2** bawhlung lehnak caan le lehnak hmun thleng (tuahciam si nawn lo dingin).

permafrost /pɜːməfrɔːst/ *US* -frɔːst/ *n* [U] leilung a dot tanglam tikhal ringring simi (leilung tlun le tanglam dengah a cang theumi).

permanence /ˌpɜːmənəns/ *n* [U] reipi daihmi; a ringring a simi: *Nothing threatens the permanence of the system.*

▷ **permanency** /-nensi/ *n* (*fml*) **1** [U] = PERMANENCE. **2** [C] reipi tiang simi; daihmi;

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permanent

awkmi: *Is the new post a permanency?*

permanent /pɜːmənənt/ *adj* (a) reipi daih, lole, reipi le kumkhua daih dingih zummi: *She is looking for permanent employment.* ○ *The injury left him with a permanent limp.* (b) a thleng-aw lo dingmi: *my permanent address.* Cf IMPERMANENT, TEMPORARY.

▷ **permanently** *adv.*

□ **permanent wave** (fml) (abbr **perm**) (US **permanent**) reipi tiang daih dingin dat thawn sam kirtermi.

permanent way (Brit) tlangleng lamzin thirtluan tangdan phahmi.

permanganate /e'mæŋgəneɪt/ (also **potassium permanganate**, **permanganate of potash**) *n* [U] tidai thawn rawi tikah nathrik le pangang khamnak ih hmanmi.

permeate /pɜːmiət/ *v* [Ipr, Tn] ~ (through) *sth* (fml) a zun; a ciah, a khat ðeh: *Water has permeated (through) the soil.* ○ *The smell of cooking permeates (through) the flat.* ○ (fig) *A mood of defeat permeated the whole army.*

▷ **permeable** /pɜːmiəbl/ *adj* (fml) thil a tii le a khu ih a ciah, a zun theimi. Cf IMPERMEABLE.

permeability /pɜːmiə'bɪləti/ *n* [U].

permeation /pɜːmi'eɪʃn/ *n* [U] (fml) a rak zunnak.

permissible /pə'mɪsəbl/ *n* [U] (fml) sian theih a simi; ngaihthiam theihmi: *Delay is not permissible, even for a single day.* ○ *driving with more than the permissible level of alcohol in the blood.*

▷ **permissibly** /-əbɪli/ *adv.*

permission /pə'mɪʃn/ *n* [U] ~ (to do *sth*) thil tuah thei dingih siannak; lungkimnak: *You have my permission to leave.* ○ *She refused to give her permission.* ○ *They entered the area without permission.* ○ *with your (kind) permission*, ie if you will allow me.

permissive /pə'mɪsɪv/ *adj* [usu attrib] (often derog) (a) thlahthlamnak a simi men; duhduh um ding (zalong) ih sianmi: *a permissive upbringing* ○ *permissive parents.* (b) hivek ih siannak: *permissive attitudes, behaviour* ○ *the permissive society*, ie the one resulting from social changes that began in the 1960s, with eg greater freedom of sexual behaviour, lessening of censorship, etc.

▷ **permissively** *adv.* *children who have been brought up permissively.*

permissiveness *n* [U] sian zetnak; thlahthlamnak.

permit /pə'mɪt/ *v* (-tt-) (fml) 1 [Tn, Tg, Dn-n, Dn-t] tuah/neih sian: *Dogs are not permitted in the building.* ○ *We do not permit smoking in the office.* ○ *The prisoners were permitted two hours' exercise a day.* ○ *Permit me to explain.* ○ *The council will not permit you to build here.* 2 [I, Tn, Cn-t] cang thei dingih tuah: *I'll come*

tomorrow, weather permitting, ie if the weather doesn't prevent me. ○ *The new road system permits the free flow of traffic at all times.* ○ *The windows permit light and air to enter.* 3 [Ipr no passive] (esp in negative sentences) ~ of *sth* thil pakhat a si thei ding ti ih rak ti: *the situation does not permit of any delay.*

▷ **permit** /pɜːmɪt/ *n* thil pakhat tuah theinak zung caken: *You cannot enter a military base without a permit.*

permutation /pɜːmjuː'teɪʃn/ *n* (fml) 1 (esp **mathematics**) (a) [U] thil um dan a thleng-aw theimi. (b) [C] hi vekih a thleng-awmi pakhat khat: *The permutations of x, y and z are xyz, xzy, yxz, yzx.* 2 (infml *perm*) (Brit) (esp in football pools) hmin cazin pawl a tlun le tang tivek thlengnak.

permute /pə'mjuːt/ *v* [Tn] hmin nganmi tivek a sangsang um daan thleng.

pernicious /pə'nɪʃəs/ *adj* (fml) ~ (to *sb/sth*) mi parah, lole, thil pakhat parah ðih a nungmi, lole, siatsuah theimi: *a pernicious influence on society* ○ *a pernicious campaign to blacken his character* ○ *Pollution of the water supply reached a level pernicious to the health of the population.*

▷ **perniciously** *adv.*

perniciousness *n* [U].

□ **pernicious anaemia** (medical) a ðihnungmi thisen mal natnak.

pernickety /pə'nɪkəti/ *adj* (infml often derog) thil fate zet (terek) le a thupi lo zet ah thinlung rethei nuam lo zet ih um ciamco; phunciar hmanmi.

peroration /pə'rə'reɪʃn/ *n* (fml) 1 mi hmai thu simnak ih a neet. 2 (often derog) thusim rei zetmi: *We had to listen to a peroration on the evils of drink!*

peroxide /pə'rɒksaɪd/ *n* [U] 1 oxygen le a dang thil pakhat khat rawimi. 2 (also **hydrogen peroxide**, **peroxide of hydrogen**) nat hrik khamnak/thahnak le sam raanternak sii (rong nei lo ih tuah tican): [attrib] *a peroxide blonde*, ie a woman with hair that has been bleached with peroxide.

▷ **peroxide** *v* [Tn] (sam) raangter (rong nei lo ih tuah): *peroxidized curls.*

perpendicular /pɜːpən'dɪkjʊlə(r)/ *adj* 1 ~ (to *sth*) thil pakhat 90° ih um: *a line drawn perpendicular to another.* 2 thil ding zet in a tung ih um: *the perpendicular marble columns of a Greek temple.* 3 khaam, lungto tumpi: ding zet ih ummi *the valley ended in a perpendicular rim of granite.* 4 (also **Perpendicular**) (architecture) kum zabi 14 le 15 hrawngah English Gothic inn sak daan.

▷ **perpendicular** *n* 1 [C] ding zet in a tungih um. 2 (also **the perpendicular**) [U] hi tivek dinhmun a simi: *The wall is a little out of (the)*

perpendicular.
perpendicularity /pɜːpənˌdɪkjʊˈlærəti/ *n* [U].
perpendicularly *adv*.
perpetrate /pəˈpetʃuət/ *v* [Tn] (*fml* or *joc*) (a) thil tha lo tuah (sualnak tuah): *perpetrate a dreadful outrage*. (b) thil ti sualnak nei: *Who perpetrated that dreadful extension to the front of the building?*
 ▷ **perpetration** /pɜːpɪˈtreɪʃn/ *n* [U].
perpetrator *n* sualnak tuahtu: *the perpetrator of a hoax*.
perpetual /pəˈpetʃuəl/ *adj* [usu attrib] **1** si thei ringring; catbaang lo: *perpetual snow of the Arctic*. **2** colh lawk ti um lo, a pehpeh ih ummi: *the perpetual noise of traffic*. **3** (*infml*) ti saal leuhleuhmi: *He was irritated by their perpetual complaints*.
 ▷ **perpetually** /-tʃuəli/ *adv*.
 □ **perpetual motion** [U] a mah thuten catbaang lo ih caangvai theimi.
perpetuate /pəˈpetʃuət/ *v* [Tn] rei daihter; a pehpeh in siter: *These measures will perpetuate the hostility between the two groups*.
 ○ *They decided to perpetuate the memory of their leader by erecting a statue*.
perpetuity /pɜːpɪˈtjuːəti; US -tuː-/ *n* (*idm*) **in perpetuity** (*fml*) a kumkhua in: *The site of the memorial is granted in perpetuity to Canada*.
perplex /pəˈpleks/ *v* [Tn] mi mangbang ko ih tuah; buaiter: *The question perplexed me*. ○ *We were perplexed by his failure to answer the letter*. ○ *The whole affair is very perplexing*.
 ▷ **perplexed** *adj* mangbang zet ih um: *The audience looked perplexed*. ○ *She had to explain her behaviour to her perplexed supporters*. ○ *He gave her a perplexed look*. **perplexedly** /-ɪdli/ *adv*: *‘What is this?’ he asked perplexedly*.
perplexity /-əti/ *n* [U] **1** mangbang zet ih umnak: *She looked at us in perplexity*. **2** theithiam lo ih um: *a problem of such perplexity that it was impossible to solve*.
per pro /pɜːˈprəʊ/ *abbr* = PP 2.
perquisite /pɜːkwɪzɪt/ *n* (*esp pl*) (*fml*) **1** (*infml perk*) thlahlawh (lakkha) leeng ah paisa, lole, thilri covo ngahmi: *Perquisites include the use of the company car*. **2** a zakaa (*position*) sinak ih thathnem conak, lole, thil ti theinak: *Politics in Britain used to be the perquisite of the property-owning classes*.
perry /peri/ *n* (a) [U] pears rah uammi tii. (b) [C] hivek tii haikhat. Cf CIDER.
pers *abbr* person; personal.
per se /pɜːˈseɪ/ (*Latin*) amah sinak ahcun, amah lawng cu: *The drug is not harmful per se, but is dangerous when taken with alcohol*.
persecute /pɜːsɪkjʊt/ *v* **1** [*esp passive*: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (**for sth**) miphun, biaknak, lole, ram uk-awknak thu ruangih hrem: *Through out history religious minorities have been*

persecuted (for their beliefs). **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (**with sth**) daihnak pe lo; daitein umter lo: *Once the affair became public, he was persecuted by the press*.

▷ **persecution** /pɜːsɪˈkjuːʃn/ *n* (a) [U] hremnak: *his persecution of his political opponents* ○ *They suffered persecution for their beliefs*. (b) [C] hrem tuar: *He is writing a history of the persecutions endured by his race*. **persecution complex** (also **persecution mania**) (*psychology*) mi in mah parah that lonak tuah ti ih ruahnak nei.

persecutor *n* mi hremtu: *His persecutors were severely punished*.

persevere /pɜːsɪˈviə(r)/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (**at/in/with sth**); ~ (**with sb**) (*usu approv*) taima ten̄to; zuam ten̄to: *You’ll need to persevere if you want the business to succeed*. ○ *She persevered in her efforts to win the championship*. ○ *It’s difficult, but I’m going to persevere with it*. ○ *He was hopeless at French, but his teacher persevered with him*.

▷ **perseverance** /pɜːsɪˈviərəns/ *n* [U] zuamnak: *After months of disappointment, his perseverance was finally rewarded*. ○ *perseverance in the face of extreme hardship*.

persevering /pɜːsɪˈviəriŋ/ *adj* rak zuam rero: [*attrib*] *persevering efforts* ○ *A few persevering climbers finally reached the top*.

perseveringly *adv*.

Persian /pɜːʃn; US ˈpɜːrʒn/ *adj* Persia minung le an tong.

▷ **Persian** *n* **1** [C] Persia minung. **2** [C] Persia tong.

□ **Persian carpet** (also **Persian rug**) Persia pawl tuahmi pher/Persia pher.

Persian cat (also **Persian**) puu vek hmul a neimi Persia zawhte.

Persian lamb tuuhmul kir a neimi.

persiflage /pɜːsɪflɑːʒ/ *n* [U] (*fml*) daithlang tong; mi va capoh.

persimmon /pəˈsɪmən/ *n* **1** serthlum vekin a sen rong neimi sunhlu vek a simi ei theih thingthei tumpi. **2** hivek rah neimi thingkung.

persist /pəˈsɪst/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (**in sth/in doing sth**) tha nau lo ih tuah ten̄to: *If you persist, you will annoy them even more*. ○ *He will persist in riding that dreadful bicycle*. ○ *She persists in the belief/in believing that she is being persecuted*. **2** [Ipr] ~ **with sth** harsatnak tong phah in thil tuah ten̄to: *They persisted with the agricultural reforms, despite opposition from the farmers*. **3** [I] rak cang lai; um lai; rak taang: *Fog will persist throughout the night*. ○ *Loyalty to the former king still persists in parts of the country*.

▷ **persistence** /-əns/ *n* [U] (a) ti ten̄tonak: *His persistence was rewarded when they finally agreed to resume discussions*. (b) rak um hrih

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lai; si lai: *The doctor couldn't explain the persistence of the high temperature.*

persistent /-ənt/ *adj* **1** bansan duh lo: *She eventually married the most persistent of her admirers.* **2** (a) cawl lo ih tuah ringring; a pehpeh in; baang loin: [attrib] *persistent attacks of coughing* ○ *Despite persistent denials, the rumour continued to spread.* **persistently** *adv.*

person /pɜːsn/ *n* (pl **people** /piːpl/ or, in formal or derogatory use, **persons**). ⇒ Usage at PEOPLE. **1** mi pakhat: *He's just the person we need for the job.* ○ *Here she is — the very person we were talking about!* ○ *I had a letter from the people who used to own the corner shop.* **2** (fml or derog) (esp known or unspecified) minung; milai: *A certain person (ie somebody that I do not wish to name) told me everything.* ○ *Any person found leaving litter will be prosecuted.* ○ (law) *accused of conspiring with person or persons unknown*, eg said when charging sb in court. **3** (grammar) *personal pronoun* phun thum 'I, we,' 'you,' 'he, she, it, they,' tivek pawl. **4** (idm) **about/on one's person** mi pakhat in a keng a minung ah/parah: *A gun was found on his person.* **be no/not be any respecter of persons** ⇒ RESPECTER (RESPECT²). **in person** minung rori in: *The winner will be there in person to collect the prize.* ○ *You may apply for tickets in person or by letter.* **in the person of sb** (fml) mi pakhat in: *Help arrived in the person of his father.* ○ *The firm has an important asset in the person of the director of research.*

□ **person-to-person call** *n* (esp US) *telephone zung tuantu zawh ih mi telephone i biak — a biak mi pa ih a son saal caan in thok in paisa peek.*

persona /pə'səʊnə/ *n* (pl **-nae** /-niː/) (psychology) mi pakhat a sunglam a sinak langturtu a hmuimel.

□ **persona grata** /'gratə/ (Latin) midang ih rak cohlan mi le duhzawng minung.

persona non grata /nɒn 'gratə/ (Latin) mi ih cohlan lomi (ramdang ah): *He was declared persona non grata and forced to leave the country.* ○ (joc) *He forgot to buy more coffee yesterday, so he was persona non grata at breakfast this morning!*

personable /pɜːsənəbl/ *adj* [esp attrib] hoiher daan a thami: *The salesman was a very personable young man.*

▷ **personably** /-əbli/ *adv.*

personage /pɜːsənɪdʒ/ *n* mi, mi thupi: *Political and royal personages from many countries attended the funeral.*

personal /pɜːsənɪdʒ/ *adj* **1** [attrib] bulpaak: *one's personal affairs, beliefs* ○ *a car for your personal use only* ○ *She made a personal donation to the fund.* ○ *give sth the personal*

touch, ie make it individual or original. **2** bulpaak thu: *a letter marked 'Personal'* ○ *Please leave us alone — we have something personal to discuss.* ○ *His personal life is a mystery to his colleagues.* **3** [attrib] bulpaak in/ih: *The Prime Minister made a personal appearance at the meeting.* ○ *I shall give the matter my personal attention.* **4** [attrib] bulpak hrang: *We offer a personal service to our customers.* ○ *will you do it for me as a personal favour?* ○ *a personal account*, ie a bank or building society account in person's name. **5** mi sual hawl/mi soisel: *The argument was becoming too personal.* ○ *Try to avoid making personal comments.* **6** [attrib] mah ruangpi: *personal cleanliness, freshness, hygiene, etc.*

▷ **personally** /-ənəli/ *adv* **1** bulpaak in/a minung rori/amah rori: *She presented the prizes personally.* ○ *The plans were personally inspected by the minister.* **2** a minung in: *I don't know him personally, but I've read his books.* **3** mah sinak in cu; keimah sinak in cu: *Personally, I don't like him at all.* ○ *Personally speaking/ Speaking personally, I'm in favour of the scheme.* ⇒ Usage at HOPEFUL. **4** (idm) **take sth personally** thinhengter: *I'm afraid he took your remarks personally.*

□ **personal assistant** (abbr **PA**) bulpaak sungtuan; bawi pakhat hrangih sungtuan.

personal column thuthangca, lole, mekzin tivek sungah bulpaak thuhla theihternak, lole, zapi hrang thuthan ngannak cahmai then.

personal pronoun (grammar) Mirang tong zirnak 'keimah, amah nu, amah pa, amah' tivek pawl: *I, me, she, her, he, him, we, us, you, they, them, etc.*

personal property (also **personal estate**) (law) bulpaak neihmi thilri/ro ih comi: Cf REAL ESTATE (REAL¹).

personality /pɜːsə'næləti/ *n* **1** [C] mi pakhat ih a sinak, amah a sinak langturtu: *a likeable personality* ○ *She has a very strong personality.* ○ *influence which affect the development of a child's personality.* **2** [U, C] larnak nei, mi hiiipnak nei, thil ti theinak nei: *We need someone with lots of personality to organize the party.* ○ *His wife was very beautiful, but seemed to have no personality.* **3** [C] mi hminthang/ hmin nei: *personalities from the film world* ○ *a television personality* ○ *one of the best-known personalities in the world of tennis.* **4** **personalities** [pl] mi soiselnak: *indulge in personalities*, ie make such remarks ○ *Let's keep personalities out of it*, ie avoid criticizing individual people.

□ **personality cult** (often derog) mi hminthang pakhat (a bikin ram hrulaitu) uar tuknak.

personalize, -ise /pɜːsənəlaɪz/ *v* **1** [Tn esp passive] bulpaak ta canter: *handkerchiefs*

personalized with her initials ○ [attrib] a personalized number-plate, ie one on a car, with personally selected letters. **2** [Tn] bulpaak thuhla ah canter: *we don't want to personalize the issue.*

personify /pə'sonɪfaɪ/ v (pt, pp -fied) [Tn] **1** (a) minung hei siter: *The sun and the moon are often personified in poetry.* (b) (ruahnak, sinak) tivek minung pian kenter: *Justice is often personified as a blindfolded woman holding a pair of scales.* **2** thil pakhat sinak ah thimlaak a simi: *He personifies the worship of money.* ○ *He is kindness personified.*

▷ **personification** /pə'sonɪfɪkəɪʃn/ n **1** (a) [U] nunnak nei lomi kha minung hei canternak: *The personification of evil as a devil is a feature of medieval painting.* (b) [C] cu tivek a simi. **2** [C usu sing] ~ of sth a sinak in thil a langter taktaktu: *He looked the personification of misery.* ○ *She was the personification of elegance.*

personnel /pɜːsə'nel/ n **1** [pl v] ralkap hmupni, zung le kampani tivek ih hnaʔuantu: *trained personnel* ○ *Army personnel are not allowed to leave the base.* ○ *Airline personnel can purchase flight tickets at reduced prices.* ○ [attrib] a personnel carrier, ie a ship or an aeroplane that carries troops. **2** [Gp] (also **personnel department**) kampani pakhat ah hnaʔuantu pawl tawltreto pawl (bur): *Personnel is/are organizing the training of the new members of staff.* ○ [attrib] personnel manager/officer.

perspective /pə'spektɪv/ n **1** (a) [U] zuk suainak ah suaimi thil pawl ih a saan, a kauh, a thuuk tipawl zohtonnak ah a si ngaingai a bangmi zuk suai thiamnak: *She drew a row of trees receding into the distance to demonstrate the laws of perspective.* ○ [attrib] a perspective drawing. (b) [C] hi ti vekih thil zukmi. **2** [C] a hlatpi tiang khua connak a langmi: *get a perspective of the whole valley* ○ (fig) a personal perspective of the nation's history. **3** (idm) **in/out of perspective** (a) thil suaimi parah, suaimi thil pawl pakhat le pakhat a rem thiam lo; a rem thiammi: *draw the building in perspective* ○ *That tree on the left of the picture is out of perspective.* (b) [U] thil pakhat a sining/sining lo ih hmuh: *He sees things in their right perspective.* ○ *view/put/see sth in (its true/its proper) perspective* ○ *get things badly out of perspective.*

Perspex /pɜːspeks/ n [U] (propr) a kuai thei lo ruangah thlalang ai ih hmanmi plastic khoh (tukvirh ben tikvek ah an hman).

perspicacious /pɜːspɪ'keɪʃəs/ adj (fml) thil thei thei lohli ih a sia tha then lohli thiammi: a perspicacious analysis of the problem ○ *It was very perspicacious of you to find the cause of the trouble so quickly.*

▷ **perspicaciously** adv.

perspicacity /pɜːspɪ'kæsəti/ n [U].

perspicuous /pə'spɪkjʊəs/ adj (fml) (a) fiangte ih simmi. (b) (of a person) fiangzet ih sim.

perspicuously adv. **perspicuousness, perspicuity** /-kjuːəti/ ns [U].

perspire /pə'spaɪə(r)/ v [I] (fml) thlan suak: *perspiring profusely after a game of squash.*

▷ **perspiration** /pɜːsp'reɪʃn/ n [U] (a) thlan: *drops of perspiration rolling down one's forehead.* (b) thlan suakmi: *perspiration cools the skin in hot weather.*

persuade /pə'sweɪd/ v **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-t] ~ sb (into/out of sth) leem; tuah ding ah forhial: *You try and persuade her (to come out with us).* ○ *He is easily persuaded.* ○ *How can we persuade him into joining us?* ○ *He persuaded his daughter to change her mind.* **2** [Tn esp passive, Tn-pr esp passive, Dn-f] ~ sb (of sth) (fml) zum dingih zim/tuah: *I am not fully persuaded by the evidence.* ○ *We are persuaded of the justice of her case.* ○ *How can I persuade you that I am sincere?*

persuasion /pə'sweɪzn/ n **1** [U] leemnak; forhialnak: *Defeated by her powers of persuasion, I accepted.* ○ *After a lot of persuasion, he agreed to come.* ○ *Gentle persuasion is more effective than force.* **2** [C] thupom le zum daan khat nei mirual: *people of all persuasions* ○ *He is not of their (religious) persuasion.* **3** [sing] (fml) mi pakhat ih zumnak/zummi: *It is my persuasion that the decision was a mistake.*

persuasive /pə'sweɪsɪv/ adj mi leem le mi forhial thiam zetmi: a persuasive manner ○ *persuasive arguments, reasons, excuses, etc.*

▷ **persuasively** adv. **persuasiveness** n [U]: the persuasiveness of his argument.

pert /pɜːt/ adj **1** (nunau nauhak/fala) mi upatnak um lo/nei lomi: a pert child, reply ○ *Don't be so pert!* **2** (esp US) cakvak cangvai thei zetmi: a pert little red hat.

▷ **pertly** adv. **pertness** n [U].

pertain /pə'teɪn/ v [Ipr] ~ to sth (fml) (used esp in the continuous tenses) **1** a pehparmi: *evidence pertaining to the case.* **2** ta a simi a sengmi: (law) *the manor and the land pertaining to it.* **3** a kaihmi: *the enthusiasm pertaining to youth.*

pertinacious /pɜːtɪ'neɪʃəs; US -tɪ'neɪʃəs/ adj (fml) thu pommi ah khoh zet ih um, lole, lungfek zet: *His style of argument in meeting is not so much aggressive as pertinacious.*

▷ **pertinaciously** adv. **pertinacity** /pɜːtɪ'neɪsəti; US -tɪ'neɪ/ n [U].

pertinent /pɜːtɪ'nənt; US -tənənt/ adj ~ (to sth) (fml) pehparmi: *pertinent comments, points, questions, etc* ○ *remarks not pertinent to the matter we are discussing.*

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pertinently *adv.* **pertinence** /-əns/ *n* [U].

perturb /pəˈruːz/ *v* [Tn esp passive] (*fml*) *mi donhar*: *perturbing rumours* ○ *We were perturbed to hear of his disappearance.*

▷ **perturbation** /pəˈtɜːbeɪʃn/ *n* [U] (*fml*) *thinphan donhar nak.*

peruse /pəˈruːz/ *v* [Tn] **1** (*fml*) *ralring te ih casiar/ nuamnai te ih casiar*: *peruse a document.* **2** (*joc*) *thinlung ah ruat lo ih zamrang zet ih siar*: *absent-mindedly perusing the notices on the waiting-room wall.*

▷ **perusal** /pəˈruːzl/ *n* [C, U] *ralringte ih siarnak.*

pervade /pəˈveɪd/ *v* [Tn] *karhzai ih khat thluh/a zaizan*: *The smell of baked apples pervaded the house.* ○ *a pervading sense of disaster* ○ *Her work is pervaded by nostalgia for a past age.*

▷ **pervasion** /pəˈveɪʒn/ *n* [U] (*fml*) *khahtluhnak.*

pervasive /pəˈveɪsɪv/ *adj* *a zaizan thluhmi/ khatthluhmi*: *pervasive smell, dust, damp* ○ *the pervasive mood of pessimism.*

▷ **pervasively** *adv.* **pervasiveness** *n* [U].

perverse /pəˈvɜːs/ *adj* (*fml*) **1** (*minung*) *that lam a tum dah lomi/siatnak ah a ciah-aw ringringmi*: *a perverse child* ○ *You are being unnecessarily perverse.* **2** [*esp attrib*] (*nuncan*) *lungkhong, thuron le ruahpi theih lo/ lungruhmi*: *his perverse refusal to see a doctor* ○ *it would be perverse to take a different view.* ○ *a perverse decision, judgement, etc.* *ie one that ignores the facts or evidence.* **3** [*esp attrib*] (*lungput, ruahdan*) *thil dik lo tuah rero duhnak nei*: *take a perverse pleasure in upsetting one's parents* ○ *a perverse desire to shock.*

▷ **perversely** *adv.* *She continued, perversely, to wear shoes that damaged her feet.*

perverseness, perversity *ns* [U].

perversion /pəˈvɜːʃn; US -ʒn/ *n* **1** (*a*) [U] *thatnak in that lo lam pan*: *the perversion of innocence* ○ *the perversion of the evidence to suit powerful interests.* (*b*) [C] *thil tha lo cannak/thil tha loih canternak*: *her account was a perversion of the truth.* **2** [U] (*a*) *tisa hiarnak ah a hleice ih um/ tisa hiarnak a rohmi*: *the perversion of normal desires.* (*b*) [C] *tisa hiarnak (hurnak); a roh tukmi thil duhnak*: *the treatment of sexual perversion by psychotherapy* ○ *His craving for publicity has become almost a perversion.*

pervert /pəˈvɜːt/ *v* [Tn] **1** *si dan ding ihsin a peeng ih pial/feh*: *pervert the truth/the course of justice* ○ *an expression whose meaning has been perverted by constant misuse.* **2** *a dik a hmanmi thinlungin a dik lo ih pial/thleng*: *pervert (the mind of) a child* ○ *an idealist perverted by the desire for power* ○ *Do pornographic books pervert those who read them?* ○ *a perverted desire to make others suffer.*

▷ **pervert** /pəˈvɜːt/ *n* (*derog*) *tisa hiarnak a luar ih neimi, hur.*

peseta /pəˈsetə/ *n* (*a*) *Spain ram tangka* — *centimos timi paisa nawi 100 ah peseta pakhat ih siar.* (*b*) *hi paisa man zat paisa.*

pesky /ˈpeski/ *adj* (*-ier, -iest*) (*US infml*) *mi buaipei theimi/mi hnaihnokter thei*: *pesky kids, mosquitoes, weeds.*

peso /ˈpeɪsəʊ/ *n* (*pl ~ s*) *America thlangta le Philippines ram hman paisa.*

pessary /ˈpesəri/ *n* (*medical*) **1** *nunau (su) sungih thanmi a mahte a zup thei siimum, nau neih, lole, nat khamnak ih hmanmi.* **2** (*also diaphragm pessary*) *nunau zahmawh (su) sungih thanmi nau neih khamnak thilri.*

pessimism /ˈpesɪmɪzəm/ *n* [U] **1** *thil a tha lo lam lawnglawng ih ruahnak*: *His pessimism has the effect of depressing everyone.* **2** (*philosophy*) *thatnak cu sualnak in a neh ding ti ruahnak.*

▷ **pessimist** /-ɪst/ *n* *a tha lo lam ringring ih ruatru: It's easy to sell insurance to a pessimist.* Cf OPTIMIST (OPTIMISM).

pessimistic /ˌpesɪˈmɪstɪk/ *adj ~ (about sth)* *thil a tha lo lam lawnglawng ruatru: a pessimistic sales forecasts, production was halved.*

pessimistically /-klɪ/ *adv.*

pest /pest/ *n* **1** [C] (*infml*) *mi hnaihnok thei zet (minung); mi hnaihnok theimi thilri*: *That child is an absolute pest — he keeps ringing the doorbell and then running away!* **2** [C] *rawlkung, thlaikho pawl siatsuah thei cucik kharbaw, lole, ramsa*: *Stores of grain are frequently attacked by pests, especially rats.* ○ *garden pests*, *eg slugs, greenfly.* Cf VERMIN **1**. **3** [C, U] (*arch*) = PESTILENCE.

□ **pest control** [U] *siatsuahtu ramsa le nunghring pawl thahnak, eg tur le thang.*

pester /ˈpestə(r)/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-t] *~ sb (for sth); ~ sb (with sth)* *mi va hnaihnok, zinfeter, eg atu le tu thil va dil rero*: *He told the photographers to stop pestering him.* ○ *The horses in the meadow were being pestered by flies.* ○ *Beggars pestered him for money.* ○ *He pestered her with requests for help.* ○ *They pestered her to join in the scheme.*

pesticide /ˈpestɪsaɪd/ *n* [C, U] *siatsuahtu nunghring thahnak sii*: *The flea-infested room had to be sprayed with a strong pesticide.* Cf INSECTICIDE (INSECT).

pestilence /ˈpestɪləns/ (*also pest*) *n* [C, U] (*arch*) *a zai ol/a suan-aw olmi natnak.*

▷ **pestilent** /-ənt/ (*also pestilential*) /ˌpestɪˈlenʃl/ *adj* **1** *nunghring thah theinak a simi.* **2** [*attrib*] (*infml*) *thinhen zetnak*: *the pestilential noise of aeroplanes coming in to land* ○ *We must get rid of these pestilential flies.*

pestle /ˈpesl/ *n* *a rit ih khatlam zim a bomi thil rialnak, phomnak (makphek suk tivek).*

pet¹ /pet/ *n* **1** *duat zetmi le rualpi dingih zuatmi ramsa/satil, eg zawhte, uico*: *They have many pets, including three cats.* ○ [*attrib*] *a pet mouse,*

snake, lamb, etc ○ *pet food*. **2 (a)** (often derog) a hleice ih duhmi: (a/the) teacher's pet ○ make a pet of sb. **(b)** mi pakhat ih thil pakhat parah duhsak/duhnak nei zetmi — a kilven cuangmi: [attrib] a pet project, theory, cause, etc ○ one's pet hate/aversion. **3 (infml)** **(a)** miṭha, lole, duhnungza a simi mi/pa: Their daughter is a perfect pet. ○ Be a pet and post this letter for me. **(b)** duhnak ih kawhnak (nauhak le nunau): That's kind of you, pet.

▷ **pet v (-tt-)** **1** [Tn] duhdawt ruangah hei tham le zuut (zuatmi ṭilva). **2** [I] (infml) (nunau le mipa) hnam-awk le pom-awk: heavy (ie passionate) petting.

□ **pet name** duhkawhnak hmin; duh-kawh.

pet shop vate le sumhnam dang zuat men ding pawl zuarnak dawr.

pet subject mah duh zawng thil/thu: Once he starts talking about censorship you can't stop him — it's his pet subject.

pet² /pet/ n (idm) **in a pet** thinheng ai-thok (thil thupi lo zet ah): There's no need to get in a pet about it!

petal /petl/ n pangpar tlap: yellow petals with black markings ○ rose petals.

▷ **petalled** (US **petaled**) /petld/ adj (esp in compounds) pangpar a tlap nei: a four-petalled flower ○ blue-petalled flowers.

petard /pe'ta:d/ n (idm) **hoist with one's own petard** ⇒ HOIST.

peter /pitə(r)/ v (phr v) **peter out** ziiziam vivo, nuam tete; mal vivo le hloral: The path petered out deep in the forest. ○ The story begins dramatically but the plot peters out before the end.

petit bourgeois /peti 'bɔ:ʒwa:; US -buəʒz-/ (pl **unchanged**) (French) neihnak le sinak ah dinhmun zaraan hnua deuh: [attrib] petit bourgeois interests, occupations, prejudices, etc.

petite /pə'ti:t/ adj (approv) (fala, lole, nunau) fate le hrihram nawn a simi.

petition /pə'tiʃn/ n ~ (to sb) **1** tlunlam ukte le thu neitu hnenah a mai relcat dingih mi tampi lethmat thawn ca peekmi: a petition against closing the swimming-pool signed by hundreds of local residents ○ get up a petition about sth. **2** (law) thuṭhennak zung ah cangan ih thu thlen. **3 (fml)** thinlung tak ih dil (Pathian hnen ah — thlacam).

▷ **petition v 1** [Dn.pr, Dn.t] ~ **sb (for sth)** mi pakhat hnenah thil tuah sak dingih ca thunlut: petition the government for a change in the immigration laws ○ petition Parliament to allow shops to open on Sunday. **2** [Ipr] ~ **for sth** duh zet ih thu dil: (law) petition for divorce, ie ask a court of law to grant a divorce ○ petition for a retrial in the light of new evidence.

petitioner /-ʃənə(r)/ n thu relsak dingah (upadi

vekih) thu diltu, thehluttu.

petrify v (pt, pp **-fied**) **1** [esp passive: Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sb (with sth)** mi pakhat caang thei lo, le thu ruat thei lo ko ih ṭih ding le phaang ko ih va tuah: The idea of making a speech in public petrified him. ○ I was absolutely petrified (with fear). **2** [I, Tn] thil pakhat lungto ih cangter.

▷ **petrification** /petrɪ'fækʃn/ n [U] cuvek ih tuahnak/canternak.

petro- comb form **1** petrol thawn a pehparnak: petrochemical. **2** lungto sinak: petrology.

petrochemical /petrəʊ'kemɪkl/ n [U] petrol ihsin ngahmi dat pohpoh a simi: the petrochemical industry.

petrodollar /petrəʊdɒlə(r)/ n ram pakhat ih petrol zuarnak ih a ngahmi dollar tangka.

petrol /petrəl/ n (US **gasoline, gas**) petrol (a kaang theimi thil tii): fill a car up with petrol ○ an increase in the price of petrol.

□ **petrol bomb** palang sungah petrol than ih thil dang a khawn tikah a puak theimi bomb.

ptrol station (also **filling station, service station**) (US **gas station**) motor lamzin kiangih petrol zuarnak. Cf GARAGE 2.

petrol tank motor sungih petrol thannak kuang.

petroleum /pə'trəʊlɪəm/ n [U] petrol le dizel tivek ih tuahmi leistung suak thil tii.

□ **petroleum jelly** (US **petrolatum** /petrə'leɪtəm/) hriak vek ih hman theimi petrol beek.

petrology /pə'trɒlədʒi/ n [U] lungto thu zirnak.

▷ **petrologist** /-dʒɪst/ n petrology a thiammi.

petticoat /petɪkəʊt/ n nunau pawl ih sunghruk, ka-vuan.

pettifogging /petɪfɒɡɪŋ/ adj **(a)** a thupi lo zet tiang poimawh ih ruat. **(b)** a thupi lomi: pettifogging details, objections, etc.

pettish /petɪʃ/ adj **(a)** nauhak vekin thintawi, lole, hngak thei lo; tuar thei lo. **(b)** (umdan/hoiher) thin ai-thok nawn ih ṭong, thil tuah.

▷ **pettishly** adv. **pettishness** n [U].

petty /peti/ adj (**-ier, -iest**) (derog) **1** thil thupi lo/ṭukṭak: petty details, petty queries, regulations, troubles. **2 (a)** thil thupi lo zet thawn pehpar/seng-awmi: petty observance of the regulations. **(b)** thu ruat kau lo; ruahnak fiakcep: petty and childish behaviour ○ petty spite ○ a petty desire to have her revenge ○ petty about money.

▷ **pettily** /petɪli/ adv. **pettiness** n [U]: The pettiness of their criticisms enraged him.

□ **petty cash** zung ih tangka hmancop ding mal lai ummi.

petty larceny thil ṭukṭak firnak.

petty officer (abbr **PO**) tii-lawng ralkap ih bawi nauta deuh.

petulant /petjələnt; US -tʃu-/ adj thin tawi zet: the petulant demands of spoilt children.

▷ **petulantly** adv. **petulance** /-əns/ n [U]: He

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tore up the manuscript in a fit of petulance.

petunia /pə'tju:niə; US -'tu:-/ *n* a par khawnglawng vek a simi/a par lam a parh, a rang, a sen-rau, sen-dup, lole, a sen ih par theimi pangpar.

pew /pju:/ *n* **1** biakinn sung tluan tohkham. **2** (*infml joc*) tonak: *Take/Grab a pew!* ie Sit down.

pewit = PEEWIT.

pewter /'pjʊ:tə(r)/ *n* [U] (**a**) rangva thir le suan cokpolh ih tuahmi, kkuat, pakan tivek pawl tuahnak meikhu rong a neimi thir: [*attrib*] *pewter goblets, bowls, tankards, etc.* (**b**) hivek thir cokpolh ih tuahmi bungrua pawl: *a fine collection of old pewter.*

peyote /peɪ'əʊtɪ/ *n* **1** [C] Mexico ram ih ramcar thingkung (songdong phun). **2** [U] hivek thingkung ihsin tuahmi sii.

pfennig /'fenɪg/ *n* (*German coin of the value of* Germany ram hmanmi paisa pia khat.

PG /pi: 'dʒi:/ *abbr* **1** (*Brit*) (of films) parental guidance, ie containing scenes unsuitable for young children. **2** paying guest.

phagocyte /'fæɡəsaɪt/ *n* taksa sungih nat khamtu thii raang.

phalanx /'fælæŋks/ *n* (*pl phalanges* /fə'lændʒɪz/ or ~ **es**) **1** hlanlai Greek san ah (ralkap pawl raldo dingin) a bur ih tɔŋkhuar. **2** thil pakhat tuah tumih minung a bur ih um: *a phalanx of riot police.* **3** (*anatomy*) kut zung le ke zung ruh.

phallus /'fæləs/ *n* (*pl -li* /laɪ/ or ~ **es**) hlanlai biaknak thenkhat ah minung zaitertu a si ti ruahnak in an biakmi mipa thil a fok (khauh) lem an tuahmi.

▷ **phallic** /'fælik/ *adj* phallus a simi/thawn a pehparmi: *phallic imagery, symbolism, symbols, etc.*

phantasm /'fæntæzəm/ *n* (*fml*) **1** thil a thluathlam lawngih hmuh/theih, theihfiang si lo. **2** = PHANTOM.

▷ **phantasmal** /'fæntæzməl/ *adj* (*fml*) a thluathlam vek simi: *phantasmal images, figures, etc.*

phantasmagoria /'fæntæzɪmə'ɡɔ:riə; US -'ɡɔ:riə/ *n* (*fml*) a thlaam le ruahnak in a thleng-aw rero mi thil.

phantasmagoric /-'ɡɔ:rik; US -'ɡɔ:rik/ *adj* (*fml*) phantasmagoria vek.

phantasy = FANTASY.

phantom /'fæntəm/ *n* **1** (**a**) (also **phantasm**) thla, manglam vekih tonmi — a si ngaingainak um lo: *the phantom of his dead father* ○ [*attrib*] *the legend of the phantom ship.* (**b**) [*esp attrib*] (*joc*) mi pakhat a thuhla lawng theih ih a mah ngai ton le hmuh si lo: *The phantom cake-eater has been here again!* **2** thutak si lo, ruahnak men. ruahnak men ih a si hmang ti mi: [*attrib*] *the phantom visions created by a tormented mind* ○ *phantom pregnancy*, ie condition in which a

woman wrongly believes she is pregnant and in which some of the symptoms of pregnancy may appear.

pharmaceutical /'fɑ:mə'sju:tɪkl; US -'su:-/ *adj* si tuah le a zaizannak tuah/zuar le zemnak: *the pharmaceutical industry.*

▷ **pharmaceutics** /-iks/ *n* [*sing v*] = PHARMACY **1.**

pharmacist /'fɑ:məsɪst/ *n* (**a**) zirnak in sii thiamnak neimi. (**b**) sii a thiammi, sii zuartu. Cf CHEMIST.

pharmacology /'fɑ:mə'kɒlədʒɪ/ *n* [U] sii tuah daan/sii a ra candaan zirnak thu.

▷ **pharmacological** /'fɑ:məkə'lɒdʒɪkl/ *adj* sii thawn pehpar in/sengmi: *pharmacological research.*

pharmacologist /-'kɒlədʒɪst/ *n* sii lam zir le a thiammi.

pharmacopoeia /'fɑ:məkə'pi:ə/ *n* sii hmin nganmi le si hman daan nganmi cabu: *the British Pharmacopoeia.*

pharmacy /'fɑ:məsi/ *n* **1** [U] sii tuah daan le sii peek daan zirnak. **2** [C] (**a**) sii rawinak le peeknak hmun (sizung ah) sii peeknak inn. (**b**) (*US drugstore*) sii dawr.

pharynx /'færɪŋks/ *n* (*pl pharynges* /fə'rɪndʒɪz/ or ~ **es**) (*anatomy*) dang kua, hnar thawn peh-awknak.

▷ **pharyngitis** /'færɪn'dʒaɪtɪs/ *n* [U] (*medical*) dangkua thling natnak.

phase /feɪz/ *n* **1** [C] thil a thleng-awk caan (karbak vek): *a phase of history* ○ *a critical phase of an illness* ○ *the most exciting phase of one's career* ○ *The child is going through a difficult phase.* ○ (*infml*) *It's just a phase she's going through*, eg in childhood or adolescence. **2** [C] leilung ihsin hun hmuh theihmi thlapi ih a tleunak zawn: *the phases of the moon.* **3** (*idm*) **in/out of phase** si tawk/si lo tawk: *The two sets of traffic lights were out of phase* (ie did not show the same change at the same time) *and several accidents occurred.*

▷ **phase v** **1** [Tn esp passive] tumtahnak, lole, thil tuah daan a dotdot: *The modernization of the industry was phased over a 20-year period.* ○ *a phased withdrawal of troops.* **2** (*phr v*) **phase sth in** nuamtete'n, lole, a dotdot ih thilthar tuah thok: *The use of lead-free petrol is now being phased in.* **phase sth out** nuamtetein, lole, a dotdot ih baansan; tuah zom nawn lo: *The old currency will have been phased out by 1990.*

PhD /pi: ɛɪtʃ 'di:/ *abbr* Doctor of Philosophy: *have/be a PhD in History* ○ *Bill Crofts PhD.* Cf DPIL.

pheasant /'feznt/ *n* (**a**) [C] (*pl unchanged* or ~ **s**) vavu: *a brace of pheasants.* (**b**) [U] vavu sa: *roast pheasant.*

phenobarbitone /'fi:nəʊ'bɔ:bitən/ *n* [U] thahri pawl daaternak le ihhmu sii.

phenol /fɪˈnɒl/ *n* [U] = CARBOLIC ACID.

phenomenal /fəˈnɒmɪnəl/ *adj* **1** hminsins tlak zetmi, thil phundang zet cangmi: *the phenomenal success of the film* ○ *The rocket travels at phenomenal speed.* ○ *The response to the appeal fund has been phenomenal.* **2** (fml) minung ih tuah lo mahte cangmi thawn pehparmi.

▷ **phenomenally** /-nəli/ *adv* (infml) mangbang thlakini: *Interest in the subject has increased phenomenally.*

phenomenon /fəˈnɒmɪnən/; *US* -nɒn/ *n* (pl **-ena** /-inə/) **1** mahte in a simi: *natural, social, historical, etc phenomena.* ○ *An eclipse of the moon is a rare phenomenon.* ○ *Bankruptcy is a common phenomenon in an economic recession.* **2** thil/minung a hleice ih a danlamnak: *the phenomenon of their rapid rise to power.*

phew /fjuː/ (also **whew**) *interj* mangbang/lung si lo/thin ai-thok tivek ih hmanmi tong: *Phew! That was a nasty moment — that car nearly hit us.*

phial /faɪəl/ (also **vial**) *n* sii tivek retnak palang fate.

philander /fɪˈlændə(r)/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb) (*usu derog*) (mipa in) thutak tel lo ih nunau va duhawter; nunau lakih nuam-aw thei zet (mipa): *He spent his time philandering with the girls in the village.*

▷ **philanderer** /-də(r)/ *n* (*derog*) cuvek ih umtu: *He's a bit of a philanderer — don't take him too seriously!*

philanthropy /fɪˈlæntʃrəpi/ *n* [U] (**a**) midang thaknak ding ruahnak/tuahmi. (**b**) himi thinlung pu in mi bomnak nei.

▷ **philanthropic** /fɪlənˈθrɒpɪk/ *adj* mi harsa bomnak a simi: *philanthropic organizations*, eg to help poor or disabled people ○ *philanthropic motives.* **philanthropically** /-kli/ *adv.*

philanthropist /fɪˈlæntʃrəpɪst/ *n* paisa le tuahnak in mi va bawmtu: *The university was founded by a millionaire philanthropist.* Cf MISANTHROPIST.

philately /fɪˈlætəli/ *n* [U] milu (stamp) khawlnak.

▷ **philatelic** /fɪləˈtelɪk/ *adj.*

philatelist /fɪˈlætəlɪst/ *n* (**a**) milu khawltu. (**b**) milu thuhla thei zettu.

philharmonic /fɪləˈmɒnɪk/ *adj* (esp in names of orchestras, music societies, etc) duh hleicemi, paih hleicemi awnmawi: *the London Philharmonic Orchestra.*

philhellene /fɪlˈhelɪn/ *n, adj* Greek mi duhnak, lole, an nunphung le an minung uarnak nei.

▷ **philhellenic** /fɪlˈhelɪˈnɪk/; *US* -ˈlenɪk/ *adj.*

-philia *comb form* **1** duhnak (thinlung dik lonak ihsin) thil a luar ih duh. **2** a si deuh; lam a hoihi: *haemophilia.* Cf -PHOBIA.

▷ **phile** (also **-phil**) *comb form* thil a hleice ih duh theimi: *Anglophile* ○ *bibliophile.* Cf -PHOBE

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-philiac (*forming adjs*).

philippic /fɪˈlɪpɪk/ *n* (fml) mi tampi hmaiah mi pakhat napi ih mawh thluk le siatnak sim; tong siava.

philistine /fɪlɪˈstɪn/; *US* -stɪn/ *n* nunphung nei lo ih mah duhduh ih ummi/ziaza sia — hoiher dik lo: *He accused those who criticized his work of being philistines.*

▷ **philistine** thil tha le thil mawi ralsantu, cuvek thinlung nei lotu: *The philistine attitude of the public resulted in the work being abandoned.*

philistinism /-tɪnɪzəm/ *n* [U]: *the philistinism of the popular press.*

phil(o)- *comb form* thil pakhat ah duhnak nei/duh taak neih: *philanthropy* ○ *philology.*

philology /fɪˈlɒlədʒi/ *n* [U] tong a ra pian daan le a thanso daan zirnak. Cf LINGUISTICS (LINGUISTIC).

▷ **philological** /fɪləˈlɒdʒɪkl/ *adj* tong zirnak thawn a pehparmi.

philologist /fɪˈlɒlədʒɪst/ *n* tong lam zirtu/tong lam thu thei zettu.

philosopher /fɪˈlɒsəfə(r)/ *n* **1** (**a**) thil thu umdan ruahnak lam (*philosophy*) zirhtu/a zirtu. (**b**) leitlun ih thu umdan le nunnak lam thu ah thupom dan le ruahdan neitu: *the Greek philosophers.* **2** (**a**) harsatnak le thinlung duh hiarnak ih buaipai lomi pa/nu. (**b**) khurkhua ruatnak nun a neimi. (**c**) (infml) ziang hmuahhmuah thuuk zet ih ruat theitu: *He's quite a philosopher.*

□ **philosopher's stone** ruahnak men ah thir pakhat cu sui ih canter theih ti thu pomdan; sui cangter thei thil; nat hmuahhmuah damter theitu sii.

philosophy /fɪˈlɒsəfi/ *n* **1** (**a**) [U] leithu vanthu ziangzongza le milai nunnak thu hawl le zirnak: *moral philosophy*, ie study of the principles on which human behaviour is based; ethics. (**b**) [C] minung nuncan ah lamhmuhtu le thlun tha a si tihi thupommi: *the philosophy of Aristotle* ○ *conflicting philosophies.* **2** [C] zumnak, thupom thil hmuh daan: *a man without a philosophy of life.* ○ *Enjoy yourself today and don't worry about tomorrow — that's my philosophy!* **3** [U] harsatnak le thinnung si caan hmanah daite ih um theinak nun: *The philosophy of the prisoners during their worst suffering impressed even their captors.*

▷ **philosophical** /fɪləˈsɒfɪkl/, **philosophic** *adjs* **1** philosophy vekin: *philosophical principles.* **2** philosophy duh zet: *philosophical works.* **3** ~ (**about sth**) raltha zet le daite ih tuar thei/um thei: *She seemed fairly philosophical about the loss.* ○ *He heard the news with a philosophical smile.* **philosophically** /aaaaa/ *adv*: *He accepted*

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the verdict philosophically.

philosophize, -ise /fr'lsəfəz/ *v* **1** [I] thu thukpi ruat/eel. **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (**about/on sth**) relkhawm/reltlang: *They spend their time philosophizing about the mysteries of life.*

phlebitis /fl'baɪtɪs/ *n* [U] thiihri thling nat.

phlegm /flem/ *n* [U] **1** khaak. **2** (*dated or fml*) khuulfung, thoptheng zet ih um/dai zet: *show considerable phlegm in facing the crisis.*

▷ **phlegmatic** /fleg'mætɪk/ *adj* daite in um thei/thinhen nei lo: *Communing in the rush-hour requires a phlegmatic temperament.*

phlegmatically /-klɪ/ *adv*.

phlox /flɒks/ *n* [U] (*pl unchanged or ~ es*) rong a phunphun neimi hmuan pangpar.

phobia /fə'biə/ *n* thil pakhat duh lo tuk (mawi lo zet in); a luarkai zet ih duh lonak nei, lole, thil pakhat tih ciamco: *learning to control one's phobia about flying* ○ *Dislike of snakes or spiders is a common phobia.*

-**phobia** *comb form* (forming *ns*) thil pakhat a si lo lawmmaam ih tih ciamconak nat: *claustrophobia* ○ *hydrophobia* ○ *xenophobia*. Cf -PHILIA.

-**phobe** *comb form* (forming *ns*) a duh lo zettu: *Anglophobe* ○ *xenophobe*.

-**phobic** *comb form* (forming *adjs*) tih luarkai: *claustrophobic* ○ *xenophobic*. Cf -PHILE (-PHILIA).

phoenix /fɪ'niːks/ *n* Arabia ram thuanthu ah vate phunkhat kum a zaza in a nungih amah le a mah meisa ih a khang-awh hnu ah a vutcam sungin vate a cangsai timi.

phone¹ /fəʊn/ *n* **1** fawn (*telephone*): *tell sb sth/order sth over the phone*, ie instead of writing ○ *The phone is ringing.* ○ *communicating by phone* ○ [attrib] *make a phone call*. **2** (idm) (**be on the phone**) (**a**) *telephone ih biak lai rero: You can't see her now — she's on the phone.* ○ *They've been on the phone for an hour.* (**b**) *telephone kaitu: Are you on the phone yet?*

▷ **phone** *v* **1** [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (**sb**) (**up**) *telephone i mi hei biak: Did anybody phone?* ○ *I'll phone them up now.* **2** (phr *v*) **phone in** (hnaŋuannak hmun ah) *phone thawn hei sim: phone in sick*, ie telephone to say one is absent from work because of illness.

□ **phone book** = TELEPHONE DIRECTORY (TELEPHONE).

phone booth (also **phone box**) *telephone biaknak a khaante (phone buk).*

phone-in (*Brit*) (*US call-in*) *n* radio le television ah mipi pawl ih thu suhnak le soiselnak, lole, simfiangnak thanmi: [attrib] *a phone-in show.*

phone² /fəʊn/ *n* (*linguistics*) awsuah pakhat.

-**phone** *comb form* **1** (forming *ns*) aw thawn a pehparmi thilri: *telephone* ○ *dictaphone* ○ *xylophone*. **2** (forming *adjs*) tong phun hmanmi: *Anglophone* ○ *francophone*.

▷ **phonic** *comb form* (forming *adjs*) awnmi

thilri thawn pehparmi.

phoneme /fəʊnɪm/ *n* (*linguistics*) tong tiki a fate/a tawi bik awsuah: *English has 24 consonant phonemes.* ○ *In English, the 's' in 'sip' and the 'z' in 'zip' represent two different phonemes.*

▷ **phonemic** /fə'ni:mɪk/ *adj* tong awsuah a simi.

phonemically /-klɪ/ *adv*.

phonemics *n* [sing *v*] awsuah thu zirnak.

phonetic /fə'netɪk/ *adj* (*linguistics*) **1** minung awsuah. **2** awsuah ca in ngan: *phonetic symbols, alphabet, transcription.* **3** awsuah vekih cangang: *Spanish spelling is phonetic.*

▷ **phonetically** /-klɪ/ *adv*.

phonetician /fəʊnɪ'tɪʃn/ *n* cangan awsuah thiammi/cangan awsuah zirlaimi.

phonetics *n* [sing *v*] awsuah(nak) daan zirnak.

phoney (also **phony**) /fəʊni/ *adj* (**-ier -iest**) (*infml derog*) (**a**) hei si-awter: *There's something very phoney about him.* ○ *a phoney doctor*, ie a quack doctor. (**b**) (of a thing) a tak si lomi: *a phoney American accent* ○ *phoney jewels, qualifications, mannerisms* ○ *some phoney excuse for the delay* ○ *the story sounds phoney to me.*

▷ **phoney** (also **phony**) *n* (*pl ~ s*) a si-awter mi (minung, lole, thil): *The man's a complete phoney.* ○ *This diamond is a phoney.*

phoniness *n* [U].

phonic /fə'niːk/ *adj* **1** aw thawn a pehparmi. **2** awsuah daan thawn a pehparmi.

phon(o)- *comb form* a awnmi aw: *phonetic* ○ *phonograph*.

phonograph /fəʊnə'grɑːf/ *US -græf/ n* (*dated*) = RECORD PLAYER (RECORD).

phonology /fə'nɒlədʒi/ *n* [U] (*linguistics*) **1** awsuah daan zirnak, tong phunkhat ih awsuah daan zirnak: *a course in phonology.* **2** aw thuhla feh daan: *the phonology of Old English.*

▷ **phonological** /fəʊnə'lɒdʒɪkl/ *adj*.

phonologist /fə'nɒlədʒɪst/ *n* aw feh daan thiam zettu, lole, aw feh daan zirtu.

phooey /fuːi/ *interj* (*infml*) nautatnak ah hmanmi tongfang, thuhla co hlaang duh lo.

phosgene /fəʊzdzɪːn/ *n* [U] a rong nei lomi dat phunkhat, thihsii (tur) a simi raldonak ah hmanmi thil, cet zung ihsin hni puan a rong burhna ah hmanmi dat.

phosphate /fəʊsfəɪs/ *n* (**a**) [C, U] cite, lole, a almi thil. (**b**) [C, often *pl*, U] dat dawm (P tiin hminsin a si).

phosphorescence /fəʊsfə'reɪns/ *n* [U] (**a**) a satnak um lo (tel lo) ih tleunak peek. (**b**) khuathim sungah tleunak malte peek thei, eg demdee tivek nunghring. Cf FLUORESCENCE.

▷ **phosphorescent** /-snt/ *adj* (**a**) tleunak peek thei. (**b**) khuathim sungah tleumi.

phosphorus /fəʊsfərəs/ *n* [U] (*chemistry*) (**a**) a raang le aihre rong a nei ih tur a neimi, a tleu theimi, a alh theimi thil. (**b**) meich fung a lu ih

thuhmi a sen rong nei cumi thil/tur a nei lomi).
 ▷ **phosphoric** /fɒs'fɔːrɪk/; US -'fɔːr/ *adj* (also **phosphorous** /'fɒs'fɔːrəs/) *adj* phosphorus thawn a pehparmi, lole, a telmi.

photo /'fəʊtəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ **s** /-təʊz/) (*infml*) = PHOTOGRAPH.

□ **photo finish** (in horse racing) rang tlan zuamnak ah a nehtu theihfiangnak dingih kemra thawn rak zukmi.

photo- *com form 1* tleunak thawn pehparmi: *photoelectric* ○ *photosensitize* ○ *photosynthesis*. **2** zuk lak-awknak: *photocopy* ○ *photogenic*.

photocell /'fəʊtəʊsəl/ *n* = PHOTOELECTRIC CELL (PHOTOELECTRIC).

photocopy /'fəʊtəʊkɒpi/ *ca* nganmi pawl zuknak thawn khawpi (*copy*) tuahnak (hahdang tuah bet). Cf XEROX, PHOTOSTAT.

▷ **photocopy** *v* (pt, pp -**pied**) (**a**) [Tn] zuknak hman ih canganmi laak. (**b**) [I] ca thupi pawl zuknak hman ih khawpi (*copy*) tuah: *do some photocopying*.

photocopier /-piə(r)/ *n* ca pawl ngan saalnak cet.

photoelectric /'fəʊtəʊ'lektrɪk/ *adj* khaw-eng hman ih electric meisa a phunphun tuahnak.

□ **photoelectric cell** (also **photocell**, **electric eye**) mifir khamnak, lole, kiling tivekih hmanmi electric tha.

photogenic /'fəʊtəʊ'dʒenɪk/ *adj* (**a**) zuk laak dingah a tha mi, eg ni luh mawi, khaute, zawhte tipawl: *a photogenic sunset, village, kitten*. (**b**) (of a person) zuk sungah mawi in lang theimi: *I'm not very photogenic*.

photograph /'fəʊtəgrɑːf; US -græf/ (also *infml* **photo**) *n* **1** zuknak: *take a photograph (of sb/sth)*. **2** (idm) **take a good photograph** zuk sungih mawi theimi.

▷ **photograph** *v* **1** [Tn] zuknak hman i zuk: *photograph the bride, the wedding, a flower*. **2** [I] (followed by an *adv*) zuk ah lang: *photograph well/badly*.

photographer /'fəʊtəgrəfə(r)/ *n* zuktu: *The competition is open to both amateur and professional photographers*. ○ *a newspaper photographer* ○ *one of the best photographers in the world*. Cf CAMERAMAN (CAMERA).

photographic /'fəʊtə'græfɪk/ *adj* [usu attrib] **1** zuknak thawn a pehparmi: *photographic equipment, images, records reproduction*. **2** (of sb's memory) a cekci in ciing thei.

photographically /-klɪ/ *adv*.

photography /'fəʊtəgrəfi/ *n* [U] zuk lam thiamnak: *black and white/colour/still photography* ○ *Her hobby is photography*. ○ *The photography in the film about arctic wildlife was superb*.

photolithography /'fəʊtəʊlɪθəgrəfi/ *n* [U] cabu sung tivek ih zuk suah thei dingah thirper parah zuk tlengnak.

photon /'fəʊtən/ *n* (*physics*) invisible unit of electromagnetic radiation.

photosensitive /'fəʊtəʊ'sensətɪv/ *adj* khuatleu ih ret tikah phun dangin a cang theimi: *photosensitive paper*.

▷ **photosensitize, -ise** /-taɪz/ *v* [Tn] phundang ah cangter, a rong thlengter.

Photostat, photostat /'fəʊtəstæt/ *n* [propr] zuk ih ca suahnak cet: [attrib] *a Photostat copy*.

▷ **Photostat** *v* [Tn] zuk in ca suah bet.

photosynthesis /'fəʊtəʊ'sɪnθə'sɪs/ *n* [U] hramkung pawl in (carbondioxide) dat le ni tleu ihsin rawl ih canternak. Cf CHLOROPHYLL.

▷ **photosynthesize, -ise** /-əsaɪz/ *v* [Tn] tidai le a dang pawl rawl ah canter (photosynthesis in).

photosynthetic /-sɪn'θetɪk/ *adj*.

phrase /freɪz/ *n* **1** [C] (**a**) (*grammar*) tongtluan asinain tongtluan a kim lomi: *'The green car' and 'at half past four' are phrases*. (**b**) tican sullam neimi tongtluan pakhat, tongthim tivek: *an apt, a memorable, a well-chosen, etc phrase* ○ *That's exactly the phrase I was looking for myself*. **2** [U] sim-awk daan (ca, lole, tongin): *the poet's beauty of phrase*. **3** [C] (*music*) hlatluan a pehtu. **4** (idm) **to coin a phrase** ⇒ COIN *v*. **turn a phrase** nuam zet le thiam zet in mah le mah phuan-aw. **a turn of phrase** thil pakhat phuansuah zia: *an interesting, unusual, unpleasant, etc turn of phrase*.

▷ **phrasal** /'frɪz/ *adj* (**a**) phrase thawn pehparmi. (**b**) phrase a simi: *phrasal verbs such as 'go in for', 'fall over', 'blow up'*.

phrase *v* [Tn] **1** tongfang thawn phuang: *phrase one's criticism very carefully* ○ *How shall I phrase it?* ○ *an elegantly phrased compliment*. **2** hla sak tikah, lole, awnmawi tum tikah a thenthen ih tuah. **phrasing** *n* [U] **1** (*music*) hla phuah/hla sak tikah a thenthen ih tuah: *The singer was criticized for her poor phrasing*. **2** = PHRASEOLOGY *a*.

phraseology /'freɪzɪ'ɒlədʒɪ/ *n* [U] (**a**) tongfang pawl hril daan/ret khawm daan. (**b**) phrase le idioms zirnak

□ **phrase-book** *n* tongtluan le a sullam ngannak cabu: *an English-Spanish phrase-book*.

phrenetic = FRENETIC.

phrenology /frə'nɒlədʒɪ/ *n* [U] (*esp formerly*) mi lu-ruh umdan zirnak.

▷ **phrenological** /frə'nɒlədʒɪkl/ *adj*.

phrenologist /frə'nɒlədʒɪst/ *n* lu-ruh um dan lam thiamtu.

phut /fʌt/ *adv* (idm) **go phut** (*infml*) (**a**) (cet thilri) hman theih lo, a siat: *The washing machine has gone phut*. (**b**) siat: *The business went phut*. ○ *Our holiday plans have gone phut*.

phylum /'faɪləm/ *n* (pl -**la**) (*biology*) ramsa le hramkung pawl a bur ih then zia: *The mollusc phylum includes all soft-bodied animals without backbones*. Cf CLASS 7, ORDER¹ 9, FAMILY 4, GENUS

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physical /'fɪzɪkl/ *adj* **1** thilri thawn a pehparmi: *the physical world, universe, etc.* **2 (a)** minung ruangpi thawn a pehparmi: *physical fitness, well-being, strength, etc* *physical exercise*, eg walking, running, playing sports *physical education*, eg athletics, gymnastics, games, etc. *(Brit infml) physical jerks*, ie gymnastics. **(b)** ruangpi in: *physical presence*. **3** thil umdan cia vekin: *It is a physical impossibility to be in two places at once.* *physical necessity*. **4** [attrib] leilung thilri pawl ih a um cia sinak vekin: *physical geography*, ie geography of the earth's structure *physical map*, ie one showing mountains, rivers, etc. **5** [attrib] physics thawn a pehparmi: *physical chemistry*, ie use of physics in the study of chemistry *physical science*. **6 (infml euph)** hramhram ih tinak: *Are you going to co-operate or do we have to get physical?*

▷ **physical** *n (infml)* dam le dam lo zohfelnak.

physically /-kli/ *adv (a)* tisa in/ruangpi in: *physically exhausted, fit, handicapped* *attack sb physically*. **(b)** thil pianphung um daan in: *physically impossible*.

physician /'fɪzɪʃn/ *n* sibawi mi raitu si loin nat dangdang zohthu. Cf **SURGEON**.

physicist /'fɪzɪsɪst/ *n* physics thu a thiamtu, lole, zirlai tlawngta.

physics /'fɪzɪsɪst/ *n* [sing v] leitlun ih um thilri pawl ih cahnak le a sizia zirnak: *Physics has made enormous progress in this century.* *nuclear physics* *the laws of physics* *[attrib] a physics textbook* **1** leitlun thil um pawl ih cahnak le hnaŋuan thawn a pehparmi: *physiology*. **2** physical: *physiotherapy*.

physi(o)- *comb form* **1** leitlun thil um pawl ih cahnak le hnaŋuan thawn a pehparmi: *physiology*. **2** physical: *physiotherapy*.

physiognomy /'fɪzɪɒnəmi/ *n (fml)* **1** [C] **(a)** minung mithmai: *a typical North European physiognomy*. **2** [U] mithmai pianzia. **3** [C] ram pakhat, lole, hmun pakhat ih thilri um zia.

physiology /'fɪzɪɒlədʒi/ *n* [U] **(a)** nunghring pawl ih nun khawsak daan zirnak: *reproductive physiology*. **(b)** nunghring pakhat ih ruangpi um daan: *the physiology of the snake*.

▷ **physiological** /'fɪzɪɒlədʒɪkl/ *adj (a)* ruangpi um daan thawn a pehparmi: *physiological research*. **(b)** taksa/ruangpi ih hnaŋuan thawn a pehparmi: *the physiological effects of space travel*.

physiologist /'fɪzɪɒlədʒɪst/ *n* ruangpi um daan thiam zettu, lole, ruangpi um daan zirtu.

physiotherapy /'fɪzɪəʊθerəpi/ *n* [U] ruh pehawknak le taksa tit natnak, tuahmawhnak, lole, derdainak tuamhlawm le damternak ah taksa cangvaihnik, hmehnak.

▷ **physiotherapist** /-pɪst/ *n* (also *infml physio*) /'fɪzɪəʊ/ taksa hmeh lam thiammi.

physique /'fɪzi:k/ *n* [C] ruangrai pian thlai daan (a bik ah titsa umdan): *a well-developed physique* *build up one's physique* *a fine/poor physique* *He doesn't have the physique for such heavy work*.

pi /pai/ *n* **1** Greek cafang a hleiruknak (Π, π). **2 (geometry)** (π) thil kual (*circle*) pakhat a tlaang le a lai ih tantu rin (*diameter*) pahnih te ih a sannak tahthimnak khiihmuhtu ih hmanmi.

piano /'pjɑ:nəʊ/ *adv, adj (music)* (abbr **p**) diim tein. Cf **FORTE**.

▷ **pianissimo** /'piənɪsɪməʊ/ *adv, adj (abbr pp)* diim deuh in, hna ih theih thei fangfang.

piano² /'piənəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ **s** /-nəʊz/) (also *fml pianoforte* /'piənəʊ'fɔ:tɪ; US 'prænə'fɔ:rt/) a dum le a rang hmetnak a nei ih thirhri pawl sobul fate te in talhmi awnmawi thilri; *piano: play a tune on the piano* *grand piano*, ie one with horizontal strings, esp used for concerts *upright piano*, ie one with vertical strings *[attrib] piano music* *a piano teacher, lesson* *a piano-player* *a piano-stool*.

▷ **pianist** /'piənɪst/ *n* piano tumtu: *She's a good pianist.* *a famous concert pianist*.

pianola (also **Pianola**) /'piənələ/ *n (propr)* thli phawtnak tha thawn tummi piano phunkhat.

□ **piano-accordion** *n* = **ACCORDION**.

piastre (US **piaster**) /'piæstə(r)/ *n (a)* Arab ram hrekkhat le Spain ram hmanmi paisa pya khat (100th). **(b)** thir, lole, cahnah in tuahmi hih tangka.

piazza /'piætse/; US also 'pi:æzə/ *n* khuah sungih um hmun lawng an tuahmi, bazaar (dawr) hmun (Italy ram ah si bik).

pibroch /'pi:brɒk/ *n* thli phawt ih tummi dip nei awnmawi thilri phunkhat.

pica /'paɪkə/ *n* **1** thir cacuknak ih cafang tum le tet. **2** (in printing) cafang tum le tet.

picador /'pɪkədɔ:(r)/ *n* (cawcang thawn do-awk puai) cawcang hraang dotu (dingih) rangpar cuang ih feipi thawn thuam-awmi.

picaresque /'pɪkə'rɛsk/ *adj* mi tha lo, lole, mi hlolak pawl ih zuamnak thuanthu an nganmi calai/ngan daan.

piccalilli /'pɪkəlɪli/ *n* [U] hangti hangrah, anŋam le tihaang rawimi thingrah pawl sut zaam ih tuahmi aihre rong nei a thak ih tuahmi hmeh.

piccaninny /'pɪkə'nɪni/ *n* (Δ *dated offensive*) Negro mino, lole, khuahlan nun ih nungmi miphun nauhak.

piccolo /'pɪkələʊ/ *n* (pl ~ **s**) awnmawi fate phirivau phun pawl (phirivau hnakin sang deuh a tum theih).

pick¹ /pɪk/ *n* [sing] **1** (right of) duh hril: *Of course I'll lend you a pen. Take your pick*, ie whichever one you choose. *The winner has first pick of the prizes*. **2 the ~ of sth** a tha bik: *Only the pick of the crop is good enough for us*, eg in food advertising. *the pick of the new season's*

fashions ○ (infml) the pick of the bunch, ie the best of a number of things or people.

pick² /pɪk/ *n* **1** (also **pickaxe**, *US* **pickex** /pɪkəks/) leihak le lungto cehnak cukpio bangtuk hreitlung. **2** (esp in compounds) thil zum: an ice-pick ○ a toothpick.

pick³ /pɪk/ *v* **1** [Tn] hril: You can pick whichever one you like. ○ Only the best players were picked to play in the match. ○ pick one's words, ie express oneself carefully, eg so as not to annoy sb ○ pick one's way along a muddy path, ie walk carefully, choosing the best places to put one's feet. ⇒ Usage at **CHOOSE**. **2** [Tn] thil ʔot (thingthei, pangpar): flowers freshly picked from the garden ○ pick lettuce, plums, spinach, strawberries, etc. **3** (a) [Tn, Cn-a] a baal coih: pick one's nose, ie remove dried mucus from the nostrils ○ pick one's teeth, ie use a small pointed piece of wood, etc to remove particles of food from one's teeth ○ The dogs picked the bones clean, ie removed all the meat from the bones. (b) [Tn-pr] ~ **sth (from/off sth)** kut zung, lole, thil hriam thawn thil pakhat sar, hlön, phiat: pick the tacking treads (from a garment) ○ pick a hair from the collar of one's coat ○ pick the toys off the floor ○ pick the nuts off the top of the cake. (c) [Tn] tawhfung tel lo ih tawh bu on (thilzum, thirhri tivek thawn). **4** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (in sth)** kut zung/thil hriam thawn thil pakhat rak vit: The child has picked a hole in his new jumper. ○ The bird picked a hole in the ice with its beak. **5** (a) [Tn] (of birds) rawl cuk: chickens picking corn. (b) [Tn-pr] ~ **at sth** rawl malte te ih ei (kaathaw lo zet in): Sparrows picked at the crumbs. ○ He never feels hungry and just picks at his food. **6** [Tn] = **PLUCK** 4: pick a banjo. **7** (idm) **have a bone to pick with sb** ⇒ **BONE**. **pick and choose** thil tampi phunkhat sungin ralring zet in mah duhmi hril: I spent days picking and choosing before deciding on the wallpaper and curtains. ○ We had to find a flat in a hurry — there was no time to pick and choose. **pick sb's brains** mai hman thei dingmi thu theih duh ah mi thu sut: I need a new French dictionary. ○ Can I pick your brains about the best one to buy? **pick a fight/quarrel (with sb)** mi thawn hau-awknak tuah (puarthau ruangah tivek): He tried to pick a quarrel with me about it but I refused to discuss the matter. ○ It was foolish of you to pick a fight with a heavyweight boxing champion! **pick holes in sth** thil pakhat parah sual hawl: It was easy to pick holes in his argument. ○ They pick holes in everything I suggest. **pick sb's pocket** mi zaal ta paisa fir. **pick/pull sb to pieces** ⇒ **PIECE**¹. **pick/pull sth to pieces** ⇒ **PIECE**¹. **pick up/take up/throw down the gauntlet** ⇒ **GAUNTLET**. **pick up the pieces/threads** amah sinak keel ah thil hei canter sal, lole, cuhnak ʔha deuh ah:

Their lives were shattered by the tragedy and they are still trying to pick up the pieces. **pick up speed** cak deuh ih feh: We reached to outskirts of town and began to pick up speed. **pick a winner (a)** rang tlan zuam-awknak ah a neh ding ti zummi rang kha hril: (ironic) I really picked a winner with this car — it's always breaking down!

8 (phr v) **pick sb off** a bur ih ummi sungin mi pakhat kap thlak: A sniper hidden on a roof picked off three of the soldiers on patrol.

pick on sb (a) cawhkuan/mawhthluk dingin mi hril: She felt that her parents were picking on her. (b) hnaʔuan nuam lo zetmi ʔuan dingah mi hril: I was picked on to announce the bad news.

pick sb/sth out (a) tampi sungin thil pakhat/mi pakhat hril: She was picked out from thousands of applicants for the job. ○ He picked out the ripest peach. (b) kiangkap lak ihsin lanche, theih theih ih um, langsaar: pick out sb/sb's face in a crowd ○ It was just possible to pick out the hut on the side of the mountain. ○ The window frames are picked out in blue against the white walls. **pick sth out (a)** piano tivek awnmawi tum (zoh phah, zir phah in). (b) ralring zet ih zohfel hnuah hmuasak, lole, ciing saal: pick out recurring themes in an author's work ○ Can you pick out the operatic arias quoted in this orchestral passage?

pick sth over thil a ʔha le a sia theihnakh ah ʔhate ih zoh: Pick over the lentils carefully in case there are any stones amongst them.

pick up (a) ʔha deuh, ʔhangso: The market always picks up in the spring. ○ We're waiting until the weather picks up a bit. ○ The performance started badly but picked up towards the end. ○ Her health soon picked up after a few days' rest. (b) thok saal, peh saal/rak peh: We'll pick up where we finished yesterday.

pick oneself up tluknak in tho saal: Pick yourself up and brush yourself down. **pick sb up (a)** mawʔawka cuangter; mawʔawka thawn phur: I'll pick you up at 7 o'clock. ○ He picked up a hitch-hiker. (b) (infml often derog) ol-ai te ih rualpi hei nei/nupi pasal nei duak: He picked up the girl at a college disco. ○ She's living with some man she picked up on holiday. (c) mi va run (eg ti ih pilmi/tidai ih taangmi tivek): The lifeboat picked up all the survivors. (d) mi pakhat collter ih thu sut dingih hei kaih: The police picked him up as he was trying to leave the country. ○ He was picked up and taken for questioning. (e) ralrinnak peek: She picked him up for using bad language. **pick sb/sth up (a)** mi/thil pakhat kai ih khai: He picked up the child and put her on his shoulders. ○ I picked up your bag by mistake. ○ pick up a stitch, ie in knitting ○ he picked up the book from the floor. ○ She picked up the telephone and dialed his

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number. (b) cet thilri hmang ih a hla ih tongmi thu ngainak: *They picked up the yacht on their radar screen.* ○ *I was able to pick you up on the short wave radio.* ○ *The equipment picked up the signal from the satellite.* **pick sth up** (a) zir ih thiam: *She soon picked up French when she went to live in France.* ○ *The children have picked up the local accent.* ○ *pick up bad habits.* (b) natnak ngah: *pick up an infection, a cold, the flu, etc.* (c) ol te'n thil lei ngah: *She picked up a valuable first edition at a village book sale.* ○ *They picked up most of the furniture at auctions in country towns.* (d) thei (hna in ngai ih) thei: *He picked up an interesting piece of news.* ○ *See if you can pick up anything about their future plans.* (e) thil laak, khon/khawm: *I've got to pick up my coat from the cleaners.* ○ *I'll pick up (ie buy) something for dinner on my way home.* ○ *We can pick up the tickets an hour before the play begins.* (f) thil ngah — a dang in laak: *The trolley-bus picks up current from an overhead wire.* (g) tong: *pick up a trail, a scent* ○ *pick up the track on the other side of the river.* **pick up with sb** (often derog): *She's picked up with some peculiar people.*

▷ **picker** *n* (esp in compounds) a sartu (PICK³ 2): *hop-pickers* ○ a *mechanical apple-picker*.

□ **pick-me-up** /pɪkmiʌp/ *n* (infml) dam lo le ʔawnʔaih tiki inmi a tii phunkhat (zu, lole, sii).

pickpocket /pɪkpɒkɪt/ *n* mi zaal pur ih thil firtu.

pick-up *n* (pl **pick-ups**) (a) (infml derog) nu-pa pawl-awknak a thlentu lakhruak tonmi minung. (b) dar hlasa phuan tiki thir zumte rak kaihna zawn. (c) hnaʔuannak mawʔaw, a dunglam tlunkhuh um lo.

pick-a-back /pɪkəbæk/ (also **piggy back** /ˈpɪɡɪbæk/) *adv* liang pulut in, liangpi cungsuan; liang par toh ih phurh/pawk: *carry a child pick-a-back.*

▷ **pick-a-back** (also **piggyback**) *n* pawk: *Her father gave her a pick-a-back (ride) for the last bit of the journey.*

picket /pɪkɪt/ *n* 1 hnaʔuan duh lo ih (lungkim lonak ruangah) nuartu hnaʔuantu pawl in midang hnaʔuantu pawl khal hnaʔuannak ah lut hlah seh tiah sangka ih tohnaawhtu: *Five pickets were injured in the scuffle.* ○ [attrib] a *picket line*, ie a line of pickets, eg outside a factory. 2 ʔuanvo nei palik burkhat, lole, raal pawl thlingthla dingih thlahmi ralkap burkhat. 3 fungzum thil khamnak ih phunmi: [attrib] a *picket fence*.

▷ **picket** *v* 1 (a) [Tn] thil khamnak ah fungzum phun: *picket all the company's offices.* (b) [I, Tn] a khamtu ih tuahmi: *Some of the union members did not want to picket.* 2 [Tn] kilhimtu pawl tiar-aw tein umter. 3 [Tn] fung zum phun ih thil (hmun) kulh.

pickings /ˈpɪkɪŋz/ *n* [pl] 1 olte in, lole, thil dik lo ih a miat ngahmi: *He promised us rich pickings if we bought the shares immediately.* 2 rawl hlei/ thil a hleimi.

pickle /ˈpɪkl/ *n* 1 (a) [U] (hanghnah hnagrah) tithur, lole, cite ih ciahmi/uammi: *red cabbage pickle.* (b) [C usu pl] hanghnah hangrah phunkhat khat hivek ih uammi: *The dish was accompanied by a variety of pickles.* ○ *cheese and pickles.* (c) [U] hivek thil ciahnak ih hmanmi a tii: *leave an ox tongue in salt pickle.* Cf RELISH 3, SAUCE 1. 2 [C] (Brit infml) nauhak huatsuak panghelmi: *She's a real little pickle!* 3 (idm) (in) a **sad, sorry, nice, pretty, etc pickle** harsa zet dinhmun ih um.

▷ **pickle** *v* [Tn] thil uam/thil ciah: *pickled cabbage, onions, walnuts, etc.*

pickled *adj* (infml) zuri: *By this time, he was hopelessly pickled.*

picky /ˈpɪki/ *adj* (-ier, iest) (infml derog esp US) thil thupi lo ah thinlung buai thei zet, hril thei zet; ti hlehle.

picnic /ˈpɪknɪk/ *n* 1 (a) (esp Brit) hmun dang va feh ih rawl va ei khawm: *We'll go to the river and take a picnic with us.* ○ [attrib] a *picnic table, hamper, lunch.* (b) nomnak hrang ih hmun dang feh ih rawl va ei khawm: *It's a nice day — let's go for a picnic.* 2 (idm) **be no picnic** (infml) har zet, lole, buai pi zet/ol lo/thil ol si lo: *Bringing up a family when you are unemployed is no picnic.*

▷ **picnic** *v* (-ick-) [I, Ipr] inn ihsin hmun dang feh ih rawl einak hei tuah, piknik: *They were picnicking in the woods.*

picnicker *n* cuvek rawl einak tuahtu: *Picnickers are requested not to leave litter behind, eg on a notice.*

picric acid /ˈpɪkrɪk ˈæsɪd/ *n* [U] hnipuan a rong butnak le thil a puak theimi tuahnak a kha ih a aire mi thil.

pictorial /pɪkˈtɔːrɪəl/ *adj* (a) zuk in ret: a *pictorial record of the wedding.* (b) zuk a ummi: a *pictorial calendar, magazine, etc.*

▷ **pictorial** *n* thuthangca le cabu hmaanhmaan suahmi (magazine) sungah zuk tampi le thupi ih suah sanmi.

pictorially /-əl/ *adv.*

picture /ˈpɪktʃə(r)/ *n* 1 [C] (a) kut suai zuk: *His picture of cows won a prize.* ○ *Draw a picture of the house so we know what it looks like.* (b) zuknak khemra (camera) thawn zukmi: *They showed us the pictures of their wedding.* ○ *She's taking a picture of the children.* (c) mi pakhat ih zuk: *Will you paint my picture?* 2 [C usu sing] thil zoh nuam/thil mawi, ram, minung tivek pawl: *The park is a picture when the daffodils are in bloom.* ○ *The children were a picture in their pretty dresses.* 3 [C usu sing] (a) thinlung sungah zuk vek rori in hmuh fiangnak: *The*

book gives a good picture of everyday life in ancient Rome. (b) thinlung ih a caammi; a sining langternak: Her careful description enabled us to form an accurate picture of what had happened. 4 [C] TV par ih thil zuk a lang daan: The picture is much clearer with the new aerial. 5 (Brit dated) (a) [C] baisakup zuk: Have you seen her latest picture? (b) the pictures [pl] baisakup piahmi: We don't often go to the pictures. 6 (idm) be/put sb in the picture hmu fiang, theifiang ko tuah: Are you in the picture now? ○ Members of Parliament insisted on being put in the picture about the government's plans. be the picture of health, happiness, etc dam zet le lungawi zet hmel pu. get the picture (infml) thei thiam: I get the picture — you two want to be left alone together. pretty as a picture ⇒ PRETTY.

▷ picture v 1 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (to oneself) thinlung sungah zuk veki hei cuangter: He pictured to himself what it might be like to live in Java. ○ I can't picture the village without the old church. 2 [Tn esp passive] hei zuk: They were pictured against a background of flowers.

□ picture-book n zuk tampi ummi cabu.

picture-card n phe cahnah parih zuk — zuk ummi phe cahnah.

picture-gallery zuk pawl hmuhnak inn.

picture postcard postcard ummi/zuk ummi postcard.

picturesque /pɪktʃə'resk/ adj 1 mawi zet ih rak lang: a picturesque fishing village in the bay ○ a picturesque setting. 2 (of language) sim duhmi fianger zet. 3 (mi pakhat ih hmel pian thlai, hoier tivek pawl) phundang le mi thawn a bang lomi: a picturesque figure in her flowery hat and dungarees.

▷ picturesquely adv. picturesqueness n [U].

piddle /pɪdl/ v [I] (infml) zun thawh.

▷ piddle n [U, C] (infml) zun: dog piddle ○ The puppy has done a piddle on the carpet.

piddling /'pɪdlɪŋ/ adj [esp attrib] (infml derog) (a) thil thupi lo — tuktak: I don't want to hear all the piddling little details! (b) fate: It's annoying to have to get authorization for spending such piddling amounts of money.

pidgin /'pɪdʒɪn/ n Africa ni luhnak lam le Asia ni suahnak thlanglam minung pawl le Europe (sum) pursum leilawn tuahtu pawl pawl awknak in fong phunphun a rawi celcelmi: speak in pidgin ○ [attrib] pidgin English, ie language. Cf CREOLE.

pie /paɪ/ n [C, U] 1 (a) (Brit) sa, lole, thingrah thlum ko tuah hnuah kheng sungih rawhmi (emmi): an apple pie ○ Have some more pie. (b) (US) sa, lole, thingrah beek ko ih suanmi (rawl hmeh). Cf FLAN, TART². 2 (idm) easy as pie ⇒ EASY¹. eat humble pie ⇒ EAT. have a finger in every pie ⇒ FINGER. pie in the sky (infml)

beiseinak men simi (a cang thei ngai lo dingmi parah): Their ideas about reforming the prison system are just pie in the sky.

□ pie chart khiihmuhtu zuk pumhlum parih a thetete langtermi.

piecrust /'paɪkrʌst/ n [U] pie sang parih ret dingmi sangthlum rawh/em.

pie-eyed adj (infml) zuri.

piebald /'paɪbɔːld/ adj (of a horse) a rong pahni (a bik ah a raang le a dum) a rawi hnuaihni mi rong. Cf SKEWBALD.

▷ piebald n hivek rong neimi rang, rangtial.

piece¹ /piːs/ n 1 [C usu pl] (used esp after the preps in, into, to) (a) thilri pakhat tuahnak ih a then: He lost one of the pieces of his model engine. ○ The table is made in five pieces. ○ pull sth/take sth/come to pieces ○ The furniture is delivered in pieces and you have to assemble it yourself. (b) thil kuaimi ih a hniar a kuai seksekmi: The vase shattered into a thousand pieces. ○ The cup lay in pieces on the floor. ○ break, hack, pull, smash, tear sth to pieces ○ The boat (was) smashed to pieces on the rocks. 2 [C] ~ (of sth) (a) thil phel khat: buy a piece of glass to fit the window frame ○ put a piece of wood on the fire ○ get a piece of grit in one's eye ○ a piece (ie a slice) of bread, cake, meat, etc. (b) thil pakhat ih then khatte: a piece of chalk, ie for writing with ○ a piece of land, ie for farming or building on ○ a piece (ie a sheet) of paper. ⇒ Usage. 3 [C] ~ of sth (a) thilte pakhat: a piece of advice, information, luck, news, treachery ○ a fine piece of work. (b) thil pakhat a simi: a piece of furniture, jewellery, luggage, porcelain. 4 [C] (a) thil pakhat sungih a then: a jigsaw with 1000 pieces ○ a three-piece suite, ie a sofa and two armchairs ○ a three-piece suite, ie a sofa and two armchairs ○ a 50-piece orchestra, ie with 50 players. (b) chess tivek lehnak ih keicangmi (thawnmi) thilte. 5 [C] hman daan a simi thil (puan) a saunak/cahnah sah: cloth sold by the piece. 6 [C] ~ (of sth) (a) (hla le zuk) a then khat a simi: a piece of music, poetry, sculpture. (b) cahram, thuthangca sungih nganmi ca (article): Did you read her piece in today's paper? 7 [C] thir tangka (pya tivek): a ten-pence piece ○ a five-cent piece ○ a piece of eight, ie an old Spanish silver coin. 8 [C usu sing] (infml becoming dated derog) nunau, fala: a nice little piece ○ Do you know the piece he was with last night? 9 [C] (dated) meithal: a fowling-piece, ie a gun for shooting wildfowl. 10 [sing] (US infml) a hlatnak: His house is over there a piece. 11 (idm) a bit/piece of tail ⇒ TAIL. bits and pieces ⇒ BIT¹. give sb a piece of one's mind mi pakhat hmaisong lo te ih mah ruahnak sim (lungkim lonak ah). go (all) to pieces (minung) thinlung hlo theh, thin dai lo ih um, (lungsia): After the car accident, she

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seemed to go to pieces. ○ He went to pieces when they told him the tragic news. **in one piece** (of a person) thil òhnung le phanum ton ah tuahmawh lo ih um: *They were lucky to get back in one piece.* **a nasty piece of work** ⇒ NASTY. **(all) of a piece with sth** (a) dung le hmai remcang: *The new measures are all of a piece with the government's policy.* (b) a phunkhat thotho. **pick/pull sb to pieces** mi um lo sungih mawthluk ciamco. **pick/pull sth to pieces** eel-awk, sual hawl. **pick up the pieces/threads** ⇒ PICK³. **piece by piece** pakhat pakhat tein: *The bridge was moved piece by piece to a new site.* **a piece/slice of the action** ⇒ ACTION. **a piece of cake** (infml) thil ol-ai zet: *The exam paper was a piece of cake.* ○ *Persuading him to give us the day off won't be a piece of cake.* **a piece of goods** ⇒ GOODS. **say one's piece** ⇒ SAY. **take a piece out of sb** nasa zet in ralrinnak peek. **the villain of the piece** ⇒ VILLAIN. □ **piece-work** n [U] nihlawh in si lo, òuanmi parih pekmi hnañuan. **piece-worker** n.

NOTE ON USAGE: The word **piece** can often be replaced by a more specific word: *a slice of bread* ○ *a bar of soap*. Please consult the relevant entry to find the correct word for the item concerned.

piece² /pi:s/ v (phr v) **piece sth together** (a) rak komkhawm: *piece together a jigsaw* ○ *piece together the torn scraps of paper in order to read what was written.* (b) thil theihnak fatete kom ih fiangte ih theih thuhla: *We managed to piece together the truth from several sketchy accounts.*

pièce de résistance /pjɛs də rezistans; -, rezistans/ n (pl **pieces de résistance** /pjɛs də/) (French) (a) (esp of creative work) a thupi bik ih retmi: *The architect's pièce de résistance was the City Opera House.* (b) (at a meal) rawl ei tikih hmeah thupi bik.

piecemeal /pi:smi:l/ adv a òhenòhen te in, pakhat hnu pakhat in: *work done piecemeal.* ▷ **piecemeal** adj a òhen tete ummi: *I've only had a piecemeal account of what happened.*

pied /paid/ adj (esp of bird) a rong a phunphun rawimi, òial: *a pied wagtail.*

pied-à-terre /pjɛid ɑ: 'teə(r)/ n (pl **pieds-à-terre** /pjɛid ɑ:/) n (French) a òul tikih hman dingih sakmi inn/a khaan: *They own a cottage in Scotland and a house in London as well as a pied-à-terre in Paris.*

pier /piə(r)/ n 1 (a) tangphawlawng, lole, lawng colhnak ah minung òum le kainak ih sakmi lilawn. Cf JETTY. (b) tiffinriat tlangah colhnak le rawldawr tivek le nomnak hrangih lilawn. 2 lilawn dotu òuam. 3 tukvirh pahnih karlak ih phar.

pierce /piəs/ v 1 [Tn, Tn-pr] suntlang/dawt: *The*

arrow pierced his shoulder. ○ (fig) *Her suffering pierced their hearts.* ie moved them deeply. (b) thil zim hriam pakhat thawn thil vit/a ong tuah: *pierce holes in leather before sewing it* ○ *pierce the skin of cooking sausages with a fork* ○ *She had her ears pierced so that she could wear ear-rings.* 2 [Tn] (of light, sound, etc) thil a tlangter: *Her shrieks pierced the air.* ○ *The beam of the searchlight pierced the darkness.* 3 [Ipr] ~ **through sth** thil a tlangter/a ti tlang: *Earth-moving equipment pierced through the jungle.*

▷ **piercing** adj (a) (of voice, sounds, etc) aw sang le ring ih khawk zetmi; hnaset za awnmi: *a piercing shriek.* (b) (of wind, cold, etc) sik zet, sunglam hrawh òheh ko ih sik: *a piercing chill, breeze.*

piercingly adv: *a piercingly cold wind.*

pierrrot /piə'rɔ:/ n (fem **pierrette** /piə'ret/) 1 (also **Pierrot**) òong hmang lo ih kut le ke ruangpi hmang ih thu reltu; Christmas lemcawn tikvek ah kut le ke mithmai cangvaihnak thawn a telu. 2 (esp formerly) hivek tuah ih mi hmuh vivotu.

pietà /pi'e:tə:/ n (Italian) Bawi Jesuh ih nu Mary in Bawi Jesuh ruak kha a kawng (phei) parah a cawimi zuk, lole, lungker.

piety /paiəti/ n (a) [U] Pathian hnenah thinlung peek-awmi, lole, biaknak lam a zuammi: *filial piety*, ie respect for and obedience to a parent. (b) [C] hivek ih tuahnak nei/zuam-awmi.

piezo-electric /pi:ezəʊ'lektrik/ adj electric tha phunkhat.

piffle /pɪfl/ n [U] (infml derog) man nei lomi òong; duhsannak um lo mi òong: *You're talking piffle!*

▷ **piffing** /pɪflɪŋ/ adj (infml derog) (a) thupi lomi; ti tlak lomi: *piffing complaints.* (b) fate zet; man nei lo: *He got paid a piffing sum after weeks of work.*

pig /pig/ n 1 (a) [C] vok. Cf BOAR, HOG 1, SOW¹, SWINE. (b) (also **pig-meat**) [U] voksa. 2 [C] (infml derog) (a) baal, duh-aam, mi zawnruah thiam lo, zohmawi lo umtlan daan neimi: *Don't be such a pig!* ○ *You pig!* ○ *Some drivers are real pigs.* (b) harsa, lole, thil nuam lo zet, hnañuan tivek: *a pig of a job, day, exam.* 3 (a) [C] thir ernak hmunih thir tluan pawl. (b) [U] = PIG-IRON. 4 [C] (dated sl) palik. 5 (idm) **buy a pig in a poke** ⇒ BUY. **make a pig of oneself** tamtuk ei; tamtuk in. **make a pig's ear (out) of sth** (infml) thil nasa zet in tuah sual. **pig/piggy in the middle** mi pahnih hau-awknak karlak rak tuartu. **pigs might fly** (saying) (òongòhimnak — zum lo tuk thu) thu pakhat a cang thei hrimeh lo ding thu ah zum lo tuk ti thu simmi (vok an zam men ding): *Tom give up smoking? Yes, and pigs might fly!*

▷ **pig v (-gg-)** 1 [Tn] ~ **oneself** rawl tamtuk ei. 2 (idm) **pig it/pig together** nundan thianghlim lo

zet ih nungcang.

piggery /ˈpɪɡəri/ *n* (a) vok zuatnak hmun. (b) vok retnak. (c) vok inn.

piggish /ˈpɪɡɪʃ/ *adj* (a) vok vek. (b) baal, lole, duhham. **piggishly** *adv*. **piggishness** *n* [U].

piggy /ˈpɪɡi/ *n* (infml) vok faa. *adj* (infml) vokvek: *He has piggy eyes!* **piggyback** — *adv*, *n* = PICK-A-BACK. **piggy bank** tangka kuang — vok pungsan ih tuahmi, thir tangka thlaknak ong ummi.

□ **pigheaded** *adj* lungkhong. **pigheadedly** *adv*. **pigheadedness** *n* [U].

pig-iron *n* [U] thir titnak ih burmi thirtluan.

pigskin /-skɪn/ *n* [U] vok vun/vok vun ih tuahmi savun: [attrib] *a pigskin briefcase*.

pigsty /-staɪ/ (also **sty**) *n* 1 (US **pigpen**) vok inn. 2 (infml) hmun baal zet; hmun thianghlim lo zet: *He makes a pigsty of the kitchen whenever he does the cooking*.

pigswill /-swɪl/ *n* [U] = SWILL *n* 2.

pigeon /ˈpɪdʒɪn/ *n* 1 (a) [C] laileeng: *a carrier-/homing-pigeon*, ie one trained to carry messages or to race as a sport. (b) [U] laileng sa, θhuro sa: [attrib] *pigeon pie*. 2 (idm) **one's pigeon** (infml) mah ih θuanvo: *I don't care where the money comes from: that's not my pigeon*. **put/set the cat among the pigeons** ⇒ CAT¹.

□ **pigeon-breasted** *adj* (of a person) taksa piang sual — θaang um daan a hman lo ih θangruh a hmailam ah a pawng.

pigeon-hole *n* cabuai parah cahnah retnak ding tuahmi thing pheng ong nei mi. — *v* [Tn esp passive] 1 cumi sungah (cahnah tivek) thil ret ih (hngil ta): *The scheme was pigeon-holed after a brief discussion*. 2 ti fekfek ih a pawl (rikhiak): *She felt her son had been pigeon-holed as a problem child*.

pigeon-toed *adj* (of a person) ke zung a sunglam ih kuulmi.

piglet /ˈpɪɡlɪt/ vok faa.

pigment /ˈpɪɡmənt/ *n* 1 [U, C] hnipuan a rong butnak thil: *pigment in powder form* ○ *mix pigment with oil* ○ *They used only natural pigments to dye the wool*. 2 vun, sam tivek parah a rong a dum tivek ummi.

▷ **pigmentation** /ˈpɪɡməntɪʃn/ *n* [U] sam, vun tivek a rong thuh (hnih), lole, a camnak: *The disease causes patches of pigmentation on the face*.

pigmy = PYGMY.

pigtail /ˈpɪɡmənt/ *n* dunglam ih thlak ih thlakmi samphiar.

pike¹ /paɪk/ *n* fei — a kaihnak thing ih tuahmi.

□ **pikestaff** /-staɪf/ *n* 1 feipi hlok. 2 (idm) **plain as a pikestaff** ⇒ PLAIN¹.

pike² /paɪk/ *n* (pl unchanged) nga phun khat; tiva nga phunkhat.

pike³ /paɪk/ *n* (dialect) (in N England) tlangzim a

zummi: *Langdale Pike in the Lake District*.

pike⁴ /paɪk/ *n* = TURNPIKE.

pilaff /ˈpɪlæf/; US -ˈlɑːf/ (also **pilaf**, **pilau** /ˈpɪlɔː/ *n* [U, C] ni suahnak lam rawl a simi buh nganhuut; hanghnah hangrah, sa, lole, nga telmi rawl (a hmuimer thlahmi).

pilaster /ˈpɪləstə(r)/ *n* phar parah a mawinak ih tuahmi killi nei θuam.

pilchard /ˈpɪltʃəd/ *n* tipi thuanthum ih nga fate (eimi pawl).

pile¹ /paɪl/ *n* thingkhon; thirkhon (a tuah ih retmi) ti sungih lilawn hram dingih thing, lole, thir tlang θuam.

□ **pile-driver** *n* tisung ih θuam bunnak ih hmanmi cet.

pile² /paɪl/ *n* 1 thil thuahtuah ih retmi: *a pile of books, laundry, wood* ○ *The rubbish was left in a pile on the floor*. 2 (often pl) ~ **of sth** (infml) thil tam hnenhnen: *a pile of work to be done* ○ *The children eat piles of butter on their bread*. ○ *The engine seems to need piles of oil*. 3 (fml or joc) inn mawi θaθha tumpipi, lole, inn burpi khat. 4 (also **funeral pile**) = PYRE. 5 electric tha feh theinak ding datkhe (battery) caar. 6 (also **atomic pile**) atom tha tuahnak cetzung. 7 (idm) **make a pile** (infml) tangka tampi hlauh: *I bet they are making a pile out of the deal*. **make one's pile** (infml) nunsung ei khop ding paisa hlauh: *He made his pile during the property boom*.

pile³ /paɪl/ *v* 1 [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) thil a thuahtuah ih ret: *pile the books into a stack* ○ *pile the books up* ○ *pile up the old furniture in the shed*. 2 [Tn-pr] ~ **A on (to) B** / ~ **B with A** thil a thuahtuah ih ret: *pile papers on the table* ○ *pile the table with papers* ○ *pile plenty of coal onto the fire* ○ *a table piled high with dishes*. 3 (idm) **pile it on** (infml) porh/a hleice in/a hleifuan ih rel: *It's probably not as bad as she says — she does tend to pile it on*. **pile on the agony** (infml) thil pakhat nuam lo zet tonmi kha a si zat hnakin nasa deuh ih rel le umter, uar: *The situation is frightful, but it's just piling on the agony to keep discussing it*. 4 (phr v) **pile into sth/out of sth**; **pile in/out** um daan zohrem lo zet ih va lut/taan: *The taxi arrived and we all piled in*. ○ *The children piled noisily into the bus*. ○ *The police were waiting for the hooligans as they piled out of the train*. **pile up** (a) a zai ciamco, lole, a khawl-aw: *Evidence was piling up against them*. ○ *Her debts are piling up and she has no money to pay them*. (b) (of a number of vehicles) mawṭaw le mawṭaw a pah-awmi (a bik in) a hmailam ta cio kha an pah vivo.

□ **pile-up** *n* mawṭawka tam zet pah-aw ciamco: *The thick fog has caused several bad pile-ups on the motorway*.

pile⁴ /paɪl/ *n* [U] a leenglam a neem zetmi thil: *the thick pile of a luxurious bath towel* ○ [attrib] a

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deep pile carpet. Cf NAP².

piles /paɪlz/ *n* [pl] = HAEMORRHOIDS.

pilfer /ˈpɪlfə(r)/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (sth) (from sb/sth) thil fir (thil fatete): *He was caught pilfering.* ○ *She had been pilfering from the petty cash for months.*

▷ **pilferer** /ˈpɪlfərə(r)/ *n*.

pilferage /ˈpɪlfəridʒ/ *n* [U] (a) thil fir. (b) mi ih fir ruangih thil hlo: *Pilferage in the warehouse reduces profitability by about two per cent.*

pilgrim /ˈpɪlɡrɪm/ *n* Pathian thu zawh: *pilgrims on their way to Mecca* ○ *pilgrims visiting the shrine.*

▷ **pilgrimage** /-ɪdʒ/ *n* **1** [C, U] Pathian thu zawh tlawnnak/pathian bia dingih khual tlawnnak: *go on/make a pilgrimage to Benares* ○ *Santiago de Compostela was an important place of pilgrimage in the Middle Ages.* **2** [C] thil pakhat, lole, mi pakhat upatmi hnenah va tawn: *a pilgrimage to Shakespeare's birthplace.*

□ **the Pilgrim Fathers** (also **the Pilgrims**) 1620 kum ah England in Amerca ah biaknak zalen duh ih a fehmi (a vaimi) pawl an kawhnak, Plymouth, Massachusetts ram kulh dintu pawl.

pill /pɪl/ *n* **1** [C] a hluum, lole, a permi a dolh ih dolh dingmi sii: *a vitamin pill* ○ *He has to take (ie swallow) six pills a day until he recovers.* **2** **the pill** (also **the Pill**) [sing] (infml) nau neih khamnak ih tuahmi kaa ih dolh ding mi siihlum: *be/go on the pill*, ie be/start taking contraceptive pills regularly ○ *do research on the side-effects of the pill.* **3** (idm) **a bitter pill** ⇒ BITTER. **sugar/sweeten the pill** thil tuar nuam lo zet a tuar deem deuh ding ih tuah.

□ **pillbox** *n* **1** sii retnak dingih tuahmi thingkuang bial, siikuang. **2** ral bawhnak khur. **3** lukhuh fate a bial.

pillage /ˈpɪlɪdʒ/ *n* [U] (fml) (esp formerly) thilri fir le siatsuah; a bik ah ralsungah ralkap pawl ih tuahmi. Cf LOOT, PLUNDER.

▷ **pillage** *v* [I, Tn] thil long; siim/ram: *The town was pillaged by the invading army.* **pillager** /-ɪdʒə(r)/ *n* thil firtu, ramtu, longtu, siimtu.

pillar /ˈpɪlə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) lungto, thing le thir ih tuahmi tung, lole ban̄thuampi. (b) thil hi vekih ummi: *a pillar of cloud, fire, smoke, etc.* **2** ~ **of sth** thil pakhat khoh zet ih tan pitu: *a pillar of the Church, the establishment, the faith* ○ *a scandal involving several pillars* (ie respected members) *of society* ○ *She was a pillar of strength to us* (ie supported us strongly) *when our situation seemed hopeless.* **3** (idm) **(go) from pillar to post** mi pakhat, lole, thil pakhat ihsin a sia deuh pakhat pan vivo: *She was driven from pillar to post and each person she spoke to was more unhelpful than the last.*

□ **pillar-box** *n* (Brit) pinga tluk sangih retmi sisen thuhmi carek pung: [attrib] *pillar-box*

red.

pillion /ˈpɪlɪən/ *n* motorcycle ah a mawngtu siar lo a dungih tonak: [attrib] *pillion passenger/seat.*

▷ **pillion** *adv*: *ride pillion*, ie ride on the pillion.

pillory /ˈpɪləri/ *n* thingpheng sahpi vit ih an cawhmi kha a cuih an vihmi ong ah lu le kee pawl hrolh ih hremnak.

▷ **pillory** *v* (pt, pp -ried /-ləɪd/) [Tn] zapi hmai ih hmuhsuam: *She was pilloried in the press for her extravagant parties.*

pillow /ˈpɪləʊ/ *n* (a) lu-kham: *sit in bed propped up with pillows.* (b) ih tikah lu-kham ih hmanmi thil: *He was found asleep on a pillow of leaves and moss.*

▷ **pillow** *v* [Tn] lu hei kham; thil pakhat parah lu hei ret: *he pillowed his head on her lap.*

□ **pillowcase** (also **pillowslip**) *n* lu kham phaw.

pillow-fight *n* lu-kham hmangih lehnak ih thawi-awk.

pilot /ˈpaɪlət/ *n* **1** vanzamleeng mawngtu. **2** ti hriat, lawng colhnak ti vekah tangphawlawng mawngih fehpiu. **3** minung, lole, thil lamzin hmuhtu ih hmanmi.

▷ **pilot** *adj* [attrib] a tehnak ih thil fate ih rak tuah thok (tha le tha lo theihnak ah): *a pilot project, study, survey, etc* ○ *a pilot edition of a new language course* ○ *a pilot scheme to vaccinate children against German measles.*

pilot *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth (through sth)** (a) mawng (tangphawlawng, vanzam): *pilot a plane* ○ *pilot a ship through the Panama Canal.* (b) lam hmuh: *pilot sb through a crowd.* (c) (in Parliament) thu burmi cang suak le suak lo — cang suak dingih tuah: *pilot a bill through the House.* **2** [Tn] a tehnak ah tuah hmaisa: *Schools in this area are piloting the new maths course.*

□ **pilot-boat** *n* tangphawlawng mawngtu tangphawlawng ih fehpinak lawng.

pilot-fish *n* tangphawlawng thlun thei theu nga fate, lole, shark timi nga thluntu.

pilot-light (also **pilot-burner**) *n* cat lo ih a alhmi mei, eg on a gas cooker or boiler, and lights a larger burner when the gas is turned on.

Pilot Officer (Brit) England ram vanzam ralkap ih bawi nauta pakhat.

pimento /ˈpɪməntəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ s) **1** (a) (also **allspice**) [U] Jamaica ram ih ti haang thlakmi thil rah phunkhat. (b) [C] cuvek thingkung.

pimp /pɪmp/ *n* (a) (also **pander**) tawzuar pawl mi hawl saktu. (b) tawzuar pawl hotu (khawngtu), cuih hnaʔuan ih pumcawm-awmi.

▷ **pimp** *v* [I, Ipr] ~ **(for sb)** nunau a zuar hrangmi va hawlsak.

pimpernel /ˈpɪmpənəl/ *n* a par arsi vek a si ih a rong sendup, mepian, lole, a rang ih ruah bek le khuadur can ah a khup-aw thei pangpar kung phun khat.

pimple /ˈpɪmpl/ *n* hricu: *a pimple on one's chin* ○

teenage pimples.

▷ **pimpled** *adj* hricu a nei/um mi: a pimpled back.

pimply /ˈpɪmpli/ *adj* **1** hricu a nei/um mi: a pimply face ○ pimply skin. **2** (*infml derog*) (of a person) ruahnak a kim hrih lomi/pitling lomi: I don't want to speak to some pimply youth, I want to see the manager!

pin¹ /pɪn/ *n* **1** [C] (**a**) zungthim. (**b**) thil kilhnak thim: a diamond pin ○ a tie-pin ○ a hat-pin. **2** [C] a phunphun hmannak hrang a simi thil thlainak/thil sawhnak: a 2-pin plug, ie a type of electric plug ○ a drawing-pin ○ a hairpin ○ a rolling-pin ○ ninepins ○ (US) a clothes-pin, ie a clothes-peg. **3** [C] (also **safety pin**) tuai-eh; kutden bom ih puak thei lo dingih khamnak thir kilh. **4** pins [pl] (*infml*) ke. **5** (idm) **clean as a new pin** ⇒ CLEAN¹. **for two pins** mi hiip theinak malte: For two pins I'd tell him what I think of him. **hear a pin drop** ⇒ HEAR. **no care/give a pin/two pins (for sth)** thil thupi ih neih lo: He doesn't give two pins for what the critics say about his work. **on one's pins** (*infml*) din le vaak ah: She's not very steady on her pins. ○ be quick on one's pins.

□ **pin-ball** *n* [U] thir bawhlung tete thawn lehnak phunkhat: [attrib] a pin-ball machine.

pincushion *n* pin pawl hei dawhnak dingah thil thi pawl ih hmanmi a phah.

pin-head *n* (*infml*) (**a**) (*derog*) mi aa. (**b**) thil fate ngai te, lole, a cukte.

pin-money *n* [U] (**a**) a tulum thil tuktak leinak dingih nunau hnenih pekmi paisa. (**b**) thil a hlei ih tulum tete hrang paisa khawl le hlawhmi. **pinpoint** *n* (**a**) pin ih a zumlam a zim. (**b**) thil a fate ih a hriammi. — *v* [Tn] (**a**) thil pakhat ih a umnak cekci hei hawl: pinpoint the spot on a map. (**b**) thu fiang te in le a cekci in simfiang: pinpoint the causes of the political unrest ○ pinpoint the areas in most urgent need of help.

pinprick *n* thil pakhat a fate le a thupi lo nain mi hnainnoktu.

pins and needles taksa hit (thimte sun vekih um).

pin-stripe *n* puan tungtial cip (rin fiak mi): [attrib] a pin-stripe suit.

pin-table *n* pin ball lehnak cabuai.

pin² /pɪn/ *v* (-nn-) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ sth to sth; ~ sth (together) zungthim thawn thil pakhat ah kilh: Be careful when you try on the dress — it's only pinned. ○ a note pinned to the document ○ Pin the bills together so you don't lose them. ○ (fig) They held him with his arms pinned to his side. **2** [Tn-pr] ~ sth on sb mi pakhat parah hei hngat (hei rin): We're pinning all our hopes on you, ie relying on you completely. **3** (phr v) **pin sb/sth against/under sth** thil pakhat, lole, mi pakhat thawn/caangvai thei lo ih tuah: They pinned him against the wall. ○ She was pinned

under the wreckage of the car. ○ The car was pinned under a fallen tree. **pin sth back/down/up** mah duhzawng — remcang zawng ih thil pakhat zungthim thawn kilh: pin up a notice on the board, ie with drawing-pins. **pin sb down** (**a**) mi pakhat caang thei lo ih tuah (kaihref): He was pinned down by his attackers. (**b**) mi pakhat a duhnak fiangter: She's a difficult person to pin down. **pin sb down (to sth/doing sth)** thil/thu pakhat parah mi pakhat a lungkimter: I managed to pin him down to meeting us after work. ○ You'll find it difficult to pin him down to (naming) a price. **pin sth down** thil pakhat a cekci fiangter: There's something wrong with this colour scheme but I can't quite pin it down. **pin sth on sb** mi pakhat parah mawhphurhnak peek: The bank manager was ready to blame, though he tried to pin it on a clerk.

□ **pin-up** *n* (*infml*) (**a**) mi hmle tha, lole, mi hmin thang pakhat ih zuk (phar parih tar dingmi): [attrib] a pin-up pose. (**b**) mi pakhat cu vekih tar dingih zuk (suai mi).

PIN *abbr* (also **PIN number**) personal identification number (issued by a bank, etc to a customer for use with a cash card).

pinafore /ˈpɪnəfɔː(r)/ *n* hnipuan hrukmi fai seh tiih a leng ih hrukmi a baan um lo kor dor saupi.

□ **pinafore dress** a baan nei lo le kawlaa nei lomi nunau hnipuan le tuuhmul angki par hrukmi.

pince-nez /ˈpæns'neɪ/ *n* (pl unchanged) [sing or pl v] mi khar par ih hnar thawn a kilhtu thilri.

pincer /ˈpɪnsə(r)/ *n* **1** [C] thil cehnak (eg caiceh). **2** pincers [pl] tlawngkhen tivek thlongnak ding thircep: a pair of pincers.

□ **pincer movement** raal pawl ih umnak kha hmun hnih in rak do ton.

pinch /pɪntʃ/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] (**a**) hmet: He pinched the child's cheek playfully. (**b**) mi pakhat kut ih hmet (na seh tiah): The child was crying because somebody had pinched her. ○ I was so amazed I had to pinch myself in case it was all a dream. (**c**) thil khoh zet pahnih karlak ah thil pakhat rak cep: The door pinched my finger as it shut. **2** [I, Tn] (esp of shoes) kadam teet tuk ih nat: These new boots pinch (me). **3** [Tn] ~ sth (from sb/sth) (*infml*) a neitu thupeek lo ih thil laak; fir: He's been pinching money from the cashbox. ○ Who's pinched my dictionary? **4** [Tn esp passive] (sl) (of the police) kaih le thawng ih khum: He was still carrying the stolen goods when he was pinched. ○ get pinched for driving while drunk. **5** (idm) **pinch and save/scrape** tirhfak zet ih nung: Her parents pinched and scraped so that she could study singing abroad. Cf SCRIMP AND SAVE (SCRIMP). **6** (phr v) **pinch sth off/out** laak hlo/hei thianter: pinch out the weak

shoots on a plant ○ pinch off the dead flowers.

▷ **pinch** *n* **1** hmet, naapi in rek: *She gave him a pinch (on the arm) to wake him up.* **2** kut zungpi le mehtaw in napi in hmet: *a pinch of chilli powder* ○ *Put another pinch of tea in the pot.* **3** (idm) **at a pinch** a ʔulnak daan in, a si thei taw in: *We can get six people round this table at a pinch.* **feel the pinch** ⇒ FEEL¹. **if it comes to the pinch** a ʔulnak ah/thupoi cakkhai ah: *If it comes to the pinch, we shall have to sell the house.* **take sth with a grain/pinch of salt** ⇒ SALT.

pinched *adj* (a) ~ (with sth) thil pakhat khat tuar/rethei: *be pinched with cold/poverty* ○ *look pinched/have a pinched look*, ie drawn or haggard. (b) [pred] ~ **for sth** a ʔul zat nei lo/um lo, sambau: *pinched for money, space, time.*

pinchbeck /pɪnʃbek/ *n* [U] dar le rangva ih tuahmi sui hmel a pumi — thil mawi ih hmanmi.

▷ **pinchbeck** *adj* thil a lem, a taktak si lo.

pine¹ /paɪn/ *n* (a) (also pine tree) [C] far kung: [attrib] *pine-scented*, ie (esp of a deodorant, disinfectant, soap, etc) smelling of pines. (b) [U] farthing — inn thilri ih tuah theih: [attrib] *a pine dresser.*

□ **pine-cone** *n* far rah.

pine-needle *n* far hnah.

pine² /paɪn/ *v* **1** [I] thin nuam lo zet ih um (zun tuar): *She certainly hasn't been pining while you were away!* **2** [Ipr, It] ~ (for sb/sth) ngai zet; mang zet: *She was pining for her mother.* ○ *They were pining to return home.* **3** (idm) **peak and pine** ⇒ PEAK². **4** (phr v) **pine away** lungsiatnak ruangah ʔumtawl in um ih thi: *She lost interest in living and just pined away.*

pineal /paɪniəl/ *adj* far rah vek a simi.

□ **pineal gland** thluak sungah far rah vekin a ummi.

pineapple /paɪnæpl/ *n* (a) [C, U] thurban: *fresh/tinned pineapple* ○ [attrib] *pineapple juice.* (b) [C] thurban kung.

ping /pɪŋ/ *n* thil hak zet (thir veve tivek) pahnih khawn-awknak awring: *The ping of a spoon hitting a glass* ○ *the ping of bullets hitting the rocks* ○ *There was a loud ping as the elastic broke.*

▷ **ping** *v* **1** [I, Tn] hivek aw suahter: *bullets pinging overhead* ○ *ping a knife against a glass.*

2 [I] (US) = PINK³.

ping-pong /pɪŋpɒŋ/ *n* [U] (infml) (also **table tennis**) pingpong lehnak; cabuai parih arti bawhlung thawi lehnak: *a game of ping-pong* ○ [attrib] *a ping-pong champion.*

pinion¹ /pɪniən/ *n* (fml) **1** (a) vate thla a leenglam. (b) (dated) vate thla. **2** vate ih a zuannak thla.

▷ **pinion** *v* **1** [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sb/sth against/to sth**; ~ **sth together** mi pakhat caang thei lo dingih kai, lole, a kut kai: *They*

were pinioned against the wall by the lorry. ○ *He was held with his arms pinioned together behind his back.* **2** [Tn] vate zam thei lo dingih a zuannak thla tan.

pinion² /pɪniən/ *n* cet sung ih lengha nei; kiar (gear) ha.

pink¹ /pɪŋk/ *adj* **1** senrau; sen tuk lo — sen deem: *rose/salmon pink walls* ○ *go/turn pink with confusion, embarrassment, etc.* **2** (infml) politics ah kehnam a hoi deuhmi. Cf RED². **3** (idm) **be tickled pink/to death** ⇒ TICKLE.

▷ **pink** *n* **1** [U] (hnipuan) senrau: *Pink is her favourite colour.* ○ *dressed in pink.* **2** [C] a rong senrau sen dup le a phunphun par a nei mi par kung. **3** (idm) **in the pink (of condition/health)** dam zet/harhdam zet: *The children all looked in the pink after their holiday.*

pinkish *adj* senrau nawnnawn: *a pinkish glow.*

□ **pink-eye** *n* [U] mitnat nak (a suan-aw theimi).

pink gin thiing rim thaw ih tuahmi a rong cu senrau a si ih a khami thiitha caknak si thawn rawimi zu phunkhat.

pink² /pɪŋk/ *v* [Tn] **1** dimtein sun. **2** a kawi (z) vekih thil aat.

□ **pinking shears** (also **pinking scissors**) kaihci asinain a haa hluah vekih tuahmi.

pink³ /pɪŋk/ (US **ping** /pɪŋ/) *v* [I] (of a car engine) mawtaw a ʔha lo tikah malte te in a puakmi.

pinnacle /pɪnɪs/ *n* tangphawlawng pi ihsin tiva kap karlak ah milai thiar. Cf LIGHTER².

pinnacle /pɪnækl/ *n* **1** luanglu parih a mawinak ih an tuahmi thil zum. **2** lungto saangih a zummi, lole, tlangzim zum. **3** a san biknak: *the pinnacle of one's career, fame, success, etc.*

pinnate /pɪneɪt/ *adj* (botany) (of a leaf) a ʔeek kiangih hnahtete ummi.

pinny /pɪni/ *n* (infml) baan nei lo kor leng fualpi: *where's my kitchen pinny.*

pint /paɪnt/ *n* **1** (abbr pt) (a) (Brit) England ram ih thil a ti an tahnak; gallon pakhat ih ah pint 8 a um: *a pint of beer, milk, shrimps.* (b) (US) American pawl ih a ti an tah daan (0.473 litre a um). **2** thil hi zat a simi cawhnawi, lole, beer zu: *They stopped at the pub for a pint.* **3** (idm) **put a quart into a pint pot** ⇒ QUART.

□ **pint-sized** *adj* (infml) a fate zet.

pinto /pɪntəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ s) (US) rang a rong a cokpolhmi; a ʔialmi.

▷ **pinto** *adj* a rong cokpolhmi: *pinto beans.*

pinoneer /paɪəˈniə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) ram pakhat, hmun pakhat va feh hmaisai bikt: *land cleared by the pioneers* ○ [attrib] *pioneer wagons.* (b) theih dah lo ram va fehtu: *pioneers in space.* **2** fimthiamnak phun khat ah a va zir hmaisatu: *They were pioneers in the field of microsurgery.* ○ [attrib] *pinoneer work.* **3** ralram ah lamzin va tuah dingah ralkap burkhat ral ram sungih va fehtu.

▷ **pioneer** *v* **1** [I] va ti hmaisai bik; a thar va

tuah/nor. **2** [Tn] hmun thar zin thar va ong: *pioneer a new route to the coast*. **3** [Tn] thil phunkhat va tuahtu hmaisai bik: *She pioneered the use of the drug*.

pious /paɪəs/ *adj* **1** biaknak lam ah a pe-awmi; sakhuami. **2** (*derog*) mi tha hei si-awter: *He dismissed his critics as pious do-gooders who were afraid to face the facts*.

▷ **piously** *adv.* **piousness** *n* [U].

pip¹ /pɪp/ *n* thil mu — thing rah mu fate, eg lingmaw (serthlum), apple, sabit tivek.

pip² /pɪp/ *n* (idm) **give sb the pip** (*Brit infml*) mi pakhat zinfie dingih tuah; thintawi ko ih tuah, lole, thasia dingih tuah: *She gives me the pip*. ○ *His disgusting jokes gave everybody the pip*.

pip³ /pɪp/ *n* awtawi ring (darkhing awn, telephone awn tivek): *At the third pip the time will be 6.45 exactly*. ○ *Wait until you hear the pips and then put in more money, eg when using a pay phone*. ○ *The weather forecast is followed by the pips at 6 o'clock*.

pip⁴ /pɪp/ *n* **1** phe cahnah par ih zuk. **2** (*Brit infml*) Mirang (England) ral bawi pawl ih liang parih bo.

pip⁵ /pɪp/ *v* (**-pp-**) (*infml*) **1** [Tn] cuum; tawng: *pipped in the shoulder*. **2** (idm) **pip sb at the post** (esp passive) mi pakhat thil zuam-awknak ah va neh ceuceu, lole caan cem zikte ah va neh: *We didn't win the contract: we were pipped at the post by a firm whose price was lower*.

pipal (also **pee-pul**) /pi:pəl/ *n* India ram ih theipi.

pipe¹ /paɪp/ *n* **1** [C] titler pum (thir, lole, plastic); dawng: a *water-pipe* ○ *gas-pipe* ○ a *drain-pipe* ○ the *windpipe*, ie air-passage in the body. **2** [C] (**a**) (also **tobacco pipe**) kuak zuknak pipe; kuakcaat: *smoke a pipe* ○ [attrib] *pipe tobacco*. (**b**) (also **pipeful** /-fʊl/) zuknak pipe. **3** [C] (*music*) (**a**) phawt ih tummi awmawi (eg phirivau): *pipes of Pan*, ie pan-pipes. (**b**) organ — thli ih semmi ih awnmawi suak. (**c**) **pipes** [pl] = BAGPIPES. **4** [C] hur-huuk (lawnghlautu ih hurhuuk). **5** [C] vate ai-awn (hlavek). **6** [C] zu 105 gallons tlemmi thingih tuahmi beel tumpi (barrel). **7** (idm) **put that in your pipe and smoke it** (*infml*) ka lo simmi na duh le duh lo khalle na cohlan a tuul: *I'm not giving up my holiday to suit you, so you can put that in your pipe and smoke it!*

□ **pipeclay** *n* [U] kuaklu tuahnak ih hmanmi; sentlung; savun a rong thleng (rangter)nak ih hmanmi.

pipe-cleaner *n* kuakcaat a sunglam kholhnak hmanmi thil neem ih tuammi thirfung.

pipe-dream *n* a cang thei lo ding le tuah thei lo dingmi parah beiseinak nei; tumtahnak nei.

pipeline *n* **1** titler pum (thir, lole, plastic) tuan sau pipi — zinan le gas ti pawl hmun dang hlapi ah kuatnak. (*fig*) **2** thu thup le thup lo thuhla pawl theihnak/ngahnak: a *pipeline to*

head office, the Prime Minister, the manufacturer. **3** (idm) **in the pipeline** (**a**) (of goods, orders, etc) rak buaipi, lole, ti lai/tuah rero lai — lamzin ah a si lai. (**b**) (thil thleng-awmi/upadi, thubur le tumtah forhfial tivek pawl) tuah lai/rel lai, a ra cang lai ding: *New laws to deal with this abuse are in the pipeline*.

pipe² /paɪp/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] thiar (tidai, gas tii) a dangah hei thlen: *pipe water into a house/to a farm* ○ *pipe oil across the desert*. **2** (esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr) thirhri in hmun dang ah thlen/thiar (awnmawi): *Nearly all the shops have piped music*, ie recorded music played continuously. **3** [I, Tn] (**a**) awnmawi suahnak thil dawng in (hla) rak tum: *He piped (a jig) so that we could dance*. (**b**) (of a bird) hla sak — vate awn. (**c**) (of a person, esp a child) napi ih tong. **4** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] (*nautical*) (**a**) tangphawlawng hnañuan pawl tangphawlawng par ih aunak dawng hmang ih kawh: *pipe all hands on deck*. (**b**) tangphawlawng par ih aunak dawng hmangin mi hmuaknak: *pipe the captain aboard/on board* ○ *pipe the guests in*. **5** [Tn] (**a**) thil pakhat mawinak dingih rem le tan: *pipe a skirt, cushion*, etc with blue silk. (**b**) hmuk parih tikhal thawn cangan: *pipe 'Happy Birthday on a cake*. **6** (phr v) **pipe down** (*infml*) tong lo/ nguui: *She told the children to pipe down while she was talking on the telephone*. **pipe up** (*infml*) ring zet in hei tong suak lohli.

piper /paɪpə(r)/ *n* **1** phirivau tumtu (Scotland pawl ih hmanmi a bu le a dawng tampi neimi awnmawi thil tumtu). **2** (idm) **he who pays the piper calls the tune** ⇒ PAY.

pipette /pɪˈpet/ *n* (esp in chemistry) thlalang tuahmi dawng — a tii pawl tahnak ih hmanmi.

piping /ˈpaɪpɪŋ/ *n* [U] **1** (**a**) (system of) lihong luannak dawng le tidai laaknak dawng laak le tuah daan: *The piping will need to be renewed*. (**b**) dawng pakhat a sau daan: *ten feet of lead piping*. **2** (**a**) hnipuan tlaang tuam bilmi (a mawinak ih tuahmi). (**b**) khekhmuk (*cake*) parih a mawinak dingih a rin tuahmi. **3** phirivau tummi aw: *We heard their piping in the distance*.

▷ **piping** *adj* **1** (esp of a person's voice) aw saang zet ih tuah. **2** (idm) **piping hot** (of liquids, food) a sa zet: *a bowl of soup served piping hot*.

pipit /ˈpɪpɪt/ *n* biakbairak vate vek vate fate phunkhat.

pippin /ˈpɪpɪn/ *n* (*infml or derog*) a hel ih ei theihmi apple phunkhat.

pip-squeak /ˈpɪpskwɪk/ *n* (*infml derog*) mah le mah a uar-aw zetmi - mi fate, mino, mi thupi lo.

piquant /ˈpɪkənt/ *adj* **1** rimhmui thawtnak nei zetmi: *Bland vegetables are often served with a piquant sauce*. **2** lungthoter zet: *piquant bit of gossip*.

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▷ **piquancy** /-ənsi/ *n* [U] lungthawhternak: *the delicate piquancy of the soup.*
piquantly *adv.*

pique /pi:k/ *v* [Tn esp passive] **1** mithmai siatter; ningzahnak rak canter; thinnatnak: *She seemed rather piqued.* ○ *He was piqued to discover that he hadn't been invited.* **2** thawhter (mi pakhat ih lungduh le theih duhnak): *Her curiosity was piqued.*

▷ **pique** *n* [U] riahasiatnak; thin ai-thawhternak: *When he realized nobody was listening to him, he left the room in a fit of pique.* ○ *Out of pique they refused to accept the compromise offered.*

piquet /p'ket/ *n* [U] mi pahnih lawng ih lehmi phe — phe hnah 32 thawn lehmi.

piranha /p'ra:njə/ *n* America ram khuahlumnak hmun ih nunghring ei theimi ti kua nga phunkhat.

pirate /pa'rət/ *n* **1** (a) (esp formerly) tipithuanthum le tiffinriat parah mi tangphawlawng kha va siim ih an thilri tangka tivek lonsaktu mi-fir; tipi suamhmang: [attrib] *a pirate crew, ship, flag.* (b) (esp formerly) hivek tuahnak dingih hmanmi tangphawlawng. Cf **CORSAIR**. **2** cabu, video tivek siannak um loin fir ih suahmi: [attrib] *a pirate edition, video, tape, etc.* **3** (a) (also **pirate radio**) laisin (siannak caken) um lo ih radio aw suahnak (tangphawlawng parah a si deuh bik): *interference with radio reception caused by pirates.* (b) [U] laisin nei lomi radio aw suahnak ih thuthantu.

▷ **piracy** /pa'rəst/ *n* (a) [U] tipi suamhmang pawl ih thilfirnak. (b) [U] upadi leeng ih mi thil (ca) fir ih ngan, lole, thu thannak tuah. (c) [C] hi pahnih sungin pakhat khat tuahmi.

pirate *v* [Tn] upadi leeng ih (thu peek nei lo ih) mi cabu nganmi ngan saal: *a pirated edition of the plays.* ⇒ Usage at **SMUGGLE**.

piratical /pa'rə'tikl/ *adj* tipi suamhmang vekin thilti. **piratically** /pa'rə'tikl/ *adv.*

pirouette /pi'rʊet/ *n* ballet laamtu nunau in a kezung par ding in zamrang te'n a her-awknak.
 ▷ **pirouette** *v* [I] cuti ih her-awk.

piscatorial /piskə'tɔ:riəl/ *adj* **1** nga kaihnak, lole, nga kaitu thawn a pehparmi. **2** (of a person) nga kaih a hiar zettu.

Pisces /pa'si:z/ *n* **1** [pl] Greek pawl ih tinzohnak hmanmi can zohnak ih a hleihnih nak caan then langnak; nga in a langter. **2** [C] himi caan then langnak simi nga zuk caan sung suaktu.

▷ **Piscean** *n, adj.* ⇒ Usage at **ZODIAC**.

piss /pis/ *v* (Δ *sl*) **1** (a) zun thawh. (b) [Tn] ~ **oneself** zun thlau: (fig) *piss oneself laughing*, ie laugh uncontrollably. (c) [Tn] zun ah thii tel: *piss blood.* **2** (phr *v*) **piss (sb) about/around** mi pakhat thupi lo le aatthlaak zet ih va (tuah) buai: *Stop pissing about and get on with your work.* ○ *We were pissed around for hours before*

they finally gave us the right form. **piss down** ruah naapi in a suur. **piss off** (esp *Brit*) feh aw! tlan aw!. **piss sb off** (esp passive) mi pakhat zinfe zet ih tuah: *Everybody is pissed off (with all the changes of plan).*

▷ **piss** *n* (Δ *sl*) **1** (a) [U] zun. (b) [C esp *sing*] zun hei thawh: *go for/have a piss.* **2** (idm) **take the piss (out of sb/sth)** mi pakhat, lole, thil pakhat capohnak ih hman.

pissed *adj* (Δ *Brit sl*) **1** zu ri. **2** (idm) (as) **pissed as a newt** zu ri zet.

pistachio /prɪ'stɑ:ʃiəʊ; US -æʃiəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ **s**) (a) (also **pistachio nut**) thing rah ei theih a si ih a mu a hring rong neimi: [attrib] *pistachio ice-cream.* (b) cuvek rah nei kung. (c) (also **pistachio gree**) hi thingrah mu a hring rong.

piste /pi:st/ *n* (French) vur parah thir ke bun thawn tlannak ding ih a hakmi vur.

pistil /pɪstl/ *n* pangpar ih a cii suahternak ding a nu thilri.

pistol /pɪstl/ *n* **1** meithal fate, kutkhat ih hman theih (zun ruk puak): *an automatic pistol.* **2** (idm) **hold a pistol to sb's head** mi pakhat a tuah duh lomi tuahter dingah hring le hro.

piston /pɪstl/ *n* **1** thir pheeng tung kual; thing pheng fung kual, a dang thir/thing fung kual ah bun ih duhduh ih merh theih — cet bu sungih hman a si bik. **2** tawtawrawt, lole, thil phawt theih mi sungih a tlaap an danmi.

□ **piston-engined** *adj* (of an aircraft) piston bunmi cet nei vanzambleeng.

piston ring *adj* piston tlaang kual khuar mi ih bunmi sunglam ah thaw suak lo ih khamtu thir kual.

pit' /pɪt/ *n* **1** [C] lei kua, khur. **2** [C] (esp in compounds) (a) lei sungsuak thil laksuahnak khur: *a chalk-pit* ○ *a gravel-pit* ○ *a lime-pit.* (b) thil tuah suaknak dingih tuahmi lei kua: *a saw-pit.* **3** [C] = **COAL-MINE** (**COAL**): *go down the pit*, ie work as a miner. **4** [C] thingkung par le ramsa/minung ruangpi parih kuar: *the pit of the stomach*, ie the hollow between the ribs below the breastbone, thought to be the place where fear is felt ○ *armpit*, ie hollow underneath the shoulder where the arm joins the body. **5** [C] (a) hmaiuh natnak vun parih a kua tete. (b) thlalang le thir parih kuar tete ummi. **6 the pit** [sing] (*Brit*) puai zohnak khaan ah a laamnak don saangtu buk hmailam tohkham dungih lei par to hmun. **7** [sing] (also **orchestra pit**) laamnak don hmai ih a niam deuhnak awnmawi tumpawl umnak. **8** (a) [C] motor tuahnak (a siat remnak) hmun ih motor hmailam tuah/rem theinak ah lei/hmun kuar an tuahmi. (b) **the pits** [pl] motor tlan zuam-awknak ah zin kiangih datsi thannak, a leeng thlen theinak hmun. **9** [sing] (*US*) (esp in compounds) thilri thleng-awknak ih hmanmi zial hmun khat: *the wheat-pit.* **10 the pit** [sing]

(Bible or rhet) hell tinak. **11** [C] thang kamnak ih khur laihmi. **12** (idm) **be the pits** (infml esp US) siava zet, lole, a sia bik sinak: *The comedian's performance was the pits!*

▷ **pit** *v* (-tt-) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr esp passive] ~ **sth** (with sth) kuarer: *Acid had pitted surface of the silver.* ○ *a face pitted with smallpox* ○ *The surface of the moon is pitted with craters.* **2** (phr v) **pit sb/sth against sb/sth** mi hei zuam — neh tum: *pit one's wits against the bureaucracy of the tax office* ○ *pit oneself against the reigning champion.*

□ **pit-head** *n* lung-meihol laihsak kua ih a luhnak tlaang: [attrib] a *pit-head* ballot, ie a vote, esp about union matters, taken by miners at the pit-head.

pit pony leitang kua ah thil dirtu ih hmanmi rang fate.

pit-prop *n* leitang leikuar pi ah lung-meihol khur ah leilung min lo dingih hun donak.

pit² /pit/ *n* (esp US) = STONE 5.

▷ **pit** *v* [Tn] (-tt-) (esp US) zanthing rah ih a mu laak suak: *pitted olives.*

pit-a-pat /pitə'pæt/ (also **pitter-patter**) /i pitə'pætə(r)/ *adv* ring tuk lo: *Her heart/feet went pit-a-pat.*

▷ **pit-a-pat** (also **pitter-patter**) *n* hivek awn: *The pit-a-pat of the rain on the roof.*

pitch¹ /pitʃ/ *n* [U] **1** kattaya. **2** (idm) **black as ink/pitch** ⇒ BLACK.

□ **pitch-black** *adj* dum zet.

pitch-dark *adj* (a) khua a thim zet — a thim taktak. (b) a dum zet. **the pitch-dark** *n* [U] khua thim ngai: *we couldn't see our way in the pitch-dark.*

pitch-pine *n* [U, C] a hnaai tampi a suak theimi far thing.

pitch² /pitʃ/ *v* **1** [Tn] buuk saam; thlam sak: *They pitched camp on the moor for the night.* Cf STRIKE² 11. **2** [Tn-pr, Cn-a] (a) (in music) hla-aw laak saang le niam: *The song is pitched too low for me.* ○ *pitch sth in a higher key* ○ *a high-/low-pitched voice* ○ (fig) *pitch one's hopes high.* (b) (fig) thil a san-niam cintawk ih sim: *The programme was pitched at just the right level.* ○ *an explanation pitched at a simple level so that a child could understand it* ○ *pitch sth a bit high/strong*, ie exaggerate. **3** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] (thil, minung ah) na pi in va thluukter; naapi in hei thluuk: *He pitched (forward) on his head.* ○ *The car hit the child and she pitched over backwards.* ○ *The carriage overturned and the passengers (were) pitched out.* **4** [I, Ip] (of a ship or an aircraft) niam thul saang thul ih hnin le hlok ciamco: *The ship pitched and rolled and many passengers were sick.* Cf ROLL² 6. **5** [Tn, Tn-pr] deeng (thil/minung) tumtahnak neih; hmuitinnak zawn ah hlon/deeng: *Let's pitch out the troublemakers.* ○ *pitch a stone into*

the river ○ *People just pitch their rubbish over the wall.* **6** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn-p] (in cricket) bawlung thlaaknak ding bawm kiangkap ih bawlung hei den: *The ball was pitched short.* ○ *pitch the ball up a bit.* (b) [I, Tn] (in baseball) bawlung a thawitu ding hnen ih bawlung hei den. **7** [Tn] (infml) thuhla hei reel, lole, thu dangih hei puh: *They pitched a yarn about finding the jewels.* **8** (phr v) **pitch in; pitch into sth** (infml) (a) zuam zet in hnaŋuan thok ciamco: *they all itched in and soon finished the job.* ○ *They pitched into the work immediately.* (b) kaa thaw zet ih hei ei: *We had prepared supper for the team and they all pitched in.* ○ *They pitched into the meal.* **pitch into sb** (infml) naa pi in mi va do/thawi. **pitch in** (with sth) mi va bawm, lole, dinpi: *They pitched in with contributions of money.*

▷ **pitched** *adj* (of a roof) (inn luanglu)hraap.

pitched battle (raldonak) khatlam khatlam ŋankhuar ih a cang thei thil hmuahhmuah hman ih do-aw: (fig) *Conservationists fought a pitched battle with developers over the future of the site.* Cf SKIRMISH.

□ **pitch-and-toss** *n* [U] hmuitinnak hmun nei ih tangka fang (coin) den zuam-aw lehnak.

pitchfork /pitʃɔ:k/ *n* a hlok saupi bunmi fangko caar le thil dang cawh le thaainak thir/thing teek. — *v* **1** [Tn] cuvek a thaainak thil thawn cawh le thaai. **2** (phr v) **pitchfork sb into sth** duh lo cingin hnaŋuan pakhat ah luhter: *young men pitchforked into the army.*

pitch³ /pitʃ/ *n* **1** [C] (sport) (a) (in cricket) thing tunmi karlak. (b) (in football, hockey, etc) lehnak dingih tuahmi a riin sung. **2** [C] (a) thil den. (b) (in cricket) bawlung a den dan: *a full pitch*, ie a bowled ball that does not bounce before reaching the batsman. (c) (in baseball) bawlung a den/a den daan. **3** [U] (a) aw saan le niam: *give the pitch* ○ *have absolute/perfect pitch*, ie the ability to recognize or reproduce the pitch of a note. (b) a aw that daan. **4** [sing] a hmualnat nak: *Speculation has reached, such a pitch that a decision will have to be made immediately.* **5** [U] ~ of sth a saanak bik: *the pitch of perfection.* **6** [U] tidai parih tangphawlawng a saan a niam a hlok daan. Cf ROLL¹ 3. **7** [U] thil a hraap le hraap lo um daan. **8** [C] (esp Brit) lamzin ih dawr antuah/thil an zuarnak a hmun bik, lole, lamzin lak ah mipi nomnak ih thil tuahnak hmun. **9** [C] (also **sales pitch**) dawr zuartu ih mi biak daan le eelthiam daan: *a clever sales pitch.* **10** [idm] **at concert pitch** ⇒ CONCERT. **at/to fever pitch** ⇒ FEVER. **queer sb's pitch** ⇒ QUEER *v*.

pitchblende /pitʃ'blend/ *n* [U] uranium le radium thil ngah theinak a simi a dum-tleu mi lei sungsuak thil.

pitcher¹ /pitʃə(r)/ *n* (a) (esp Brit) hman ti

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toihnak pung; thil a tii retnak — kut kaihnak pakhat, lole, pahni ummi — a tii thletnak hmuur a nei. (b) (US) ngiang nei hai.

pitcher² /pɪtʃə(r)/ *n* (in baseball) bawlung thawitu hnenah bawlung a deengtu.

piteous /pɪtiəs/ *adj* (fml) zaangfahza: a piteous cry, sight, story ○ in a piteous condition.

▷ **piteously** *adv.* **piteousness** *n* [U].

pitfall /pɪtfɔ:l/ *n* **1** tlaknak khur; rin lopi ih vansi at tonnak, lole, harsatnak: *This text presents many pitfalls for the translator.* **2** = PIT¹ 11.

pith /pɪθ/ *n* [U] **1** (a) thingkung hrekhat ah a kungsung ih a sa neemmi; a muril. (b) dawhlei rah sungih a neemnak. **2** (fig) **the ~ of sth** thil pakhat ih a thupitnak bik; thu pakhat ih a muril: *that was the pith of his argument.*

▷ **pithy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** a tawi ih ti duh sannak a kimmi: a pithy description of the event ○ a pithy comment, remark, saying, etc. **2** cuvek a simi. **pithily** /-li/ *adv* tawi le famkim in.

pithiness *n* [U] tawi le famkim a sinak: *Her work is known for pithiness of style.*

□ **pith hat** (also **pith helmet**) nisa tuarnak dingih hrampi kung ih tuahmi lukhuh.

pitiable /pɪtiəbl/ *adj* **1** zaangfakza: in a pitiable state ○ pitiable misery. **2** santlai lo: a pitiable attempt to save himself from disgrace ○ a pitiable lack of talent.

▷ **pitiously** /-əbli/ *adv.*

pitiful /pɪtɪfl/ *adj* **1** zaangfakza: a pitiful condition, invalid, sight ○ *Their suffering was pitiful to see.* **2** santlai lo: pitiful efforts, excuses, lies ○ a pitiful coward.

▷ **pitifully** /-fəli/ *adv* **1** zaangfakza zet in: pitifully injured ○ *The child was pitifully thin.* **2** zaangfakza si zet: a pitifully bad performance.

pitiless /pɪtɪləs/ *adj* **1** mi zaangfah nei lo: a pitiless killer, bandit, tyrant, etc ○ pitiless retribution, revenge, etc. **2** (fig) zaangfah nei lo/ lungkhong — ti rumro: a scorching, pitiless sun ○ the pitiless winds of a Siberian winter.

▷ **pitilessly** *adv.* **pitilessness** *n* [U].

piton /pɪtɒn/ *n* (sport) lungkhaam parih kainak ah khatlam ah hri thlaihnak thirkual a si ih khatlam ah thil zum, lungto sung hei khenmi a um.

Pitot tube /pɪtəʊ tju:b; US -tu:b/ *n* (propr) thil dawng fate, khatlam pit, thil a tii ih thil pah daan, lole, a luan cah daan tahnak thilri.

pitta /pɪtə/ *n* [U] (also **pita**, **pitta bread**) pawngghum (sang) per, Greek le Israel sehveel hrawngih an eimi.

pittance /pɪtns/ *n* (usu sing) hlawhman, lole, bomnak tangka malte: *work all day for a mere pittance* ○ *She could barely survive on the pittance she received as a widow's pension.*

pitter-patter = PIT-A-PAT.

pituitary /pɪtʃuɪtəri; US -tu:etəri/ *n* (also

pituitary gland) taksa thannak cangtertu thluak hram ih ummi taksa bol fate.

pity /pɪti/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (for sb/sth) zaangfahnak: *be full of/filled with pity for sb* ○ *be moved to pity by sb's suffering* ○ *do sth out of pity for sb*, ie because one feels pity for him ○ *feel very little pity for sb.* **2** [sing] ~ (that...) malte lai riahsiatnak neih, lole, thin nom lonak nei: *It's a pity the weather isn't better for our outing today.* ○ *What a pity that you can't come to the theatre with us tonight.* ○ *The pity (of it) is that...*, ie The regrettable thing is that... **3** (idm) **have pity on sb** mi parah zaangfahnak neih. **more's the pity** (infml) vansi atnak ah: *'Did you insure the jewels before they were stolen?'* *'No, more's the pity!'* **take pity on sb** zaangfah ruangah mi va bom.

▷ **pity** *v* (pt, pp **pitied**) [Tn] **1** zaangfah: *Pity the poor sailors at sea in this storm!* ○ *Survivors of the disaster who lost their relatives are much to be pitied.* **2** hmuhsuam, nautat: *I pity you if you think this is an acceptable way to behave.* ○ *I pity you* (ie I am threatening you) *if you can't pay me the money by tomorrow.* **pitying** *adj* (a) zaangfahnak langter: *He lay helpless in the street under the pitying gaze of the bystanders.* (b) zaangfahnak le hmuhsuamnak: *The performer received only pitying looks from his audience.* **pitifully** *adv.*

pivot /pɪvət/ *n* **1** a her-awmi thil pawl an bun-awknak a laitlaangpi. **2** (fig) mi thupi bik/thil a thupi bik sinak: *Because her job had been the pivot of her life, retirement was very difficult.* ○ *That is the pivot of the whole argument.*

▷ **pivot** *v* **1** ~ (on sth) (a) [I, Ipr] a tlaang parah a her/a mer: *The doll pivots at the waist and neck.* ○ *She pivoted on her heels and swept out.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] a mer-awk theinak dingah a tlaang parah bun. **2** (phr v) **pivot on sth** a hmunpi bik (thu eel-awknak ih a thulu bik); a lai muril: *The whole discussion pivots on this one point.*

pivotal /-tl/ *adj* **1** thupi ah cantermi. **2** (fig) a thupitnak/a dang/thil dang ih sirhsan bik a si ruangah thupitnak; a lai muril: *a pivotal decision.*

pixie (also **pixy**) /pɪksi/ *n* (nauhak thuanthu sungih) lasi (khuavang).

pizza /pɪtse/ *n* [C, U] Italy rawl phunkhat: a sungah sangvut per a bial a si ih a (tlun) leeng ah kawhang, thawphat hak, sa tivek pawl thawn rawh romi.

pizzicato /pɪtsɪ'ka:təʊ/ *adj, adv* (music) tingtang fate (violin) a hri kut zung in perh ih tummi.

▷ **pizzicato** *n* (pl ~ s) hiti ih perh ih tum daan.

Pk abbr (esp on a map) Park: *St* (ie Saint) *James' Pk.*

pkg abbr package.

pkt abbr packet: *1 pkt cigarettes.*

Pl abbr (esp **on a map**) Place: *St* (ie Saint) *James'* *Pl*.

pl abbr (grammar) plural.

placard /plækɑ:d/ *n* cangan (kut in), lole, carialnak ih nganmi phar parah mi theih dingih tar, lole, mi hmuh dingih kenmi: *The parcards condemned the government's action.*

▷ **placard** *v* [Tn] **1** thil pakhat khat parah catar/ben. **2** cataar keng ih tlang-aupi.

placate /plə'keɪt/; *US* 'pleɪkeɪt/ *v* [Tn] thinhennak daihter deuhnak a simi.

▷ **placatory** /plə'keɪtəri/; *US* 'pleɪkətɔ:ri/ *adj* thin hen daihter deuh: *placatory remarks.*

place¹ /pleɪs/ *n* **1** [C] (mi/thil pakhat khat ih rak luahnak) hmun: *Is this the place where it happened?* ○ *This place seems familiar to me — I think I've been here before.* ○ *I can't be in two places at once.* ○ *He loves to be seen in all the right places,* ie at all the important social events. **2** [C] khua, hmun le ram: *We saw so many places on the tour I can't remember them all.* ○ *This town is the coldest place in Britain.* ○ *Australia is a big place.* **3** [C] ~ (of sth) thil pakhat tuahnak hmun: *a meeting-place, birthplace, hiding-place,* ie theatres, cinemas, etc ○ *a place of worship,* ie a church ○ *He can usually be contacted at his place of business/work.* ○ *a place of learning,* eg a university ○ *one's place of birth/death.* **4** [C] thil pakhat parih thil pakhat umnak: *a sore place on my foot* ○ *The wall was marked with damp in several places.* **5** [C] cabu, lole, thil hmuhnak (thuanthucawn) vekih thil a zawn tete: *The audience laughed in all the right places,* eg in a play. ○ *Put a piece of a paper in* (ie in your book) *to mark your place.* **6** [C] mi pakhat ih tonak umnak — umnak hammi: *Come and sit here — I've kept you a place* ○ *There's only one place left in the car park.* ○ *the place of honour at the head of the table* ○ *There will always be a place for you here if you decide to come back.* ○ *Return to you places and get on with you work.* ○ (fig) *have an assured place in history* ○ *I went to buy a newspaper and lost my place in the queue.* ⇒ Usage at SPACE. **7** [sing] upat (siank) nak lam ih dinhmun (reng): *keep/know one's place.* ○ *forget one's place,* ie not behave according to one's social position ○ *not be one's place* (ie one's proper role) *to give advice.* **8** [C] (a) hnaʔuan zakaa, lole, zung: *She hopes to get a place in the Civil Service.* (b) ca zirnak caan ʔha (tlawng, lole, phunsang tlawng): *She was awarded a place at the Royal College of Music.* ○ *The ballet school offers free places to children who are exceptionally talented.* (c) lekmi bur ih telnak: *She worked hard for the place in the Olympic team.* **9** [C] (a) thil pakhat ih a mai umnak ding hrimehmi a si mi: *Put everything away in its correct place.* ○ (saying) *A place for*

everything and everything in its place. ○ *The dustbin is the only place for most of these clothes.*

(b) umnak ding remcang: *A railway station is no place for a child to be left alone at night.* ○ *city streets are no place to be if you don't like noise or crowds.* **10** [C] (mathematics) nambat ngan tikah pakhat kim lomi ʔhen tikah a suak

zat: *calculated/correct to 5 decimal places/5 places of decimals,* eg 6.57132. **11** [C usu sing] (a) (in competition) (zuam-awknak ah) paziatnak a ngah timi: *He finished in third place.* (b) (in horse-racing) a pahnihnak, lole, pathumnak: *Did you back the horse for a place or to win?* **12** [C] (a) ram sung khuate lam ih inn tumpi: *They have a flat in town as well as a place in the country.* (b) (infml) inn — mah umnak inn: *We're having the party at my place.*

13 Place [sing] (esp Brit) (a) lamzin tawite: *Langham Place.* (b) ram sungah inn tumpi hmin thawn ngan ci: *Wakehurst Place.* **14** (idm) **all over the place** (infml) (a) khoitawk khal ah: *Firms are going bankrupt all over the place.* (b) hnok ruri/thiang lo: *The contents of the drawers were strewn all over the place.* ○ *Your hair is all over the place.* **change/swap places** (with sb) (a) mi umnak/dinhmun ah hei thleng — umnak thleng-aw: *Let's change places — you'll be able to see better from here.* (b) mi umnak ah va um: *I'm perfectly happy — I wouldn't change places with anyone.* **fall, fit, slot, etc into place** (of a set of facts or series of events) mi pawl-awknak ah theih thiamnak nei: *It all begins to fall into place.* **give place to sb/sth** mi pakhat ih, lole, thil dang pakhat ih thleng: *Houses and factories gave place to open fields as the train gathered speed.* **go places** (infml) hnaʔuan ah ʔhahnem le ʔhangso vivo: *two young people who are really going places.*

have one's heart in the right places ⇒ HEART. **in the first, second, etc place** (used eg when making points in an argument) thu relnak ah a pakhatnak, pahnihnak tiin a thu tlangpi a sangsang ih rel. **in high places** ⇒ HIGH¹. **in my, your, etc place** keimah/nangmah ih dinhmun: *What would you do in my place?* ○ *In her place I'd sell the lot.* **in place** (a) umnak keel ah/umnak ding hrimehmi ah: *She likes everything to be in place before she starts work.* (b) remcannak/a kaih-awknak: *A little gratitude would be in place.* **in place of sb/sth; in sb's/ sth's place** mi pakhat ih ai-ah/thil pakhat ih ai-ah: *The chairman was ill so his deputy spoke in his place.* **lay/set a place** rawl einak thilri pawl cabuai parah mi pakhat tonak zawn ih retcia: *Set a place for him when you lay the table — he may come after all.* **lightning never strikes in the same place twice** ⇒ LIGHTNING.

lose one's place ⇒ LOSE. **out of place** (a) a keel a zawn, a dik lo ah, lole, a remcang lo ah ummi.

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(b) a mawi lo/a rem lo: *Her criticisms were quite out of place.* ○ *Modern furniture would be out of place in a Victorian house.* **a place in the sun** bangrepnak, lole, covo hlawm-awknak: *Nations that had been oppressed for centuries were now fighting for a place in the sun.* **pride of place** ⇒ PRIDE. **put oneself in sb else's/sb's place** midang pakhat ih sinak ah mah va umter-aw/ mi sinak ah um-awter. **put sb in his (proper) place** mi zum-aw le mi porh-aw kha ningzak ko ih thlaak: *He tried to kiss her but she quickly put him in his place.* **take place** thil a cang: *When does the ceremony take place?* ○ *We have never discovered what took place (between them) that night.* ⇒ Usage at HAPPEN. **take sb/sth's place; take the place of sb/sth** mi pakhat va ai-rawl/thil pakhat ai-ah a dang thil in va thleng: *She couldn't attend the meeting so her assistant took her place.* ○ *Nothing could take the place of the family he had lost.* **there's no place like home** (saying) mah inn te a tha bik.

□ **place-bet** *n* (in horse-racing) paisa thawn kam-awknak ah rang pakhat cu a nehtu hmaisa bik pathum ah a tel ding tinak.

place-kick *n* (in Rugby football) sit dingih lei parih bawlung tohmi sitmi.

place-mat *n* cabuai parah pakan retnak dingih phahmi thil phah.

place-name *n* khua, khuapi, tlaang hmin: *an expert on the origin of place-names.*

place-setting *n* mi pakhat hrang rawl ei-nak thilri a kim ih ret.

place² /pleis/ *v* **1** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] (a) thil pakhat a hmun ce ih ret: *He placed the money on the counter.* ○ *The notice is placed too high — nobody can read it.* (b) thil a maih um dingnak ih ret: *Be sure to place them correctly.* ○ *He placed the books in order on the shelf.* **2** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] khiah ciami hmun ah mi pakhat hei ret/ ret — aap/ mi pakhat — phunkhat khat ah hei canter: *place sb in charge/command (of sth)*, ie make him the leader ○ *place sb under arrest*, ie arrest him ○ *place sb in a dilemma/difficult position/quandary*, ie make matters difficult for sb ○ *place one's faith/trust in sb/sth* ○ *place confidence in sb*, ie be confident that he will help, etc ○ *Responsibility for the negotiations was placed in his hands*, ie He was made responsible for them. **3** [Tn] ciinnak ihsin theihliah, lole, hmuhton ihsin mi pakhat/thil pakhat theifiang: *I've seen his face before but I can't place him.* ○ *She has a foreign accent that I can't quite place.* **4** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] a tha a sia thennak: *I would place her among the world's greatest sopranos.* **5** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (with sb/sth)** thu peek/thu kam tuah: *They have placed an order with us for three new aircraft.* ○ *Place your bets now — the race*

begins in half an hour! **6** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (in sth)**; ~ **sb (with sb/sth)** mi pakhat hrang inn hnañuan tivek hawl sak: *The agency places about 2000 secretaries per annum.* ○ *They placed the orphans with foster-parents.* **7** [Tn, Tn-pr] a thang ngah duh ih paisa coih/ret: *The stockbroker has placed the money in industrial stock.* **8** [esp passive: Tn, Cn-a] (in a race) tlan zuam-awknak ah a nehtu hmin hei than: *He was reponsible for placing the winners.* ○ *She was placed third.* **9** (idm) **be placed (a)** (Brit) (in horse-racing) pakhat, pahnih, lole, pathumnak ti ih rak tuahtu. (b) (US) (in horse-racing) a pahnihnak ngah.

▷ **placement** /pleismənt/ *n* [U] umnak ret/ tuahsak: [attrib] *the placement of orphans* ○ *a placement agency for secretarial staff.*

placebo /plə'si:bəu/ *n* (pl ~ **s**) **1** (medical) mah le mah ka naa ti ih a ruat-awmi kha a natnak dam theinak ah sii a si tiin pek ih a damtertu thil dang: *placebo effect*, ie beneficial effect of taking a placebo. **2** mi pakhat lungawiter, lole, hnihsuahnak si fangih thil tuah/tong.

placenta /plə'sentə/ *n* (pl ~ **-tae** /-ti/ or ~ **s**) (anatomy) hlam; pum sung um (sul sung um) naute tuamtu.

▷ **placental** /-tl/ *adj*: *a placental mammal.*

placid /plasid/ *adj* (a) daite le hnangam ih um/ hnaihok buainak um lo: *the placid waters of the lake.* (b) (of a person, his temperament, etc) olte ih lung tho lo le ol te ih thinhen nei lo: *a placid smile.*

▷ **placidly** *adv*: *cows placidly chewing grass.*

placidity /plə'sidəti/ *n* [U]: *the placidity of his temperament.*

placket /plækit/ *n* nunau hni (skirt) ah hruk ol - phoih ol dingih a tleek tuah hrimmi.

plagiarize, -ise /pleidzəraiz/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (from sb/sth)** mi ih ruahnak, tong hman tivek fir ih tong le cangan: *Whole passages of the work are plagiarized.* ○ *He has plagiarized most of the book from earlier studies of the period.*

▷ **plagiarism** /-rɪzəm/ *n* (a) [U] hivek ih tuahnak: *be accused of plagiarism.* (b) [C] hivek sinak.

plagiarist /-rist/ *n* hivek ih rak umtu.

plague /pleig/ *n* **1** (a) **the plague** [sing] = BUBONIC PLAGUE (BUBONIC). (b) [C] pulhpi tlun theinak a suan-aw thei natsia: [attrib] *The incidence of cholera in the camps has reached plague proportions.* **2** [C] ~ **of sth** hmunkhat ah harsatnak le siat suahnak pe theitu thothe, kharbok le zinghnam tivek nunghring: *a plague of flies, locusts, rats, etc.* **3** [C usu sing] (infml) mi harsat/buainak va petu: *What a plague that boy is!* **4** [idm] **avoid sb/sth like the plague** ⇒ AVOID.

▷ **plague v** **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth (with sth)** (a)

mi pakhat khat atu le tu thu sut rero, lole, thil dil rero tivek ih mi va zinfeter: *plague sb with questions, requests for money etc.* (b) mi harsatnak va peek, nom lonak va peek (mi va zinfeter, nuam lo zet ih tuah): *She was plagued with arthritis.* **2** [Tn] mi/thil va harsater: *a construction schedule plagued by bad weather.*

□ **plague-ridden** (also **plague-stricken**) *adj* cuvek ih harnak nom lonak hei tuar.

plaise /pleis/ *n* (pl unchanged) nga a per a sen ih tjalmi ei thei ci nga.

plaid /plæd/ *n* (a) [C] tuuhmul puan sau, liang parih sin mi Scotland tlangmi ih hmanpawl. (b) [U] puan a tjal mi pakhat ih hnitawi (*skirt*) vekih an hrukmi. (c) [C] puan tjal rong phunkim ih tuahmi.

plain¹ /plein/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** hmuh ol, theih ol; a fiangmi: *The markings along the route are quite plain.* ○ *in plain English* ○ *He made it plain (to us) that he did not wish to continue.* ○ *She made her annoyance plain.* **2** (of people or their actions, thoughts, etc) thinlung tluang; bum hman lo, ti-awakter um lo, thinlung um vekih tlong suahso: *in plain words, if frankly* ○ *a plain answer* ○ *the plain truth* ○ *Let me be plain with you*, ie speak openly and frankly: *There will have to be some plain speaking.* **3** (a) thupi-awakter lo, lar duhnak si lomi: *a plain but very elegant dress* ○ *plain food/cooking*, ie not spicy or rich ○ *plain cake*, ie without fruit, etc ○ *plain chocolate*, ie made without adding milk. (b) a tjal, a rong dang le a riin um lomi — cahnah: *plain paper*, ie without lines ○ *plain fabric*, ie without a pattern or design ○ *under plain cover*, ie in an envelope without any special marking. **4** mawi lo, zoh sia: *a few rather plain bits of furniture* ○ *From a rather plain child she had grown into a beautiful woman.* **5** (idm) **in plain English** theih olte ih hmanmi Mirang (England) tlong: *If you wanted me to go why didn't you say so in plain English instead of making vague hints?* **make oneself plain** sim duhmi fianter (fiangte ih sim): *there is no more money — do I make myself plain?* (as) **plain as a pikestaff/the nose on one's face** fiang kohki, fiang zet theih ol, hmuh ol. (all) **plain sailing** tuahmi sungah harsa lo tein; tluang tein: *Once the design problems were solved, it was all/everything was plain sailing.*

▷ **plain** *adv* (esp US) (a) fiang tein; fiang tein sim: *that is just plain stupid.*

plainly *adv* (a) fiangte in: *The mountain tops are plainly visible from the village.* ○ *You are plainly unwilling to co-operate.* ○ *He was plainly unwelcome.*

plainness *n* [U].

□ **plain clothes** (esp of policemen) palik hnipuan thuamhnaw si lomi, hnipuan menmen: *The detectives were in plain clothes.*

plain-clothes *adj* hnipuan menmen hrukmi: *a plain-clothes detective.*

plain dealing lungput dik/tluang, thinlung um vekih sim le tuah.

plain flour pawnghmuk sang rawhnak thil vut tel lomi sang vut a dipmi.

plain-spoken *adj* tlong suahso (thincin ti um lo).

plain² /plein/ *n* hmunrawn: *a vast, grassy plain* ○ *the great plains of the American Midwest.*

▷ **plainsman** /-zmən/ *n* (pl -men) hmunrawn um minung; America ram hmunrawn minung.

plain³ /plein/ *n* (in knitting) tjit daan menmen; a phunphun tuah daan tel lomi. Cf PURL.

plainchant /pleintʃɑːnt/ (also **plainsong** /-sɒŋ/) *n* [U] khuahlan (Medieval) san ih biakinn mibur an hlasak daan (Anglican le RC biakinn pawl ah).

plaint /pleint/ *n* (law) lungkim lonak ruangah zung ah lu va pu (thu khiing).

plaintiff /plemtɪf/ (also **complainant**) *n* zungah lu putu (thukhiingtu). Cf DEFENDANT.

plaintive /plemtɪv/ *adj* rehshiatza: *a plaintive cry, melody, voice, etc.*

▷ **plaintively** *adv.* **plaintiveness** *n* [U].

plait /plæt/ (US **braid**) *v* [Tn] (a) hrihruai vekin a tak ih takmi: *plait one's hair.* (b) hivek ih thil tuah (hrual) tak/sak: *plait a basket, cord, rope.*

▷ **plait** *n* a hrual ih ret/tuahmi: *wear one's hair in plaits/a plait.*

plan /plæn/ *n* **1** ~ (for sth/doing sth); ~ (to do sth) tumtah/ruat cia; khuakang, timtuah: *make plans (for sth)* ○ *a plan to produce energy from waste material* ○ *What are your plans for the holidays?* ○ *a carefully worked-out plan* ○ *a change of plan*, ie deciding not to do what was planned ○ *a development plan*, eg for an industry, a town or an area ○ *The best plan* (ie The best thing to do) *would be to ignore it completely.* ○ *a plan of attack/campaign*, ie a way of doing sth, esp sth difficult. **2** (a) inn, khua, ram, peng sakdaan umdan suai cia nak: *a plan of the royal palace and its surroundings* ○ *a plan of the inner city.* (b) (esp pl) inn pungsan a tlaangpi ih suaimi: *draw up plans for an extension* ○ *The architect submitted the plans for approval.* ○ *The plans of the new development are on show at the Town Hall.* (c) cet thilri um daan suaimi: *plans of early flying machines.* Cf CHART, MAP. **3** pung suainak ih thil tuat le rem daan/thil pakhat a umdan lai ding suai: *a seating plan*, ie one showing where people are to sit at a table. **4** (idm) **go according to plan** (of events, etc) thil tumtah cia vekin a cangmi: *If everything goes according to plan, I shall be back before dark.*

▷ **plan** *v* (-nn-) **1** [Tn] tumtah cia — tumtah vekih suai: *plan a garden* ○ *a well-planned city* ○ *a planned economy*, ie controlled by the

government. **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (for/on/sb/sth) thil pawl ralrinnak in tuahcia: *plan for the future, one's retirement, etc* ○ *I had planned for 20 guests, but only 10 arrived.* ○ *We hadn't planned on twins!* ⇒ Usage at ARRANGE. **3** [Tt] tuah dingih tumtah/rak tum: *When do you plan to take your holiday?* ○ *We're planning to visit France this summer.* **4** (phr v) **plan sth out** thil a terek tiang tuat cia theh: *plan out one's annual expenditure* ○ *plan out a traffic system for the town.* **planner** *n* (a) khuakhangtu, ruatciatu; rak timtuahtu. (b) (also **town planner**) khuah um hmun ding tuat ciatu. **planning** *n* [U] (a) tumtahnak tuah: *family planning*, ie using birth control to limit the number of children a couple have. (b) = TOWN PLANNING (TOWN).

planning permission (esp Brit) inn thar saknak dingih laisn, lole, a hlun pehzom ding — thu neitu ih siannak ca.

plane¹ /pleɪn/ *n* **1** (a) (geometry) a ruangih a permi. (b) a rawn. **2** (fig) din hmun; ruahnak, nun khuasak le thansonak daan: *They seem to exist on a different spiritual plane.* (b) [C] *This species has reached a higher plane of development.*

▷ **plane** *adj* per zet, rawn zet.

plane *v* [I, Ip] (of an aeroplane) cet um lo vanzam in thli sungzuan.

□ **plane geometry** kauh zia pahnih nei geometry.

plane sailing tangphawlawng pawl tidai par an fehmi ah parih vaak le feh a si ti ih tuat daan.

plane-table *n* leiram tahtu pawl ih an hmanmi cabuai bial, a zohnak thilri pawl thawn.

plane² /pleɪn/ *n* lettama pawl ih hmanmi zibaw.

▷ **plane** *v* **1** (a) [Tn] zibaw hnawt: *plane the edge of the plank.* (b) [Cn-a] zibaw hnawt ih thil ngilter: *plane sth smooth.* **2** (phr v) ~ **sth away/down/off** zibaw hman in thil tifai: *plane away the irregularities on a surface.*

plane³ /pleɪn/ (also **plane-tree**) *n* a hnah hlai, a teek pharh ih a hawng paami a hnah tlong thei thingkung.

plane⁴ /pleɪn/ *n* = AEROPLANE; vanzamleng: *travel by plane* ○ *The plane is about to land.* ○ [attrib] *a plane flight.*

planet /plæɪnt/ *n* tlolak (boruak) sungih arsi, lole, ni heltu leilungpi: *The planets of our solar system are Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.*

▷ **planetarium** /plæɪntɛəriəm/ *n* (pl ~ **s** or **-ia** /-iə/) arsi le boruak sungih thil ummi cangvaih daan zohnak inn.

planetary /plæɪntrɪ; US -terɪ/ *adj* arsi vekin, arsi thawn a pehparmi: *planetary movements.*

plangent /plændʒənt/ *adj* (fml) **1** (of sounds) a tur dukdomi. **2** (of sounds) lungsiatnak zet a

simi.

▷ **plangency** /-dʒənsɪ/ *n* [U]. **plangently** *adv.*

plank /plæŋk/ *n* **1** thingpheeng (zialthing/pharthing). **2** (esp politics) ram uknak lam party ih thupi bikmi thu thlun daan ding: *the main planks of their disarmament platform.* **3** (idm) **thick as two planks** ⇒ THICK.

walk the plank ⇒ WALK¹.

▷ **plank** *v* (phr v) **plank sth down** (infml) (a) thil napi in leiah thlak: *plank down one's luggage.* (b) paisa peek lohli. Cf PLONK¹ *v*.

planking *n* [U] thingper zial: *Are you going to cover the planking with carpet?*

plankton /plæŋktən/ *n* [U] ti parih fenmi hramkung fatete le nunghring fate pawl (hmuh tham lo).

plant¹ /plɑːnt; US plænt/ *n* **1** [C] (a) thingkung hramkung: *plants need light and water.* ○ [attrib] *plant life.* (b) thil kung fate pawl: *garden plants* ○ *a strawberry plant* ○ *plants flowering in the window-box.* **2** (a) [U] thil tuahnak cet zung: *The firm has made a huge investment in new plant.* ○ [attrib] *plant hire*, ie renting of machines or equipment. (b) [C] cet thilri: *The farm has its own power plant.* **3** [C] (esp US) cetzung: *a chemical plant* ○ *a nuclear reprocessing plant.* ⇒ Usage at FACTORY. **4** [C] (infml) (a) sual puh duh ah mi inn ih va ret thupmi thil: *He claimed that the stolen jewellery found in his house was a plant.* (b) midang hrangih thling-thlak duh ruangah misual pawl lak ih a va teltu: *they discovered that he was a police plant.*

plant² /plɑːnt; US plænt/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] tuh (thlaici); phun (thingfa): *plant flowers around the poll* ○ *We planted beans and peas in the garden.* ○ *Plant in rows two feet apart.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (with sth)** thil phun: *plant a garden* ○ *plant the border with spring flowers* ○ *mountain slopes planted with conifers.* Cf sow². **2** [Tn-pr] (a) tha thawn khoh zet ih thil bun/ret: *He planted his feet firmly on the ground* ○ *He stood with his feet planted wide apart.* (b) (infml) mah le mah hmun khat ah hei toh-awk: *plant oneself in a chair in front of the fire.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] (infml) (a) ~ **sth (on sb)** mi sualpuh duh ah thil pakhat tong vaang seh tiah ret ih a tongtu mi tha lo canter: *plant stolen goods on sb* ○ *He claimed that the weapons had been planted (on him).* (b) ~ **sb (in sth)** mi umdan va thlingthla dingih mi bur khat hnen ah va tel awter: *The police had planted a spy in the gang.* ○ *The speaker's supporters were planted in the audience and applauded loudly.* **4** [Tn-pr] ~ **sth in sth** mi thinlung ah ruahnak nei dingih tuah: *Who planted that idea in your head?* ○ *His strange remarks planted doubts in our minds about his sanity.* **5** [Tn-pr] tumtahnak pakhat nei ih thil watuah: *plant a kiss on sb's cheek* ○

plant a blow on the side of sb's head ○ *plant a knife in sb's back*. **6** (phr v) **plant (sth) out** rawlkung a tet tuk ih khomi a lak ah a khonak ding um seh tiah rak phawi, thual: *plant out tomato seedlings*.

▷ **planter** *n* **1** thlai-rawl/thingkung cingtu: *a sugar-planter, tea-planter, rubber-planter, etc.* **2** thlaici tuhnak, rawlkung phunnak cet (PLANT² 1). **3** (esp US) a mawinak hrangah innsungih ret theumi thingkung phunnak kuang.

plantain¹ /plæntɪn/ *n* **(a)** [C, U] a rah banhla thawn a bang-awmi thil kung khuasatnak ram ih um a rah suang ih eimi. **(b)** [C] hi vek thingkung.

plantain² /plæntɪn/ *n* a hnah a hlei ih parhring fate nei, a rah-mu cu vate zuatmi rawl hrangih hmanmi.

plantation /plæn'teɪʃn/, also, in British use, plɑ:n-/ *n* **1** hmun kaupi ah lakphak kung, patpar, fu le sikawng tivek cinnak: [attrib] *a plantation manager*. **2** **(a)** thingkung phunnak ram/lei: *plantations of fir and pine*. **(b)** thingkung phunnak ram.

plaque¹ /plɑ:k; US plæk/ a mawinak hrang, lole, hngilh lonak hrang phar parih sonmi (telhmi le tammi) lungpheng, thir, lole, hol: *A simple plaque marks the spot where the martyr died*.

plaque² /plɑ:k; US plæk/ *n* [U] (medical) hather; habaal: *It is necessary to remove plaque by brushing one's teeth*. Cf TARTAR¹ 1.

plasma /plæzmə/ (also **plasm** /plazəm/) *n* [U] (anatomy) **1** **(a)** thi ih a telmi aihre rong nei a ti — cuh parah float thi khal a puanmi. **(b)** (medical) (also **blood plasma**) thi than-awknak hmanmi a tii. **2** = PROTOPLASM. **3** (physics) ni le arsi sungih a ummi dat phunkhat.

plaster /plɑ:stə(r); US 'plæs-/ *n* **1** [U] tlakrawh phar le leizial tivek nalh nak ih hmanmi thung, vunnell, tidai tivek rawicok ih tuahmi: *The plaster will have to dry out before you can paint the room*. **2** [U] (also **plaster of Paris**) lungto hak a vut ih rialmi a bek, a rang ih a ro tikah a hak, ruh kiak remnak hmanmi: *She broke her ankle weeks ago and it's still in plaster*. **3** [C, U] = STICKING PLASTER (STICK²).

▷ **plaster** *v* **1** **(a)** [Tn] hivek thil tuahmi in tuam/khuh. **(b)** [Tn.pr] ~ **A with B/~ B on(to) A** thil a sahmi pakhat hman ih tuam: *hair plastered with oil* ○ *an artist who plasters the paint on the canvas* ○ *plaster the town with posters*. **2** [Tn] hma tivek plaster ih tuam. **3** (phr v) **plaster sth down** thil a bek, lole, a erh theimi hman ih thil per ko ih hei khuh: **plaster one's hair down**. **plastered** *adj* (sl) zu ri zet: *be/get plastered*. **plasterer** /plɑ:stərə(r)/ *n* phar le zial ih plaster bentu.

□ **plasterboard** *n* [U] innsunglam phar ben ih hmanmi, plaster cahnah khoh thawn erhmi thingpheng kau.

plaster cast **(a)** ruh kiak le ruh pelh tuah le funnak, plaster tuamnak. **(b)** thil lem pawl tuahnak ih hmanmi thil burnak.

plastic /plæstɪk/ *n* **1** **(a)** [C usu pl] plastic: *the use of plastics in industry*. **(b)** [U] plastic thil: *Many items in daily use are mode out of plastic*. ○ *Plastic is sometimes used instead of leather*. **2** **plastics** [sing v] plastic tuah daan (PLASTIC 1a). **3** [3] (also **plastic money**) (infml) a baak ih leinak caken: *'Have you got any cash or shall we use plastic?'* *'Put it on the plastic'*.

▷ **plastic** *adj* **1** (of goods) plastic ih tuahmi thilri: *a plastic cup, raincoat, spoon, toy, wrist-watch* ○ *fabric with a plastic coating* ○ *a plastic bag*, ie made from very thin soft plastic material. **2** (of materials or substances) duh vekin a pian rem theihmi: *Clay is a plastic substance*. **3** khuailul, lole, sentlungih thil lem le pungsan tuahnak: *the plastic arts*, ie sculpture, ceramics, etc. **plasticity** /plæstɪk/ *n* [U] duhduh ih a pian rem theihmi sinak.

□ **plastic bomb** plastic thawn tuahmi bomb.

plastic explosive a puakkuai theimi plastic thilri.

plastic surgery vun siatmi hrang vun thar bennak.

plasticine (also **Plasticine**) /plæstɪsɪn/ *n* (prop esp, Brit) sentlung vekin a neem ih a hak saal leh lomi thil lem tuahnak.

plate¹ /pleɪt/ *n* **1** [C] **(a)** pakan per: *a dinner, meat, soup, etc plate* ○ *paper/plastic plates*, eg at a picnic. **(b)** hivek pakan sungih thil: *a plate of soup, stew, etc*. **(c)** hivek pakan, biakinn sungih paisa khuannak hmanmi: *pass round the plate* ○ *put \$ 5 in the plate*. **2** [U] **(a)** haileng, hai teek, pakan per, pakan kum — sui le tangka thir ih tuahmi (biakinn hman): *a fine piece of plate*, ie one of these articles. **(b)** biakinn sungih hmanmi pakan sunglawi pawl: *The plate is kept in a locked cupboard*. **3** [U] ngun, lole, sui tii khuutmi; thir ih tuahmi thilri: *electroplate*, ie object(s) coated with a thin layer of metal ○ *gold/silver plate* ○ *I thought the teapot was silver, but it's only plate*. **4** [C] **(a)** thir, thlalang, tivek thil tlap, tangphawlawng tuahnak ih hmanmi: *steel plates*, eg used in shipbuilding. **(b)** (biology) ki, ruh tlap: *The armadillo has a protective shell of bony plates*. **5** [C] (geology) leilungpi ih a leenglam lungpi tlap: [attrib] *plate tectonics*, ie study of the structure and formation of the earth's surface through the movements of its plates. **6** [C] khuar ih nganmi: *a brass plate*, eg on the door of a doctor, solicitor, etc with his name on it ○ *a licence/number-plate*, eg on a car. **7** [C] **(a)** thir, plastic, sialriat parah ca, lole, zuk pawl a khuar ih nganmi. **(b)** (esp photographic) cabu sungret ding a dangte ih rialmi zuk pawl: *colour plate*. **8** [C, U] (in photography) film ih khuhmi

thlalang — khuatleu a ton le a siat theimi: *whole-/half-/quarter-plate*, ie the usual sizes. **9** (also **dental plate**, **denture**) [C] tlunlam, lole, tanglam hrang ha tuah cop bunnak hmanmi plastic thil per. **10** [C] (**a**) rang tlan zuam-awknak ih a nehtu an peek theumi ngun, lole, sui khuat. (**b**) tlan zuamnak. **11** [C] (in baseball) a thawitu lam dinhmun. **12** (idm) **hand/give sb sth on a plate** (*infml*) mi thil pakhat va then, lole, mi pakhat a maih zuamnak tel loih thil ngahter: *You can't expect promotion to be handed to you on a plate.* **on one's plate** mi pakhat ih tikcu cem lakter, lole, a thazaang a lak ih cemter: *have enough/a lot/too much on one's plate* ○ *I can't help you at the moment — I've far too much on my plate already.*

▷ **plateful** /-ful/ *n* pakaan khat thil: *The child has eaten three platefuls of porridge!*

□ **plate glass** saangka, zohmi thlalang, tukvirh (window) ih an hmanmi thlalang fiang zetmi le a sahmi: [attrib] *a plate-glass window.*

plate-rack *n* kholh ciami pakan retnak.

plate² /pleɪt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr esp passive] ~ **sth** (**with sth**) thir kha sui, lole, ngun tii khuut: *a copper tray plated with silver* ○ *gold-plated dishes* ○ *silver-plated spoons.* **2** [Tn] khuutmi thir thawit tuam, khuh.

plateau /plætəʊ/ *US* plætəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ **s** or **-eaux** /-təʊz/) **1** tlaangsang parih hmunrawn pi. Cf **RIDGE**. **2** zamrang zet ih a t̃hangmi caan khat a um hnu ah thleng-aw lomi, lole, malte lawng a t̃hangmi thil umdan: *After a period of rapid inflation, prices have now reached a plateau.*

platelayer /pleɪtlə(r)/ *n* (*Brit*) tlaangleng zin ih tlaangleng fehnak thil rak phahtu le a siat remtu.

platelet /pleɪltɪt/ *n* thisen sungih thil khaltertut thil fatete pawl.

platform /plætfɔ:m/ *n* **1** mi hmai ih a lang deuh ih dinnak ding, lole, thil pakhat khat zoh dingih tuahmi donhle, donsaang: *the concert platform*, ie place where a pianist performs ○ *Your questions will be answered from the platform.* ○ *appear on the same platform/share a platform with sb*, ie make speeches, etc at the same public meeting. **2** tlaangleng colhnak (*bu-ta-zung*) ih tlaangleng fehnak zin hnaki saang deuh ih an dawl mi cungcuang zin: *Which platform does the Brighton train leave from?* ○ *Your train is waiting at platform 5.* ○ *He came running along the platform just as the train was leaving.* **3** (*Brit*) bus colhnak ah bus par kainak dingih lei don sang deuh an tuahmi. **4** (*politics*) party pakhat ih tumtahmi le hmuitinmi, a bik ah; hril-awk hlan ih an tarlangmi tumtahnak le hmuitinmi: *fight the election/come to power on a platform of economic reform.*

plating /pleɪtɪŋ/ *n* [U] **1** thil khuut: *The plating is*

beginning to wear off in places. **2** khuutmi thir thawit tuam, khuh: *protected with steel plating.*

platinum /plætɪnəm/ *n* [U] (*chemistry*) meikhu rong pian ih raangtleu mi thir phunkhat, a rong a hlit thei lomi, thir tii burnak ah thil dang thawit rawi in bur theumi: *a sapphire in a platinum setting.*

□ **platinum blonde** (*infml*) nunau samrang tleu mawi neimi (tuakpar cu a si lo).

platitude /plætɪtju:d *US* -tud:/ *n* [C] (*fml derog*) thil thar le lunglut zawngin a sim nain hmual nei lo (a menmeen) a simi thusim: *We shall have to listen to more platitudes about the dangers of overspending.*

▷ **platitudinous** /plætɪtju:dɪnəs/ *US* -tʊdənəs/ *adj* (*fml derog*) a menmeen le hmual nei lo: *platitudinous remarks* ○ *The whole speech was platitudinous nonsense.*

platonic /plə'tɒnɪk/ *adj* **1** **Platonic** Greek mifim Plato thawit a pehparmi/tongfim le simmi thawit a pehparmi. **2** (of love or friendship) taksa hiarnak tel lomi mipa nunau duh-awnak: *He said that his feelings for her were entirely platonic.* ○ *They'd had a close platonic relationship for more than thirty years.*

platoon /plə'tu:n/ *n* ralkap bo hnih ih ukmi ralkap rual.

platter /plætə(r)/ *n* **1** (**a**) rawl, lole, hmeh hunnak pakaan dau tumpi, khengkuum. (**b**) (*arch Brit*) thing ih tuahmi kheeng per. **2** (*US infml*) dar hlasa awkhumnak peer.

platypus /plætɪpəs/ *n* (pl ~ **es**) (also **duck-billed platypus**) Australia ram ih rampai hmur vek nei, a ti neimi a sinan a faa pawhte tii peek thei ramsa phunkhat.

plaudit /plɔ:dɪt/ *n* (*usu pl*) (*fml*) lomnak langternak ih tuahmi, lole, a phunphun cangvai ih lomhnak tuah: *She won plaudits for the way she presented her case.*

plausible /plɔ:zəbl/ *adj* **1** thil umdan a si vekin, lole, zum tlakmi (thusimnak, lole, ngaithiam dila): *She could find no plausible explanation for its disappearance.* ○ *His story was/sounded perfectly plausible.* **2** (*derog*) (of a person) zum ding tlaak ih sim thiamnak nei (bum duh ah a si bik): *a plausible trickster, rogue, liar, etc* ○ *She was so plausible — she would have deceived anyone.* Cf **IMPLAUSIBLE**.

▷ **plausibility** /plɔ:zə'libəti/ *n* [U] zum thei ding sinak: *the plausibility of her alibi* ○ *Beware of the plausibility of salesmen!*

plausibly /-əblɪ/ *adv*: *The case was presented very plausibly.* ○ *He argued very plausibly for its acceptance.*

play¹ /pleɪ/ *n* **1** [U] nomnak; lehpannak: *the happy sounds of children at play* ○ *the advantages of learning through play* ○ *His life is all work and no play.* **2** (*sport*) (**a**) [U] lehnak phunkhat: *There was no play/Rain stopped play*

yesterday. ○ *The tennis players need total concentration during play.* (b) [U] leh daan: *There was some excellent play in yesterday's match.* ○ *They were penalized for too much rough play.* (c) [C] (esp US) leh tikih cangvaih daan: *a good play* ○ *a fine defensive/passing play.* 3 [C] lemcawn: *a radio play* ○ *a fine edition of Shakespeare's plays* ○ *She has just written a new play.* ○ *act/take part in a play* ○ *We are going to see the new play at the Playhouse.* 4 [U] cangvaihna ah lawngkaang zet in: *Give the line more play,* eg in fishing. ○ *a knot with too much play,* ie one that is not tight enough ○ *We need more play on the rope.* 5 [U] cangvaihna, thil tuahna: *the play of supernatural forces in human destiny.* 6 [U] zaangkhai, zamrang: *the play of sunlight on water.* 7 [U] phe le thil dang lehnak, paisa thaap ih lehnak: *lose £500 in one evening's play.* 8 [sing] phe, keicang, tivek pawlah leh caan/thawn caan (a haha in): *It's your play,* ie You are the next to make a move. 9 (idm) **bring sth into play** thil pakhat hei poimawhter: *This financial crisis has brought new factors into play.* **call sth into play** ⇒ CALL². **child's play** ⇒ CHILD. **come into play** cangvai, lole, midang nekhuh (thok): *Personal feeling should not come into play when one has to make business decisions.* **fair play** ⇒ FAIR¹. **give, etc free play/rein to sb/sth** ⇒ FREE². **give sb/sth full play** ⇒ FULL. **in full play** ⇒ FULL. **in play** capoh/ti menmen: *The remark was only made in play.* **in/out of play** (sport) bawlung sit — bawlung den ah daan sung/daan leng ih tuah. **make a play for sb/sth** (esp US) hmuitin kheng dingih thil tuah: *She was making a big play for the leadership of the party.* ○ *He was making a play for the prettiest girl in the college.* **a play on words** ðong hmandan ah a ti duh san a dangdang ih laak theihmi: *The advertising slogan was a play on words.* **the state of play** ⇒ STATE¹.

▷ **playlet** /pleɪlɪt/ *n* thuanthucawn tawite.

□ **play-act** *v* [I] thinlung sung vek si lo — si-awakter um daan. **play-acting** *n* [U] (a) thuanthucawn ah va tuah/tel. (b) mithmai, umdan ah thinlung sung um lomi si awkter — rak tiam.

playbill *n* cataar thuthannak ah thuanthucawn hmuh ding thu thannak.

playboy *n* mi neinung (a bik ah mino) nomnak ih caan hmangralmi.

play-by-play *n* (US sport) lehnak, an leh lai rori, thuthan (radio, TV).

playfellow (also **playmate**) *n* nauhak lai lehpi rualpi.

playgoer /-gəʊə(r)/ *n* thuanthucawn tuahank zungah feh ðheu/zoh ðheutu.

playground *n* (a) lehnak bualrawn. (b) (fig)

caanlawng hmanna hmun: *The island has become a playground for the rich businessmen of the city.*

playgroup (also **playschool**) *n* [CGp] upa hohatnak ih a lekkhawm ðeumi tualleng nauhak rual. Cf NURSERY SCHOOL (NURSERY).

playhouse *n* 1 thuanthucawn hmuhna inn. 2 (also **Wendy house**) nauhak lehnak dingih zohðhim ding inn sakmi.

play-pen *n* nauhak te pakhat leh theinak dingih tuahmi, sukso ken theihmi lehnak thingpheng tete tivek.

play-room *n* nauhak pawl lehnak innkhaan.

plaything *n* (a) lente celhna thil. (b) mi pakhat nomnak hmanmen ding a simi: *She seemed content with her life as a rich man's plaything.*

playtime *n* [C, U] colh caan; colh hahdam caan (a bik in tlawngah): *the children have three playtimes during the day.* ○ *The children are outside during playtime.*

playwright /pleɪraɪt/ *n* thuanthucawn ngantu.

play² /pleɪ/ *v*

▷ **DOING THINGS FOR AMUSEMENT** 1 (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (with sb/sth) nomnak ih thil tuah: *There's a time to work and a time to play.* ○ *play with a ball, toy, bicycle* ○ *a little child playing with his friend* ○ *children playing for hour in the garden.* (b) [Ipr no passive, Tn no passive, Tg] ~ (at) sth/ ~ (doing sth) (esp of children) thil pakhat hei cangter, cawng: *Let's play (at) (being) pirates.* ○ *The children were playing at keeping shop.* 2 [Tn, Tnp-r, Dn-n no passive] ~ sth (on sb) mi capoh, hei ti bum — capoh ah: *play a joke/prank/trick (on sb)* ○ *They played a rotten trick on me.*

▷ **TAKING PART IN A GAME** 3 (I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr) ~ (sth) (with/against sb); ~ sb (at sth) lehnak ah mi hei zuam/va tel: *play football, cricket, chess, cards, etc* ○ *playing (darts) with one's friends* ○ *She plays (hockey) for England.* ○ *On Saturday France play(s) (Rugby) against Wales.* ○ *Have you played her (at tennis) yet?* 4 [I, Tn] paisa thaap ih lehnak tuah: *play at the roulette table* ○ *play the casinos* ○ *play the stock-market,* ie buy and sell shares, etc to make money. 5 (a) [Ipr, Tn] lehnak ah um hmun laak: *Who's playing in goal?* ○ *I've never played (as/at) centre-forward before.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-n/a] ~ sb (as sth) lektu pawl lakah telter; ðanhmun pakhat ah mi hei ret: *I think we should play Bill on the wing in the next match.* ○ *Who shall we play at/as centre-forward?* 6 (a) [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] (in sport) hawii, sit, deeng tivek ih cangvaihna: *She played (at the ball) and missed.* ○ *In soccer, only the goal-keeper may play the ball with his hands.* ○ *He played the ball onto his wicket,* ie accidentally struck it so that it hit the wicket. (b) [Tn] (in

sport) thawi tivek ih thil tuah: *play a fast backhand volley*. **7** [I] (of a sports pitch, etc) leh daan, thawi, den tivek: *a pitch that plays well, poorly, etc*, ie allows the ball to move easily, slowly, etc. **8** [I, Tn] **(a)** keicang tivek thil thawi lehnak ah thil pakhat hei thawi: *She played her bishop*. **(b)** phe lehnak ah a phe tlap a sunglam tlunta terih cabuai par ih ret: *Have you played?* ○ *Don't play out of turn! play one's ace, a trump, etc.*

► **PRODUCING MUSIC OR SOUND 9** **(a)** [I, Ipr, Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **(sth)** **(on sth)**; ~ **sth** **(to sb)** awnmawi tum: *In the distance a band was playing*. ○ *play (the violin, flute, etc) (well)* ○ *play (a sonata) to an audience* ○ *play a tune on a guitar* ○ *play sb a piece by Chopin*. **(b)** [I] (of music) kut ih tum, kaa ih sak: *I could hear music playing on the radio*. **10** **(a)** [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth** **(for sb)** awnmawi/hla khummi tape mi hrang hei ong ih tum/on sak: *Can you play (me) her latest record?* ○ *Play that jazz tape for me, please*. **(b)** [I] (of a tape, record, etc) awnmawi/hla tape ih onmi: *there was a record playing in the next room*.

► **ACTING 11** **(a)** [Tn] thuanthu cawn ah vatel: *They're playing 'Carmen' at the Coliseum*. ○ *play (the part of) Ophelia*. **(b)** [I, Ipr] ~ **(to sb)** (of a drama) mi pakhat hei cannak: *a production of 'Hamlet' playing to enthusiastic audience*. **12** [La, Ln, Tn no passive] hei cang-awter, cawng: *play dead*, ie pretend to be dead in order to trick sb ○ *play the politician, diplomat, etc* ○ *play the fool*, ie act foolishly ○ *play the sympathetic friend, the wronged wife, the busy tycoon, etc.*

► **OTHER MEANINGS 13** **(a)** [Ipr] zaangkhai le zamrang te in a thawi/cangvaimi, thawi zukzo: *sunlight playing on/over the surface of the lake*. ○ (fig) *A smile played on/about her lips*. ○ *His mind played on the idea of going away for a holiday*. **(b)** [Tn-pr] a tleunak hei tlak, ni tleu, datmei tleu; tlet zukzo: *play the torch beam over the walls* ○ *The firemen played their hoses on the burning building*. ○ *They played the searchlights along the road*. **(c)** [I] cu tivek ih nuamtete ti luang. **14** [Tn] (nga) suar a pah a taal ruangah baang ko tuah. **15** (idm) **what sb is playing at** mi pakhat ih hoiher (thinheh, thin tok, zinf) tivek langtermi: *I don't know what he thinks he's playing at*. (For other idioms containing **play**, see entries for *ns*, *ajds*, etc, eg **play fair** ⇒ *FAIR*². **play the game** ⇒ *GAME*¹.)

16 (phr v) **play about/around (with sb/sth)** thil pakhat (tuanvo) parah daithlaang i um: *Stop playing around and get on with the job*. ○ *You shouldn't play around with* (ie flirt with) *another*

woman's husband. ○ *Don't play about with my expensive tools!*

play along (with sb/sth) hei kom-awter: (infml) *She was in charge, so I had to play along with her odd ideas*.

play at sth/being sth thinlung ngaingai um lo ih hei tuah-awter: *He's only playing at his job in the city: he's much more interested in being a racing driver*.

play sth back (to sb) ngai dingah awkhummi suah saal: *I rewound the cassette and played her voice back to her*.

play sth down thupi deuh lo ih canter/ruat: *The government are trying to play down their involvement in the affair*.

play sb in, out, etc mi pakhat a luh le a suah tik zawn ih awnmawi tummi: *The band played the performers onto the stage*. **play oneself in** lehnak thawi tir ah nuamte le ralring te ih lek.

play (sth) off (of two teams, etc that have the same number of points, have drawn in an earlier match, etc) a sung le a neh hliah rori dingih a thiam bik team hnih lek: *The match between the joint leaders will be played off tomorrow*. **play A off against B** mai thathnemnak ding hrangah midang tawng-awter: *She played her two rivals off against each other and got the job herself*.

play on (sport) lek thok saal — a peh ih lek: *Some of the players claimed a penalty but the referee told them to play on*. **play on sth** mai hlawnak ding hrangah midang thathoter: *they played on his fears of losing his job to get him to do what they wanted*. ○ *Her speech played heavily on the angry mood of her audience*.

play sth out thil cangter, lole, thil siter: *Their love affair was played out against the background of a country at war*.

play (sb) up (infml) mi parah harsatnak le retheihnak peek: *My injured shoulder is playing (me) up today*. ○ *schoolchildren playing up their teacher*, eg by being noisy. **play sth up** thil pakhat a sinak hnakin thupitter: *She played up her past achievements just to impress us*. **play up to sb** (infml) mi in in duh seh/ngaina seh tiah a mah hei porh, leemsiah.

play with oneself (euph) mah zahmawh thawi diremnak tuah; zang/su rawt. **play with sb/sth** = **PLAY ABOUT/AROUND (WITH SB/STH)**. **play with sth** thu pakhat ol-ai zet ih ruat men: *She's playing with the idea of starting her own business*.

□ **play-back** *n* **(a)** [C] aw suahter saalnak. **(b)** [U] awkhummi suahter saalnak.

played out *adj* (infml) baang zet, a cem, hman tha nawn lo: *After a hard gallop, the horse was played out*. ○ *Is this theory played out* (ie no longer worth considering)?

play-off *n* lehnak ah a bang-awmi/thiamnak a ruang-awmi a neh ngaingaitu theih duh ah a neta bik lehternak.

player /pleɪə(r)/ *n* **1** leh zuamnak ih a lektu: *a game for four players* ○ *She's an excellent tennis player.* ○ *Two players were injured during the match.* **2** baisakup sung thuanthu ih a tel le a cang rerotu. **3** awnmawi tumtu: *a trumpet player.* **4** = RECORD-PLAYER (RECORD¹).

□ **player-piano** *n* piano awnmawi a mahte a tum-aw theimi.

playful /pleɪfl/ *adj* **1** leh lawnglawng a duhmi: *as playful as a kitten* ○ *a playful mood.* **2** nomnak men in a simi/thu ngai si lo: *a playful slap on the hand* ○ *playful remarks.*

▷ **playfully** /-fəli/ *adv.* **playfulness** *n* [U].

playing-card /pleɪŋ kɑ:d/ (also **card**) *n* phe — lehnak phe: *a pack of playing-cards.*

playing-field /pleɪŋ fi:ld/ *n* (sport) **(a)** lehnak ding hrang a riin — ummi bualrawn. **(b)** = PLAYGROUND (PLAY¹).

plaza /plɑ:zə; US 'plæzə/ *n* **1** hmun lawng, lole, dawr bazaar hmun (a bik in Spain ram ah). **2** (esp US) thil phunphun zuarnak dawr hmunpi.

PLC (also **pic**) /pi: el 'si:/ *abbr* (Brit) Public Limited (ie limited liability) Company: *Lloyd's Bank PLC.* Cf INC, LTD.

plea /pli:/ *n* **1** (fml) ~ (for sth) thungai thlak ih zaangfah dil: *a plea for forgiveness, money, more time* ○ *He was deaf to (ie refused to listen to) her pleas.* **2** (law) a sual tiah puhmi in zaangfah a dilnak: *enter a plea of guilty/not guilty.* **3** (idm) **on the plea of sth/that...** (fml) thil pakhat tuahsualnak, lole, tuah lonak thu ruangah si thei lonak: *withdraw on the plea of ill health* ○ *He refused to contribute, on the plea that he couldn't afford it.*

pleach /plɪ:tʃ/ *v* [Tn esp passive] thing teek pawl kuul tahrat in pakhat le pakhat kalh-awtker: *pleached hedges.*

plead /pli:d/ *v* (pt, pp **pleaded**; US **pled** /pled/) **1** [Ipr, It] ~ (with sb) (for sth) poimawh zet in atu le tu zaangfah dil: *plead for mercy* ○ *He pleaded with his parents for a more understanding attitude.* ○ *She pleaded with him not to leave her alone.* ○ *The boy pleaded to be allowed to ride on the tractor.* **2** [Tn] thil pakhat tuah sual, lole, tuah ngah lo ruangih a phuahlam hawl, pek, lole, a 'ruang' hei hawl: *They asked him to pay for the damage but he pleaded poverty.* ○ *He apologized for not coming to the party, pleading pressure of work.* ○ *Pleading ignorance of the law won't help you if you are caught.* **3** [Ipr] ~ **for/against sb** (law) (of a lawyer) thuthennak zungah a sual ti ih puhmi/khiim mi ai ah hei tongsak. **4** [Tn] (law) thu buai zungih thlen: *They employed the best lawyer they could get to plead their case.* **5** [Tn] (law) upadi zungah thu buainak ih hrampi ah ret: *Counsel for the*

accused said that he intended to plead insanity, ie that his client was insane and therefore not responsible for his actions. ○ *plead guilty/not guilty,* ie declare that one is guilty/not guilty of the crime one has been accused of. **6** [Ipr, Tn] ~ (for) sth thu pakhat tanmi el-awknak tuah: *plead the cause of political prisoners* ○ *plead for the modernization of the city's public transport.*

▷ **pleadingly** *adv* zaangfah dil in; zaangfah dil. **pleadings** *n* [pl] (law) (cangan si theu) sual puhnak canganmi hei son lehnak canganmi, lole, mawhpuhtu le mawh puh taak mi ih an thu buainak thuhla nganmi.

pleasant /pleznt/ *adj* (-er, -est) **(a)** ~ (to sth) nuam; thinlung le tisa parah nomnak nei: *a pleasant surprise, smell, wine* ○ *a pleasant breeze, temperature, climate* ○ *a pleasant to the taste.* **(b)** ~ (to sb) kom duh-um; duhnungza: *a pleasant smile, voice, manner* ○ *make oneself pleasant to visitors* ○ *What a pleasant girl!* ○ *Do try to be more pleasant!*

▷ **pleasantly** *adv:* *smile pleasantly* ○ *We were pleasantly surprised at the profit we made.* **pleasantness** *n* [U].

pleasantry /plezntri/ *n* (fml) **(a)** thinlung nomternak tongkam: *The children smiled politely at the visitor's pleasantries.* **(b)** tong mawi thlaakmi: *After an exchange of pleasantries, the leaders started their negotiations.*

please /pli:z/ *v* **1** [Tn] mi lungtong/lung nuamter: *It's difficult to please everybody.* ○ *Our main aim is to please the customers.* ○ *He's a very hard/difficult man to please.* ○ *I shall have nothing to do on holiday but please myself, ie do as I like.* **2** [I] (in subordinate clauses beginning with *as* or *what*) (fml) **(a)** duhnung zawng ih thu ruah; hril; remcanger: *You may stay as long as you please?* ○ *Take as many as you please.* **(b)** duh: *That child behaves just as he pleases.* ○ *I shall do as I please.* ○ *Do what you please.* **3** (idm) **if you please** **(a)** (fml) thil pakhat tuahter tiki thong hmanmi: *Come this way, if you please.* **(b)** zinfle le thin aithok tiki thong hmanmi: *And now, if you please, I've been told I'm to get nothing for my work!* ○ *He says the food isn't hot enough, if you please!* **please God** Pathian remruah si hram seh; Pathian lungtong a si ahcun: *Please God, things will start to improve soon.* ○ *She'll get better one day, please God.* **please yourself** (ironic) phirsit deuh ih ti; na duh vekin tuah aw, poi ka ti lo: *'I don't want to come with you today.'* 'Oh, please yourself then!'

▷ **please** *interj* **1** **(a)** tongkam tha hman dan, mi parah tirhfial, lole, thu peek tik ih tong mawinak hman: *Please come in.* ○ *Come in, please.* ○ *Two cups of tea, please.* ○ *Tickets,*

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please! ○ *Would you go now, please!* (b) sim duh, dil duhmi langter deuhnak ih hmanmi: *Please don't leave me here alone!* ○ *Please, please, don't be late!* ○ *Please, I don't understand what I have to do!* **2** (infml) mi ih kan parih thil tuah sak ding an ti tikah tong mawi ih hei sonnak: 'Shall I help you carry that load?' 'Please!' (idm) **yes, please** (used as a polite way of accepting the offer of sth) mi ih thil peek, lole, thil tha tuahsak duhmi a um ih an sut tikah lungkim zet in cohlan tiki tongmi: 'Would you like some coffee?' 'Yes, please.' ○ 'Would you like a lift into town?' 'Yes, please.'

pleased adj **1** ~ (with sb/sth) lungkimnak langtermi: *Your mother will be very pleased with you.* ○ *They were all very pleased with the news.* ○ *Are you pleased with the new flat?* ○ *He looks rather pleased with himself,* ie pleased with what he has done. **2** ~ to do sth thil tuah hiar: *I was very pleased to be able to help.* ○ *We were pleased to hear the news.* ○ (fml) *The Governor is pleased to accept the invitation.* **3** (idm) (as) **pleased as Punch** lungkim zet.

pleasing adj ~ (to sb/sth) nuamter/mi thinlung va nomter: *a pleasing colour scheme, singing voice* ○ *The news was very pleasing to us.* ○ *sounds that are pleasing to the ear.* **pleasingly** adv: *everything pleasingly arranged for the guests.*

pleasure /pleʒə(r)/ **n** **1** (a) [U] thin nuam, lole, lungawi: *a work of art that has given pleasure to millions of people* ○ *It gives me great pleasure to welcome our speaker* ○ *Has she gone to Paris on business or for pleasure* (ie for work or for fun)? (b) [C] lungkimter, lole, lungawi tertu thil/thuhla: *the pleasures of living in the country* ○ *She has few pleasures left in life.* ○ *It's been a pleasure meeting you.* ○ 'Thank you for doing that!' 'It's a pleasure.' ○ Remembering the past was his only pleasure. **2** [U] tisa nomnak: *His life is spent in the pursuit of pleasure.* **3** [U] (fml) duhmi/duh vekin: *We await your pleasure.* ○ *You are free to come and go at your pleasure,* ie as you wish. ○ *Is it your pleasure that I cancel the arrangements?* **4** (idm) **have the pleasure of sth/doing sth** mi hnen ih thil (dil) tuah sak dingih dil tiki tongmawi ih hmanmi: *May I have the pleasure of this dance?* ○ (fml or joc) *Are we to have the pleasure of seeing you again?* **take (no/great) pleasure in sth/doing sth** thil tuah nuam zet/nuam lo zet: *She seemed to take pleasure in our suffering.* ○ *They take great pleasure in reminding us of our poverty.* ○ *She took no pleasure in her work.* **with pleasure** thin nuam zet ih cohlan, lole, lungkim: 'Will you join us?' 'Thank you, with pleasure.' ○ 'May I borrow your car?' 'Yes, with pleasure.'

▷ **pleasurable** /pleʒərəbl/ adj a nuam zetmi: *a pleasurable sensation* ○ *pleasurable*

companionship. **pleasurably** /-əblɪ/ adv.

□ **pleasure-boat** *n* nunnom hman men ding lawng.

pleasure-craft *n* (pl unchanged) a nomnak ding hman menmi lawng: *Fishing boats and pleasure-craft followed the great liner into the harbour.*

pleasure-ground *n* mi senpi colh hahdam nunnua tuahnak ding hman.

pleasure-seeking adj nomnak a ruat ringringmi.

pleat /pli:t/ *n* hnipuan a bil ih thitmi: *a shirt with pleats in the front.*

▷ **pleat** *v* [Tn] a bil/a tuah ih thil thit: *pleat a skirt* ○ *pleated curtains.*

pleb /pleb/ *n* (infml derog) **1** [C] = **PLEBEIAN**. **2** the **plebs** [pl] mi senpi.

plebeian /plɪ'bi:ən/ adj **1** (fml or derog) minung dinhmun (nunkhuasak ah) a niam deuh pawl simi: *of plebeian origins.* **2** (derog) a thiang lo; borhhlawh: *plebeian tastes.*

▷ **plebeian** (also **pleb**) *n* (derog) (esp in ancient Rome) mi nauta phun. Cf **PATRICIAN**.

plebiscite /plebɪsɪt/ *US* -sɪt/ *n* (politics) ram thuhla ah mi senpi ih hril theinak: *A plebiscite was held to decide the fate of the country.* ○ *The question of which state the minority group should belong to was decided by (a) plebiscite.* Cf **REFERENDUM**.

plectrum /plektrəm/ *n* (pl -tra /-trə/) (music) tingtang tivek hri nei awnmawi perhnak ih hmanmi thir, thing, plastic, lole, saruh tivek.

pled pt, pp of **PLEAD**.

pledge /pledʒ/ *n* **1** thutak thlaak ih thu tiam/kam: *give a pledge never to reveal the secret.* **2** (a) kam-awhnak thilri. (b) thil pawngnak ih thil retmi (pawngmi thil). **3** duhdawtnak le rualpi thatnak ruangih thil thenmi: *gifts exchanged as a pledge of friendship.* **4** (idm) **in/out of pledge** leiba peek theh hlan lo thil rak kilkhawi sungmi: *put/hold sth in pledge* ○ *take sth out of pledge.* **sign/take the pledge** (esp joc) zu in nawn lo dingih thu tiam-aw. **under pledge of sth** thil pakhat ti lo ding/ti ding in kam-awknak: *You are under pledge of secrecy.*

▷ **pledge** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tnt] ~ sth (to sb/sth) (fml) thil pakhat ti sak/tuah sak, bawm dingih thu kamnak peek: *pledge allegiance* (ie loyalty) to the king ○ *pledge a donation* (to a charity) ○ *be pledged to secrecy/to keeping a secret.* **2** [Tn] thukam tuahnak ih thil taantak: *He's pledged* (ie pawned) *his mother's wedding ring.* **3** [Tn] (fml) mi hrang thlaza cam phah (damnak ding) ih thil in; khuat hai veve khawng-awter hnu ih in: *pledge the bride and bridegroom.*

Pleistocene /plaɪstəsi:n/ adj (geology) leilungpi thuanthu ah hlanlai kum million khat in khum thawng zahnih karlak ah lei hlumpi saklam kau vur ih a khuh caan.

▷ **the Pleistocene** *n* the Pleistocene epoch.

plenary /ˈplɪnəri/ *adj* **1** (of meetings, etc) a ra tel theitu hmuahhmuah telmi (thurel khawmnak): a *plenary session of the assembly*. **2** (of powers, authority, etc) a ri then um lo ih thu neihnak: *assume plenary authority*.

plenipotentiary /ˌplenɪpəˈtenʃəri/ *n* (esp in a foreign country) mah ram hrang ih palai sinak ah thu neihnak a kim ih neitu.

▷ **plenipotentiary** *adj* thu neihnak a tlamtling neihmi: *The minister was given plenipotentiary powers in the trade negotiations*.

plenteous /ˈplentiəs/ *adj* (fml) tampi.

▷ **plenteously** *adv*.

plentiful /ˈplentɪfl/ *adj* tampi: *find plentiful supplies of fresh fruit and vegetables* ○ *Eggs are plentiful at the moment*. Cf SCARCE.

▷ **plentifully** /-feli/ *adv*: *The visitors were plentifully supplied with food and drink*.

plenty /ˈplenti/ *pron* **1** a ʔul zat hnak ih tam: *plenty of eggs, money, time* ○ *‘Do you need more milk?’ ‘No thanks, there’s plenty in the fridge.’* ○ *‘Have we got enough plates?’ ‘Yes, there are plenty in the cupboard.’* ○ *They always gave us plenty to eat*. **2** (idm) **days, years, etc of plenty** (fml or rhet) ʔulmi tampi neih (a bik ah) rawl, tangka pawl ol-ai ih ngah thei caan; kum le caan ʔha: *looking back on the years of plenty*. in **plenty** (fml) tampi in: *food and drink in plenty*.

▷ **plenty** *adv* **1** (used with *more* to indicate an excess) *more* thawn hman a si ʔheu: *We’ve got plenty more (of it/them) in the shop*. ○ *There’s plenty more paper if you need it*. **2** (infml) (used with *big, long, tall*, etc followed by *enough*) *big, long, tall* thawn hman a si ih *enough* in a tlu: *The rope was plenty long enough to reach the ground*.

pleonasm /ˈpliənæzəm/ *n* (a) [U] a ti duh sanmi hnakin tam deuh ih ʔong. (b) [C] hi vek hei sinak: *‘Hear with one’s ears’ and ‘divide into four quarters’ are pleonasms*. Cf TAUTOLOGY.

▷ **pleonastic** /pliəˈnæstɪk/ *adj*.

plethora /ˈpleθərə/ *n* [sing] (fml) a ʔulnak hnakin thil tam sawn, thil a hleifuan: *The report contained a plethora of detail*.

pleurisy /ˈpluərəsi/ *n* [U] (medical) dangkua le cuap tuamtu thil paate thling nat.

plexus /ˈpleksəs/ *n* (pl unchanged or ~ **es**) (anatomy) ruang sungih thahri hrual, lole, thi luannak dawng: *the solar plexus*, ie the network of nerves in the abdomen.

pliable /ˈplaɪəbl/ *adj* **1** ol tein kawi thei, kuul thei, kum thei: *Cane is pliable when wet*. **2** (of a person or a person’s mind) ol tein mi duh thlun thei; nekhkhu ol: *the pliable minds of children*.

▷ **pliancy** /ˈplaɪənsi/ *n* [U].

pliant /ˈplaɪənt/ *adj* **1** ol tein kawi thei, a neemmi: *the pliant branches of young trees*. **2** ol tein nun

cawng thei.

▷ **pliancy** /ˈplaɪənsi/ *n* [U].

pliantly *adv*.

pliers /ˈplaɪəz/ *n* [pl] thil cepnak, thirhri merhnak le tannak tivekah kaihci vekih kaihi le hmanmi: *a pair of pliers*.

plight¹ /plaɪt/ *n* [sing] harsa dinhmun/harsa le poimawh zet laifang: *the plight of the homeless* ○ *The crew were in a sorry plight by the time they reached shore*. ○ *I was in a dreadful plight — I had lost my money and missed the last train home*.

plight² /plaɪt/ *v* (idm) **plight one’s troth** (arch) mi pakhat thawn ʔhi-aw dingin thu kham tuah (hamnuk).

plimsoll /ˈplɪmsəl/ (also **pump**) *n* (Brit) (US **sneaker**) a ke zaphak (ke hnuai lam) sialriat (rubber) tuahmi lehnak kedan: *a pair of plimsolls*.

Plimsoll line /ˈplɪmsəl/ (also **Plimsoll mark** / mɑ:k/) tangphawlawng pi parih, tangphawlawng in thilrit ziangzat tiang phur ding ti theihnak ih a riin an tuahmi (tisung a vung pil ding zawn hminsinnak riin).

plinth /ˈplɪnθ/ *n* thing pheng, lole, lungto pheeng killi neimi inn ʔhuam.

Pliocene /ˈplaɪəsi:n/ *adj* (geology) leilungpi thuanthu ah lungto pawl pian caan caan thumnak — tu san ramsa an pian tir caan.

▷ **the Pliocene** *n* hi caan.

plod /plɒd/ *v* (-dd-) **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (along/on) harsa zet le fuung zet ih vaak: *Laborers plodded home through the muddy fields*. ○ (fig) *We plodded on through the rain for several hours*. ⇒ STUMP. **2** (phr v) **plod along** nuam tete ih vaak/ʔhawn: *‘How’s the book?’ ‘Oh, I’m plodding along.’* **plod away** (at th) hmaanhmaan le nuam tete ih ʔuan: *He plodded away all night at the accounts but didn’t finish them in time*.

▷ **plodder** *n* (usu derog) thin khoh zet/ tumtahnak nei zet ih hnaʔuan.

plodding *adj*.

ploddingly *adv*.

plonk¹ /plɒŋk/ (also **plunk** /plʌŋk/) *n* (usu sing) ringpi ih thil tlaak awnmi: *to hear a plonk*.

▷ **plonk** *adv* plonk ti awn ko ih thil tlak: *The lamp fell plonk on the table*.

plonk *v* (phr v) **plonk sth down; plonk sth (down) on sth** thil rit hei ʔhum tikih a awnmi/ plonk ti awn ko ih thil tlaakmi le ʔhummi: *He plonked the groceries on the kitchen floor*. ○ (fig) *We plonked ourselves (down) by the fire*.

plonk² /plɒŋk/ *n* [U] (infml esp Brit) zu thaw lo pawl.

plop /plɒp/ *n* (usu sing) thil a ngilmi tidai sungih a tlak awn (tidai ʔhehdarh lo ih a tlami): *He dropped a pebble from the bridge and waited for the plop*.

▷ **plop** *adv*: *The stone fell plop into the water*.

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plop *v* (-pp-) **1** [I] plop ti ringmi: *Did you hear it plop?* **2** [Ipr, Ip] plop ti ih tlak: *The jelly plopped into the dish.* ○ *The fish plopped back into the river.*

plosive /pləʊsɪv/ *n*, *adj* (phonetics) thli fehnak (thaw) hei phit lawk ih ring ko ih thli thlah saal tikih awnmi, eg /t/ and /p/ in *top*.

plot¹ /plɒt/ *n* thil pakhat tuahnak dingih zuahmi hmun le lei: *a building plot* ○ *a vegetable plot* ○ *a small plot of land*.

▷ **plot** *v* (-tt-) **1** [Tn] (a) thil tumtah, lole, thil pakhat khat ih zuk (ram zuk) suai: *plot an escape route.* (b) thil ngan le suaimi parah hmunhma hminsini: *plot the ship's course.* (c) graph suaimi parih rin a kawi suai: *plot a temperature curve.* **2** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (out) thil pakhat hei then (tampi ah).

plot² /plɒt/ *n* **1** thuanthucawn sungih a thutlaangpi um daan: *a neatly worked-out plot* ○ *The plot was too complicated for me — I couldn't follow it.* **2** mi rual khat in a thupte ih tumtahnak tuahmi; phairnak: *a plot to overthrow the government* ○ *The plot was discovered in time.* **3** (idm) **hatch a plot** ⇒ **HATCH.** **the plot thickens** (catchphrase) nunnak ah dinhmun umdan, lole, thuanthu phuahcop nganmi ah a thu fehndan theithiam a harmi/a hnokmi.

▷ **plot** *v* (a) [I, Ipr, Ip, It] ~ (with sb) (against sb); ~ (together) thupte thil tumtah (thil siatsuah lam) cuvek ah telve: *plot with others against the State* ○ *plot (together) to do sth.* (b) [Tn] mi thawn thil tha lo tumtah tlaang: *They were plotting the overthrow of the government.*

plotter *n* thil tha lo tuahtumtu.

plough (US **plow**) /plau/ *n* **1** (a) [C] lei kuang thlawhnak (lei hriatnak) hmanmi thir pheeng kawi (sumhnam, lole, cet ih dirhmi). (b) hitivek a bangmi thilri: *a snow-plough*, ie one for clearing snow from roads and railways. **2** **the Plough** [sing] (also **Charles's Wain**) (Brit) (US also **the Big Dipper**) (astronomy) arsi tleu — si sarih (leilungpi saklam lawngih hmuh theih a si). **3** [U] lei thlawh cia (lei thuang ciami): *100 acres of plough.* **4** (idm) **under the plough** lei le hmun thlawh laimi.

▷ **plough** (US **plow**) *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) lei thuangnak thirha thawn leilung hei hriat: *plough a field* ○ *The meadow's been ploughed up.* **2** [I, Tn] (dated Brit sl) mi sunnak peek, sung: *I ploughed my finals.* ○ *The examiners ploughed half the candidates.* **3** (idm) **plough a lonely furrow** bawmtu nei lo ih tuan. **4** (phr v) **plough sth back** (a) hrampi le rawl kung ram tha seh ti ih lei sungah thlawh cih saal. (b) (fig) thil zuarnak ih a miat (a thang) ngahmi le a zin (um ciami paisa a hram) thawn kom saal ih sum hawl. **plough into sth/sb** thil pakhat parah napi in va pah/va thluk: *The car went out of*

control and ploughed into the side of a bus.

plough (one's way) **through sth** (a) feh phah ih zin va tawt/pah ciamco: *plough one's way through the mud* ○ *The ship ploughed through the waves.* (b) nuam tete le harsa phah ih thangso: *plough through legal text books, a pile of documents, mountains of work, etc.*

□ **ploughman** (US **plow-**) /-mən/ *n* (-men /-mən/) sumhnam thawn lo thlotu. **ploughman's lunch** (Brit) lothlo suncaw.

ploughshare (US **plow-**) (also **share**) *n* lei thuangnak thirper ih a haa.

plover /plʌvə(r)/ *n* tipi thuanthum kiang ih ciarbek lakih um kesau meitawi vate phunkhat.

ploy /plɔɪ/ *n* leh tikih mi neh ding tumtahnak ih tong le cangvaih dan: *It was all a ploy to distract attention from his real aims.*

pluck /plʌk/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (off/out) kut ih tot-thlong: *pluck a rose from the garden* ○ *pluck one's eyebrows*, ie use tweezers to remove unwanted hairs ○ *pluck off the dead flowers* ○ *pluck out a grey hair.* **2** [Tn] ar/vate hmul hei thlong/phawi: *Have the turkeys been plucked?*

3 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (at sth) kut in thuan ih dir/hnuuk: *The child was plucking at her mother's skirt.* ○ *A stranger plucked at my sleeve as I was leaving.* **4** (US **pick**) [Tn] hri neimi awnmawi thil (tingtang) kutzung zim ih dirh le thaai: *pluck the strings of a guitar.* **5** (idm) **pluck up courage** (to do sth) thil pakhat tuah dingih pacan cuh (thazaang laak): *I shall have to pluck up courage and speak to her about it.* ○ *He can't pluck up the courage to leave home.*

▷ **pluck** *n* **1** [U] (infml) ral thatnak: *She showed a lot of pluck in dealing with the intruders.* **2** [C usu sing] vei khatte hei dirh hruak: *feel a pluck at one's sleeve.* **3** [U] ramsa pawl ih lung, thin, cuap — ei ding a simi. **plucky** *adj* (-ier, -iest) ralthatnak langter/raltha. **pluckily** *adv.*

plug /plʌg/ *n* **1** (a) thil ong sungih thunmi thir, sialrial, lole, plastic — thil phihnak: *Pull (out) the plug and let the water drain away.* ○ *He put plugs in his ear because the noise was too loud.* (b) (US) = **STOPPER.** **2** (a) electric pehnak dingah thir fung thil ong sungih thluah dingmi: *a three-/two-pin plug* ○ *Put the plug in the socket.* ○ *I'll have to change the plug on the hair drier.* (b) (infml) electric thil bunnak ong. **3** = **SPARKING PLUG** (SPARK). **4** (infml) thil lei duh hngai seh ti ih mi senpi theih dingih than/tarlang. **5** (a) napi ih hlom mi kuksi tlang (si kawng). (b) cuvek tuahmi khaai dingih hei tanmi tankhat. **6** (idm) **pull the plug on sb/sth** ⇒ **PULL**².

▷ **plug** *v* (-gg-) **1** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) thil a phihnak in thil ong phit: *plug a leak in the barrel.* **2** [Tn] (infml) hminthanter duh ah mi senpi theih dingin atu le tu thu thansak:

They've been plugging his new show on the radio. **3** [Tn] (infml esp US) deeng, thawi. **4** (phr v) **plug away (at sth)** napi in zuam ciamco: She's been plugging away at her French lessons for months. **plug sth in** electric tha plug hmangin peh — a tha fehter: Plug in the radio, please. ○ The recorder wasn't plugged in.

□ **plug-hole** *n* (Brit) (US **drain**) electric thilri va sawhnak ong (thil kholhnak kuang taw-ong tivek).

plum /plam/ *n* **1** (a) [C] sunhlu phunkhat. (b) [C] (also **plum tree**) sunhlu kung. **2** [U] sendup pianzia. **3** (infml) thil neih ding a thami: She's got a plum of a job. ○ [attrib] a plum job.

□ **plum pudding** thingrah car, hmuimer le buh tivek suan khawmmi.

plumage /pluːmɪdʒ/ *n* [U] vate/ar hmul: the brightly coloured plumage of tropical birds.

plumb /plam/ *n* **1** phar, lole, thil dang pohpoh a ding le ding lo tahnak hmanmi suanhlum fate hri thaw thlaihmi. **2** (idm) **out of plumb** thil a tung lam ih a ding lomi.

▷ **plumb** *adv* **1** cekci, si taktak: plumb in the centre. **2** (US infml) vek rori, cekci: He's plumb crazy.

plumb *v* **1** [Tn] (a) suanhlum fate hri thlaih mi in thil (hman le hman lo) ding le ding lo (a tung lam in) tahnak (thuum phunmi a ding maw tivek). (b) (fig) thil pakhat theih thluh tum: plumb the mysteries of the universe. **2** (idm) plumb the depths of sth thil a niam biknak hmun va thlen: plumb the depths of despair ○ a film that really plumbs the depths of bad taste. **3** (phr v) **plumb sth** in thil pakhat a dang ah bun: We've plumbed in the dishwasher.

□ **plumb-line** *n* hri thlaihmi suan tum fate hri.

plumber /plʌmə(r)/ *n* titler (pipe) tuahtu, tikuang tuahtu.

plumbing /plʌmɪŋ/ *n* [U] **1** titler pum le tikuang tuah daan: There is something wrong with the plumbing. **2** tidai (titler pum) zoh thatu ih hnaʔuan: We employed a local man to do the plumbing.

plume /pluːm/ *n* (a) ceimawinak ih hmanmi ar, vate hmul. (b) lu, lole, lukhuh parih tonmi vate/arhmul: a plume of ostrich feathers. (c) thla vekin vanih a zam somi: a plume of smoke/steam.

▷ **plume** *v* **1** [Tn] (of a bird) vate a hmur in a thla le a hmul hei thai: a bird pluming itself/its feathers/its wing. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **oneself (on sth)** mah le mah lom-awk, lungkim-aw: a plumed hat. **plummed** *adj* ar/vate hmul tonmi: a plummed hat.

plummet /plʌmɪt/ *n* **1** tah-nak hrizim ih thlaihmi; hri ah thil khiing nei thlaihmi. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **oneself (on sth)** ngasio hri ah thilrit pakhat thlaihmi.

▷ **plummet** *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] zamrang, lole, napi in

laak: House prices have plummeted in this area. ○ Places of rock plummeted down the mountainside to the ground below.

plummy /ˈplʌmi/ *adj* (-mier, -miest) **1** (infml) duhzawng, duhnung, lungkimza, a tha: a plummy job. **2** (esp derog) (of a voice) kaa sungah thil pakhat umvek ih ʔong: a plummy accent/voice.

plump¹ /plʌmp/ *adj* (a) (esp of an animal, a person, parts of the body) ruangpi a hlum, a bial in a um, taksa nei zet: a plump baby, chicken, face ○ a baby with plump cheeks. (b) (euph) thau: You're getting a bit plump — you need to diet! ⇒ Usage at FAT¹.

▷ **plump** *v* (phr v) **plump (sth) out/up** rak thauter, hluumter, bialter: His cheeks are beginning to plump out/up. ○ She plumped up the pillows. **plumpness** *n* [U].

plump² /plʌmp/ *v* (phr v) **plump (oneself/sb/sth) down** mi/thil pakhat hmakhat tein tlukter, tlakter, khiingrit zet thawn tluk: plump down the heavy bags ○ plump (oneself) down in a chair. **plump for sb/sth** mi/thil pakhat lungkim zet ih hril: The committee plumped for the most experienced candidate. ○ The children plumped for a holiday by the sea.

▷ **plump** *n* (usu sing) khiing nei zet ih tluknak/laaknak: The book landed with a plump on the floor.

plump *adv* laak tupti/tluk tupti: fall plump into the hole.

plunder /ˈplʌndə(r)/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (from sth) raal, lole, buai celcel lai ih thil fir, fir le siat suah/ram: The conquerors advanced, killing and plundering as they went. ○ The invaders plundered food and valuables from coastal towns and villages. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (of sth) raal sung tivek ah thil hmunkhat ih ta fir: plunder a palace of its treasures ○ Tourists have plundered all the archaeological sites. Cf LOOT, PILLAGE.

▷ **plunder** *n* [U] **1** thil va ram/va siatsuah: be guilty of plunder ○ goods obtained by plunder. **2** laak/fir mi thil/thuamhnaw: They loaded the carts with plunder.

plunderer /ˈplʌndərə(r)/ *n* a firtu, ramtu.

plunge /plʌndʒ/ *v* **1** [Ipr, Ip, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ (sth) **into sth**; ~ **sth in** (a) hmual nei ah thil pakhat sungin hmakhatte ih laak/dawp, (ti) sungah dawp: plunge (one's hand) into cold water ○ They plunged in, ie dived into the water. ○ plunge a rod into a blocked drain to clear it. (b) luh hnawh; thil pakhat ah run thleng le cang: The country (was) plunged into civil war after the death of the President. ○ The news plunged us into despair. ○ events which plunged the world into war ○ Their extravagant life-style plunged them into debt. **2** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn-pr, Tn-p] sukso ah thingaw/dawp hlo, mi pakhat/

thil pakhat hmakhat te ih sawnter/tlukter: *The horse plunged and she fell off.* ○ *Share prices plunged as a result of the gloomy economic forecast.* ○ *The car plunged over the cliff.* ○ *The sudden jolt plunged her forward.* (b) [I] (of a ship) sukso thing/hnin ciamco ih hmailam feh, nor.

▷ **plunge** *n* **1** (a) [C esp sing] thil pakhat ah napi in tlak/deeng-aw/thil dangpi ah hei cang ciamco: *a plunge into debt, chaos.* (b) [C] tidai sungih dawp: *a plunge into the sea from the rocks* ○ *a refreshing plunge in the lake.* **2** (idm) **take the plunge** ngam zet ih thil tuah thok/ralthatnak thawn thil hei tuah: *They have finally decided to take the plunge and get married.*

plunger *n* **1** thil pakhat sukso (tluntang) ih a caangvaimi. **2** (in plumbing) tidawng a pitmi thiantarnak (ongernak) ah fung pakhat parih temcihmi sialrial kkuat (a hawp ih hawp a si).

plunk = PLONK¹.

pluperfect /plu:pə:fekt/ *adj* (also **past perfect**) (*grammar*) tikcu pakhat hlan ih thehmi hnatuan simnak: *a pluperfect (form of a) verb phrase.*

▷ **pluperfect** *n* (also **past perfect**) cuvek tuahnak simmi (In English *had* and a past participle, as in *a's he had not received my letter, he did not come*).

plural /pluərəl/ *n* (*grammar*) pakhat hnakihi a tammi: *The plural of 'child' is 'children'.* ○ *The verb should be in the plural, eg 'have' in 'they have'.* Cf SINGULAR 1.

▷ **plural** *adj* (*grammar*) **1** a tam ti ngan dan a simi: *Most plural nouns in English end in 's'.* **2** pakhat hnak tam: *a plural society, ie one with more than one ethnic group.*

pluralism /pluərəlizəm/ *n* [U] **1** (a) hrin le hnam a dangdang, lole, thu ruahnak/pomdan phunphun (ramthu ah), lole, biaknak phunphun/bu khat ih a umtlangmi nunkhawsak neimi mirual khat. (b) minung ruahnak phunphun nundan a bang-aw lomi hmunkhat ah rualrem zet in umtlang thei ding ti thu pom daan. **2** (*usu derog*) Kawhhran pakhat ah tuanvo tumkhat ah pakhat hnak tam neimi.

▷ **pluralist** /pluərəlist/ *n* minung nundan/ruahdan phunza rawi a simi rualrem tein nun tlang a thei ti thu pomdan lungkim theitu/a pom theitu.

pluralist (also **pluralistic**) /pluərəlistik/ *adj*: *a pluralist society.*

plurality /pluərələti/ *n* **1** [U] (*grammar*) tam a si nak. **2** [C] tampi. **3** (*US politics*) a tam sinak in 50% hnak mal (mi mal sawn). Cf MAJORITY 2. **4** (a) [U] = PLURALISM 2. (b) [C] zung tawm-aw.

plus /plas/ *prep* (a) kanan a kom: *Two plus five is seven.* ○ *The bill was £10, plus £1 for postage.* (b)

(*infml*) si ve/thawn; khal: *We've got to fit five people plus all their luggage in the car.* Cf MINUS.

▷ **plus** *adj* **1** a tam sawn simi/hnakin tam: *The work will cost £10000 plus.* **2** lolak hnakin tam: *4 is a plus quantity.* ○ *The temperature is plus four degrees.*

plus *n* **1** (+) timi hmuhsaknak: *He seems to have mistaken a plus for a minus.* **2** (*infml*) thahnem/thathnempi: *Her knowledge of French is a plus in her job.* Cf MINUS.

□ **plus-fours** *n* [pl] golf lek tikihi an hrukmi bawngbi kaupi: *a pair of plus-fours.*

plush /plʌʃ/ *n* [U] pupuan, lole, patpuan — a leeng phaw cu kadipa (puan nem zet hmul vek).

▷ **plush** *adj* **1** (also **plushy**) (*infml*) mankhung le mawi zet ih tuahmi: *a plush hotel, restaurant, etc.* **2** pupuan lole patpuan ih tuahmi: *plush curtains.*

plushy /plʌʃi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (*infml*) = PLUSH¹.

▷ **plushiness** *n* [U].

Pluto /plu:təʊ/ *n* (*astronomy*) ni a hleeltu leilung pi pakua lakih a hlat bik le fate bik.

plutocracy /plu:təkrəsi/ *n* **1** (a) [U] milian le mi cak dinhmun um pawl ih uknak. (b) [C] hivek uknak. **2** [CGp] milian le hu le thawm neimi/milai rual.

▷ **plutocrat** /plu:təkræt/ *n* (*often derog*) neihnak ruangih hu le thawm neimi.

plutocratic /plu:təkrætik/ *adj* (a) milian uknak. (b) milian uknak vek: *plutocratic control of a media empire.*

plutonium /plu:təniəm/ *n* [U] (*chemistry*) uranium dat ih tuahmi, nuclear bomb tivek tuahnak ih hmanmi.

ply¹ /plai/ *n* [U] (esp in compounds) thing tlap, lole, puan ih a sahnak: *three-ply wood.* **2** hri hrual, lole, pathri: *three-/four-ply knitting wool.*

□ **plywood** /plaiwud/ *n* [U] kaw ih erhmi thing tlap thuah paa zetmi: *sheets of plywood* ○ [attrib] *plywood furniture.*

ply² /plai/ *v* (pt, pp **plied** /plaid/) **1** [Tn] (*fml*) (hnatuannak thilri, lole, hriam hrei) hman: *ply one's needle, ie work busily at one's sewing* ○ *ply the oars, ie row a boat.* **2** [I, Ipr, Tn] (lawng/mawtaw)feh le kir rero/kahtlaang: *ply the routes between the islands* ○ *ferries that ply between England and France* ○ *ships that ply (across) the South China Sea.* **3** (idm) **ply one's trade** thil thiam zet ih tuan. **ply for hire** (of taxi drivers, boatmen, etc) sukso vaak, minung hawl in vaak rero, lole, hmunkhat ah khualtlawng pawl hngak: *taxis licensed to ply for hire at the railway station.* **4** (phr v) **ply sb with sth** (a) (atu le tu) in le ei mi hei do: *She plied us with cakes.* (b) a pehpeh in thusut.

PM /pi:'em/ *abbr* (*infml esp Brit*) Prime Minister: *an interview with the PM.*

pm /pi:'em/ *abbr* (*US PM*) after noon (Latin *post*

meridiem): at 3 pm, ie in the afternoon, Cf AM abbr.

PMT /pi: em 'ti:/ abbr (infml) premenstrual tension.

pneumatic /nju:'mæti:k; US nu:-/ adj (a) thli thawm a khatmi: a *pneumatic tyre*. (b) thli tha ih caangvaimi: a *pneumatic drill*.

▷ **pneumatically** /-kli/ adv.

pneumonia /nju:'mæʊniə; US nu:-/ n [U] cuap thling nat; awm nat.

PO /pi: 'əʊ/ abbr **1** Petty Officer. **2** (also **po**) postal order. **3** Post Office: *PO Box 920*, eg in an address.

poach¹ /pəʊtʃ/ v [Tn, Tn.pr] (a) (ngasa thing thei tivek) ti malte a somi sungah suang: *apricots poached in syrup*. (b) (arti a hawng kheh ih) tiso sungih suan.

▷ **poacher** n khuat pianzia vek uukaang arti suannak ih hmanmi.

poach² /pəʊtʃ/ v **1** [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (for sth) tuahnak khuan (siannak) ngah lo ih nga/ramsa/vate tivek peel: *go out poaching on a farmer's land* ○ *Fred was caught poaching hares*. **2** (a) [Ipr] ~ on sth mi ih hmun le ram ah duhduh ih tlang: *Rival salesmen were poaching on his territory*. ○ *By interfering in this matter you are poaching on my preserve*, ie dealing with sth that is my responsibility. (b) [Tn] mi ruahnak laak/cawng: *A rival firm poached our best computer programmers*. ○ *A new political party usually poaches ideas from its rivals*.

▷ **poacher** n mi hmun le ram ah siannak ngah lo ih duhduh ih um. Cf **POACH**¹.

POB /pi: əʊ 'bi:/ abbr Post Office Box (number): **POB 63**.

pock /pɒk/ n (a) raise nat, lole, a dang natnak ruangih hmai thling. (b) (also **pock-mark**) raise nat in taksa vun parah a cuk tete/kuar tete ummi.

▷ **pocked** adj ~ (with sth) thil ong le a kuar ummi: *The moon's surface is pocked with small craters*.

□ **pock-marked** adj raise nat hmaphe nei: *The man's face was badly pock-marked*.

pocket /pɒkɪt/ n **1** (a) angki zaal, bawngbi zaal: a coat, jacket, trouser, etc pocket ○ stand with one's hands in one's pockets ○ [attrib] a pocket dictionary, edition, guide, etc ie small enough to fit in one's pocket. (b) mawṭawka sangka sunglam ummi dip/thil retnak kuar: *You will find information about safety procedures in the pocket in front of you*, eg on an aircraft. **2** (usu sing) duhduh hman lohli thei dingmi paisa/ tangka hman ding neihmi: *luxury far beyond my pocket* ○ *easy/hard on the pocket*, ie easy/ difficult to afford ○ *The resort provides accommodation to suit every pocket*. ○ *The expedition was a drain on her pocket*. **3** thil a cik a pak te ih ummi — hmun khat tete ih

ummi: *Pockets of opposition/resistance to the new regime still remained*. ○ *pockets of unemployment in an otherwise prosperous region*. **4** sui le thil mankhung dang umnak lei ongkua tete, lole, lungkua: *pockets of coal*. **5** = AIR POCKET (AIR¹). **6** (sport) billiard lehnak cabuai ih hri ih tuahmi dip tete, bawhlung tlaknak dingih tuahmi. **7** (idm) **be, etc in sb's pocket** mi pakhat thawm neel-aw zet ih um: *They live in each other's pockets*. **have sb in one's pocket** mi parah thunei thei; duhduh ah hoiher thei. **in/out of pocket** thil/thu pakhat ruangah paisa ngah/sung: *Even after paying all the expenses, we'll still be £100 in pocket*. ○ *His mistake left us all out of pocket*. ○ [attrib] *out-of-pocket expenses*, ie money that one has spent (and which will be reimbursed, eg by one's employer). **line one's/sb's pocket** ⇒ LINE³. **money burns a hole in sb's pocket** ⇒ MONEY. **pick sb's pocket** ⇒ PICK³. **put one's hand in one's pocket** ⇒ HAND¹. **put one's pride in one's pocket** ⇒ PRIDE.

▷ **pocket** v [Tn] **1** angki/bawngbi zaal sungih hei san: *He pocketed the tickets*. ○ *She quickly pocketed the note without reading it*. **2** mah hrang mah zaal sung ih san (thil dik lo tuah): *She pays £2 for them, sells them for £4 and pockets the difference*. ○ *He was given £20 for expenses, but pocketed most of it*. **3** (eg in billiards) billiard lehnak ah a bawhlung kha a dip tuahmi te sungih san. **4** (idm) **pocket one's pride** ningzah/thinhennak suup thei/thup thei. **pocketful** /-fʊl/ n angki/bawngbi zaal khat in ummi: a *pocketful of coins*.

□ **pocket-book** n **1** cabu fate. **2** (a) = WALLET. (b) (US) tangka dip, lole, kutkhai dipte. **pocket-knife** n bil theih naam fate.

pocket-money n [U] (Brit) (a) nauhak hnenah paisa hmancop ding malte peekmi. (b) hmancop ding paisa malte: *We've paid for our travel and accommodation, so we only need to take some pocket-money with us*.

pod /pɒd/ n **1** kawng (kawm) nei be le phiang vek thlairah. **2** (idm) **like as peas in a pod** ⇒ LIKE¹.

podgy /'pɒdʒɪ/ adj (-ier, -iest) (infml usu derog) (of people or parts of the body) tawi ih thau: *podgy fingers*. ⇒ Usage at FAT¹.

▷ **podginess** n [U].

podiatry /pə'diətri/ n [U] (US) = CHIROPODY.

▷ **podiatrist** /-trɪst/ n (US) = CHIROPODIST.

podium /pəʊdiəm/ n mi hmai ih (zapi hmai) thusim le hla hruaitu tivek dinnak zial donhle, sang.

poem /pəʊɪm/ n biazai: *write/compose poems*.

poet /pəʊɪt/ n biazai ngantu.

▷ **poetess** /-es/ n cuvek ngantu nunau.

□ **Poet Laureate** (also **Laureate**) puai nikhua le thil thupi tuah nikhua ih siar dingah England singpahrang sungte hrang biazai

ngantu.

poetic /pə'vetɪk/ *adj* **1** (*approx*) mawi le nem ih nganmi biaza vek; poetry vek simi: *a poetic rendering of the piano sonata*. **2** [attrib] = FOETICAL **1**: *his entire poetic output*.

▷ **poetical** /-kl/ *adj* **1** [attrib] hla vek phun ih ngan a simi: *the poetical works of Keats*. **2** [attrib] = POETR **1**.

poetically /-klɪ/ *adv*.

□ **poetic justice** si ding a tlak zetmi cawhkuan/dantatnak, lole, lomhnak peekmi.

poetic licence poetry/poem ngan tikah tɔŋ hmandan mah duhduh ih hman: (*ironic*) *his garden shed which, with a certain amount of poetic licence, he calls his summer house*.

poetry /'peʊtri/ *n* [U] **1** hla vek a saal ih saalmi: *lyric, dramatic, pastoral, symbolist, etc poetry* ○ *Dryden's poetry* ○ [attrib] *a poetry book* ○ *a poetry reading*. Cf PROSE, VERSE. **2** (*approx*) piandan ihsin a rami cuan mawi: *a ballet dancer with oetry in every movement* ○ *the poetry of motion*, eg in ballet or some forms of athletics.

po-faced /'peʊtri/ *adj* (*Brit infml derog*) mithmai thim zet thawn, lole, lung si lo hmelpu, mithmai sia.

pogrom /'pɒgrəm; US pə'grɒm/ *n* biaknak, lole, miphun sinak ruangah a bur ih thah-awknak.

poignant /'pɔɪnjənt/ rehsiatnak, lole, zaangfahnak nasa zet ih nei: *poignant sorrow, regret, memories* ○ *a poignant moment*.

▷ **poignancy** /-jənsɪ/ *n* [U] rehsiat zaangfah neihnak.

poignantly /-jəntli/ *adv*.

poinsettia /'pɔɪn'setɪə/ *n* khuasatnak ih a khomi a mai hnah ngai a hringih a par kiangkap hnah cu a sen hnai nei parkung.

point¹ /'pɔɪnt/ *n* **1** [C] a zim zum/hriam: *the point of a pin, knife, pencil, etc* ○ *a pin-point, knife-point, etc* ○ *The stake had been sharpened to a vicious-looking point*. ○ *the point of the jaw*, eg as the target for a punch in boxing. **2** [C] leilung zum, tipi thuanthum/tifinriat lam ih a sawhmi leilung zum kawhnnak a si theu ih P kha cafang tumpi in an ngan theu: *The ship rounded the point*. ○ *Pagoda Point*. **3** [C] Geometry zirnak ih riin pakhat le pakhat an ton-awknak hmun: *AB and CD intersect at (the point) P*. **4** [C] (a) cangan tikah cukmi a bote, catluan khat a cemnak ih cukmi: *Two point six (2.6) means the same as 2 ⁶/₁₀*. ○ *The first two figures after the decimal point indicated tenths and hundredths respectively*. (b) arsi vek fate zet a tleu in hmuhmi: *stars seen as points of light in a dark sky*. **5** [C] (often in compounds) hmun — khiahmi (hitawk, hitawk siseh tiih hmun khiah): *Guards had been posted at several points around the perimeter*. ○ *an assembly, rallying meeting, etc point* ○ *a steamer*

service calling at Port Said, Aden and all points east, ie all a other ports further east. **6** [C] zawn (pakhat khat cannak hmun): *At one point I thought she was going to refuse, but in the end she agreed*. ○ *The film started to get very violent, at which point I left*. ○ *at the point of death*, ie about to die at any moment. **7** [C] (often in compounds) hmun pakhat; si theinak hmun: *reach danger point*, ie reach a dangerous level ○ *boiling/freezing/melting point*. **8** [C] compass kut ih a sawhnnak lam, hmun **32**: *N, E, S and W* ○ (*fig*) *Search-parties had been sent out to all points of the compass*, ie in every direction. **9** [C] a man, ngahmi tivek siarnak phunkhat: *a point on a scale* ○ *The pound fell several points on the Stock Market today*. ○ *We need one more point to win the game*. ○ [attrib] *appoints system*. **10** [C] tumtahmi parah; reltlangmi thu parah pakhat ciar ih ruahnak, lole, a thupimi: *the main points of a story, a discussion, an argument, etc* ○ *points of difference, similarity, agreement, disagreement, etc* ○ *One point in favour of her plan is its cheapness*. ○ *explain a theory point by point*, ie explain each individual idea in it, in order. **11** [C] (a) burmi thu pawl reltlang ih a suakmi thu pawl: *Various committee members made interesting points*. (b) eel-awkmith thu: *'But she might not agree.'* *'You've got a point there/That's a point (ie I had not thought of that.)'*. **12** [C] a lamdang zetnak thu: *sb's good, strong, bad, weak, etc points* ○ *I'm afraid tidiness is not his strong point*, ie he is untidy. **13 the point** [sing] ruahding mi thu; a thupi mi: *Let's stop discussing trivial details and come/get to the point*. ○ *The speaker kept wandering off/away from the point*. ○ *The point (at issue) is this....*. **14** [U, sing] san a nei zetmi: *get, see, miss understand the point of sth* ○ *a story, remark, etc with a/some/no/little point (to it)* ○ *There's not much point in complaining: they never take any notice*. **15** [U] (*fml*) a hmual neihnak; a poimawhnnak: *speech, words remarks, etc that have/lack point*. **16** [C] (often in compounds) electric mei van tiki: *a sawhnnak le a bunnak an tonawknak zawn: a lighting, power, cooker point* ○ *a 13-amp point*. **17 points** [pl] tikhal par laam tiki an dinnak ke zungpi zim: *dancing on points*. **18 points** [pl] (*Brit*) (*US switch*) tlaangleng lamzin pahnnih kopawknak, cutawk in duhmi lamzin a thlun thei: *change/switch the points* ○ [attrib] *a points lever, mechanism, etc*. **19** [sing, U] (in cricket) cricket lehnak ah a thawitu kiangih um dinhmun pakhat. **20** [U] (as a compound after a number) cet canamnak ah cafang a tuum le fate siarnak: *6-point is small and 18-point is large*. **21** (*idm*) **at the point of a sword, gun, etc** naam, lole, meithal thawn hliam, lole, thih: *captured at the point of a*

sword. **beside the point** siar lo. **carry/gain one's point** el-awkmī thu ah pakhat ih hmuhdan rak pom ve dingin mi pawl leem. **a case in point** ⇒ CASE¹. **the finer points** ⇒ FINE². **give sb points (at sth)** neh theinak lamzin sim/zirh: *He can give me points at golf*, ie He plays better than I do. **have one's points** a that deuhnak: *I suppose wine has its points, but I prefer beer*. **if/when it comes to the point** tisuaq a tulnak zawn ngaingai a thlen tikah: *If it came to the point, would you sacrifice your job for your principles?* **in point of fact** a taktak ah: *He said he would pay, but in point of fact he has no money*. **labour the point** ⇒ LABOUR². **make one's point** thubur duhmi simsuak thluh: *All right, you've made your point; now keep quiet and let the others say what they think*. **make a point of doing sth** a tul tiih ruahmi tuahta ringring: *I always make a point of checking that all the windows are shut before I got out*. **a moot point/question** ⇒ MOOT. **not to put too fine a point on it** ⇒ FINE². **on the point of doing sth** tuah ding zawnfang: *I was on the point of going to bed when you rang*. **On points** (of a win in boxing) boxing tivek lehnak ah riil ko in thongneh si loin, a hmat in neh. **a point of departure** (a) khuallawn thoknak le a tikcu. (b) (fig) sumtuahnak, lole, thu relkhawmnak ih a thoknak: *Let's take 'Das Kapital' as a point of departure for our survey of Marxism*. **A point of honour/conscience** a thupi biknak (mi pakhat nunnak ah a sinak ih a thupi biknak zawn): *I always pay my debts punctually; it's a point of honour with me*. **the point of no return** (a) tidai/vanzam tivek ih khuallawn tikah lamzin hlo, datsi cem tivek harnak ton ruangih kir thei lonak hmun. (b) (fig) thil pakhat let kiir ti um loin tuah rori dingin tiamkam-awmi. **a point of order** (in formal discussions, eg debates) thu relkhawmnak ah a dan vek ih thu fehpi/thu reltlang a tulnak zawn: *On a point of order, Mr Chairman, can associate members vote on this matter?* **a/one's point of view** ruahnak; hmuhdan: *This is unacceptable from my point of view*. ○ *What's your point of view on nuclear power?* **possession is nine points of the law** ⇒ POSSESSION. **prove one's/the case/point** ⇒ PROVE. **score a point/points** ⇒ SCORE². **a sore point** ⇒ SORE. **stretch a point** ⇒ STRETCH. **one's/sb's strong point/suit** ⇒ STRONG. **take sb's point** mi pakhat ih ruahnak thei thiamsak ih rak pom sak. **to the point** a kaih le a tawk in: *remarks that were very much to the point* ○ *his speech was short and to the point*. **to the point of sth** zikzik; ti ding theih tiangin: *His manner was abrupt to the point of rudeness*. **up to a (certain) point** cu tawk tiang/cu vek tiang: *I agree with you up to a (certain) point*.

□ **point-duty** *n* [U] (Brit) khualipi lamzin hnok zetnak hmun kiltu palik.
pointsman *n* (pl -men) (Brit) (US **switchman**) tlangleeng lamzin a hnok theinak hmun kiltu.
point-to-point *n* (Brit) hramlak hmunkhat ihsin hmunkhat ah rang tlan zuam-awknak.

point²/point/v 1 (a) [I, Ipr] ~ (at/to sb/sth) kut ih khih/sawh: *It's rude to point*. ○ *'That's the man who did it,' she said, pointing at me*. ○ *He pointed to a tower on the distant horizon*. ○ *A compass needle points (to the) north*. ○ *The clock hands pointed to twelve*, ie it was noon or midnight. (b) [Ipr] ~ to sth (fig) kawhhmuh (hihi a si ding ti ih kawhhmuh): *I can't point to any one particular reason for it*. ○ *All the evidence points to his guilt*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (at/towards sb/sth) khihhmuh, bih (meithal bih vek): *point one's finger (at sb/sth)* ○ *point a gun at sb* ○ *point a telescope at/towards the moon*. **3** [Ipr, Ip] hoihi; a sinak lam ih her: *A hedgehog's spines point backwards*. **4** [Tn] si duhmi lam ah tha pek: *a story that points a moral*. **5** [Tn] tlakrawh ih dawlmī pakhat le pakhat karlak ong mirang leilung in phit: *point a wall, chimney, etc*. **6** [I] (of a hunting dog) sadawi thiam uico, vate a peel tikah a lu in vate lam a hoi ringring mi. **7** (idm) **point the finger (at sb)** (infml) hmai rori ah mawhthluk. **point the way (to/towards sth)** hmailam ih thansonak ding lamzin hmuhter cia: *Large electronics companies developed television, but Baird pointed the way with his experiments*. ○ *Tax reforms which point the way to a more prosperous future*. **8** (phr v) **point sth out (to sb)** khihhmuh (hihi a si ti in kut rori ih khihhmuh): *point out a mistake* ○ *point out to sb the stupidity of his/her behaviour* ○ *I must point out that further delay would be unwise*. **point sth up** fiangte in khihhmuh: *The recent disagreement points up the differences between the two sides*.

▷ **pointed** *adj* **1** a zum, a zummi: *a (sharp-) pointed instrument, tool, etc* ○ *a pointed hat*. **2** (fig) tihrim le mawhthluk ih kawkw: *a pointed remark, rebuke, etc* ○ *She made some pointed references to his careless work*. **3** (fig) (of wit) fiangzet, cekci in. **pointedly** *adv* nazet ih zoh: *She stared pointedly at me*. ○ *he looked pointedly at the door*, eg indicating that I should open it, close it, leave, etc.

pointing *n* [U] cokrawi cia mi, mirang leilung cangdawlmī karlak, tlakrawh karlak ih ben.

point-blank /pɔɪnt 'blæŋk/ *adj* [attrib] **1** (of a shot) meithal in nai tuk ih kap: *He shot her at point-blank range*. **2** (fig) (of sth said) hmaiton in fiangfukfi ih tɔŋg hruakmi: *a point-blank refusal*.

▷ **point-blank** *adv* naih zetin: *fire point-blank at sb* ○ *I asked him point-blank what he was*

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doing there. ○ refuse point-blank to do sth.

pointer /pɔɪntə(r)/ *n* **1** cuai thlainak a rih zat khihsawhtu fung. **2** ramzuk, canganmi tivek khihsawhtu fung saupi. **3** ~ (**on sth**) (*infml*) ruahnak: *Could you give me a few pointers on how to tackle the job?* **4** ~ (**to sth**) kawhhmuh; hmailam thanso theinak ding kawhhmuhtu: *journalists studying the minister's speech for pointers to the contents of next month's policy statement.* **5** sadawinako uico (a hmul a tawi ih a hnar in ramsa umnak lam a kawhhmuh thei ringringmi.)

pointillism /pɔɪntɪlɪzəm, also 'pwæntɪlɪzəm/ *n* [U] kum zabi 19 hnulam deuh ih France ram ih thiamthokmi kut zukuai dan, a rong pianzia a phunphun kha cukmi fatete in phun tampi komter ih pianzia mawi zet canternak.

▷ **pointillist** /-lɪst/ *n* pointillism thiamnak hmangin zuk a suai thiamtu.

pointless /pɔɪntlɪs/ *adj* tican nei lemlo/nei lo: *make a pointless remark* ○ *It is pointless to have a car if you cannot drive it!*

▷ **pointlessly** *adv.* **Pointlessness** *n* [U]: *the pointlessness of his existence.*

poise /pɔɪz/ *v* [Ipr, Ip, Tn-pr, Tn-p] khatlam le khatlam, khuilam hmanah tlu loin a laifang ih um, cang loin ding thiam: *The eagle poised in mid-air ready to swoop on its prey.* ○ *He poised the javelin in his hand before throwing it.*

▷ **poise** *n* [U] **1** taksa pumpi cangvaihnak ah tlu lo tein um thiamnak: *poise of the body, head, etc* ○ *moving with the assured poise of a ballet dancer.* **2** mah le mah zum-awk le uk-awk thiammi: *a woman of great poise.*

poised *adj* **1** [pred] ~ (**in, on, above, etc sth**) cang hngan lo ding zet in a um thiammi: *poised on tiptoe, in mid-air, etc* ○ *sth poised on the edge of a table, ie likely to fall off if lightly touched.* **2** [pred] ~ (**in/on/above/for sth**); ~ (**to do sth**) (of people, animals, etc) ti ding ah ralring cia, timtuah cia in a um: *poised on the edge of the swimming-pool, ie ready to jump in* ○ (*fig*) *The Allies were poised (ie ready) for their invasion of Europe.* ○ *Combined Breweries are poised to (ie about to) take over the British Beer Company.* **3** (*fig*) mah le mah uk-aw neh mi; a timtuah-aw cia mi: *a poised young lady* ○ *a poised manner.*

poison /pɔɪzn/ *n* [C, U] **1** tur; siivai; mi a thihther thei siivai; thihsii: *rat poison* ○ *poison for killing weeds* ○ *commit suicide by taking poison* ○ [attrib] *poison gas, ie esp as used to kill people in war.* **2** (*infml derog*) rawl thaw lo tuk: *I'm not eating that poison!*

▷ **poison** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth (with sth)** **1** (a) thihnak siivai in that; siivai ei/in in a thi: *His wife poisoned him with arsenic.* ○ *Are our children being poisoned by lead in the atmosphere?* (b) pakhat khat ah siivai/thihsii

ret: *The chemical companies are poisoning our rivers with effluent.* **2** (a) thinlung/ruahnak/nuncan siatter: *poison sb's mind with propaganda.* (b) siatsuah; kha zet ih tuar; hua zet: *a quarrel which poisoned our friendship* ○ *an experience that poisons sb's life.* **3** (idm) **poison A's mind against B** (*derog*) A in B hua zet dingin A hnenah B ih that lonak thu (tambik cu thuphan) sim ciamco. **poisoned** *adj* **1** taksa kheuh, lole, pem ruangih a hma mi: *a poisoned hand.* **2** siivai/tur hnih (conkiang/thal ah siivai hnih): *a poisoned arrow.* **poisoner** /'pɔɪzənə(r)/ *n* midang siivai/thihsii pek in a thattu. **poisoning** /'pɔɪzənɪŋ/ *n* [C, U] siivai ruangih natnak: *blood poisoning, ie poisoning of the blood* ○ *lead poisoning, ie poisoning by lead.*

poisonous /'pɔɪzənəs/ *adj* **1** (a) tur nei: *poisonous snakes, insects, etc.* (b) thihnak tur nei, mi a natter thei thingnah/thingthei: *poisonous plants, chemicals.* **2** (*fig derog*) (a) thinlung a nater thei zetmi: *the poisonous doctrine of racial superiority.* (b) siava, huattlai: *sb with a poisonous tongue, ie who spreads malicious rumours about people.*

poisonously *adv.*

□ **poison-pen letter** cangahtu ih thinlung hnaihok siatsuahnak pek duh ih kuat hrimmi ca.

poke¹ /pəʊk/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth (with sth)** tok; sawh (kutzung, a zummi thil tivek ih tok/sawh): *poke sb in the ribs, ie nodge him in a friendly way* ○ *poke the fire (with a poker), ie to make it burn more strongly.* (b) [Tn-pr] ~ **sth in sth** vit (kutzung in kuako, onko sawh/vit): *Poke two holes in the sack so you can see through it.* (c) [Ipr] ~ **at sth** sawh rero (nauhak in a rawl a ei paih loih darhai in a sawh rero vek khi): *She poked at her meal unenthusiastically.* **2** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] sawh; luter: *She poked her finger into the hole.* ○ *poke food through the bars of a cage* ○ *poke one's head out of a window* ○ *Mind you don't poke her eye out with that stick!* ○ *He poked his head round the door to see if she was in the room.* ⇒ Usage at NUDGE. **3** (idm) **poke fun at sb/sth** (usu *derog*) milai, lole, thilri hnihsuahnak ih tuah: *He enjoys poking fun at others.* **poke/stick one's nose into sth** ⇒ NOSE¹. **4** (phr *v*) **poke about/around** (*infml*) theih hiartuk ih hawl: *Why are you poking about among my papers?* **poke out of/through sth; poke out/through/up** a pawt; suak: *a pen poking out (of sb's pocket)* ○ *I see a finger poking through (a hole in your glove).* ○ *A few daffodils were already poking up, ie starting to grow.*

▷ **poke** *n* toknak; sawhnak: *give the fire a poke* ○ *give sb a poke in the ribs.*

poke² /pəʊk/ *n* (idm) **buy a pig in a poke** ⇒ BUY.

poker¹ /pəʊkə(r)/ *n* meiling tawknak thirfung

saupi, thir taptawh.
 □ **poker-work** *n* [U] (a) savun le thingpheeng parih zuk le ngan thiamnak (meiling, thirvam tivek in rawt, lole, holh ih tuahmi). (b) cu tivek ih nganmi/zukmi.
poker² /pəʊkə(r)/ *n* [U] phe (cahnah) lehndan phunkhat.
 □ **poker-face** *n* (infml) ziangruahnak hman nei lo mithmai.
poker-faced *adj*.
poky /pəʊki/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml derog) (of a place, house, flat, etc) inn, innkhan fate kerki: a poky little room.
 ▷ **pokiness** *n* [U].
polar /pəʊlə(r)/ *adj* [attrib] **1** leilung pum ih luzim (North Pole) le tawzim (South Pole) hrawnghrang: polar ice o the polar regions. **2** thirhiip thei (magnet)nak zawn: polar attraction. **3** (fml) (of opposites) a zim; a neet.
 ▷ **polarity** /pəˈlærəti/ *n* **1** [U, C] (thir hiipnak a simi ah) positive le negative zim a pahnih ih neihnak, lole, ret khawmnak: the polarity of a magnet o reversed polarity/polarities. **2** [U] ~ (between A and B) (fig) milai, lole, thilri ah a sinak le umdan hmuhdan a lamdannak: the growing polarity between the left and right wings of the party.
 □ **polar bear** saklam leilung zim (N Pole) ih um savom rang.
polarize, -ise /pəʊləraɪz/ *v* **1** [Tn] (physics) (tleunak, aw thawm tivek) hmunkhat zawn ah luanter, tlrter. **2** [Tn] magnet — hiipnak khi hmun khat: **3** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth/sb) (into sth) hmuhnak le ruahnak a ralsan-awmi pahnih ah canger: Public opinion has polarized on this issue. o an issue which has polarized public opinion.
 ▷ **polarization, -isation** /pəʊləraɪˈzeɪʃn/ *US* -rɪˈz-/ *n* [C, U] tleunak, magnet hiptha, a sa tivek pawl luannak/fehnak/tlirnak.
Polaroid /pəʊlərɔɪd/ *n* (propr) **1** [U] mawtawka thlalang, mitkharh thlalang nisa tuk le tleutuk khamnak ih benmi thlalang paatte khi. **2** **Polaroids** [pl] polaroids thlalang phunih tuahmi nisa khamnak mitkharh.
 □ **Polaroid camera** mi zuknak camera phunkhat (zuk theh ve te in a zuk a suak thei cihmi.)
Pole /pəʊl/ *n* Poland ram miphun; Poland rammi.
pole¹ /pəʊl/ *n* **1** leilung pi a luzim le a tawzim hmun (cuih parah leilungpi a her rero): the North/South Pole. **2** (physics) thirhiip magnet ih khatlam le khatlam zim, lole, electric battery ih thazaang neetnak: the negative/positive pole. **3** (fig) a ralsan awmi pahnih ih an danawk biknak zawn: Our points of view are at opposite poles. **4** (idm) **be poles apart** an dang-aw tuk/hlatpi in an dang-aw: The employers and the trade union leaders are still poles apart, ie are

far from reaching an agreement or a compromise.
 □ **pole-star** *n* leilung pi saklam um pawl ih lu par cekci ih a ummi Saklam Arsi.
pole² /pəʊl/ *n* **1** thuam fate sangpi (fung); alan thuam/thirhri thuam/long parah tidai tahnak le leilung sawhnak ih an hmanmi fung saupi: a tent, flag, telegraph, etc pole o a punt, barge, ski, etc pole. **2** = PERCH¹ **3**. **3** (idm) **up the pole** (infml esp Brit) (a) harsa zetin. (b) palh; thelh. (c) a molhmi; mi aa; mibang lo.
 ▷ **pole** *v* [Tn-pr, Tn-p] tiva fate ah vokkuang lawng fate fung saupi in tidai sung sawh ih fehter: pole a punt up the river.
 □ **pole-vault** *n* (sport) fung saupi thawn tlenglan (**pole-jump** ti in khal an ko). — *v* [I] cuvek tleenglan. **pole-vaulting** *n* [U].
pole-axe /pəʊl æks/ *n* **1** (formerly) raldonak ih hmanmi, kut kaihna saupi nei hreitlung. **2** sathattu pawl in caw thahnak ih an hmanmi hreitlung.
 ▷ **pole-axe** *v* [Tn] **1** hreitlung in ceek: (fig) The punch caught him on the jaw, and he sank down pole-axe, ie completely knocked out. **2** (usu passive) (fig) rehshiatnak tumpi rin lopi ih tuar: We were all absolutely pole-axed by the terrible news.
polecat /pəʊlkæt/ *n* **1** Europe ram ih um a rimsia zetmi sahngar, sorsia phunkhat. **2** (US) = SKUNK.
polemic /pəˈlemɪk/ *n* (fml) **1** (a) [C] ~ (against/in favour of sth/sb) thuk zet, na zet ih el-awknak, lole, cuvek hrangih nganmi ca tawite: He launched into a fierce polemic against the government's policies. (b) [U] cuvek nganmi, tɔngmi thuk zetzet: engage in polemic. **2** **polemics** [pl] thuk zet le hmualnei zet ih tɔng eel thiamnak.
 ▷ **polemical** /-ɪkl/ (also **polemic**) *adj* (fml) **1** [attrib] tawite, thuuk, fek zet ih eelmi: polemic(al) skills. **2** thinheng ding tiangih naa tuk ih el-awkmi: a polemic(al) article, speech, etc. **polemically** /-kli/ *adv*.
polemicist /pəˈlemɪsɪst/ *n* tɔng eel thiam zettu.
police /pəˈliːs/ *n* (the) **police** [pl *v*] palik, lole palik pawl (meithal kai — uniform hruk mipi kiltu) rukfir, mithat, mithawi hman misual pawl kai ih khiingtu: the local, state, national, etc police o There were over 100 police on duty at the demonstration. o The police have not made any arrests. o [attrib] a police car, enquiry, raid, report.
 ▷ **police** *v* [Tn] kilveeng; kil; finkhaw: The teachers on duty are policing the school buildings during the lunch hour. o (fig) a committee to police the new regulations, ie make sure they are obeyed.
 □ **police constable** (abbr **PC**) (also **constable**) (in Britain and some other countries) bo ben

lo, sen ben lo, palik menmen.

police dog misual hawl thiam uico, palik uico.
police force township, district tivek ram then fate pakhat hrang palik burkhat.

policeman /-mən/ *n* (pl **-men** /-mən/) palik pa.

police-officer (also **officer**) *n* Mirang (*Brit*) in palik hnaʔuantu hmuahhmuah (mipa, nunau, rank nei, nei lo an zapi) kawhnak a si.

police state (*derog*) democracy um lo, aana hlir ih ukmi ram (*totalitarian state*).

police station ze-sa-khan; palik bokhat, lole, bohni h pakhat ih ukmi (thuneh theinak) palik ram then fate bik zung: *The suspect was taken to the police station for questioning.*

policewoman *n* (pl **-women**) (*abbr PW*) palik nunau.

policy¹ /pəˈləsi/ *n* [U, C] ~ (on sth) tumtahmi thu le hla, (ramuknak thu le sumtuah pursumnak company, corporation tivek pawl in hmailam hrang an tumtahmi/an fehpi dan): *according to our present policy* ○ *adopt fresh policies* ○ *British foreign policy* ○ *What is the Labour Party's policy on immigration?* ○ (fig) *Is honesty the best policy* (ie the best principle for people to live by)? ○ [attrib] *a policy maker.*

policy² /pəˈləsi/ *n* amkham tuah tikah, khatlam le khatlam lungkimnak thukam (sa-chuk): *a fire-insurance policy* ○ [attrib] *a policy document* ○ *a policy holder.*

polio /pəˈliəʊ/ (also *fml poliomyelitis* /pəˈliəʊ, maɪəˈlɪtɪs/) *n* [U] polio nat; virus pangngang ruang ih cang, a suan thei mi, zaang thahri ling nat; rei deuh le tha a zeng cihter thei nat a si: [attrib] *polio vaccine* ○ *anti-polio injections.*

Polish /pəˈliʃ/ *adj* Poland rammi (Poles ti tla in an ko).

▷ **Polish** *n* [U] Poland ʔong: *written in Polish.*

polish /pəˈliʃ/ *v* 1 [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (up) (with sth) rawt; hnawt tleu: *This table-top polishes up nicely.* ○ *polish (up) wood, furniture, shoes etc with a cloth.* 2 [Tn] (fig) remh; ʔha deuh/naal deuh ih tuah: *polish a speech, an article, etc.* 3 (phr v) **polish sth off** (*infml*) zamrang teih ʔheh: *polish off a big plateful of stew* ○ *polish off the arrears of correspondence.*

▷ **polish** *n* 1 (a) [sing] hnawttleumi thil: *a table-top with a good polish.* (b) [sing] hnawt tleunak: *give the floor a thorough polish.* (c) [U, C] zialphah tivek hnawtnak sii: *furniture, floor, shoe polish* ○ *a tin of metal polish* ○ *apply polish to sth.* 2 [U] (fig) mawiternak; ti ʔhatnak: *an unsophisticated country fellow who completely lacked polish* ○ *a crude performance of the symphony, quite without polish.* 3 (idm) **spit and polish** ⇒ SPIT¹.

polished *adj* 1 hnawtfai ruangih a tleumi: *polished wood.* 2 zoh mawi deuh/nalh: *polished manners* ○ *a polished style, performance.*

polisher *n* zial hnawtfainak ceet: *a floor polisher.*

politburo /pəˈlɪtbjʊərəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ **s**) communist party ah a lu bik, thu neitu bik committee upa pawl.

polite /pəˈlaɪt/ *adj* 1 duhnung le zoh mawi ih um; midang duhzawng um thiammi: *a polite child* ○ *It wasn't very polite of you to serve yourself without asking.* ○ *making a few polite remarks to keep the conversation going.* 2 [attrib] (*fml*) nun khuasak sang zet nei le nunzia mawi nei pawl: *a rude word not mentioned in polite society.*

▷ **politely** *adv.*

politeness *n* (a) [U] mi-ih a ʔha timi zawng te ih nun thiamnak: *He was noted for his politeness.* (b) [C] dunungza ih nuncan thiamnak: *I recall his many politenesses over the years.*

politic /pəˈlətɪk/ *adj* (*fml*) (of actions) a fiimkhur mi: *When the fight began, he thought it politic to leave.*

political /pəˈlɪtɪkl/ *adj* 1 ram thuhla a simi; ukawknak thuhla a simi; misenpi thawn a pehtlai-awmi: *political rights, liberties, etc* ○ *a political system.* 2 ram uknak, lole, thuhla pakhat khat thawn pehpar ih a bur ih ʔangkawm (party) pakhat le pakhat zuam-awknak/eel-awknak: *a political party, debate, crisis* ○ *political skill, know-how, opinions* ○ *a party political broadcast*, eg to explain government policy. 3 (of actions) Rom, lole uknak siatsuahtu ih ruatmi: *a political offence, crime, etc* ○ *imprisoned on political grounds.* 4 (of people) ram uk-awknak thuhla (naing-ngan-zi) a hiar/paih mi: *sb who is very political (in outlook)* ○ *I'm not a political animal*, ie person. 5 (*euph derog*) a dikmi ah si loin pawlkom ih thunehnak le dinhmun ruangah: *One suspects he was dismissed for political reasons.* ○ *It must have been a political decision.*

▷ **politically** /-klɪ/ *adv* ram uknak thuhla thawn pehpar in: *a politically active, astute, naïve, etc person* ○ *politically useful, sound, disastrous, etc ideas* ○ *a politically sensitive decision.*

□ **political asylum** rammi pakhat in cozah a ral ruangah ramdang pakhat ah va relh/va ben (naing-ngan-zi khu-hlung): *seek/ask for/be granted political asylum.*

political geography ramzuk (ram pakhat le pakhat danawknak ramri, khualtlawnnak lamzin tivek pawl).

political prisoner cozah dodal ruangih thawngtlatu.

political science (also **politics**) ram uktu cozah hnaʔuan dan le ram hruai dan.

politician /pəˈlɪtɪʃn/ *n* 1 ram uk theinak nei dingih a zuam awtu. 2 (*often derog*) mah duhnak lam ih midang hruai theitu: *You need*

to be a bit of a politician to succeed in this company.

politicize, -ise /pəˈlɪtɪsaɪz/ *v* [I, Tn] politics thinlung neihter; politics ah cangter: *The strike has now been politicized.*

politicking /pəˈlɪtɪkɪŋ/ *n* [U, C] (often derog) politics cangvaihnak (mah fanmi lam ah me pe ve dingin va zuam ciamco): *A lot of politicking preceded the choice of the new director.*

politics /pəˈlɪtɪks/ *n* **1** (a) [sing or pl *v*] ram uknak thuhla: *party politics* ○ *He's thinking of going into politics*, eg trying to become a Member of Parliament. (b) [pl] ram ukdan ding ruahmi (zummi; hmuhdan): *What are your politics?* (c) [sing *v*] (derog) a cuh-awmi (a zuam awmi) naingnganzi paŋi pawl: *They're not concerned with welfare: it's all politics!* **2** [sing *v*] = POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLITICAL): *She's reading politics at university.* **3** [sing *v*] (derog) pawlkhawmpi ah siseh; mibur pi hnaŋuan tlangnak ah siseh, thuneitu upa pakhat cang thei ve dingin cangvaihn ciamconak: *office politics* ○ *church politics.*

polity /pəˈlɪti/ *n* (fml) **1** [U] uk-awk dan; hruai-awk dan. **2** [C] ram pakhat ih umkhawmnak.

polka /pɒlkə/; US 'pɒlkə/ *n* Europe nisuahnak lam ram ih suak thatho zet ih lamnak (hla/awnmawi phunkhat).

□ **polka dots** hnipuan parah a hlum tum pipi, cukmi vekih ŋialtermi: [attrib] *a polka-dot scarf.*

poll¹ /pɒl/ *n* **1** (a) [C usu *sing*] hril-awknak ih mee pek khi; mee siar: *be successful at the poll* ○ *The result of the poll has now been declared.* (b) [sing] thlakmi mee a zate: *head the poll*, ie have the largest number of votes ○ *a light/heavy poll*, ie voting by a small or large proportion of those entitled to vote. (c) **the polls** [pl] mee zung (mee thlaknak hmun): *The country is going to the polls* (ie is voting in an election) *tomorrow.* **2** [C] mipi ih ruahnak ziangvek a si ti tahnak (survey): *a public-opinion poll* ○ *We're conducting a poll among school leavers.*

□ **poll-tax** *n* upa puitling asizo mi hmuahhmuah hnen ihsin bangrep cio ih kuantermi pekmi ngunkhuai/siahkhuan.

poll² /pɒl/ *v* [Tn] **1** (of a candidate at an election) mee ngah, hril-awknak ah: *Mr Hill polled over 3000 votes.* **2** mipi duhnak sut tikah a ruahnak hei dil/sut: *Of those polled, seven out of ten said they preferred brown bread.* **3** (a) caw kii zim tan. (b) = POLLARD *v.*

▷ **polling** *n* [U] (a) mee thlak: *heavy polling*, ie in large numbers. (b) mipi ruahnak sutnak ŋuan. **polling-booth** (also **polling-station**) *n* mee thlaknak hmun.

polling-day *n* hril-awk ni; mee thlak ni.

pollard /pɒləd/ (also **poll**) *v* [Tn esp passive]

thingkung a zik tan sak (a tekno, a ziik no tampi kho dingin tanmi): *The willows need to be pollarded.*

▷ **pollard** *n* a ziik tansakmi thingkung.

pollen /pɒlən/ *n* [U] pangpar a vut; thli le cucik pawl ih an thiar tikah pangpar dang hnen a thleng ih a ci ah a cang.

□ **pollen count** thli lak ih a ummi hnawmhne bal vut a tam le milai in hnarpit/hnarti luan, khuhheng nat a ngah thei — cumi nat ngahnak tiang hnawmhne bal vut thlilak ah a um maw/um lo ti a hmuhmi nambat.

pollinate /pɒləneɪt/ *v* [Tn] pangpar vut an cokrawi-awknak in ci ah a cangter.

▷ **pollination** /pɒləˈneɪʃn/ *n* [U].

pollster /pɒlstə(r)/ *n* (infml) senpi/mipi duhdan zingzoitu/hawltu.

pollute /pəˈlu:t/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (with **sth**) **1** thil balhter, hnawmter: *ivers polluted with chemical waste from factories* ○ *polluted water*, ie unfit to drink. **2** (fig) thinlung a thianghlummi thusia hlasia sim in balhter/siatsuah: *pollute the minds of the young with foul propaganda.*

▷ **pollutant** /-ənt/ *n* bal/hnawmtertu (meikhu, rimsia thlah ruangah thli balter tivek): *releasing pollutants into the atmosphere.*

pollution /pəˈlu:ʃn/ *n* [U] (a) balhternak; a bal: *the pollution of our beaches with oil.* (b) a balhtertu.

polo /pəʊləʊ/ *n* [U] rangto phah in fungih bawlung thawi lehnak.

□ **polo neck** angki hngawng saupi: [attrib] *a polo-neck sweater.*

polonaise /pɒləˈneɪz/ *n* Polish mi pawl ih neih thokmi nuamte ih lamnak hla.

poltergeist /pɒltəˈgeɪst/ *n* mithla phunkhat (thawmvang ring zet, lole, thil pakhat khat ih mi dengin mi ŋih a hmanngmi).

poly /pɒli/ *n* (pl ~ **s**) (infml) = POLYTECHNIC.

poly- *comb form* tampi; pakhat hnak ih a tam sawn: *polygamy* ○ *polyphony* ○ *polysyllable* ○ *polygamous* ○ *polyphonic* ○ *polysyllabic.*

polyandry /pɒliˈændrɪ/ *n* [U] can khat ah pasal pakhat hnak ih tam neihnak.

▷ **polyandrous** /pɒliˈændrəs/ *adj* **1** pasal pakhat hnak ih tam a neimi. **2** (botany) (of plants) thingkung a par sungih apa ci cangter ding (*having many stamens*) pawl.

polyanthus /pɒliˈænθəs/ *n* [U, C] primrose pangpar phun a simi, kungkhat parah pianzia phunkim a par theimi.

polyester /pɒliˈestə(r); US 'pɒli:estə(r)/ *n* [U, C] hnipuan ih tahmi tuahcop hri phunkhat: [attrib] *a polyester shirt.*

polyethylene /pɒliˈeθəli:n/ *n* [U] (US) = POLYTHENE.

polygamy /pəˈlɪɡəmi/ *n* [U] nupi pakhat hnak ih tam veikhat ih a nei theimi nunphung. Cf MONOGAMY.

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- ▷ **polygamist** /-gə'mɪst/ nupi pakhat hnak ih tam a neitu.
- polygamous** /pə'lɪgəməs/ *adj* veikhat ah nupi pakhat hnak ih tam nei mi.
- polyglot** /pə'lɪglɒt/ *adj (fml)* tɔng phun tampi ih nganmi/a hmanngi/a theimi: *a polyglot edition*.
- ▷ **polyglot** *n* tɔng phun tampi a thiamtu.
- polygon** /pɒlɪgən/; *US* -gɒn/ *n (geometry)* kilnga hnak tam nei zuk.
- ▷ **polygonal** /pə'lɪgənəl/ *adj*.
- polyhedron** /pɒlɪ'hɪdrən/ *n* (pl ~ **s** or **-hedra** /-hɪdrə/) hmai nei zuk hluum (hmai pasarih le cu hnak ih tam a si tɕheu).
- polymath** /pɒlɪmæθ/ *n (fml approv)* thu phun tampi thuk zet ih a theitu.
- polymer** /pɒlɪmə(r)/ *n (chemistry)* tuahcopmi, lole, mahte a cangmi thil fate pawl komkhawm ih a cangmi thil.
- polymorphous** /pɒlɪ'mɔːfəs/, **polymorphic** /-fɪk/ *adjs (fml)* (thansonak ah) dot tampi a kan, a cang hnu.
- polyp** /pɒlɪp/ *n* **1** (biology) tidai sungih um a nungmi ramsa: *Coral is formed by certain types of polyp*. **2** (medical) taksa hlei tɕhangmi a phunphun (eg in the nose).
- ▷ **polypous** /-pəs/ *adj*.
- polyphony** /pɒlɪ'fəni/ *n* [U] awnmawi phunphun pakhat ih kommi.
- ▷ **polyphonic** /pɒlɪ'fɒnɪk/ *adj*.
- polystyrene** /pɒlɪ'staɪrɪn/ *n* [U] thil reetnak phunphun tuahnak ih hmanmi a zaangzet ih a khothnggetmi plastic: [attrib] *a polystyrene box*.
- polysyllable** /pɒlɪsɪləbl/ *n* awfang (pathum hnakihi tam a si tɕheu) tam nei tɔngfang.
- ▷ **polysyllabic** /pɒlɪsɪ'læbɪk/ *adj*.
- polytechnic** /pɒlɪ'teknɪk/ (also *infml* **poly**) *n* (esp in Britain) thilri le thiamnak a phunphun zirnək phunsang tlawng (college): [attrib] *polytechnic courses, students*.
- polytheism** /pɒlɪθiːzəm/ *n* [U] pathian pakhat hnak ih tam a biatu/zumtu. Cf **MONOTHEISM**.
- ▷ **polytheistic** /pɒlɪθiːstɪk/ *adj*.
- polythene** /pɒlɪθiːn/ *n* [U] sialrial (plastic) phun a si ih, ruahpi khamnak puan, thil funnak a phunphun ah tuah theimi: [attrib] *a polythene bag, cover*.
- polyunsaturated** /pɒlɪən'sætʃerɪtɪd/ *adj* (of many vegetable and some animal fats) sa-thau malte le thingthei thingrah, hanghnah hangrah tampi tel ih tuahmi ei tɕha thil (thii lakih thau a cangertu cholestral a mal ruangah mi in an uar zet): *Polyunsaturated margarine is very popular now*. Cf **SATURATED** **2**.
- polyurethane** /pɒlɪ'ʃʊəriθeɪn/ *n* [U] sialriat phun a si ih inn sii thuh tuahnak ah an hmanngi: [attrib] *polyurethane gloss*, ie paint that dries with a hard shiny surface.
- pom** /pɒm/ *n (infml)* **1** = **POMMY**. **2** = **POMERANIAN**.

- pomander** /pə'mændə(r)/ *n* inn khaan sung, bizu sung tivek rimhmutter dingih tuahmi thil hluum a retnak bawm (kuang).
- pomegranate** /pɒmɪgræni/ *n* *ta-le-ti* rah (ei theimi thingrah): [attrib] *pomegranate juice, seeds*.
- Pomeranian** /pɒmə'reɪniən/ (also *infml* **pom**) *n* hmul saupi nei uico fate phunkhat.
- pommel** /pɒml/ *n* **1** rang tohkham a hmailam bo. **2** sword, raal naam kut kaihnak bo.
- ▷ **pommel** /paml/ *v (-ll-; US -l-)* [Tn] = **PUMMEL**.
- pommy** /pɒmi/ *n* (Austral or NZ *infml* usu derog) (also **pom**) Britain rammi (Mirang).
- pomp** /pɒmp/ *n* [U] **1** (a) puai tumpi: *the pomp and ceremony of the State Opening of Parliament*. (b) (derog) ziangsiar lo, zoh niammi puai: *forsaking worldly pomp for the life of a monk*. **2** (idm) **pomp and circumstance** puai mak zet tuah dan le hmuh dan pawl.
- pom-pom** /pɒmpɒm/ *n* hruukmi puan parah a mawinak ih thlahmi sahmul/mawca hluumte; mawca lukhum par ih a thlahmi pat botete.
- pompous** /pɒmpəs/ *adj* (derog) a hngal zetmi; a uar aw zetmi: *a pompous official* ○ *pompous language*, ie full of high-sounding words.
- ▷ **pomposity** /pɒm'pɒsəti/ *n* (a) [U] hngal zet; uar aw zet. (b) [C] hngalnək; uar-awknək.
- pompously** *adv*.
- ponce** /pɒns/ *n* (Brit) **1** hlawhhləng nu thawn an um khawm ih, hlawhhləngnu ih zuar-awk man in a pum a cawm-awtu. **2** (*infml* derog) mipa — nunau vek ih a cangvaitu.
- ▷ **ponce** *v* (phr v) **ponce about/around** (Brit *infml* derog) (a) nunau vekih a cangvaimi mipa. (b) thupi lo tuk ih a cangtu; tikcu cernak menmen fangin a tɕuantu: *Stop poncing about and get that job finished*.
- poncho** /pɒntʃəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ **s**) liangbah puante (lu-hrolhnak ding a lai ah a ong ummi.)
- pond** /pɒnd/ *n* tili fate, milai hman ding le ramsa in ding ih tuahmi a si tɕheu (nga zuatnak tili, hmuandum tili tivek): *a fish pond* ○ [attrib] *pond life*, ie animals living in a pond.
- ponder** /pɒndə(r)/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tw] ~ (on/over **sth**) reipi ruat; ngaihtuah ciamco: *You have pondered long enough; it is time to decide*. ○ *I pondered (over) the incident, asking myself again and again how it could have happened*. ○ *pondering on the meaning of life* ○ *I am pondering how to respond*.
- ponderous** /pɒndərəs/ *adj* **1** khiing a rit zetmi: *a fat man's ponderous movements*. **2** (derog) (of speech, written style, etc) (zapi hmai thusimmi, cangan mi tivek ah) mi duhzawng, a tɕha a si lemlo mi.
- ▷ **ponderously** *adv*. **ponderousness** *n* [U].
- pone** /pəʊn/ *n* [U] = **CORN PONE** (CORN¹).
- pong** /pɒŋ/ *n* (Brit *infml* often joc) rim thu; rim sia: *What a horrible pong!*

- ▷ **pong** *v* [I] rim sia zet; a nam.
pongy /'pɒŋi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest): *Your feet are rather pongy!*
- pontiff** /'pɒntɪf/ *n* **1** (arch) puithiam (tlangbawi) tum bik. **2 the (Supreme) Pontiff** Catholic Siangbawi tum bik Pope.
- pontifical** /'pɒntɪfɪkl/ *adj* **1** (a) Pope a sinak thawn a pehtlai awmi. (b) [usu attrib] bishop, cardinal tivek pawl hman ve mi: *pontifical high mass*. **2** (derog) pope vek in nungcangter-aw ve; mai thu lawng thupitter.
- pontificate** /'pɒntɪfɪkət/ *n* pope hnaʔuan; pope hnaʔuan a ʔuan sung.
 ▷ **pontificate** /-kɛrt/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (about/on sth) (derog) thuhla hmuahhmuah mah pakhat lawng ih thei le reel thei vekih umter aw: *He sat there pontificating about the legal system although it was clear that he knew very little about it*.
- pontoon**¹ /'pɒntu:n/ *n* vok kuang lawng; a taw a rawn ih thir ih tuahmi lawng — tiva parah lilawn vekin hman theimi: [attrib] *a pontoon bridge*.
- pontoon**² /'pɒntu:n/ *n* (also **twenty-one, vingt-et-un**) (Brit) (US **blackjack**) (a) phe lek tikah, ngahmi phe nambat zate kom 21 a kim si le neh. (b) hivek lehnak ah phe pahnih kom in 21 a ngahtu.
 □ **pony-tail** *n* nunau sam saupi kha a tukkhur ah a ʔeem ih, rang mei vek in a zim a thlaimi.
pony-trekking *n* [U] nomnak men ah rangto in khual tlawng.
- poodle** /'pu:dl/ *n* a hmul a kir mi uico fate phun.
- poof** /puf/ (pl ~ **s** or **pooves** /'pu:vz/) *n* (also **pooffer** /'puftə(r)/) (Brit sl derog) (a) nunau vek ih um mipa. (b) mipa le mipa, nupa vekih pawl awk hmanngmi.
- pooh** /pu:/ *interj* (a) (used to express impatience or contempt) thintawi, thinhen ʔong: *Pooh! What nonsense!* (b) (used to express disgust at a bad smell) rimthu zet ton tikah, fih ningsin tuk ruangih ʔongmi, “phui!” tivek: *Pooh! This meat is rotten*.
- pooh-pooh** /'pu:'pu:/ *v* [Tn] (infml) ziang siarsak lo; duhsak lo: *They pooh-poohed our scheme for raising money*.
- pool**¹ /pu:l/ *n* **1** tidai li (ruahpi sur ruangah): *After the rainstorm, there were pools on the roads*. **2** tidai, lole, a dang ti (ziangmaw par ih a diilmi): *The body was lying in a pool of blood*. **3** tiva ih a thuknak zawn, tiluang lo ih a limi. **4** = SWIMMING-POOL (SWIM).
- pool**² /pu:l/ *n* **1** [C] burmi sum (paisa) (paisa thaap ih lehnak tivek ah burmi sum). **2** [C] (a) ʔuan tlang dingmi hnaʔuan, lole, mibur khat hrang a ʔul tik ih hman thei dingin bur tlangmi sumbur; thaazaang in burkhawm ih ʔuanmi: a
- pool of cars used by the firm's salesmen* ○ [attrib] *a pool car*. (b) hnaʔuan um tikah ʔuan thei dingin mi burkhawm: *a pool of doctors available for emergency work* ○ *a typing pool*, ie a pool of typists. **3** [C] sumtuah pawl pakhat le pakhat zuamaw rero loin thil man le a miat lakdan bangrep dingih lungkim relkhawmnak. **4** [C] (esp US) snooker lek vek zikzik a si ih pianrong dang cio neimi bawhlung hleiruk thawn lehnak phunkhat. **5 the pools** [pl] FOOTBALL POOLS (FOOTBALL): *do the pools every week* ○ *have a win on the pools*. **6** (idm) **shoot pool** ⇒ SHOOT¹.
- ▷ **pool** *v* [Tn] zapi hmantlang dingih buurmi paisa, lole, neihmi thilri phunkhat khat: *They pooled their savings and bought a house in the country*. ○ (fig) *If we pool our ideas, we may find a solution*.
- **poolroom** *n* (US) Pool lehnak hmun/khan.
- poop** /pu:p/ *n* (a) lawng, tangphawlawng a meilam. (b) (also **poop deck**) lawng meilam ih phahmi zial don.
- pooped** /'pu:pt/ *adj* [pred] (also **pooped out**) (infml esp US) bangzet; bangtuk ruangah thacem thluh.
- poor** /pɔ:(r); US pʊər/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** farah; ʔul le haimi leinak khop paisa nei lo: *She was too poor to buy clothes for her children*. ○ *He came from a poor family*. ○ *the poorer countries of the world*. **2** [pred] ~ in sth daihtawk nei lo; poi zat suak lo: *a country poor in minerals* ○ *soil poor in nutrients*. **3** (a) ʔha tuk lo; pam; a suah ding zat suah lo (lo rawl suak kum dang hnak in a mal): *We had a poor crop of raspberries this year*. ○ *They received a poor return on their investment*. ○ *Attendance at the concert was very poor*. ○ *the party's poor performance in the election*. (b) tlin lo; dam tuk lo: *poor food, light, soil* ○ *a poor diet* ○ *be in poor health* ○ *Her remarks were in very poor taste*. (c) ʔha lo sawn; tluk lo: *Watching the event on television was a poor substitute for actually being there*. ○ *Getting third prize was poor consolation for all their hard work*. ○ *She came a poor second*, ie a long way behind the winner. (d) (of a person) santlai lo; thiam lo: *a poor judge of character* ○ *a poor loser*, ie one who shows anger at losing in games or sport ○ *a poor sailor*, ie sb who gets sea-sick easily. **4** (esp infml) zaangfahza; a van a sia: *The poor little puppy had been abandoned*. ○ *Poor chap, his wife has just died*. ○ *I've been feeling ill for two weeks*. 'Poor you!' **5** (a) (derog) mi nautat dingmi: *What a poor creature he is!* ○ *his poor attempts to be witty*. (b) (esp joc or ironic) tangdor: *in my poor opinion*. **6** (idm) **the poor man's sb/sth** farah hrang ahcun a ʔha/thaw tukmi: *Sparkling white wine is the poor man's champagne*. **a poor relation** niam deuh ih ruah: *Some people may regard radio as*

the poor relation of broadcasting.

▷ **the poor** *n* [pl *v*] **1** farah; ziang hman nei lomi: *raising money for the poor and needy*. **2** (idm) **grind the faces of the poor** ⇨ GRIND.

□ **poor-box** *n* (esp formerly) farah pawl hrangah pek duhmi thilri retnak dingih biakinn sung ih an retmi thingkuang.

Poor Law (Brit) (formerly) farah pawl finkhawinak ding le bom theinak dingih tuahmi upadi dan thu.

poor-spirited *adj* a tihhruut; ralhruut.

poor white (*usu derog or offensive*) (esp in Southern US) US ram thlanglam Negro midum lakih um a farah mi Mirang pawl.

poorly /'pɔːli/; US 'puərli/ *adv* **1** farah zet in; sia zet in; t̃hiṭha loin: *poorly dressed* ○ *The street is poorly lit*. ○ *She was poorly prepared for the examination*. **2** (idm) **poorly off** (*infml*) paisa malte lawng nei: *The widow and children are very poorly off*.

▷ **poorly** *adj* [esp pred] (*infml*) t̃awnṭai; t̃ukṭak; harhdam: *The child has been poorly all week*. ○ *You look rather poorly to me*. ⇨ Usage at SICK.

poorness /'pɔːnis/; US 'puənis/ *n* [U] farahnak; t̃uul le poimi sambaunak: *the poorness of the soil*. Cf POVERTY.

pop¹ /pop/ *n* **1** [C] puak; meithal kahmi awn vek: *The cork came out of the bottle with a loud pop*.

2 [U] (*infml*) (esp non-alcoholic) a ri thei lomi intii thlum (*a-chu-zi*); on tikah shii ti ih a awn theimi khi: *a bottle of pop*. **3** (idm) **in pop**; US **in hock** (*sl*) thilri pek sungih paisa cawi; sam thei sal tikah a thilri lak sal.

pop² /pop/ *n* (*infml*) (used esp as a term of address) (a) pa. Cf PAPA, POPPA. (b) putar kawhnak.

pop³ /pop/ *n* [U, C *usu pl*] (*infml*) santhar hla (phundang zet ih sakmi — mi ih uar zetmi; sakhla hnakin tummi awnmawi (*music*) ah a lar): *pop music, culture* ○ *a pop singer, song, concert* ○ *top of the pops*, ie the most popular current recordings. Cf CLASSICAL **2**.

□ **pop art** 1960 hrawngih a t̃hangsuakmi thilri tarlang dan (*caw-ngia*) le zapi duh dan thlun ih zuk suai thiamnak.

pop festival san thar hlasak thiam pawl ih hlasak ngai dingih hmunlawng kaupi ah mi tampi, nitam nawn khawmnak tuahmi puai; pop hlasak puai.

pop group pop santhar hlasaktu, awnmawi, awnring a tumtu hmuahhmuah.

pop⁴ /pop/ *v* (-pp-) **1** [I, Ip] puak (thingthei ti palang sungah uam ih gas a tam tikah phok' ti ih a sin a pet hlomi khi): *Champagne corks were popping (away) throughout the celebrations*. **2** [Tn] puakter: *The children were popping balloons*. **3** [Tn] (US) vainim kan puak: *pop maize*. **4** [Ip] ~ **away/off (at sth)** (*infml*) meithal puah (meithal kap): *They were popping*

away at the rabbits all afternoon. **5** [Tn] (*dated Brit infml*) thilri pakhat khat pawng. **6** (idm)

pop the question (*infml*) t̃hit dingin dilnak tuah; nupi bia. **7** (phr *v*) **pop across, down, out etc** hmakhat te feh hruak, pawt: *He's just popped down the road to the shops*. ○ *She's popped over to see her mother*. ○ *He's only popped out for a few minutes*. ○ *Where's Tom popped off to?*

pop sth across, in, into, etc sth ret colh/lak colh: *pop a letter in the post* ○ *She popped the tart into the oven*. ○ *He popped his head round the door to say goodbye*. **pop in** ti hruak/feh duak: *She often pops in for coffee*.

pop sth in lak phah/keng phah: *I'll pop the books in on my way home*. **pop off** (*infml*) thi: *She said she had no intention of popping off for some time yet*. **pop out (of sth)** suak colh/pawt lohli: *The rabbits popped out as soon as we opened the hatch*. ○ (*fig*) *His eyes nearly popped out of his head when he saw what he had won*.

pop up (*infml*) rin lopi in a suak/a pawt: *He seems to pop up in the most unlikely places*.

□ **popcorn** /'pɒpkɔːn/ *n* [U] vainim puak.

pop-eyed *adj* (a) mitkau mitpawt. (b) mangbang ruangah mitkaupi ih zoh khi: *She was pop-eyed with amazement*.

popgun /'pɒpgʌn/ *n* nauhak lehnak meithal; a zangte phelh le 'phok' ti ih a puak thei vemi meithal, kahpok.

pop-up *adj* **1** (of the pages of a book) cabu kau tiki hmai 3 nei a puammi. **2** [attrib] (of an automatic toaster) pawnghmuk emnak (automatic a simi.)

pop *abbr* population: *pop 12m*, ie 12 million.

pope /'pəʊp/ *n* Roman Catholic Kawhhran lu bik/ siangbawi tum bik: *the election of a new pope* ○ *Pope John Paul*.

▷ **poper** /'pəʊpəri/ *n* [U] (*derog*) (a) Roman Catholic sinak. (b) Pope uknak.

popish /'pəʊpɪʃ/ *adj* (*derog*) (a) Roman Catholic thawn a pehtlainak: *popish forms of worship*. (b) Pope dan ih umnak.

□ *pope's nose* (US *infml*) = PARSON'S NOSE (PARSON).

popinjay /'pɒpɪndʒeɪ/ *n* (*dated derog*) zumaw mi, esp hnipuan t̃ha zet in thuam aw duh tuktu.

poplar /'pɒplə(r)/ *n* (a) [C] thingkung fem sang zet phun. (b) [U] cuih thing neem (hnip).

poplin /'pɒplɪn/ *n* [U] **1** poplin puan than. **2** (formerly) puan phunkhat a hrap nawnmi sahmul le pu rawi ih tuahmi.

popover /'pɒpəʊvə(r)/ *n* (US) naa ngaipi phom ih tuahmi sang phunkhat.

poppa /'pɒpə/ *n* (US *infml*) (used esp as a term of address) pa. Cf PAPA, POP².

popper /'pɒpə(r)/ *n* (Brit *infml*) = PRESS-STUD (PRESS²).

poppet /'pɒpɪt/ *n* (Brit *infml*) (a) (used esp as an affectionate name of a child) nauhak duh

kawhnak: *How's my little poppet today?* ○ *Don't cry, poppet.* (b) mi fate mawi hngin: *Isn't she a poppet?*

poppy /ˈpɒpi/ *n* bing kung phun hmuahhmuah (bing kung taktak cu — opium poppy an ti): *the opium poppy*, ie the type from which opium is obtained ○ [attrib] *poppy fields*.

poppycock /ˈpɒpɪkɒk/ *n* [U] (infml) thulolak: *He dismissed the official explanation as complete poppycock.*

Popsicle /ˈpɒpsɪkl/ *n* (US propr) = ICE LOLLY (ICE).

populace /ˈpɒpjələs/ (usu **the populace**) *n* [Gp] (fml) mizapi, misenpi: *He had the support of large sections of the populace.* ○ *The populace at large is/are opposed to sudden change.*

popular /ˈpɒpjələ(r)/ *adj* **1** (a) mi tampi ih duh zetmi; mi tampi ih uarmi: *a popular politician* ○ *Jeans are popular among the young.* ○ *Jogging is a popular form of exercise.* (b) ~ **with sb** duh zet, sunsakmi: *measures popular with the electorate* ○ (infml) *I'm not very popular with the boss* (ie He is annoyed with me) *at the moment.* **2** [attrib] (sometimes derog) mi zapi duhmi, uarmi: *popular music* ○ *the popular press* ○ *novels with popular appeal* ○ *popular* (ie simplified) *science* ○ *popular* (ie low) *prices.* **3** [attrib] mi zapi thawn a pehtlaimi: *the popular vote* ○ *issues of popular concern* ○ *by popular demand.* **4** [attrib] (of beliefs, etc) mi tampi ih zummi, ruahmi: *a popular myth, superstition, misconception, etc.*

▷ **popularly** *adv* mi tampi ih pommi, uarmi si in: *a popularly held belief* ○ *It is popularly believed that...* ○ *the European Economic Community, popularly known as the Common Market.*

□ **popular front** socialist/communist (keh lam) lam a hoihi mi nainganzi paṭi.

popularity /ˈpɒpjələreɪti/ *n* [U] mi tampi ih duhnak/za-awinak: *win/gain/enjoy/command the popularity of the voters* ○ *His popularity among working people remains as strong as ever.* ○ *Her books have grown in popularity recently.*

popularize, -ise /ˈpɒpjələraɪz/ *v* [Tn] **1** mi zapi duh dingin tuah. **2** mi zapi thei dingin tuah: *popularize new theories in medicine* ○ *popularize the use of personal computers.*

▷ **popularization, -isation** /ˈpɒpjələraɪzɪʃn; US -rɪz-/ *n* [U].

populate /ˈpɒpjuleɪt/ *v* [Tn esp passive] (a) milai umter, milai thawn khah; luahkhah: *deserts populated by nomadic tribesmen* ○ *densely/thickly/sparse/thinly populated regions.* (b) khatter; khah: *The islands were gradually populated by settlers from Europe.*

population /ˈpɒpjuleɪʃn/ *n* **1** [CGp] (a) a umtu milai hmuahhmuah; milu, mipum: *the populations of Western European countries* ○

The government did not have the support of the population. (b) hmun pakhat, a khahtu: *the working population* ○ *the immigrant population.* (c) hmun/ram/khua pakhat ih a um zat mipum/ramsa: *What is the population of Ireland?* ○ *a city with a population of over 10 million.* **2** [U] hmun pakhat, veeng/ram pakhat ah milai a tam/amal umdan (degree): *areas of dense/sparse population.*

□ **population explosion** mipum karhzai ciamconak.

populism /ˈpɒpjuləzəm/ *n* [U] mi zaraan ai-awh ih dingtu naingnganzi pawl khat.

▷ **populist** /-ɪst/ *n* populism a ai-awhtu/a zawitu. — *adj*: *populist theories.*

populous /ˈpɒpjələs/ *adj* mi pum tam zet: *the populous areas near the coast.*

porcelain /ˈpɔːsəlɪn/ *n* [U] (a) beel, khuat, pakan tivek tuahnak leilung, beel lei: [attrib] *a porcelain figure.* (b) himi leilung ih tuahmi thilri: *a valuable collection of antique porcelain.*

porch /pɔːtʃ/ *n* **1** luhka; disaap; hul-hliap (biakinn, inn pi tivek ah luhka a cece ih sakmi). **2** (US) = VERANDA.

porcine /ˈpɔːsaɪn/ *adj* (fml) vok a bangmi; vokvek: *her rather porcine features.*

porcupine /ˈpɔːkjuːpaɪn/ *n* sakuh.

pore¹ /pɔː(r)/ *n* thlansuahnak vun kua tete: *He was sweating at every pore.*

pore² /pɔː(r)/ *v* (phr v) **pore over sth** thate ih zoh: *She was poring over an old map of the area.* ○ *The child spends hours poring over her books.*

pork /pɔːk/ *n* [U] (usu fresh, not salted or cured) voksa (voksa hring ti duh biknak a si theu): *roast pork* ○ *a leg of pork* ○ [attrib] *pork sausages.* Cf BACON, GAMMON, HAM 1.

▷ **porker** *n* thah dingih zuatmi vok.

□ **pork-barrel** *n* (US sl) cozah in me ngah theinak dingah khawte lam thansonak dingih pekmi tangka.

pork-butcher *n* (Brit) vokthat, voksa zuartu.

pork pie voksa (cip deuh ih rialmi, sang in fun ih suanmi.) **pork-pie hat** lukhuh (a tlun arawn, kimvel a tlang so lam ih a tungmi.)

porn /pɔːn/ *n* [U] (infml) = PORNOGRAPHY.

porno /pɔːnəʊ/ *adj* (infml) = PORNOGRAPHIC (PORNOGRAPHY).

pornography /pɔːˈnɒgrəfi/ *n* [U] (a) a hmutu in hiar seh ti ah nupa pawl-awk lai hmuah/sim/ngan. (b) taklawng zuk/nu le pa pawl-aw lai zuk cabu, video/bioscope film/tape tivek tla: *the trade in pornography.*

▷ **pornographer** /pɔːˈnɒgrəfə(r)/ *n* nu le pa pawl-awk lai zuktu le a zuk zuartu.

pornographic /pɔːnəˈgræfɪk/ *adj* cuvek zuk lam pawl thawn a pehparmi: *pornographic films, magazines, subjects.*

pornographically /-kli/ *adv*.

porous /pɔːrəs/ *adj* **1** tidai, lole, thli nuam tete in

P

a luut theimi: *He added sand to the soil to make it more porous.* ○ *In hot weather clothes made of a porous material like cotton are best.* Cf PERMEABLE (PERMEATE). **2** thli/tidai luut suaknak a ummi.

▷ **porousness, porosity** (/pɔːrəsəti/) *ns* [U] thli a luut suak thei.

porphyry /pɔːfɪri/ *n* [U] lungto hak zet phun (a sen le a raang pianrong telmi, lungman khung vekin hman theih.)

porpoise /pɔːpəs/ *n* tiffinriat sung um nga tumpi phunkhat, lapain nga vek hmurka sau a nei.

porridge /pɔːrɪdʒ/; *US* ˈpɔːr-/ *n* **1** [U] cencerh: *a bowl of porridge with milk and sugar for breakfast.* **2** (idm) **do porridge** (*Brit sl*) thawngtla, thawngto.

port¹ /pɔːt/ *n* **1** [C, U] tangphawlawng colhnak: *a naval/fishing port* ○ *The ship spent four days in port.* ○ *They reached port at last.* **2** [C] tangphawlawng colhnak khua tumpi: *Rotterdam is a major port.* ○ [attrib] *the port authorities.* **3** (esp in compounds) ramdang ih fehnak; ramdang lutnak hmun (thilri le milai): *an airport* ○ *a port of entry.* **4** (idm) **any port in a storm** (*saying esp ironic*) tiffinriat/tipi thuanthum sungah thliisa vek tong ih harsat tik ah beennak hmun.

□ **port of call** **1** tangphawlawng khual tlawnlai lamzin ih a colhnak hmun. **2** (*infml*) khualtlawn phah ih colhnak hmun/khua: *The visiting politician's first port of call was the new factory.*

port² /pɔːt/ *n* (*nautical*) **1** tangphawlawng a taai hrawngih lut-suaknak saangka. **2** = PORTHOLE.

□ **porthole** /pɔːθəʊl/ *n* tangphawlawng/vanzamleeng a taai ih a kua/tukvirh.

port³ /pɔːt/ *n* [U] hmailam hoi tiki tangphawlawng/vanzamleeng ih a kehlam: *put the helm to port* ○ *The ship was leaning over to port.* ○ [attrib] *the port side* ○ *a port tack*, ie a course sailed with the wind blowing on the port side. Cf STARBOARD.

port⁴ /pɔːt/ *n* (a) [U] Portugal ram suak a thlum ih a cak zetmi sabit ti sendup. (b) [C] himi sabit ti hai khat.

portable /pɔːtəbl/ *adj* khualtlawnnak/vakvaihnak ih thiar theih: *a portable radio, television set, typewriter, etc.*

▷ **portability** /pɔːtəˈbɪləti/ *n* [U]: *I bought it for its portability, not its appearance.*

portable *n* olte ih ken theih/thiar theih: *The document had been typed on a small portable.*

portage /pɔːtɪdʒ/ *n* **1** [U] thil phurh man. **2** (esp *US*) (a) [U] tiva, tiffinriat tivek ah lawng fate in thilri phur/thilri kuat. (b) [C] hivek tuahnak hmun.

portal /pɔːtl/ *n* (*often pl*) (*fml*) nalh deuh ih tuahmi sangka, kotka: *temple portals of carved stone.*

□ **portal vein** (*anatomy*) lung ah si loin, thin le

a dang taksa par hmuahhmuah ih thii kuatnak thiihri (*vein*).

portcullis /pɔːtˈkʌlɪs/ *n* (formerly) hihhlaan Mirang bawi innpi ‘castle’ tivek ih hmanmi thli lut thei ‘thiir sangka khar’.

portend /pɔːtend/ *v* [Tn] (*fml*) hmailam hrang ralring ding langter: *His silence portends trouble.*

portent /pɔːtent/ *n* ~ (of sth) (*fml*) a thleng laai ding siatnak langter cianak; siathmuh: *portents of disaster* ○ *I see it as a portent of things to come.*

▷ **portentous** /pɔːtentəs/ **1** siatnak hmuhter ciami vek: *portentous events, signs.* **2** (*derog*) tihphang zet ih tong takmi. **portentously** *adv*: *‘No good will come of this,’ she announced portentously.*

porter¹ /pɔːtə(r)/ *n* **1** vanzam colhnak, tlaangleeng colhnak, hotel tivek ah puantom le thilri phursaktu: *a hospital porter.* **2** (*US*) tlaangleeng parih ihnak khaan, to khawmnak khaan tivek zohfel fingkhawitu.

▷ **portage** /pɔːtɪdʒ/ *n* [U] (a) puantom le a dang thilri phurhnak. (b) puantom le a dang thilri pawl phurh man.

porter² /pɔːtə(r)/ *n* (*Brit*) (*US doorman*) hotel, inn tumpi tivek ih sangka kiltu: *The hotel porter will call a taxi for you.*

□ **porter's lodge** (*Brit*) **1** university college inn tumpi tivek luhnak sangka zawn ih a khaan. **2** hman kaupei nei innpi luhnak kotka ih sakmi inn fate.

porter³ /pɔːtə(r)/ *n* [U] (esp formerly) a dum nawn ih a kha zetmi beer zu phunkhat.

porterhouse steak /pɔːtəhaʊsˈsteɪk/ cawsa tiit fate sau zerzi ih emmi — a thaw bik phun.

portfolio /pɔːtˈfəʊliəʊ/ *n* (*pl* ~ *s*) **1** zungca pawl painak kutkaih savun dip. **2** sumtuahnak tumpi bank, company tivek ah stocks and shares tivek lei ih sumtuahnak: *My stockbroker manages my portfolio for me.* ○ [attrib] *portfolio management.* **3** vuanzi nauta le a hnaʔuan: *She resigned her portfolio.* ○ *Minister without portfolio*, ie (in Britain) a Cabinet Minister without responsibility for a particular department.

porthole /pɔːθəʊl/ (also **port**) *n* vanzam, lole, tangphawlawng ih tukvirh vek phar kuar.

portico /pɔːtɪkəʊ/ *n* (*pl* ~ *es* or ~ *s*) innsung luhnak hmai ih tluun khuh nei mawʔaw dinna hmun; hulhliap.

portion /pɔːʃn/ *n* **1** [C] thilri ih a ʃhen: *He divided up his property and gave a portion to each of his children.* ○ *You give this portion of the ticket to the inspector and keep the other.* ○ (*dated*) *a marriage portion*, ie a dowry. **2** [C] ei ding a ʃhen: *a generous portion of roast duck* ○ *She cut the pie into six portions.* ○ *Do you serve children's* (ie smaller) *portions?* **3** [*sing*] (*fml*)

mi pakhat ih cavo, lole, si dingmi: *It seemed that suffering was to be his portion in life.*

▷ **portion** *v* (phr *v*) **portion sth out (among/between sb)** (mi tampi hnen ah) thilri then in va zem: *She portioned out the money equally between both children.* ○ *The work was portioned out fairly.* Cf APPORTION.

Portland cement /pɔːtlənd sɪ'ment/ lungrang phunkhat le beel leilung phunkhat kom ih tuahmi Mirang leilung (Portland stone vek pianrong a nei).

Portland stone /pɔːtlənd 'stəʊn/ aihre-raang pianzia a neimi thung lung phunkhat, inn saknak ah an hmang theu.

portly /pɔːtli/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (esp of an older person) kum upa milai (a thau ih a cakvak zetmi): *a portly old gentleman* ○ *portly members of the city council.*

▷ **portliness** *n* [U].

Portmanteau /ɔːt'mæntəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ **s** or -teaux /-təʊz/) (dated) savun, lole, puan sahpi ih thitmi, thingkuang sau nawn, a lai fang in then hnih bak then in on theimi — khualtlawnnak hnipuan thingkuang.

□ **portmanteau word** (also **blend**) tongfang dangdang komih phuah copmi tongfang, eg *motel* from *motor* and *hotel* or *brunch* from *breakfast* and *lunch*.

portrait /pɔːtreɪt/ *n* -trɪt/ **n 1** milai, lole, ramsa mithmai rori suai mi, lole, zukmi — zuk (tar dingmi zuk): *paint sb's portrait* ○ *She had her portrait painted.* Cf LANDSCAPE. **2** tarlangmi; canganmi ah tarlang mi thu: *The book contains a fascinating portrait of life at the court of Henry VIII.*

▷ **portraitist** /-ɪst/ *n* taar ding zuk a suaitu/a tuahtu: *a skilled portraitist.*

portraiture /-tʃə(r); US -tʃʊər/ *n* [U] zuk suai dan; zuksuai thiamnak (PORTRAIT 1).

□ **portrait painter** zuk, mi zuk a suai tu.

portray /pɔː'treɪ/ *v* [Tn, Cn-n/a] ~ **sb (as sb/sth)** **1** zuk suai: *She is portrayed wearing her coronation robes.* ○ *a picture of the general portraying him as a Greek hero.* **2** mi pakhat a sinak kha sim: *The diary portrays his family as quarrelsome and malicious.* **3** drama/play tivekah mi pakhat ih sinak va cawng/zir: *She frowned and stamped her feet to portray anger,* eg in a mime.

▷ **portrayal** /pɔː'treɪəl/ *n* **1** [U] mi pakhat sinak zir/cawnnak. **2** [C] simfiangnak, lole, ai-awhnak: *a skilful portrayal of a lonely and embittered old man.*

pose /pəʊz/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr] ~ (for sb) zuk dingah ding; zuk, lole, sungih lang ding pungsan in um: *He had to pose wearing a laurel wreath.* ○ *The artist asked her to pose for him.* (b) [Tn] a zuktu in zuk dingmi kha amah ih duhzawng in dingter: *The artist posed his model carefully.* ○

The subjects are well posed in these photographs.

2 [I] (derog) mi in thupi zet ah in ruat seh ti in lamdang zet ih nungcang: *Stop posing and tell us what you really think.* **3** [Ipr] ~ **as sb/sth** pakhat khat siter aw; thiamzet pungsan in um: *she poses as an expert in old coins* ○ *The detective posed as a mourner at the victim's funeral.* **4** [Tn] cangter: *Winter poses particular difficulties for the elderly.* ○ *Heavy traffic poses a problem in many old towns.* ○ *His resignation poses the question of whether we now need a deputy leader.*

▷ **pose** *n* **1** ruang hoi; hoi: *a relaxed pose for the camera* ○ *She adopted an elegant pose.* **2** (derog) lamdang zet ih nuncannak: *His concern for the poor is only a pose.* **3** (idm) **strike an attitude/a pose** ⇒ STRIKE².

poser *n* **1** (infml) thu har zet; thu laklawh zet: *That's quite a poser!* **2** = POSEUR.

poseur /pəʊ'zɜː(r)/ *n* (fem **poseuse** /pəʊ'zɜːz/) (also **poser**) (derog) phundang zetih nungcangtu (mi in, in uar seh ti ih lamdang ter-aw zettu): *Some people admired him greatly while others considered him a poseur.*

posh /pɒʃ/ *adj* (-er, -est) (infml) (a) a mawi; a piang; a tha vurvi mi: *a posh car, hotel* ○ *a posh wedding* ○ *You look very posh in your new suit.* (b) (sometimes derog) umdan saang bik ih ummi (upper class): *a posh accent* ○ *They live in the posh part of town.*

posit /'pɒzɪt/ *v* [Tn] (fml) a taktak ti ih ruat.

position /pə'zɪʃn/ *n* **1** [C] dinhmun; umhmun: *From his position on the cliff top, he had a good view of the harbour.* ○ *fix a ship's position*, ie by observing the sun or stars ○ *We were sitting in a draughty position near the door.* ○ *The troops stormed the enemy position*, ie where the enemy had placed soldiers and guns. **2** [U] sinak; dinnak: *Several candidates had been manoeuvring for position long before the leadership became vacant.* **3** [C, U] ruahdan; dindan; reetdan: *sit/lie in a comfortable position* ○ *in an upright, a horizontal, etc position* ○ *They had to stand for hours without changing position.* **4** [C] ~ (on sth) hmuhdan; dinhmun: *The candidates had to state their position on unilateral disarmament.* ○ *She has made her position very clear.* **5** [C esp sing] thil si dan; thil umdan: *Their failure to come to a decision put her in an impossible position.* ○ *He was in the unenviable position of having to choose between imprisonment or exile.* ○ *What would you do in my position?* ○ *I am not in a position (ie I am unable) to help you.* ○ *The economic position of the country is disastrous.* **6** (a) [C] umnak; hnaʔuan upa sinak: *a high/low position in society* ○ *'What is his position in class?'* *'He's third from the top.'* (b) [U] (fml) sinak saang: *a position in/with a big company* ○

He applied for the position of assistant manager. ○ She had worked for the firm for twenty years and was in a position of trust. **8** [C] (sport) (in team games) tuavo, tavuan (bawlung lek ah 'kawlkil' tivek): 'What position does he play?' 'Centre-forward.' **9** (idm) **in a false position** ⇨ FALSE. **in/into position** mah le umhmun/sinak cio ah: The orchestra were all in position, waiting for the conductor. ○ The runners got into position on the starting line. **out of position** mah um hmun dingih um lo: The chairs are all out of position.

▷ **position** v [Tn] **1** umhmun ah umter: position the aerial for the best reception ○ She positioned herself near the warm fire. **2** umhmun hawl: They were able to position the yacht by means of radar.

positional /-ʃənəl/ adj.

positive /pəzətɪv/ adj **1** a hlah, a fiang mi; a si rorimi: positive instructions orders, rules, etc ○ We have no positive proof of her guilt. **2** ~ (about sth/that...) (of a person) hmuh rori/theih rori mi (a si rori ti ngammi): Are you absolutely positive that it was after midnight? ○ She was quite positive about the amount of money involved. **3** (a) thahnemmi; thatnak lam: make positive proposals, suggestions, etc ○ Try to be more positive in dealing with the problem. (b) a tha lam, a si ding lam: a positive attitude, feeling, etc ○ positive thinking, ie a determined mental attitude that helps one achieve success. **4** (infml) a kim tein; a rori: Her behaviour was a positive outrage. ○ It was a positive miracle that we arrived on time. **5** (of the results of a test or an experiment) tuah hnknak ih suahpimi ah thil um a hmuh: a positive reaction ○ The test proved positive. ○ They were hoping for a positive result from the experiment. **6** (mathematics) (of a quantity) kanan tuatmi ah lolak hnakin tam: a positive number ○ the positive sign (+). **7** a tha lam: Positive progress has been achieved during the negotiations. ○ There have been positive developments in international relations. ○ positive discrimination, ie deliberately favouring an underprivileged group, esp in employment policy. **8** electric le battery ah 'a pa', 'tha' a suahnak lam: a positive charge ○ the positive terminal of a battery, ie the one through which electric current leaves the battery. **9** (of a photograph) mi zuknak (photo) ah a tleu le a thim kha a ningte ih a ummi khi: a positive image. **10** (grammar) (of an adjective or adverb) grammar ah fiangtertu (adj) le thuatmu (adv) a ol bik, a niam biknak a hram. Cf NEGATIVE.

▷ **positive** n **1** (grammar) positive adjective: 'Silly' is the positive and 'sillier' the comparative. **2** a ol biknak zawn/a niam biknak zawn. **3** mi zuk 'negative' a thla vek ihsin cahnah ah 'a

ngaingai' ih kuu (tuah) zomi 'zuk a ngaingai'.

positively adv (a) (infml) tuk (extremely); pumpuluk in: He was positively furious when he saw the mess. ○ She was positively bursting to tell us the news. (b) pelh loin; hnget zetin: She positively assured me that it was true. ○ Are you positively convinced that he is not coming back?

positiveness n [U].

□ **positive pole** (a) battery sung um electric positive thaluang cawlhnak. (b) magnetic kut saklam North Pole a sawhnak.

positivism /pəzɪtɪvɪzəm/ n [U] philosophy zirnak ah, ruahnak thu men si loin a taktak a si ti ih hmuh theih, simfiang theimi thu.

▷ **positivist** /-vɪst/ n positivism a zirhtu.

positron /pəzɪtrɒn/ n (physics) a fate bik (elementary particle) electric tha a neimi, cumi tampi kom tikah electric mei tha a cangter. Cf ELECTRON.

posse /pɒsi/ n [CGp] (esp US) US ram ah misual pawl khi sualnak tuah lo dingin a finkhaw, a khamtu (kan ram ih palik kan neih vek).

possess /pə'zes/ v **1** [Tn] (a) nei: He decided to give away everything he possessed and become a monk. ○ They possess property all over the world. ○ The family possessed documents that proved their right to ownership. (b) nei (thatnak, thiamnak nei): Does he possess the necessary patience and tact to do the job well? **2** [Tn esp passive, Cn-t] milai thinlung luahkhat (milai thinlung khawsia khuavaang in molh ih uk): She was possessed by jealousy. ○ he is possessed with the idea that he is being followed. ○ What possessed you to do that? **3** (idm) **be possessed of sth** (fml) (sinak, titheinak) nei: She is possessed of a wonderfully calm temperament. **like one possessed** tisaktu nei (a cak lo nain cak tertu pakhat khat a nei): He fought like a man possessed.

▷ **possessor** n neitu: He is at last the proud possessor of a driving-licence.

possession /pə'zeɪʃn/ n **1** [U] neitu sinak; neihmi (thilri): fight for/win/get possession of the ball ○ The possession of a passport is essential for foreign travel. ○ On her father's death, she came into possession of a vast fortune. ○ She has valuable information in her possession. ○ The house is for sale with vacant possession, ie without tenants. **2** [C esp pl] neihmi thilri: He lost all his possessions in the fire. ○ He came here without friends or possessions and made his fortune. **3** [C] ramdang pakhat ih ukmi: The former colonial possessions are now independent states. **4** (idm) **in possession (of sth)** (a) kut sungih um; ukmi sungih um: Their opponents were in possession of the ball for most of the match. (b) kut sungah (firmi thilri a kut sungah tong): He was caught

in possession of stolen goods/with stolen goods in his possession. ○ While they are in possession we can't sell the house. **possession is nine points of the law** (saying) cuh-awk rero mi thilri pakhat cu kutsung ih neitu cun, pahra ah pakua a taa a si cia. **take possession (of sth)** (fml) (thil pakhat) a neitu, a luahtu ah a cang.

possessive /pə'zɛsɪv/ adj **1** ~ (with sth/sb) (a) thil nei a duh zet; ham thei zet: The child was very possessive with his toys. (b) mi pakhat kha amah ta ding lawngih ham: possessive parents ○ She found her boyfriend's possessive behaviour intolerable. **2** (grammar) neitu si a hmuh; kutsung thil a sinak a hmuh: the possessive case ○ 'Anne's', 'the boys' are possessive forms. ○ 'Yours', 'his', etc are possessive pronouns.

▷ **possessive** n (grammar) **1** [C] neihnak tɒŋfang, lole, neinak umdan: 'Ours' is a possessive. **2** the possessive [sing] neitu sinak. Cf GENITIVE.

possessively adv.

possessiveness n [U].

posset /pɒsɪt/ n khawsik nat damnak siitha a suak hlaan ah, cawnawi an sat ih, cunah zu, lole, wine, aihre pawl an cokih an in mi khawsiknat damnak sii.

possibility /pɒsə'bɪləti/ n **1** [U] ~ (of sth/doing sth); ~ (that...) a can theinak, a si theinak: within/beyond the bounds of possibility ○ The possibility of breaking the world record never occurred to him. ○ Is there any possibility that we'll see you this weekend? ○ What is the possibility of the weather improving? **2** [C] a cang thei ding a bangmi: changing jobs is one possibility ○ Bankruptcy is a distinct possibility if sales don't improve. ○ She prepared for all possibilities by taking a sunhat, a raincoat and a woolly scarf. **3** [C esp pl] hman theih saal, rem theih saal: The house is very dilapidated but it has possibilities. ○ She saw the possibilities of the scheme from the beginning.

possible /pɒsəbl/ adj **1** (a) a cang thei: It is not humanly possible (ie A human is not able) to lift the weight. ○ Come as quickly as possible, ie as quickly as you can. (b) a si thei: Frost is possible, although unlikely, at this time of year. ○ Are you insured against all possible risks? **2** a mawi a tlaak ti ih ruahnak: a possible solution to the dispute, ie one that may be accepted, although not necessarily the best ○ There are several possible explanations.

▷ **possible** n hrili tlaak/mawi: They interviewed 30 people of whom five were possibles. ○ A Rugby trial between 'probables' and 'possibles'.

possibly /-əbl/ adv **1** a si hman ding: 'Will you be leaving next week?' 'Possibly.' ○ She was possibly the greatest writer of her generation. **2** a ziangti hmanin: I can't possibly lend you so

much money. ○ I will come as soon as I possibly can. ○ You can't possibly take all that luggage with you.

possum /pɒsəm/ n **1** = OPOSSUM. **2** (idm) **play possum** (infml) bumduh ruangah thei ko nain theiter-aw lo.

post¹ /pəʊst/ n **1** [C] (esp in compounds) thuam; tung: gate posts ○ a goal post ○ a lamp-post, ie supporting a street light ○ a signpost ○ boundary posts, ie marking a boundary ○ a bedpost, ie any of the upright supports of a bedstead, esp a four-poster. **2** [sing] tlaan zuamnak ih a thoknak le a neetnak: the starting/finishing/winning post. **3** (idm) **be left at the post** ⇒ LEAVE¹. **deaf as a post** ⇒ DEAF. **first past the post** ⇒ FIRST¹. **from pillar to post** ⇒ PILLAR. **pip sb at the post** ⇒ PIP³.

▷ **post** v **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-p] ~ sth (up) ca taar (mi hmuahhmuah theihter duhmi kha cahnah tumpi parah ngaan in, mi hmuahhmuah hmuh theinak hmun ah tar): Post no bills, eg warning that advertisements, etc must not be posted on a wall. ○ Advertisements have been posted up everywhere announcing the new show. (b) [esp passive Tn, Cn-a, Cn-n/a] ~ sb/sth (as sth) thuhla pakhat khat mi hmuah thei dingin tarlang: Details of the election will be posted outside the town hall. ○ The ship was posted (as) missing, ie was announced as missing. **2** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ sth (over) pakhat parah ca khat ko in taar: post a wall (over) with advertisements.

post² /pəʊst/ n **1** hnaʔuan: He was appointed to the post of general manager. ○ She was offered a post in the new government. ○ She had been in the same post for 20 years. ○ He asked to be relieved of his post, ie offered his resignation. **2** ralkap kilvennak hmun; sentari kilnak hmun: The sentries are all at their posts. ○ The guards were ordered not to leave their posts. **3** (a) ralkap pawl ih kilvenmi hmun. (b) ralkap pawl laakmi hmun. **4** (also **trading post**) (esp formerly) milai um mal ih a ʔhangso lomi hmunah sumdawnnak tuah dingih umhmun khuarnak.

▷ **post** v [Tn, Tn-pr] **1** ~ sb (to sth) hnaʔuan pek; ʔuanvo pek: post an officer to a unit, the front, overseas ○ After several years in London, he was posted to the embassy in Moscow. **2** ~ sb (at/on sth) reet; ralbawh/ralvennak ah reet: We posted sentries (at the gates). **posting** /-ɪŋ/ n (esp Brit) hmun pakhat ah hnaʔuan pek: The ambassador expects that his next posting will be (to) Paris.

post³ /pəʊst/ n **1** (also esp US mail) (a) [C, U] ca, thilri carek ih kuatmi pohpoh: There was a big post/a lot of post this morning. ○ He's dealing with his post at the moment. (b) [U] carek; cakuat le thilri kuatmi hmuah ʔuanvo laksaktu cozah zung: send sth by post ○ The parcel was

damaged in the post. (c) [C] cakuat thlaakmi khawm; cakuat thlengmi pawl pek: *catch/miss* (ie be in time/too late for) *the 2 o'clock post* ○ *The parcel came in this morning's post*, ie by this morning's delivery. (d) **the post** [sing] cakuat thlaknak pung/kuang: *Please take these letters to the post.* (e) **the Post** [sing] = THE POST OFFICE. 2 [C] (a) (formerly) leeng a phunphun a suak hlaanah cakuat phurtu dingih reetmi, milai a dotdot/sangsang (milai pakhat in penghra hrawng a phur ih mi dang pakhat in a sawng — cutin an sawng aw vivo). (b) (formerly) hlaan deuh ah cakuat phurtu ih an hmanmi caw/rang-leeng. 3 (idm) **by return post** ⇒ RETURN².

□ **post-bag** *n* 1 (US **mail-bag**) cakuat dip. 2 (esp Brit infml) caan pakhat ih ngahmi cakuat: *The newspaper received a huge post-bag of complaints.*

post-box (US **mailbox**) *n* cakuat mi thlaaknak kuang. Cf = PILLAR-BOX (PILLAR).

postcard *n* ca-ik t̃ul lo thuthan-awknak cakuat ngaannak cahnah khoh. Cf LETTER-CARD, PICTURE POSTCARD (PICTURE).

postcode (also **postal code**, US **Zip code**) *n* cakuat ol dingin address — umnak kha nambat le cafang in a tawizawng ih nganmi.

post-free *adv*, *adj* (a) carek ih cakuat mi kha, milu ben t̃ul loin a lak (man lo) ih kuatmi: *post-free delivery* ○ *The book will be delivered post-free.* (b) (of a price) zuarmi thilri carek in kuat tikah, carek ih kuatman kha a leitu in kuan loin, a zuartu sawn in kuan/pek sak cia mi: *a special offer at a post-free price of £5/at £5 post-free.*

postman /-mən/ (US **mailman**) (*pl* -men) *n* carek hnaṭuan, cakuat petu.

postmark *n* carek tacik, cakuat le thilri kuatmi par poh ah khenmi, nithla le carek zung hmin a tel, Milu veihnih hmang thei lo dingin tacik khenin an phiat: [attrib] *postmarked Tokyo* ○ *postmarked Friday.*

post office 1 inn, lole, inn khaan a si ih cakuat tawltreitu le milu zuar hnaṭuan pawl tonak hmun, zung. 2 **the Post Office** (also **the Post**) carek Zungpi. **post-office box** (*abbr* **PO box**) carek ih caret/ca thlaknak kuang.

post-paid *adj*, *adv* milu man pekzomi.

post-town *n* district pakhat ih cakuat hmuahhmuah ṭuanvo a latu khua.

post⁴ /pəʊst/ *v* 1 (also esp US **mail**) (a) [Tn] cakuat cathlaknak kuang sungah thlaak: *Could you post this letter for me?* (b) [Dn-n, Dn-pr] kuat: *They will post me the tickets/post the tickets to me as soon as they receive my cheque.* 2 (a) [Tn] (in bookkeeping) tangka cazin cauk pi sungih khum: *post export sales.* (b) [Tn-p] ~ **sth up** (in bookkeeping) nitin khummi tangka cazin kha a phun ṭhen in

khum sal: *post up a ledger.* 3 [Ipr] (formerly) hlaanlai ah khual tlawng tik ah rangleeng lawng hman a si ruangah a ṭhenṭhen/a sangsang in va tlawng: *post from town to town.* 4 (idm) **keep sb posted** thu thar a um tinte in than ve/theiter ve ringring: *He asked them to keep him posted about the sales of his book.*

□ **post-haste** *adv* khulrang zet in: *She went post-haste to the bank and cashed the cheque.*

post-pref (with *ns*, *vs* and *adjs*) hnu: *postgraduate*

○ *post-date* ○ *Post-Impressionist*. Cf ANTE-, PRE-.

postage /pəʊstɪdʒ/ *n* [U] cakuatnak milu man: *What is the postage on this parcel?* ○ *How much is the postage for an airmail letter to Canada?*

□ **postage stamp** cakuatnak ih benmi milu.

postal /pəʊstl/ *adj* (a) carek hnaṭuan thawn a pehtlai mi: *postal charges, workers, districts.* (b) carek ih kuatmi: *Postal applications must be on holiday on election day, you may apply for a postal vote.*

□ **postal code** = POST-CODE (POST³).

postal order (Brit) (US **money order**) carek in kuatsak mi paisa.

post-date /pəʊst'deɪt/ *v* [Tn] 1 thukimnak ca (document-sachuk) sungah, khiah-awkmī ni (thukimnak ca tuah ni hnakin a hnu deuh ṭheu): *a postdated cheque*, ie one which cannot be cashed until the date specified. 2 a cangmi thil, a cang taktak ni hnakin hnuter deuhmi. 3 a dang pakhat hnakin hnu deuh ih a cangmi. Cf ANTEDATE.

poster /pəʊstə(r)/ *n* (a) phartaarca; thuthannak tarlangmi ca: *a poster advertising the circus.* (b) mi zuk tumpi: *Her bedroom is hung with posters.*

□ **poster paint** (also **poster colour**) kut ih zuk suai thiam zettu in, a tleu a nalh zetmi rong hmang ih a suaimi zuk.

poste restante /pəʊst 'restaːnt; US re'stænt/ (US also **general delivery**) carek zungpi sungih zungṭhen fate — cakuat mi, a ngahtu dingin a hlam hlaan lo reet ringringnak zung.

posterior /pəʊ'stɪərɪə(r)/ *adj* (fml) 1 ~ (to sth) hnu deuh; a hnulam ih a cangmi thil. Cf PRIOR¹. 2 (in architecture, biology, medicine) a dunglam in: *a posterior view of the skull*. Cf ANTERIOR.

▷ **posterior** *n* (infml joc) ṭawk; tawtit; tawcor: *a large posterior* ○ *a slap on the posterior.*

posterity /pəʊ'stɪərɪtɪ/ *n* [U] 1 tesinfa: *plant trees for the benefit of posterity.* 2 (fml) faate pawl; fesinfa pawl: *recorded for posterity* ○ *Posterity will remember him as a truly great man.*

postern /pəʊstən/ *n* (arch) inn, a siir lam, lole, innar lam ih luhnak sangka fate, carhlet: [attrib] *a postern door/gate.*

postgraduate /pəʊst'grædʒuət/ (US **graduate**) *adj* (of studies, etc) degree pakhat ngahhnu ih cazir.

▷ **postgraduate** *n* degree pakhat ngah hnu ih

cazir pehtu/a zir beettu. Cf GRADUATE, UNDERGRADUATE.

posthumous /ˈpɒstjʊməs/; US ˈpɒstˌfəməs/ *adj* (a) thih hnu: *posthumous fame, earnings* ○ *the posthumous award of a medal for bravery.* (b) (of a literary work) cangantu a thihhnu ih suahmi cabu: *Forster's posthumous novel.* (c) (of a child) a pa thihhnu ih a suakmi naute, pumpi ih rohmi faate.

▷ **posthumously** *adv*: *The prize was awarded posthumously.*

postillion (also **posttillion**) /pɒˈstɪljən/ *n* (formerly) leeng pakhat khi rang pahnih ih dirh san lai ih rang pakhat sawn ah to ih a khawngtu.

postmaster /ˈpəʊstmɑːstə(r)/; US -məst-/ *n* (fem **postmistress** /-mɪstrɪs/) carek zung uktu/hotu, carek bawi.

□ **Postmaster General** ram pakhat ih carek hnañuannak hmuahhmuah hotu/uktu (bawi bik), carek bawi bik.

post-mortem /pəʊst ˈmɔːtəm/ *n* 1 ziang ruangah a thi ti theih duh ruangah thihhnu pumrai ih zohnak: *A post-mortem showed that the victim had been poisoned.* ○ *The doctor carried out a post-mortem on the body.* 2 (infml) a cangzo mi thil pakhat parah ruatkawm saalnak: *a post-mortem on the election.*

▷ **post-mortem** *adj* (a) thihhnu ih tuahmi/a cangmi: *a post-mortem examination.* (b) (infml) a cang zo, a si zo hnu ih ra suakmi: *post-mortem recriminations.*

postnatal /pəʊstˈneɪtl/ *adj* (a) nau hrin ðeh pek: *postnatal depression.* (b) hrinpek naute thawn pehpami: *postnatal care* ○ *a postnatal nurse, unit.* Cf ANTENATAL, PRE-NATAL.

postpone /pəˈspəʊn/ *v* 1 [Tn, Tn-pr, Tg] ~ **sth** (to **sth**) a ni thawn; tuah ding ni hmailam ih ðawn: *The match was postponed to the following Saturday because of bad weather.* ○ *Let's postpone making a decision until we have more information.* Cf ADVANCE 6, CANCEL 1. 2 (idm) **postpone the evil hour/day** tuah duh lo zetmi, tuah lo a theih lomi hmailam ah ðawn.

▷ **postponement** *n* (a) [U] hmailam ih tikcu thawn khi: *Rain caused the postponement of several race-meetings.* (b) [C] tikcu ðawnnak: *After many difficulties and postponements, the ship was ready for launching.*

postprandial /pəʊstˈprændiəl/ *adj* (fml) rawl-ei ðeh ve teih a cangmi: *postprandial speeches* ○ (joc) *His postprandial nap was disturbed by the arrival of the boss.*

postscript /pəʊsskript/ *n* ~ (to **sth**) 1 (abbr **PS**) cangan ðeh ih hmin ðhut zo hnu ah sim hrelhmi thu malte bet duh le PS ti hnuah ngan betmi ca tawite: *She mentioned in a postscript to her letter that the parcel had arrived.* 2 ðeh hnu ih bet saalmi thuhla: *There was an*

interesting postscript to these events when her private diaries were published.

postulant /ˈpɒstjʊlənt/; US -tʃu-/ *n* biaknak lam pumpek in hnañuan duh ruangah phungki tlawng/biaknak lam inn tivek ih um ih hnañuan dan zirtu. Cf NOVICE 2.

postulate /ˈpɒstjʊlət/; US -tʃu-/ *v* [Tn, Tf] (fml) thungai a si tiih cohlaang: *The school building programme postulates an increase in educational investment.* ○ *He postulated that a cure for the disease will have been found by the year 2000.*

▷ **postulate** /ˈpɒstjʊlət/; US -tʃu-/ *n* a dik a si ti ih hmuhhnu ah hawlnek, lole, ðatnak ih hmanmi a hram: *the postulates of Euclidean geometry.*

postulation /ˌpɒstjʊˈleɪʃn/; US -tʃu-/ *n* [U, C].

posture /ˈpɒstʃə(r)/ *n* 1 (a) [C] lungput, ruangpi umdan: *an awkward posture* ○ *The artist asked his model to take a reclining posture.* (b) [U] feh, to, ding tiki ruangpi umdan: *She has very good posture.* ○ *Poor posture will give you backache.* 2 [C] thu thliir dan: *The government adopted an uncompromising posture on the issue of independence.* Cf STANCE.

▷ **posture** *v* 1 [I] mah le mah ruangpi umdan phunphun in tuah: *Stop posturing in front of that mirror and listen to me!* 2 [Tn] ruangpi umdan tuahsak: *posture a model.* **posturing** /ˈpɒstʃərɪŋ/ *n* [U, C esp pl] (a) mah le mah a to in, a ding in ziang ka bang ti ih zoh-aw. (b) mah ih ruahnak taktak a si lomi kha, a si zet vekin rel-aw: *Her liberal views were soon revealed as mere posturing.* ○ *The electorate is growing tired of his posturings.*

post-war /pəʊst ˈwɔː(r)/ *adj* [esp attrib] ralpi cemhnu: *the post-war period of economic expansion* ○ *post-war developments in industry.*

posy /ˈpɒzi/ *n* pangpar tom.

pot¹ /pɒt/ *n* 1 [C] (a) beel (rawlsuannak beel): *pots and pans* ○ *a chicken ready for the pot.* (b) (esp in compounds) beelkheng phunphun: *a teapot* ○ *a coffee-pot* ○ *a flowerpot* ○ *a chamber-pot* ○ *a lobster-pot.* (c) beel sungih um zat: *They've eaten a whole pot of jam!* ○ *Bring me another pot of coffee.* 2 [C esp pl] (infml) tangka siar caw lo; paisa tampi: *making pots of money.* 3 [C] (sl) lehnak laksawng ih hmanmi tangka khuat. 4 **the pot** [sing] (esp US) (a) phe lek tikah thaapmi paisa zate kom. (b) hmantlang dingih burkhawm mi sum (a tam bik cu rawl leinak ding). 5 [C] = POT-BELLY a. 6 [U] (sl) marijuana (*kaan-za*) riit thei hnah phunkhat. 7 [C] (Brit) (in billiards) billiard lehnak ah a kua sungah bawhlung than ngah. 8 [C] = POT-SHOT. 9 (idm) **go to pot** (infml) a siat thlang ding: *The firm is going to pot under the new management.* **keep the pot boiling** (a) khulrang zet in caangvai ringring (lek tivek

ah). (b) hiar zetmi kha harhter, nungter ringring. **put a quart into a pint pot** ⇨ QUART. **take pot luck** ngah theimi poh cohlan ding (a bikin rawl tivek ngahmi ei mai ding): *You are welcome to eat with us, but you'll have to take pot luck.* ○ *We seldom book hotels when traveling, we usually just take pot luck.* **the pot calling the kettle black** (saying) zawng in a rualpi tawkacaak a soi; mah sive mi — mi cu va soi (zaangzel mi in, midang kha na zaangzel tihi soi): *She accused us of being extravagant — talk about the pot calling the kettle black!*

□ **pot-belly** *n* (a) (also **pot**) pum cek. (b) pum cek pa/nu. **pot-bellied** *adj* (a) (of a person) a pum a vahmi. (b) (fig) (of a container) thil ri, pumvah vek a simi, eg mei-inn a pum: *a pot-bellied stove*, ie one with a pot-bellied container in which the fuel burns.

pot-boiler *n* paisa ngah theinak dingih nganmi cabu/zuksuaimi: *She produced regular pot-boilers while also working on her masterpiece.*

pot-bound *adj* (of a plant) beel sungih ciinmi thing/hramkung.

pot-herb *n* naannan, rimhmui, salari tivek tihang/hmeh hmuiteru (hmuihmer).

pot-hole *n* 1 leikuar/lungkuar (ruahpi/tidai in a ei ruangah a kuarmi). 2 lamzin parih leikuar.

pot-holing *n* [U] (sport) lehnak phunkhat — lungkua le lungsedap lakah a kua, a kuarmi hawl.

pot-holer *n*.

pot-hunter *n* (a) (in shooting) sadawitu, ramtawitu — nomnak men ih ramtawi si loin pumcawmnak hnañuan pakhat in ram a tawitu; hmuhmi poh sa a kaaptu. (b) lehnak phunin nomnak men ih ram a tawitu.

pot plant pangpar bel ih cinmi a kuung.

pot-roast *n* tidai malte in leibel ih suanmi sa (a caar nawn ih suan).

pot-shot (also **pot**) *n* (a) meithal bih lemlo ih kah. (b) tumnak felfai nei lemlo, tuah menmen hmangtu, mi dawngdah.

pot² /pɒt/ *v* (pt, pp -tt-) 1 (a) [Tn esp passive] pangpar bel ah phun: *a potted azalea*. (b) [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) pangpar bel ah ciing: *pot up chrysanthemum cuttings*. 2 [Tn] (infml) naute khi zinbel par ah toter. 3 [Tn] (in billiards) bawlung kha dipte (a kua) sungah lut ko in thun. 4 [Ipr] ~ **at sth** ramsa kaap: *pot at a rabbit*. 5 [Tn] meithal in kaap that: *They potted dozens of rabbits*. 6 [Tn esp passive] reipi ret duh ah sa hmincia khi bel ah ret ðha: *potted beef, ham, shrimps, etc.*

□ **potting-shed** *n* thilci erhmi (thawn a cut hlaan) khuhtu deuthlaam.

potable /pəʊtəbl/ *adj* (fml) in ðha; in (ding) theih.

potash /pəʊtæʃ/ *n* [U] vutcaam; cing-al dawm, satpia tuahnak ih hmanmi cite, vutcaam vek potassium carbonate daat kom.

potassium /pəˈtæsiəm/ *n* [U] patasiam daat, lungto lakih a um theimi, a tleu a raang cite vek thirvut.

potation /pəʊˈteɪʃn/ *n* (fml or joc) (a) [U] zu in puai. (b) [C] zu in.

potato /pəˈteɪtəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ **es**) 1 (a) [C] aalu: *The potato is vulnerable to several pests*. (b) [C] leisung ih um aalu tawba: *The potatoes are ready to be dug up*. ○ *Would you like another potato?* (c) [U] ei dingih tuahmi aalu: *a dish of meat topped with mashed potato* ○ [attrib] *potato soup*. 2 (idm) **a hot potato** ⇨ HOT.

□ **potato crisp** (Brit) (US **potato chip**) = CRISP.

potato beetle aalu hnah a eitu ceep phunkhat.

poteen /pəˈtiːn/ *n* [U] (in Ireland) a thupthe ih tuahmi Ireland whisky zu.

potent /pəʊnt/ *adj* 1 (a) (of drugs, etc) hmual a nei zetmi: *a potent charm, cure, medicine*. (b) hmual, huham a nei zetmi: *potent weapons*. (c) mahlam tel dingih mihruai cakzet; mi leem thiam zet: *potent arguments, reasoning, etc*. 2 (of males) mipa sinak a cak zetmi.

▷ **potently** *adv*. **potency** /-nsi/ *n* [U].

potentate /pəʊntet/ *n* (esp formerly) siangpahrang — ukmi senpi parah a duhduh ih thuneihnak (aa-na) hmangih mi uktu: *the splendid court of an Eastern potentate*.

potential /pəˈtenʃl/ *adj* [attrib] (a) a cang theimi, a um thei: *a potential source of conflict* ○ *a potential leader* ○ *The book is arguably a potential best seller*. (b) a um ko ih hman theih ah a cang leh dingmi: *potential energy, power, resources, etc* ○ *a machine with several potential uses*.

▷ **potential** *n* [U] 1 (a) ~ (for sth) tuah ðat theih le hman theih: *She recognized the potential for error in the method being used*. ○ *he studied the German market to find the potential there for profitable investment*. (b) sinak a nei ih tuahðat theih: *exploit/fulfil/realize one's potential* ○ *She has artistic potential/potential as an artist*. ○ *The product has even more potential in export markets*. 2 electric ða a si leh dingmi: *a current of high potential*.

potentiality /pəˈtenʃiˈæləti/ *n* (esp pl) (fml) phorh hrih lomi a can theinak/a sitheinak: *a country with great potentialities*.

potentially /-ʃəli/ *adv*: *a potentially rich country*, ie one with many natural resources that could be developed ○ *a potentially catastrophic situation*.

potion /pəʊʃn/ *n* (formerly) mitkher, mitbum thiam, dawi thiam (magician) pawl ih hmanmi sii tidai aai: *a love potion* ○ *The magician displayed his charms and potions*.

pot-pourri /pəʊˈpuəri; US ˌpəʊpəˈriː/ *n* 1 [C, U] inn khaan sung, bizu sung tivek rimhmui ternak sii phunkhat. 2 [C] hla, lole, ca cokrawi.

potsherd /ˈpɒt-ʃɜːd/ *n* (esp in archaeology) hitik hlaan bel kuai, beel phunphun. Cf SHARD.

potted /ˈpɒtɪd/ *adj* **1** bel sungih cinmi. **2** (often derog) (of book, etc) theih ol zet, tawite ih nganmi cabu: *a potted history of England* ○ *a potted version of 'Hamlet'* ○ (fig) *She gave her parents a potted version of the night's events*, ie an account that omitted anything disturbing.

potter¹ /ˈpɒtə(r)/ (US **potter** /ˈpɑːtər/) *v* **1** [I] tawivak meen: *He loves to potter in the garden.* **2** (phr v) **potter about around (sth)** (a) hmun dangdang ah thawn vivo: *potter about the exhibition.* (b) nuambang hahdam zet in tuan: *We spent the weekend pottering around (in) the house.*

▷ **potterer** /ˈpɒtərə(r)/ *n* (often derog) nuambang tein hna a tuantu (tuanvo a theh dah lotu.)

pottery² /ˈpɒtəri/ *n* beel tuahtu.

▷ **pottery** /ˈpɒtəri/ *n* **1** [U] kut ih tuahmi leibeel/umkheeng pawl: *a valuable collection of Japanese pottery.* **2** [U] kut ih tuahmi bel mawi tuah thiamnak: *She is learning pottery.* ○ [attrib] *a pottery class.* **3** [C] leibeel tuahnak hmun; beel tuahtu pawl ih hna tuannak hmun. **4 the Potteries** [pl] England ram Staffordshire ih beel tam bik tuahnak hmun (district).

□ **potter's wheel** a pheih zawng ih her theimi beel tuah ding leilung a beekmi retnak kheeng – beel tuahnak leng.

potty¹ /ˈpɒti/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (Brit infml) **1** (a) (of a person or his behaviour) aatchih; a molhmi: *Surely you don't expect me to take your potty suggestions seriously?* ○ *He seems to have gone/ to be quite potty.* ○ *That noise is driving me potty!* (b) ~ **about sb sth** pakhat khat parah nasa takin lunghawhnak a nei: *She's potty about jazz.* **2** (derog) thu fate, a thupi lomi: *A person with his ambition won't stay long in a potty little firm like this.*

potty² /ˈpɒti/ *n* (infml) nau zun thawhnak beel.

□ **potty-trained** *adj* (of a baby or young child) zun, eek dan puan hman t̃ul nawn lomi naute.

pouch /paʊtʃ/ *n* **1** (esp in compounds) savun dip fate, taikap ih thlaimi ziandawng/kuak/mitkharh tivek bawm: *a tobacco-pouch* ○ *an ammunition-pouch.* **2** vun a dormi (minaa mit tanglam vun dor vekkhi). **3** (a) kangaroo (*ta-paih-kaung*) pinu in a faate phurhnak ah a pumih a neihmi a vun dip vek khi. (b) zinghnaw, zawng tivek an ka sung an biang tivek ah dip vek rawlkhawhnak an neihmi khi. ▷ **pouch** *v* **1** [I, Tn, Tn-pr] dip fate umter: *wear a dress pouched over a belt.* **2** [Tn] cumi savun dipte sungah thil ret: *to pouch a ball*, ie catch it, eg in cricket.

pouffe (also **pouf**) /puːf/ *n* **1** tokheng sahpi (ke retnak ummi). **2** = POOF.

poulterer /ˈpəʊltərə(r)/ *n* (Brit) hramlak vate sa zuartu.

poultice /ˈpəʊltɪs/ *n* taksa a phawmi/a naa mi dam dingin benmi puan saa/pat saa: *a kaolin, mustard, etc poultice.*

▷ **poultice** *v* [Tn] taksa a phaw/a na mi patpuan suanmi sa zet thawn hmet.

poultry /ˈpəʊltri/ *n* (a) [pl v] a ti le a sa ei dingin zuarmi ar, rampai, vui ar tivek pawl: *The poultry have been fed.* ○ [attrib] *poultry farming.* (b) [U] cui pawl ih sa: *Poultry is expensive at this time of year.* ○ *There's not much poultry in the shops.*

pounce /paʊns/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (on sb/sth) deh: *We saw the tiger about to pounce (on the goat).* ○ *The hawk pounced on its prey and carried it off.* ○ *We hid behind the bushes, ready to pounce on the intruder.* ○ (fig) *pounce on a mistake*, ie spot it very quickly.

▷ **pounce** *n* [sing] hmakhat te ih zon, zuanhawh, deh.

pound¹ /paʊnd/ *n* **1** [C] (a) (abbr lb) 0.454 kg thawn a khing a bang-awmi a rit lam siarnak 16 ounces: *Apples are sold by the pound.* ○ *The luggage weighs 40 lbs.* ○ *He's eaten a whole pound of plums!* (b) cuai thlai dan phun khat. **2** [C] (symb £) (a) (also pound sterling) Mirang (Brit) tangka, pence 100 ah pound 1: *The ticket will cost about a pound.* ○ *I've spent £5 on food today.* ○ [attrib] *a five-pound note*, ie a banknote for £5 ○ *a pound coin*, ie a coin worth £1. Cf STERLING *n*. (b) England siar lo ram dang hrekkhat ih tangka a hmin (£). (c) **the pound** [sing] leilung tlun tangka thleng-awknak ah England paisa ih a man: *The Government is worried about the weakness of the pound (against other currencies).* **3** (idm) (**have, want, demand, etc**) **one's pound of flesh** thumawi a si lo nain cu zat tengteng in pek lole ti ih kaihaw: *Their distress had no effect on him — he was determined to have his pound of flesh.* **in for a penny, in for a pound** ⇒ PENNY. **penny wise pound foolish** ⇒ PENNY.

pound² /paʊnd/ *n* **1** (formerly) inn zuat sumhnaw finkhaw lo ih vaklakmi thawng inn. **2** (a) zawhte le uico vaklak pawl thawnginn. (b) mawtawka cawlh lonak ding hmun ih cawlm pawl thawnginn.

pound³ /paʊnd/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (to sth)** phom/cum/deng ciamco: *pound crystals (to powder)* ○ *pound garlic (to a paste) in a mortar* ○ *The ship was pounded to pieces against the rocks.* **2** [Ipr, Ip, Tn] ~ (away) (**at/against/on sth**) veitampi nawt ciamco ih phom/kaap: *the sound of feet pounding on the stairs* ○ *Someone was pounding at the door.* ○ *The heavy guns pounded (away at) the walls of the fort.* ○ *Who is that pounding (on) the piano?* **3** [I, Ipr] ~ (**with sth**) (of the heart) lung napi ih tur: *a heart pounding (with fear)* ○ *She could feel her heart pounding painfully as she finished the race.* **4**

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(idm) **pound the beat** (infml) (esp of a policeman) palik pawl mah ukmi ramsung haal/tlawm leuhleuh. **5** (phr v) **pound along, down, up, etc** thawnnak ding lam ah zamrang zet in le napi ke pal in thawn: *The horses came pounding along the track.* ○ *Don't pound up the stairs!*

poundage /paʊndɪdʒ/ *n* [U] **1** tangka pound khat 5p tivek ih lakmi. **2** (a) **1 lb** a rit le 5p tivek ih lakmi. (b) **1 lb** a rit le 3 oz tivek ih lakmi.

pounder /paʊndə(r)/ *n* **1** pound (lb) khat khiing. **2** (in compounds) (a) thilri a rit lam siarnak: a three-pounder, eg a fish weighing 3 lb. (b) pukpi meithal a cahnak an rel tikah, a cerek rihnak in an rel theu: an eighteen-pounder, ie a gun that fires shells weighing 18 lb each.

pour /pɔ:(r)/ *v* **1** (a) [Ipr, Ip] (of a liquid or substance that flows like liquid) luang: *Blood was pouring from the wound.* ○ *I knocked over the bucket and the water poured (out) all over the floor.* ○ *Sweat was pouring down his face.* ○ *The ceiling collapsed and rubble poured into the room.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] thlet; burh; luangter: *Although I poured it carefully, I spilt some of the oil.* ○ *Pour the milk into a jug.* ○ *Pour out the water left in the bucket.* (c) [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Dn-n, Dn-pr] thlet; pek: *this teapot doesn't pour well.* ○ *Shall I pour (out) (the tea)?* ○ *I've poured two cups of coffee.* ○ *I've poured coffee into your cup by mistake.* ○ *Shall I pour you some tea?* ○ *Let me pour you a glass of wine.* ○ *I've poured a glass of wine for you.* **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] (of rain) ruahtak; toih; suur nasa: *It's pouring (down).* ○ *She watched the rain pouring down the windows.* ○ (infml) a pouring wet day. **3** [Ipr, Ip, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ra ciamco: *Commuters were pouring stadium cheering wildly.* ○ *The shops and offices pour millions of workers into the street at this time of day.* ○ *Letters of complaint poured in (to head office).* **4** (idm) **it never rains but it pours** ⇒ RAIN². **pour oil on the flames** thilsia a cangmi kha sia sinsin dingin tuah. **pour oil on troubled waters** a hua-aw mi, a buaimi daiter. **pour scorn on sb/sth** mi tongsia in kaw: *She poured scorn on the suggestion that he might never return.* **pour/throw cold water on sth** ⇒ COLD¹. **5** (phr v) **pour (sth) out** theihmi hmuah sim thluh: *When he realized we knew the truth, the whole story came pouring out.* ○ *She poured out her troubles to me over a cup of coffee.*

pout /paʊt/ *v* (a) [I] ngol deuh — thinheng deuh ruangah tòng duh loin hmu sauter: *Tell that child to stop pouting!* ○ *She pouted to show off her new lipstick.* (b) [Tn] hmu sauter: *pout one's lips provocatively.*

▷ **pout** *n* (esp sing) thinheng/aithok mithmai.

poutingly *adv* thinheng/aithok nawn in.

poverty /pɒvəti/ *n* [U] **1** farahnak; harsat nun:

live in poverty ○ *She had been worn down by poverty and illness.* **2** thi lo fangfang ih nun; neih tūlmi zianghman nei lo: *His work was criticized for its poverty of imagination.* ○ *They were handicapped by (a) poverty of resources.* **3** a siat dan, that lo dan: *the poverty of the soil* ○ *They were recognizable by the poverty of their dress.* **4** (idm) **grinding poverty** ⇒ GRINDING (GRIND). Cf POORNESS.

□ **poverty line** nitin nunnak hrangah neih lo thei lomi cekci lawng leitheinak nihlawh nei: *There are still too many people living below the poverty line.*

poverty-stricken *adj* a paammi; a farah zetmi: *poverty-stricken families, homes, housing.*

poverty trap farahnak thang; (mah ih nihlawh a than tikah cozah bomnak thum sak vingvo ruangih thanso ding a har zia).

POW /pi: əv 'dʌblju:/ *abbr* prisoner of war: a POW camp.

powder /paʊdə(r)/ *v* **1** (a) [U] a vut; a dip, a phut: *crush lumps of sugar to powder* ○ *The snow was as dry as powder.* (b) [C, U] (esp in compounds) sii phunphun; mawinak hrang sii phunphun tuahnak thil vut/dip: *face-powder* ○ *talcum powder* ○ *take a powder* (ie powdered medicine) to cure indigestion ○ *a special powder for cleaning fur* ○ *soap powder* ○ *baking-powder.* **2** [U] = GUNPOWDER (GUN). **3** (idm) **keep one's powder dry** poimawh a suak pang le ti ah timtuah cia in um: *The problem may not arise, but there's no harm in keeping our powder dry.*

▷ **powder** *v* [Tn] powder thuh/hnih: *powder one's face/nose* ○ *powder a baby after her bath,* ie with talcum powder ○ *the fashion for powdered hair.* **powdered** *adj* (of a substance that is naturally liquid) thil a tiimi kha a haa ah tuah hnuah carter in a vut/a dipte in re: *The paint is sold in powdered form.* ○ *powdered milk, eggs, etc.*

powdery /paʊdəri/ *adj* **1** thil a dip/vutmi: *a light fall of powdery snow.* **2** a vut ih khuhmi: *a powdery nose.*

□ **powder blue** mepian rau derdi.

powder-keg *n* **1** zian retnak thirkuang fate. **2** (fig) a puakkuai thei ding vekin um: *Rising tensions have turned the area into a powder-keg and any incident could set off a riot.*

powder-magazine *n* meithal zian pawl retkhawmnak hmun (inn).

powder-puff (also **puff**) *n* hmai powder thuhnak puan neemte.

powder-room (euph) baisikup zung, laamnak innpi, hotel, departmental store (dawr tumpi) tivek ih nunau zun-eek thawhnak khaan.

power /paʊə(r)/ *n* **1** [U] (in people) thil ti theinak/ huham/cahnak thazaang: *It is beyond/outside/ not within my power* (ie I am unable or am not in a position) to help you. ○ *I will do everything*

in my power to help you. **2** (a) [U] (also **powers** [pl]) thinlung, lole, taksa pum thil titheinak (huham): *He has lost the powers of speech.* ○ *The drug affects one's power(s) of concentration.* ○ *He had to use all his powers of persuasion.* (b) **powers** [pl] takpum, lole, thinlung ih titheinak (faculty) zate: *a woman of impressive intellectual powers* ○ *His powers are failing, ie He is becoming weak.* **3** [U] thil pakhat sung um cahnak, lole, thazaang: *There was a lot of power behind that blow.* ○ *The ship was helpless against the power of the storm.* ○ (fig) *They were defeated by the power of her oratory.* ⇒ Usage at STRENGTH. **4** [U] (a) midang uktheinak: *the power of the law* ○ *have sb in one's power*, ie be able to do what one wishes with sb ○ *have power over sb/sb's fate* ○ *fall into sb's power* ○ *He made the mistake of underestimating the power of the press.* (b) ram uknak lam thu neihnak: *seize power*, ie in a political coup ○ *This government came (in)to power at the last election.* **5** [C esp pl] thil ti theinak: *The powers of the police need to be clearly defined.* ○ *The President has exceeded his power*, ie has done more than he is allowed or has the right to do. ○ (law) *power of attorney*, ie the right to act on sb's behalf in business or financial matters. **6** [C] ram, milai, mibur pakhat ih midang parah titheinak huham neihmi: *world powers*, ie countries with the most influence in international affairs ○ *'Is the press a great power in your country?'* 'Yes, it's far more important than the Church.' ○ *The country was a great naval power in past centuries*, ie had great international influence because it had a large navy. ○ *No power on earth could force me to do it.* **7** [U] (a) thazaang; cahnak (mei, tidai, thli, ni tivek ihsin ngahmi thazaang): *wind, nuclear, hydroelectric power* ○ *We need to provide industry with power it can afford.* ○ [attrib] *the power supply.* (b) [attrib] cet, lole, electric thazaang hmanngmi: *power brakes/steering* ○ *power tools.* (c) (of an engine, etc) engine ih caang thei/hertheinak: *a car's power of acceleration* ○ *the terrifying power of the huge machine.* **8** [C esp sing] (mathematics) kanaan nambat pakhat le pakhat zaiter awknak in a karh tampi ngah theinak: *the third power of 2* (= $2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$) ○ *the second, third, fourth, etc power of x* (= x^2, x^3, x^4 , etc) ○ *to the power of sth*, ie multiplied by itself a certain number of times ○ 4^4 represents four to the power of four, ie $4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4 = 256$. **9** [U] (of a lens) duurbung vek a tuum ih lang theinak: *the power of a microscope, telescope, etc.* **10** [C] thatnak, lole, siatnak huham: *She believed in the existence of a benevolent power.* ○ *the powers of darkness*, ie the forces of evil or of the Devil. **11** (idm) **the corridors of power** ⇒

CORRIDOR. **do sb a power of good** (infml) thahnemter, thatnak a pek: *Her holiday has done her a power of good.* ○ *A long cool drink would do us all a power of good!* **in power** a parah thuneih theinak/uk theinak a nei uktu tuan lai: *the party in power* ○ *The Government has been in power for two years.* **more power to sb's elbow** (infml) (used to express encouragement to sb doing sth) thil pakhat tuah dingin midang forhfiat ih tha pek thiamnak: *She is campaigning for an improved bus service — more power to her elbow!* **the (real) power behind the throne** siangpahrang/president/uktu dunglam ihsin thu neitu: *The President's wife was suspected of being the real power behind the throne.* **the powers that be** (often ironic) ram pakhat, lole, pawl pakhat par ih thu neitu, uktu: *He was waiting for the powers that be to decide what his next job would be.*

▷ **powered** adj caktermi, thazaang pekmi: *a new aircraft powered by Rolls Royce engines* ○ *a high-powered car* ○ (fig) *rather low-powered political discussions.*

□ **power-boat** *n* cakzetmi ceet tangphawlawng fate.

power cut electric mei mit; pakhat khat hnaihnoknak um ruangih a mit ta lawkmi: *the violent storms caused several power cuts.*

power-dive *n* vanzam a engine phit loin lei ah a lu linglet in a zammi. *v* [I] (of an aircraft) cutivek tuah.

power house **1** = POWER-STATION. **2** (fig) (a) a cak zet mi — pawlkom/pawl. (b) a cak zetmi le thatho zet milai.

power-point *n* phar parih bunmi electric socket — cutawk.

power politics thihphaih, tlerhphaih ih naingnganzi tuah dan.

power-station (US **power plant**) *n* electric ceetzung: *a coal-fired power-station* ○ *a nuclear power-station.*

powerful /'pauəfl/ *adj* (a) cak zet; thazaang tampi nei: *a powerful blow* ○ *a powerful machine, motor bike, engine, etc.* (b) hmual nei zetmi: *a powerful image, remedy, speech* ○ *a powerful appeal to the public's sense of justice.* (c) thazaang cak zetmi: *powerful legs* ○ *a man with a powerful physique.* (d) mi parah ti theinak huham nei zetmi: *a powerful enemy, nation, ruler, trade union.*

▷ **powerfully** /-fəli/ *adv*: *He is very powerfully built*, ie has a large strong physique.

powerless /'pauəlis/ *adj* **1** cak lo; thazaang nei lo: *render sb powerless.* **2** ~ **to do sth** ti thei lo lawlaw: *I am powerless to intervene in the matter.* ○ *They were powerless to resist.*

▷ **powerlessly** *adv*. **powerlessness** *n* [U].

powwow /'pauwau/ *n* **1** Amerika ram saklam ih

um Indian pawl ih khawmpi. **2** (infml) thurel khawmnak: *hold a powwow*.

▷ **powwow** *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (about sth) (infml) thu relkhawm.

pox /pɒks/ *n* **1** **the pox** [sing] = SYPHILIS, mipa nunau pawl-awknak in ngahmi nat tha lo. **2** [U] (in compounds) raise hmasi vek a cangter theimi hmanat: *smallpox* ○ *chicken-pox*.

pp abbr **1** pages, cahmai. **2** /pi: 'pi:/ (also **per pro** /pɜ: 'prəʊ/) (before a signature) on behalf of, ai-ah (Latin *per procuracionem*): pp J E Symonds, eg signed by his secretary in his absence. **3** (music) diim zet in (Italian *pianissimo*). Cf FF 2.

PPE /pi: pi: 'i:/ abbr (Brit) (esp at Oxford University) philosophy, politics and economics: a degree in PPE.

PPS (also **pps**) /pi: pi: 'es/ abbr (esp at the end of a letter) additional postscript (Latin *post scriptum*). Cf PS 2.

PR /i: 'a:(r)/ abbr (infml) public relations: a PR exercise, ie one that tries to create good will while not solving problems or achieving result.

pr abbr **1** (pl prs) pair. **2** price.

practicable /'præktɪkəbl/ *adj* **1** **tuah theimi; tuan theimi**: a practicable scheme, solution, suggestion, etc. **2** (of roads, etc) hman theih: *The mountain route that is practicable only in summer*. Cf IMPRACTICABLE.

▷ **practicability** /'præktɪkə'bɪləti/ *n* [U].

practicably /-əbli/ *adv*.

practical /'præktɪkl/ *adj* **1** a tak ih tuahmi; ti suak: *practical experience, skills* ○ *Its an interesting idea but there are many practical difficulties*. Cf THEORETICAL 1. **2** hman theih: a practical device with many different uses ○ *practical clothing for outdoor sports* ○ *Your invention is ingenious, but not very practical*. **3** (a) (of a person) thil tuah le thil a ti thei zetmi: *She's very practical*. ○ *He has a practical partner who organizes every thing for him*. (b) fiimkhur in, a ngaingai in: *We must be practical and work out the cost before we make a decision*. **4** a taktak: *The owner's brother has been in practical control of the firm for years*. **5** (idm) **for (all) practical purposes** a ngaingai ah: *The sale was supposed to last for a week, but for all practical purposes it's over*. Cf IMPRACTICAL.

▷ **practical** *n* (infml) kut tuah zirmi ca hrekkhat kut rori ih tuahmi: a physics practical.

practicality /'præktɪkæləti/ *n* **1** [U] tuahtheinak: *He questioned the practicality of the proposal*. **2** **practicalities** [pl] a cang taktak theimi ruahnak: *We need to start discussing practicalities*.

practically /-kli/ *adv* **1** a taktak a simi: *It rained practically every day*. ○ *His work is practically unknown here*. **2** tuah taktak in: *She solved the problem very practically*.

□ **practical joke** pakhat khat tuah in capoh; capoh luarkai: *The children put salt in the sugar bowl, as a practical joke*. **practical joker** cuvek capoh tuahtu.

practice /'præktɪs/ *n* **1** [U] a taktak ih tuahnak; tuah rorinak: *put a plan into practice* ○ *The idea would never work in practice*, ie It seems good in theory but would be useless if carried out. **2** (a) [U] tikcu hmaan zetin tuah ringring/ zir ringring: *an hour's practice every day* ○ *Playing the piano well requires a lot of practice*. ○ [attrib] a practice game. (b) [C] tuah, zir caan: *The players will meet for a practice in the morning*. **3** (a) [U] a dan ih tuah ringringmi: *It is accepted/standard practice to pay a deposit with one's order*. ○ *Paying bills promptly is good financial practice*. ○ *It is the practice in Britain to drive on the left*. (b) [C] zongsang, lole, a dan a keel ih neih ruangih tuah ringring mi: *the practice of closing shops on Sundays* ○ *I had coffee after dinner, as is my usual practice*. **4** (a) [U] sibawi, lole, sitni ih hnaʔuan: a doctor working in general practice, ie as a family doctor ○ *She has retired from practice/is no longer in practice*. (b) [C] sibawi, lole, sitni ih hnaʔuannak (hmun): a medical/legal practice ○ a group practice, ie a partnership of several doctors ○ *His practice is in the centre of the city*. ○ *She has just bought (into) a very profitable practice*. **5** [U] (a) (esp of a doctor or lawyer) mah ih thiammi in tuanmi pumcawmnak hnaʔuan: *the practice of law/medicine*. (b) mah zummi pathian biak: *the practice of one's religion*. **6** (idm) **in/out of practice** tuah ringring/lo; zir ringring/lo: *It's important to keep in practice* ○ *If you don't play, you'll get out of practice*. **make a habit/practice of sth** ⇨ HABIT. **practice makes perfect** (saying) tuah ringringnak in a felthater. **sharp practice** ⇨ SHARP.

practician /'præktɪʃn/ *n* = PRACTITIONER.

practise (US **practice**) /'præktɪs/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Tg] ~ (sth) (on sth) tuah ringring, zir ringring: *I haven't been practising enough*. ○ *She's practising (a new piece) on the piano*. ○ *I need to practise my Italian before my business trip*. ○ *Practise throwing the ball into the net*. **2** [Tn] nuncan tha zir/tuah ringring (suupnak; thinsaunak; tenrennak tivek mah ih nuncan ah a ngaingai in hmang): *practise economy, patience, self-control, etc*. **3** [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (as sth) sibawi, lole, sitni hna tuan: *Does he still practise?* ○ *She practised as a solicitor for many years*. ○ *practise homoeopathic medicine*. **4** [I, Tn] fel zet/hiar zet in tuah ringring: *He was a Catholic but didn't practise (his religion)*. ○ a practising Anglican. **5** (idm) **practise what one preaches** sim vekin tuah/thlun.

▷ **practised** (US **-ticed**) *adj* ~ (in sth) tuah

ringring ruangah thiam tuk: *He performed the job with practised skill.* ○ *practiced in the art of deception.*

practitioner /præk'tɪʃənə(r)/ (also **practician**) *n* **1** thil thiammi tuah, tuansuaktu. **2** pumcawmnak dingih zirni thiamnak in hnaʔuantu (sibawi, engineer, sitni tivek): *a general practitioner.*

praesidium = PRESIDUM.

pragmatic /præɡ'mætɪk/ *adj* **1** thil pakhat a sinak vek le fiim te in tuah hmanngi (a si ning tein tuah hmanngi): *a politician valued for his pragmatic approach* ○ *a pragmatic solution to the problem.* **2** a si dan dingte ih thlun ih tuahnak.

▷ **pragmatically** /-klɪ/ *adv.*

pragmatism /præɡ'mætɪzəm/ *n* [U] (fml) **1** tuah theimi a taktak parih khuaruahnak hmuh thiamnak. **2** zummi thutak pakhat ih ngahmi cu a taktak ih hman hnu ih a suakmi thu parah a um — ti ih ruahnak.

▷ **pragmatist** /-tɪst/ *n* **1** thutak tuahsuahnak par lawng ih a dingtu. **2** pragmatism a zumtu.

prairie /preəri/ *n* America Sakta ram ih um hrampi lawng khonak rawn kaupi. Cf PAMPAS, SAVANNAH, STEPPE, VELD.

□ **prairie-dog** *n* America Sakta ram ih a um kua sung um hmanng, uico vekih a bo theimi ramsa fate.

praise¹ /preɪz/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-n/a] ~ **sb/sth** (for sth); ~ **sb/sth as sth** lawm; cawisang: *The guests praised the meal.* ○ *He was obviously expecting to be praised.* ○ *He praised her for her courage.* ○ *Critics praised the work as highly original.* **2** [Tn] thangthat; biak. **3** (idm) **praise, etc sb to the skies** ⇒ SKY.

praise² /preɪz/ *n* [U] **1** lomnak; khaisannak; thangthatnak: *high* (ie great) *praise* ○ *courage beyond* (ie too great for) *praise* ○ *He received praise from his colleagues for winning the prize.* ○ *an achievement worthy of great praise* ○ *The leader spoke in praise of those who had died for their country.* **2** Pathian biaknak; Pathian thangthatnak: *a hymn of praise* ○ *Praise be* (to God), ie Thank goodness! **3** (idm) **be loud in one's praise** ⇒ LOUD. **damn sb/sth with faint praise** ⇒ DAMN¹. **sing sb's/sth's praises** ⇒ SING. ▷ **praise-worthy** /-wɜ:ðɪ/ *adj* thangthat tlakmi; lom a man zetmi: *a very praiseworthy achievement.*

praiseworthy /-ðɪlɪ/ *adv.* **praiseworthiness** *n* [U].

praline /prɑ:li:n/ *n* thingthei hmin le cithlum chocolate rimhmui rawi ih suanmi ei-thlum phunkhat.

pram /præm/ *n* (Brit) (US **baby buggy**, **baby carriage**, **buggy**) naute tom; keli nei, kuttul leeng.

prance /pra:ns; US præns/ *v* **1** [I] (of a horse)

rang khi a dung ke pahnih lawng in a ding ih hmailam ah feh. **2** (phr v) **prance about, along, around, in, out, etc** lungawi — hngal zetih feh: *She was prancing along in her new outfit.* ○ *He pranced out of the room in a fury.* ○ *They were prancing about* (ie jumping or dancing happily) *to the music.*

▷ **prance** *n* [sing] hngal — hngal zet ih cangvaihnak.

prang /præŋ/ *v* [Tn] (sl esp Brit) (a tlak/a tluk ruangah) a siat theh: *He's pranged his new bike.*

▷ **prang** *n* khawn-awknak: *He's had a bit of a prang.*

prank /præŋk/ *n* pakhat le pakhat capoh bum-awk: *a childish prank* ○ *play a prank on sb.*

▷ **prankster** /præŋk'stə(r)/ *n* capoh bum-awknak.

prate /preɪt/ *v* (derog) (a) [Ip] ~ (on about sth) tamtuk tɔŋ; reituk reel: *Listen to him prating on about nothing.* (b) [I] aatthlak tɔŋ; tɔŋ tlaak lo tam tuk tɔŋ: *a prating idiot.*

prattle /prætl/ *v* [I, Ip] (a) ~ (away) (of a child) duhdudh in tɔŋ: *The baby is prattling (away) happily in her cot.* (b) (often derog) ~ (on about sth) (of an adult) thupi hnai lo tamzet tɔŋ: *prattle on about the village gossip.*

▷ **prattle** *n* [U] thupi lo tɔŋtam.

prattler /prætlə(r)/ *n* (often derog) thupi hnai lo tamzet tɔŋtu.

prawn /prɔ:n/ *n* kaikuang: [attrib] *a prawn cocktail*, ie a dish of prawns served with mayonnaise.

pray /preɪ/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn-pr, Tf, Tt] ~ (to sb) (for sb/sth); ~ **sb** (for sth) Pathian hnen ih thlacam: *The priest prayed for the dying man.* ○ *They prayed (to God) for an end to their sufferings/for their sufferings to end.* ○ *They prayed that she would recover.* ○ *She prayed to be forgiven/(to) God for forgiveness.* **2** [Tn-pr, Dn-t] ~ **sb** (for sth) (dated fml) milai hnen ah dil: *We pray you for mercy/to show mercy.* ○ *We pray you to set the prisoner free.*

prayer /preə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) [C] ~ (for sth) thlacam: *say one's prayers* ○ *a prayer for forgiveness, rain, success* ○ *He arrived, as if in answer to her prayers.* (b) umcia thlacam (Bawipai' Thlacamnak): *the Lord's Prayer* ○ *prayers he had learnt as a child.* **2** [U] thlacam: *spend time in prayer* ○ *Let us kneel in prayer.* ○ *She believed in the power of prayer.* **3** (a) [sing] thlacam khawm: *Evening/Morning Prayer.* (b) **prayers** [pl] Biakinn (kawhhran) hruaimi si lo, thlacam khawmnak (innsaang, innhnen rual, thlacam tlangnak khawm tivek): *family/morning/evening/daily prayers.*

□ **prayer-book** *n* (a) biakinn ih hman ding thlacamnak cabu. (b) **the Prayer Book** (also **the Book of Common Prayer**) thlacamnak

cabu — Anglican Kawhhran thlacamnak cabu.

prayer-mat (also **prayer-rug**) *n* Muslim pawl an thlacam tiki h khukbilnak dingin phahmi pher.

prayer-meeting *n* (esp in Protestant churches) (protestant kawhhran pawl) pumpak cio in aw ring zet in mah thu cio ih thlacamnak/khawmna.

prayer-wheel *n* pipa pung vek thingpung her thei — a parah thlacamnak ngan cia thehmi — Tibet Buddhists pawl ih hmanmi “Her thei thlacamnak leeng”.

pre- *pref* (used fairly widely with *vs*, *ns*, *adjs* and *advs*) a hlaan; tongfang pakhat ‘hlaan’, lole, ‘hmai’ ti ih hman duh tik ah a hmai ih nganmi cafang: *pre-cook* ○ *prefabricate* ○ *pre-medication* ○ *pre-Christian* ○ *prematurely*. Cf ANTE-, POST-.

preach /pri:tʃ/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr] ~ (to sb) (about/against/on sth) Pathian thu sim; Pathian biakkhawmna ah Pathian thu forh: *The vicar preached to the congregation for half an hour.* ○ *He preaches well.* ○ *What did he preach about/on?* ○ *He preached against violence.* (b) [Tn, Dn-pr] ~ sth (to sb) zapi hmaiah Pathian thu zirh/sawm: *He preaches the same sermon every Christmas.* (c) [Tn, Dn-pr] mipi hnen ah Pathian thuthangtha sim: *preach the Gospel/the word of God* ○ *They preached the new doctrines throughout Europe.* **2** [Tn] forhial; leem; zum dingin forh: *She preached economy as the best means of solving the crisis.* ○ *He was always preaching the virtues of capitalism.* **3** [I, Ipr] ~ (at/to sb) (often derog) nuncan dan thu thawm peh in duh lo nacingin sim ringring: *I am tired of listening to you preach (at me).* ○ *You are in no position to preach to me about efficiency!* **4** (idm) **practise what one preaches** ⇒ PRACTISE. **preach to the converted** an zum ciami sim bet lala: *Telling conservationists that we need to preserve the natural heritage really is preaching to the converted!*

▷ **preacher** *n* Pathian thusimtu: *a good preacher* ○ *a preacher famous for his inspiring sermons.*

preamble /pri:æmbl/ *n* [C, U] ~ (to sth) thu hmaihruai; cabu, thuhla nganmi, simmi ih hmaisa bik nganmi/simmi thuhmaihruai: *He launched into his statement without any preamble.*

pre-arrange /pri:əreɪndʒ/ *v* [Tn] timtuah cia: *Run to your positions when you hear the prearranged signal.*

▷ **pre-arrangement** *n* [U].

prebend /prebænd/ *n* (religion) Biakinn tangka sumlut ihsin biakinn puithiam (priest) (pastor) thlahlawh ih pekmi paisa (biakinnpi — Cathedral ih hman bikmi).

▷ **prebendary** /prebændəri; US -deri/ *n* cuvek

thlahlawh a ngahmi puithiam.

precarious /priˈkeəriəs/ *adj* **1** rin um lo; thinphan um, fiangte ih sim thei lo: *She makes a rather precarious living as a novelist.* **2** a fek lo; tih a nung: *He was unable to get down from his precarious position on the rocks.*

▷ **precariously** *adv*: *to perch precariously* ○ *They lived precariously on the income from a few small investments.*

precariousness *n* [U].

pre-cast /priˈkɑ:st; US -kæst/ *adj* (of concrete) mirang leilung a tlangtlang ih khalter ciami.

precaution /priˈkɔ:ʃn/ *n* ~ (against sth) ralrinnak; a ra dingmi thil tihnung kham cianak: *take an umbrella just as a precaution* ○ *fire precautions/precautions against fire* ○ *I took the precaution of locking everything in the safe.*

▷ **precautionary** /priˈkɔ:ʃənəri; US -neri/ *adj* ralrin ciami: *precautionary measures.*

precede /priˈsi:d/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] khel; a hlan ah rak um hmasa; rak hmaisat: *The Mayor entered, preceded by members of the council.* ○ *This point has been dealt with in the preceding paragraph.* ○ *the days that preceded the final catastrophe.* **2** [Tn-pr] ~ sth with sth thu pakhat hlan ah thudang pakhat sim cia: *She preceded her speech with a vote of thanks to the committee.*

precedence /ˈpresɪdəns/ *n* [U] ~ (over sb/sth) um hmasatnak; a hmaisa deuh covo, sinak: *The longest-serving officer always takes precedence.* ○ *The elder son has precedence over the younger one.* ○ *The needs of the community must take precedence over* (ie must be met before) *individual requirements.* ○ *a list of the English aristocracy in order of precedence*, ie in order of social rank.

precedent /ˈpresɪdənt/ *n* (a) [C] nehnu ih zohtim leh dingmi thil/thu (thuthen zungih thuthenmi a sibik theu): *create/establish/set a precedent (for sth)* ○ *serve as a precedent for sth* ○ *There is no precedent for such an action.* (b) [U] thuhla a cangmi kha lehnu ah dan vekin thlun ringring mi; a cang dah mi thuhla, thlun hrihmi: *without precedent* ○ *break with precedent*, ie not act according to precedents.

▷ **precedented** *adj* a cangmi thuhla vek, hlaan ih a cangmi thu thlun in thenmi: *a decision not preceded in English law.*

precentor /priˈsɛntə(r)/ *n* biaknak lam hlarem le hlasak lam hruiatu pastor.

precept /priˈsept/ *n* **1** [C] nuncan ding dan; thlun dingmi: *follow the precepts of one's religion* ○ *He lived by the precept 'practise what you preach'.* **2** [U] ziaza hrang thuzirhnak: *Example is better than precept.*

▷ **preceptor** /priˈseptə(r)/ *n* (fml) zirhtu/saya.

precession /priˈseʃn/ *n* [U] (also **precession of**

the equinoxes) leilung a sawn nawn ih nitinte a her rero ruangah nitlaak sun sau bik caan le zan sau bik caan, kumtin tein a tuan vivonak.

precinct /ˈpriːsɪŋkt/ *n* **1** [C] kulhmi hmun leilung; tha te ih kulh mi ram (tlawng hmun/biakinn hmun tivek): *a sacred precinct* ○ *these hallowed precincts*. **2** [C] (Brit) ritek um, duhduh ih mawṭawka feh sian lonak khua sung hmun: *a shopping precinct* ○ *a pedestrian precinct*. **3** [C] (US) peng (subdivision), khuapi sung bial then: *an election precinct* ○ *a police precinct*. **4** **precincts** [pl] (a) ramri; khamnak: *No parking within the hospital precincts*. (b) kiangkap; kimvel: *the old city and its precincts* ○ *the airport and precincts*.

preciosity /ˌpreɪʃiˈɒsəti/ *n* (fml) (a) [U] tong le zuk ah mawi le that tuknak, mankhunnak. (b) [C often pl] cuvek sinak.

precious /ˈpreɪʃəs/ *adj* **1** a man khungmi; a mawi: *the precious metals*, ie gold, silver and platinum ○ *precious gems/stones*, ie diamonds, rubies, emeralds, etc. **2** ~ (to sb) sunloih tukmi; duh tukmi: *precious moments together* ○ *each life is precious* ○ *a precious memento of happier times* ○ *She is very precious to him*. ○ (infml ironic) *She talks about nothing except her precious car!* **3** (derog) (of language, style, etc) mawiter tukih tongmi: *poetry full of precious images* ○ *a rather precious young man*. **4** (infml often ironic) ruat theih: *A precious lot of good that will do!*

▷ **precious** *adv* (used before little, few) (infml) tuk: *Precious few people can afford prices like that*. ○ *She has precious little to be cheerful about*.

precious *n* (infml) (used as an affectionate name when speaking to sb) duh tukmi kawhnak; eg dawtte, ciikte, tivek: *What did you say, (my) precious?*

preciously *adv* mankhung zetin.

preciousness *n* [U] mankhunnak.

precipice /ˈresɪpɪs/ *n* khaamsang; lungpang; hraap zet: (fig) *The country's economy was on the edge of the precipice*, ie in danger of collapsing.

precipitate /ˈpriːsɪpɪteɪt/ *v* **1** [Tn] (fml) hmakhat tein cangter lohli, cangter hruak: *events that precipitated his ruin* ○ *One small error precipitated the disaster*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] (fml) (a) hmun sangpi ihsin nazet in hlonthlak. (b) ~ **sb/sth into sth** (fig) cangter/suakter: *The assassination of the ambassador precipitated the country into war*. **3** (chemistry) (a) [I] (of a substance) a tii a simi sungin a khal hmuah then. (b) [Tn] cangter/suakter. **4** [I, I-pr, Tn, Tn-pr esp passive] ~ (sth) (as sth) tikhu khi a khal ih ruah, vurpar (snow) tivek ah a cang: *The clouds precipitate/are precipitated as snow in winter*.

▷ **precipitate** *n* [C, U] (a) tikhu tivek in a khal ih a cangmi. (b) tidai khu khi ruahpi, dai tivek ih a cannak.

precipitate /ˈpriːsɪpɪtət/ *adj* (a) a si hruakmi (khulrang zet): *a precipitate dash*. (b) (of an action) tuah hruakmi (thate in ruatta lawk loin, zamrang tuk ih cang): *his precipitate action in selling the property*. (c) (of person) tuahhruak thei; thinrang zet.

precipitately *adv*.

precipitation /ˌpriːsɪpɪˈteɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] (fml) (ruatta lawk loin khulrang tukih) tuah hruaknak: *to act with precipitation*. **2** [U] a khal le a tii thennak. **3** (a) [C] ruahpi sur, rialtlaak, vurpar sur tivek pawl: *a heavy precipitation*. (b) [U] ruahpi sur zat: *the annual precipitation of the region*.

precipitous /ˈpriːsɪpɪtəs/ *adj* (fml) a hraap zet; a khaam: *From a precipitous height we looked at the town spread out below*. ○ *a precipitous path down the mountainside* ○ *a precipitous climb to the peak*.

▷ **precipitously** *adv*: *perched precipitously on the edge of the cliff*.

précis /ˈpreɪsi/; US *preɪˈsiː* *n* [U, C] (pl unchanged /-iːz/) cangan cia a thupitnak zawn lak ih tawite ih ngansalnak; a tawizawng ngan.

▷ **précis** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] a tawizawng ih tuah: *précising a scientific report*.

precise /ˈpriːsaɪs/ *adj* **1** cekci; a cekci a hleifuwan um lo: *precise details, instructions, measurements* ○ *a precise record of events*. **2** [attrib] ciahah; a sivek tein: *It was found at the precise spot where she had left it*. **3** (of a person, his mind, etc) a cekci, a ciahciah ih nung duhmi; feekfeek; a cekci lawng duhter: *a precise mind, worker* ○ *100, or 99.8 to be precise* ○ (often derog) *a man with a very prim and precise* (ie too careful or fussy) *manner*.

▷ **precisely** *adv* **1** (a) cekci ah, eg nazi 12 cekci ah, tivek: *at 2 o'clock precisely* ○ *I can't remember precisely what happened*. ○ *That is precisely what I mean*. ○ *The two accounts are precisely the same*. (b) hmaan zetin; ralring zetin: *He enunciated the words very precisely*. **2** (fml) (used to express agreement with a statement and often to suggest that it states the obvious) a si rori: *'But if the delivery is late, we will lose the order!'* *'Precisely.'*

preciseness *n* [U] **1** a cekcinak (nazi tivek a feh dan a dik zetnak). **2** = PRECISION 1.

precision /ˈpriːsɪzn/ *n* [U] **1** (also **preciseness**) a cekcinak, a bang cekcinak: *Your report lacks precision*. ○ *Aim for more precision in your style*. **2** a dik cekcinak, a sinak: *clockwork precision* ○ *The diagram had been copied with great precision*. ○ [attrib] *precision timing* ○ *precision instruments/tools*, ie those designed for very accurate work, measurements, etc.

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preclude /prɪ'kluːd/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Tsg] ~ **sb from doing sth** (fml) kham; cang thei lo dingin tuah: *That sale precludes further development on this site.* ○ *Their move does not preclude others from investing.* ○ *These conditions preclude our taking part in the negotiations.*

▷ **preclusion** /prɪ'kluːʒn/ *n* [U].

precocious /prɪ'kəʊʃəs/ *adj* (a) (of a child) nauhak a kum thawn kaih loin thiamnak ih t̄hangso mi (kum thum nauhak in piano t̄ha zet in a tum thiam tivek): *a precocious child who could play the piano at the age of three.* (b) (of behaviour, ability, etc) (umdan, t̄ongdan) cuvek a simi: *a precocious talent for mimicry* ○ *He shows a precocious interest in the opposite sex.* (c) (derog) (of a child) nauhak upa vekih um hman: *That child is far too precocious!*

▷ **precociously** *adv.*

precociousness, precocity /prɪ'kɒsəti/ *ns* [U] nauhak asinain, nauhak bang loin thiamnak mak zet neihnak.

precognition /ˌpri:kɒɡ'nɪʃn/ *n* [U] (fml or psychology) theih cianak; theih sung theinak.

preconceived /ˌpri:kən'siːvd/ *adj* [attrib] (of an idea, opinion, etc) rak ruatcia mi (a ngaingai hmuh hlaan ih thinlung ih ruatciam): *Tourists forget their preconceived ideas as soon as they visit our country.*

preconception /ˌpri:kən'sepʃn/ *n* ~ (about sb/sth) theihcianak; hmuahcianak, mahte ruatcianak: *Common preconceptions about life in the Soviet Union are increasingly being challenged.* Cf MISCONCEPTION (MISCONCEIVE).

precondition /ˌpri:kən'dɪʃn/ *n* = PREREQUISITE.

precursor /ˌpri:kɜːsə(r)/ *n* (fml) ~ (of sth) **1** suulsattu; hmai hruai: *small disturbances that were precursors of the revolution to come.* **2** hmaisai bik ih tuah tharmi (neta ah t̄ha sinsin an tuah suak): *The first telephone was the precursor of modern communications networks.*

predator /ˈpredətə(r)/ *n* **1** sadeh hman ramsa; ramsa dang deh ih a nungmi ramsa: *predators of the African grasslands.* **2** (derog or joc) midang parih a miat suah a hmanmi (a tlaangpi in paisa le nunau/mipa thilri parah): *He denounced all landlords and money-lenders as evil predators.*

predatory /ˈpredətəri; US -tɔːri/ *adj* **1** (of animals) ramsa, ramsa dang deh ih ei a hmanmi: *predatory birds* ○ *The domesticated cat retains its predatory instincts.* **2** (a) (for the purpose of) huatsuak pawl khat, mi thilri lonsak le laksak a hman: *predatory groups of bandits* ○ *a predatory attack.* (b) (derog ro joc) (of person) midang parah paisa, lole, pa/nu thilri a miat suahmi: *predatory advances, attentions, etc* ○ *We were pestered by predatory salesmen.*

predecease /ˌpri:dɪ'siːs/ *v* [Tn] (law) a hlan ih thi (thi hmaisai): *He left all his money to his wife*

without thinking that she might predecease him.

predecessor /ˌpriːdɪsə(r); US 'predə-/ *n* **1** hnaʔuan pakhat a t̄uan laitu hlanih t̄uantu: *The decision was made by my predecessor.* **2** thilri, thleng hlanih um/ciazomi thilri (thil thar thleng hlan deuh thilri): *Will the new plan be any more acceptable than its predecessors?* Cf SUCCESSOR.

predestination /ˌpriːdestɪˈneɪʃn/ *n* [U] **1** (a) minung ih t̄hatnak, siatnak kan tonmi hmuahhmuah hi Pathian remruat cia t̄heh a si ih, milai in thlengter a theih nawn lo, ti ih ruahnak le zumnak; khaukhih. (b) cavo (destiny). **2** Khrihfa hrekhat pawl ih an zummi thurin (doctrine) ah Pathian in zo thlarau cu rundamnak a co ding, zo thlarau cu rundam a si lo ding ti in a tuah cia thlul zo a si, ti ih zumnak; Pathian khaukhih.

predestine /ˌpriːdestɪn/ *v* [esp passive: Tn, Cn-t] (fml) khawzing ih tuahcia, remruat cia, canvo, laai hritan a si ti ih ruat: *It seemed that his failure was predestined.* ○ *She was obviously predestined to succeed.* ○ *They both felt that they were predestined to spend their lives together.*

predetermine /ˌprɪdɪ'tɜːmɪn/ *v* (fml) [Tn esp passive] tum cia; khiah cia: *predetermined behaviour, strategies, responses* ○ *A person's health is often genetically predetermined.*

▷ **predetermination** /ˌprɪdɪ'tɜːmɪˈneɪʃn/ *n* [U].

predicament /ˌprɪdɪkəˈmɛnt/ *n* nuam lo zet, laklawh zet dinhmun: *Your refusal puts me in an awkward predicament.* ○ *A loan of money would help me out of my predicament.*

predicate¹ /ˈpredɪkət/ *n* (grammar) 'Life is short' a ti tikah 'Life' timi cu 'Subject' a si ih 'is short' hi 'Predicate' a si. Cf SUBJECT¹ 4.

predicate² /ˈpredɪkeɪt/ *v* (fml) **1** [Tn, Tf, Tnt] a dik a si ti ih phuang: *predicate a motive to be good* ○ *predicate that the market collapse was caused by weakness of the dollar.* **2** [Tn-pr esp passive] ~ **sth on sth** thil pakhat cang dingah a dang thil pakhat a t̄ul rori a si ti ih ruat: *The project was predicated on the assumption that the economy was expanding.*

predicative /ˌprɪdɪkətɪv; US 'predɪkətɪv/ *adj* (grammar) (of an adjective or a noun) verb t̄ongfang hnu ih a rami 'be, become, get, seem, look' timi t̄ongfang pawl. Cf ATTRIBUTIVE.

predicatively *adv.*

□ **predicative adjective** adjective used only after be, etc, eg 'asleep' as in 'She is asleep.'

predict /prɪ'dɪkt/ *v* [Tn, Tf, Tw] sim cia; a cang lai dingmi thu simsung: *The earthquake had been predicted several months before.* ○ *She predicted that the improvement would continue.* ○ *It is impossible to predict who will win.*

▷ **predictable** /-əbl/ *adj* (a) simcia theih; ruatsung theih: *predictable behaviour, results, weather.* (b) (often derog) (of a person) amah

cu, cuvek a si ding/a si lo ding ti ih tuatcia theih/ruatcia theih: *I knew you'd say that — you're so predictable!* ○ *Opposition to the proposal came from predictable quarters.*

predictability /prɪˈdɪktəˈbɪləti/ *n* [U].

predictably *adv.*

prediction /prɪˈdɪkʃn/ *n* **1** [U] sim sungnak; ruatsungnak. **2** [C] hmailam a ra dingmi samsungnak/simcianak: *Do you take seriously his prediction of a government defeat?*

predictor *n* milai, thilri, hmailam a ra dingmi simciatu.

predigest /prɪˈdɪdʒest/ *v* [Tn esp passive] rialcia ei olmi rawl: *special predigested food for babies* ○ (fig) *predigested reading matter.*

predilection /prɪˈdɪlekʃn; US ˌpredlek-/ *n* (fml) ~ (for sth) rawl tivek ah a dang hnakin duh cuangmi, uar bikmi: *a predilection for Japanese food.*

predispose /prɪˈdɪspəʊz/ *v* (fml) **1** [Tn-pr esp passive, Tnt] ~ **sb to/towards sth** thinlung rak nehkhuh cia: *His early training predisposed him to a life of adventure* ○ *be predisposed in sb's favour*, ie be inclined to favour him. **2** [Tn-pr esp passive] ~ **sb to sth** ngah thei, tuar thei ti ih ruat: *The inhabitants are predisposed to rheumatism by the damp climate.*

predisposition /prɪˈdɪspəʊzɪʃn/ *n* [U, C] ~ (to/towards sth); ~ (to do sth) thinlung nehkhuh cia: *a predisposition towards melancholia* ○ *a predisposition to rheumatism* ○ *a predisposition to criticize others.*

predominant /prɪˈdɒmɪnənt/ *adj* **1** huham a cak sawnmi: *Which country is the predominant member of the alliance?* ○ *The Socialists were predominant in the last Parliament.* **2** hmuh theih bik; a lang bikmi; a si ringringmi: *Her predominant characteristic is honesty.*

▷ **predominance** /-əns/ *n* **1** [U, sing] ~ (of sth) tam deuhnak; cah deuhnak: *the predominance of blue in the colour scheme* ○ *There is a predominance of men in the club.* **2** [U] ~ (over sb/sth) in mi parih huham cah deuhnak: *The policy is designed to prevent the predominance of one group over another.*

predominantly *adv* a zate zikzik in; a tam bik in: *a predominantly English-speaking population.*

predominate /prɪˈdɒmɪneɪt/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (over sb/sth) midang parah cahnak lam in siseh, tam le mal lam in siseh hleih thluh/khuh thluh thei: *A small group has begun to predominate in policy-making.* **2** [I] thazaang le a tam lamah uak sawn: *a colour scheme in which red predominates* ○ *Oak-trees predominate in this forest.*

pre-eminent /priˈemɪnənt/ *adj* a dang hmuahhmuah hnakin saang sawn/tha sawn: *a scientist pre-eminent in his field.*

▷ **pre-eminence** /-əns/ *n* [U]: *awards for those who achieve pre-eminence in public life.*

pre-eminently *adv.*

pre-empt /ˌpriːempt/ *v* **1** [Tn] midang khel ih cangvaih thei ruangah ngah. **2** [Tn] (US) leilung lawngmi midang hlan ih lei theinak khuan ngah dingah rak um cia. **3** [Tn] pakhat khat cang hlanah a khamnak tuah hmaisa cia: *The workers took control of the factory in order to pre-empt its sale by the owners.* **4** [I] (in bridge) phe lehnak ah, mah ih neihmi a tha lo nain midang kham duh ah tampi thaap cia.

▷ **pre-emption** /-əns/ *n* [U] **1** (fml) (a) midang lei ngah hlaan ah rak lei cia. (b) hivek lei theinak vo ngah. **2** midang ih laak ding rak laak khel, dawn/kham.

pre-emptive /-tɪv/ *adj* rak tikhelh cia thawn a pehparmi: *a pre-emptive right to buy* ○ *pre-emptive purchase* ○ *a pre-emptive attack/strike*, ie one designed to forestall a likely enemy attack ○ *a pre-emptive bid*, ie (in bridge) one made to prevent further bidding.

preen /priːn/ *v* [Tn] **1** (of a bird) vate a thla, a hmul khi a hmur in a faiter. **2** ~ **oneself** (often derog) (a) (of a person) sam tivek thianghlim zet ih hriat: *preen oneself in front of the mirror.* (b) mah sinak lungawi.

pre-exist /ˌpriːgʒɪst/ *v* [I] (a) a hlan ah um cia. (b) tu nunnak a hlan ah nung cia zo.

▷ **pre-existence** /-əns/ *n* [U] a hlan ih um cia zonak (thlarau hi minung taksa/takpum ih a lut hlan).

pre-existent /-ənt/ *adj* a hlan ih a um cia zomi.

prefab /ˈpriːfæb; US ˌpriːfæb/ *n* (infml) tuah ciami thing pawl bunih sakmi inn.

prefabricate /ˌpriːfæbrɪkeɪt/ *v* [Tn] inn; tangphawlawng tivek kha a then then tein tuah cia/sak cia, neta ah hmunkhat ah bun/sak leh khawm: *prefabricated kitchens, houses, schools, etc.*

▷ **prefabrication** /ˌpriːfæbrɪˈkeɪʃn/ *n* [U].

preface /ˈprefɪs/ *n* **1** cabu a thoknak ih 'thuhmaihruai'. Cf FOREWORD, INTRODUCTION **2.2** thusim a thoknak.

▷ **preface** *v* [Tn-pr] **1** ~ **sth with sth** thuhmaihruai ngan: *He prefaced the diaries with a short account of how they were discovered.* **2** ~ **sth with sth/by doing sth** thusim thoknak tuah: *She prefaced her talk with an apology/by apologizing for being late.*

prefatory /ˈprefətəri; US -tɔːrɪ/ *adj* a thoknak a simi; thu hmaihruai a simi: *after a few prefatory remarks, comments, etc.*

prefect /ˈpriːfekt/ *n* **1** (esp Brit) tlawng khaan pakhat tlawngta hotu, khawngtu, tlawngta upa deuh. **2** (also **Prefect**) (a) Japan le France ram ah ram then fate ih uknak lam bawi tumbik. (b) Paris khuapi ih palik bawibik.

▷ **prefecture** /ˈpriːfektʃər/; US -tʃər/ *n* **1**

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France le Japan ramah uk-awknak ram then hmin (Uktu 'prefect' pakhat ih ummi ram then kha 'prefecture' anti). **2** (in France) France ram ah 'Prefect' ih umnak inn, lole, zung kha 'Prefecture' an ti. **3** Prefect hnañuan. **prefectural** /pri:'fektʃərəl/ *adj* prefect pakhat ih ukmi ram: *the prefectural offices*.

prefer /prɪfɜː(r)/ *v* (-rr-) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tf, Tt, Tnt, Tn, Cn-a] ~ **sth (to sth)** duh deuh; hril deuh: *There's coffee or tea. Which would you prefer?* ○ *I prefer walking to cycling.* ○ (fml) *I should prefer that/prefer it if you did not go there alone.* ○ *She prefers to be alone.* ○ *Their father prefers them to be home early.* ○ *I prefer walking alone.* ○ *I prefer my coffee black.* **2** (idm) **prefer a charge/charges (against sb)** (law) thuñen zungih thu khingthei dingah 'sualpuh', 'mawhpuh': *prefer a charge against a motorist* ○ *We haven't enough evidence to prefer charges.* ▷ **preferable** /prefərəbl/ *adj* (not used with more) ~ **(to sth/doing sth)** duh um deuh, hril deuhmi, a rem deuhmi: *Cold food would be preferable in this heat.* ○ *He finds country life preferable to living in the city.* ○ *Anything was preferable to that dreadful din in the house.* **preferably** /prefərəbli/ *adv* hnakin duh sawn; hril deuh: *She wanted a cake, preferably one with chocolate icing.* ○ *They want to buy a new house, near the sea preferably.*

preference /prefərəns/ *n* **1** (a) [U, sing] ~ **(for sth)** a dang hnakin duh deuhnak, hril deuhnak: *There is milk and cream — do you have a preference?* ○ *It's entirely a matter of preference.* ○ *She has a preference for blue.* (b) [C] duh bikmi, lole, duh deuhmi thil: *What are your preferences?* **2** [U] ~ **(to/towards sb)** hril deuh, deuh sawnnak: *Employees who have worked here for many years will be given preference over newcomers.* ○ *She tried not to show preference in her treatment of the children in her care.* **3** (idm) **in preference to sb/sth** a dang khat hnakin: *She chose to learn the violin in preference to the piano.*

□ **preference shares, preference stock** (US **preferred shares/stock**) (finance) shares le stocks neitu pawl a miat an pek hlanih an zemmi covov.

preferential /ˌprefə'renʃl/ *adj* **1** a dang hnakin duh deuh a simi: *preferential import duties, tariffs, etc.*, ie favouring a particular group, country, etc. **2** (idm) **give sb/get preferential treatment** midang hnakin thacuang ih zoh: *Nobody gets preferential treatment in this office!*

▷ **preferentially** /-ʃəli/ *adv*: *be treated preferentially.*

preferment /prɪ'fɜːmənt/ *n* [C, U] (fml) hnañuan sang deuh ah kaai: *His preferment pleased his many admirers.* ○ *He was hoping for preferment.*

prefigure /ˌpri:'fɪɡə(r); US -gɜːr/ *v* (fml) **1** [Tn] hmailam ih a ra lai dingmi langter cia/hmuh cia: *worrying events that may prefigure a period of economic recession.* **2** [Tn, Tf, Tw] rak ruat sung, mitthlam in hmu.

prefix /ˈpri:fiks/ *n* **1** (abbreviated as *pref* in this dictionary) ðongfang a thoklam ih betmi cafang (eg *co-*, *ex-*, *non-*, *pre-*, *re-*) a sullam a bet, lole, a thlengtu si dingah ðongfang pakhat hmai ih retmi, eg *un-* in *unhappy*. **2** minung hmin hlan ih betmi cafang (eg *Dr*, *Mrs*, etc). Cf **SUFFIX**.

▷ **prefix** /ˈpri:fiks/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (to sth)** a thoknak ah bet: *The official prefixed an explanatory note to the list of statistics.* **2** hmin, lole, ðongfang hmai ih betmi.

pregnant /ˈpregnənt/ *adj* **1** (of a woman or female animal) naupai; faa pawl/von, raai: *She was six months pregnant*, ie had been pregnant for six month. ○ *She is/got pregnant by another man.* **2** ~ **with sth** (a) pakhat khat thawn a khatmi: *pregnant with joy, meaning, possibilities.* (b) pakhat khat cang ding a bangmi: *pregnant with consequences, danger.* **3** (idm) **a pregnant pause/silence** ruahnak thawn a khat nain ðong lo tein um: *There was a pregnant pause before she answered my question.* ○ *His only reaction was a pregnant silence.*

▷ **pregnancy** /-nənsɪ/ *n* (a) [U] faa von/pawl lai caan: *discomfort caused by pregnancy* ○ *These drugs should not be taken during pregnancy.* ○ [attrib] *a pregnancy test.* (b) [C] faa pawl/faa von: *She's had three pregnancies in four years.*

pre-heat /ˌpri:'hi:t/ *v* [Tn esp passive] (meisa) sat ciamei: *Cook the pie for 20 minutes in a pre-heated oven.*

prehensile /ˌpri:'hensail; US -sl/ *adj* (of an animal's foot or tail) ramsa hrekhat ih mei le ke, kut vekih hman theihmi (ngau in a mei, khau in a ke — a kut vekin a hmang thei): *the monkey's prehensile tail* ○ *the prehensile claws of an eagle.*

prehistoric /ˌpri:hɪ'stɔːrɪk; US -tɔːrɪk/ *adj* sanñuanthu ca ih ngan hlan thuhla: *prehistoric man, monuments, cave paintings* ○ (joc or derog) *His ideas on the education of girls are positively prehistoric*, ie extremely old-fashioned.

prehistory /ˌpri:'hɪstri/ *n* **1** [U] ca ih ngan hlan milai san thuanthu: *European, Mexican, Aboriginal prehistory.* **2** [sing] hi tik hlan thansonak: *the prehistory of Western art.*

prejudge /ˌpri:'dʒʌdʒ/ *v* [Tn] **1** thuhla zingzoi fel hlanih cutin siseh tihi thuñen cia: *prejudge a matter, issue, client.* **2** thuhla theihfiang hlanih cutin a si ko ding, kha ruangah si ko ding ti ih thu ruat cia: *He felt he had been prejudged by his colleagues.*

▷ **prejudgement** *n* [U, C].

prejudice /ˈpredʒʊdɪs/ *n* **1** (a) [U] thuhla um loih thleidannak: *colour/racial prejudice*, ie prejudice felt or shown against members of other races ○ *Her friendliness soon overcame the prejudice of her stepchildren.* ○ *The selectors were accused of showing prejudice in failing to include him in the team.* (b) [C] ~ (against/in favour of sb/sth) thleidannak; mithmai zohnak: *In order to succeed here you will need to overcome your prejudices.* ○ *She has a prejudice against modern music.* ○ *The anthology reveals a prejudice in favour of lyric poets.* **2** (idm) **to the prejudice of sth** (esp law) khat lam khi ningnatter: *to the prejudice of sb's rights* ○ *The newspaper reported his remarks, to the prejudice of his chances of being elected.* **without prejudice (to sth)** (law) mi pakhat ih neih le vo thamsak lo/daisak lo tein: *The firm agreed to pay compensation without prejudice, ie without admitting liability.* ○ *The offer was accepted without prejudice to the current pay negotiations.*

▷ **prejudice** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (against/in favour of sb/sth) thinlung khuh thei: *The judge told the jury that they must not allow their feelings to prejudice them.* ○ *Newspaper gossip had prejudiced her against him.* ○ *Her charm prejudiced the judges in her favour.* **2** [Tn] siatsuah; tawtaihter; tha nauter: *He prejudiced his claim by demanding too much compensation.* ○ *Lack of self-discipline prejudiced her chances of success.*

prejudiced *adj* (usu derog) tanmi nei; ding lo: *Try not to be prejudiced in your judgements.* ○ *She regarded her critics as ignorant and prejudiced.* ○ *Since I am his mother, my opinion of him is naturally a prejudiced one.*

prejudicial /ˈpredʒʊdɪʃl/ *adj* ~ (to sth) (vo neihmi/thilri neihmi) siatsuah: *developments prejudicial to the company's future.*

prelacy /ˈpreləsi/ *n* **1** [C] Khristian biaknak lam lu bik ih hnaʔuan, a zung. **2 the prelacy** [Gp] biaknak lam lu bik pawl.

prelate /ˈprelət/ *n* biaknak lam siangbawi upa, eg bishop, Archbishop tivek.

prelim /ˈpri:lɪm/ *n* (informal) **1** [c usu pl] (a thupi mi thil pakhat tuah hlanah a fate pakhat) tuah hmaisai lawkmi. **2 prelims** [pl] cabu ih thuhla ngaingai nganmi a thok hlanah a thu tlangpi pawl nganmi hawlnak.

preliminary /prɪˈlɪmɪnəri/ *US -nerɪ/adj* ~ (to sth) a tawthok; a thupitnak zawn a rat hlanah timtuahnak ih a rami a thoknak: *after a few preliminary remarks* ○ *preliminary inquiries, experiments, negotiations* ○ (sport) *a preliminary contest, heat, round, etc*, ie held before a main contest in order to eliminate weaker players or teams ○ *All this is preliminary to the main election struggle.*

▷ **preliminary** *n* (usu pl) a tawthawhnak, a thoknak timtuahnak ih tuah sungmi: *the necessary preliminaries to a peace conference*, eg the discussions about agenda and procedures.

prelude /ˈpreljʊd/ *n* **1** ~ (to sth) (a) a thupi mi thlen hlanah rak thok sungmi, thuhmaihruai (eg khawm thok hlom ih piano rak tum sungmi tivek): *His frequent depressions were the prelude to a complete mental breakdown.* ○ *The bankruptcy of several small firms was the prelude to general economic collapse.* ○ *I'm afraid that these troubles are just a prelude, ie to worse ones.* (b) biazai (poem) saupi ah a tawthoknak: *The lines form a prelude to this long narrative poem.* **2** (music) (a) awnmawi tum tikah a hram thoknak. (b) awnmawi a thoknak tawite.

premarital /ˈpri:mærɪtl/ *adj* thit-awh hlanah a simi: *premarital sex, affairs, etc.*

premature /ˈpremətʃʊə(r)/ *US ˈpri:məˈtʃʊə/adj* **1** (a) a cut hlanah a cangmi; a tikcu kim hlanah a cangmi: *premature baldness, senility* ○ *A fire in the gallery caused the premature closing of the exhibition.* (b) (of a baby, its birth, etc) naute a tha kim hlan a mal bik zarh thum tuanih suakmi: *the special care of premature babies* ○ *The baby was five weeks premature.* **2** ~ (in doing sth) (derog) rang tuk ih ruat, sim, ʔuan: *a premature conclusion, decision, judgement, etc* ○ *Let's not be premature in closing this case, eg in a police investigation.*

▷ **prematurely** *adv*: *born prematurely* ○ *prematurely bald, grey, wrinkled. etc.*

premeditate /ˈpri:medɪteɪt/ *v* [Tn esp passive] tum cia; ruat cia; tumtah cia: *a premeditated attack, murder, insult, etc* ○ *We needed to know whether the crime had been premeditated.*

▷ **premeditation** /ˈpri:medɪteɪʃn/ *n* [U].

premenstrual tension /ˈpri:menstrʊəl ˈtenʃn/ (abbr **PMT**) nunau thii neih zik zawn ih an nat reromi thinlung le taksa dam lonak.

premier /ˈpremiə(r)/ *US ˈpri:mɪər/adj* [attrib] a thupi bik a saang bik: *Britain's premier exporter of drilling equipment.* ○ *The company has achieved a premier position in the electronics field.*

▷ **premier** *n* vuanzichuk (vuanzi thupi bik).

premiership [U] vuanzichuk hnaʔuan: *during her premiership* ○ *He was offered the premiership.*

première /ˈpremiə(r)/ *US prɪˈmiər/ n* laam, drama, bioscope film tivek tuah tharmi zapi hnenih an hmuh hmaisai bik zan.

▷ **première** *v* [Tn esp passive] puai laam, bioscope film tivek mipi hnenah hmaisai bik hmuh: *the film was premiered at the Cannes festival.*

premise (also **premiss**) /ˈpremɪs/ *n* **1** sibang

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sisehla ti ih ruahnak: *Advice to investors was based on the premise that interest rates would continue to fall.* **2** (in logic) el-awh ding ih thu suahpimi a thupi deuh le a fate deuh (major premise and minor premise): *If the major premise is 'Boys like fruit' and the minor premise is 'You are a boy', then the conclusion is 'Therefore you like fruit.'* Cf SYLLOGISM.

premises /ˈpremisɪz/ n [pl] **1** inn le a hmun le cuih hmun sungih um inn dang pawl tla: *business premises*, ie building(s), esp offices, where a business is carried on ○ *The firm is looking for larger premises.* ○ *He was asked to leave the premises immediately.* **2** (law) thukimnak (upadi cakhen) ca sungah ngan tulmi thilri thuhla hmuahhmuah, minung hmin pawl tivek cangan a thoknak ih telhmi. **3** (idm) **off the premises** innhmun pakhat lenglam ah: *see sb off the premises*, ie take a visitor, etc to the exit. **on the premises** inn/ innhmun sungah: *There is always a manager on the premises.* ○ *Alcohol may not be consumed on the premises.*

premium /ˈpriːmiəm/ n **1** amkham a rettu in thlatin te a pek tulmi tangka: *Your first premium is now due.* **2** nihlawh, thlahlawh hlei ah pek betmi laksawng: *A premium of 2 per cent is paid on long-term investments.* ○ *You have to pay a premium for express delivery.* ○ [attrib] *Premium rents are charged in the city centre.* **3** (idm) **at a premium** (a) (finance) (of stocks and shares) a man kel, lolle, cuhnak ih tam ih zuarmi: *Shares are selling at a premium.* (b) ngahhar zetmi si ruangah a kel hnakin tam deuh manmi: *Space is at a premium in this building.* ○ *Honesty is at a premium in this profession, I'm afraid!* **put a premium on sb/sth** (a) mi pakhat kha thupi zet vekih re: *The high risk of infection puts a premium on the use of sterile needles.* (b) pakhat khat kha a hleice ih thupiter/man neiter: *The examiners put a premium on rational argument.*

□ **Premium Bond** (Brit) cozah hnenih a thang um lo paisa khawlnak, asinain a thang pek ai-ah awngbali tiket thlatin suahsakmi.

premonition /ˌpriːməˈniʃn, ˌpreɪm-/ n ~ (of sth/that...) thiltha lo pakhat khat a cang ding tiin thinlung ah um cia: *a premonition of disaster* ○ *My premonition was right.* ○ *As we approached the house, I had a premonition that something terrible had happened.*

▷ **premonitory** /ˌpriːməˈnɪtəri/ US -tɔːri/ adj (fml) ralrinnak pekmi: *premonitory signs.*

prenatal /ˌpriːneɪtəl/ adj (esp US) nausuak hlan, nauhrin hlan: *pre-natal check-ups, classes, exercises.* Cf POSTNATAL.

preoccupation /ˌpriːɒkjʊˈpeɪʃn/ n **1** [U] (a) thinkhat lawng ruahnak; thudang hngilh rori tiang. (b) ~ (with sth) ruat ringringmi thil; hlei

fuantuk ih thuruatnak: *She found his preoccupation with money irritating.* **2** [C] ruat ringringmi thil: *His main preoccupation at that time was getting enough to eat.* ○ *A pension is not usually one of the preoccupations of an eighteen year-old!*

preoccupy /ˌpriːɒkjʊpaɪ/ v (pt, pp **-pied**) [Tn] thudang ruat thei lo in thu pakhat lawng ruat: *Something seems to be preoccupying her at the moment.* ○ *health worries preoccupied him for the whole holiday.*

▷ **preoccupied** adj thu pakhat lawnglawng a ruat rero mi: *she seemed preoccupied all the time I was talking to her.* ○ *He answered me in a rather preoccupied manner.*

pre-ordain /ˌpriːɔːdem/ v [esp passive: Tn, Tf] khaukhih; a hualvan; vannei: *Fate had pre-ordained their meeting/that they should meet.* ○ *Her success in life seemed pre-ordained.*

prep /prep/ n (infml) **1** [C, U] (Brit) (esp in private boarding schools) private tlawng Boarding School (cozah tlawng si lomi) pawl ah (a) cazirni sungin mahte tuah dingmi ca tuahnak tikcu: *He felt ill during prep.* **2** (US) (America ram ah) phunsaang tlawngkai ding timtuahnak tlawng. □ **prep school** = PREPARATORY SCHOOL (PREPARATORY).

pre-package /ˌpriːˈpækɪdʒ/ (also **pre-pack** /ˌpriːˈpæk/) v [Tn esp passive] thilri zuar hlanah fuuncia, a bawm tete in ret cia: *pre-packaged fruit.*

preparation /ˌprepəˈreɪʃn/ n **1** [U] timtuahnak: *You can't pass an exam without preparation.* ○ *The preparation of the meals is your job.* ○ [attrib] *Food preparation areas must be kept clean.* **2** [C usu pl] ~ (for sth/to do sth) tim cianak: *The country is making preparations for war/to go to war.* ○ *Was your education a good preparation for your career?* **3** [C] sii, hmai thuh dingih tuah ciamei thil: *a pharmaceutical preparation* ○ *a preparation for hiding/to hide skin blemishes.* **4** [C, U] (Brit) = PREP **1.** **5** (dim) **in preparation (for sth)** pakhat khat hrangih timtuahnak: *The advertising campaign is still in preparation for leaving the country.*

preparatory /ˌpriːpəˈrɛtri/ US -tɔːri/ adj timtuah sungmi: *preparatory investigations, measures, training.*

□ **preparatory school** (also infml **prep school**) **1** (Brit) nauhak kum 7 in kum 13 tiang tlawngkainak Private Tlawng. Cf PUBLIC SCHOOL (PUBLIC). **2** (US) America ram ah College (phunsaang tlawng) lut theinak dingih timtuahnak private tlawng.

prepare /ˌpriːpeə(r)/ v **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-t] ~ (sb/sth) (for sb/sth) timtuah; ralring: *I had no time in which to prepare.* ○ *prepare for trouble* ○ *prepare a meal*, ie get food ready to be eaten

○ *have everything prepared beforehand* ○ *prepare children for an examination* ○ *The troops were being prepared for battle/to go into battle.* **2** (idm) **be prepared for sth** pakhat khat hrang (harsatnak thleng dingmi) ralring/timtuah cia: *I know there were problems, but I was not prepared for this!* ○ *She was prepared for anything to happen.* **be prepared to do sth** ralring aw cia (pakhat khat tuah dingin ralring aw cia): *I am prepared to lend you the money if you promise to pay it back.* ○ *I am not prepared to stay and listen to these outrageous insults.* **prepare the ground (for sth)** thil pakhat cang thei ding ah le ol-ai dingah timtuah cia: *Early experiments with military rockets prepared the ground for space travel.* **3** (phr v) **prepare sb for sth** a thleng theimi (harsatnak) pakhat khat hrang ralringter cia: *Prepare yourself for a nasty shock!*

▷ **preparedness** /prɪˈpeədɪnəs/ *n* [U] ralring teih umnak: *a state of preparedness.*

prepay /priˈpeɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **prepaid** /-ˈpeɪd/) [Tn esp passive] a man pek cia: *a prepaid envelope*, ie one on which the postage has already been paid ○ *The telegram was sent reply prepaid.*

▷ **prepayment** *n* [C, U].

preponderant /prɪˈpɒnəɾənt/ *adj* (fml) a nekhkhu deuh, a tam deuh, cak deuh le thupi deuh a simi: *Melancholy is the preponderant mood of the poem.*

▷ **preponderance** /-əns/ *n* [sing]: *a preponderance of blue-eyed people in the population.* **preponderantly** *adv*: *preponderantly optimistic.*

preponderate /prɪˈpɒnəreɪt/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (over sth) (fml) cak deuh, thupi deuh, tamdeuh: *Christians preponderate in the population of that part of the country.*

preposition /ˌprepəˈzɪʃn/ *n* (grammar) (abbreviated as *prep* in this dictionary) Grammar zir tiki hmanmi ðongfang a si ih ‘sawhtu’ tinak (thil hmin pakhat hlanih nganmi); (eg in, from, to, out of, on behalf of) pawl tla cu preposition an si.

▷ **prepositional** /-ʃənəl/ *adj* sawhtu a simi.

□ **prepositional phrase** :eg in the night, after breakfast — hi pawl hi sawhtu ðongfang bur pawl an si.

prepossessing /prɪˈpɒzɪsɪŋ/ *adj* mi thinlung a lak theimi: *a prepossessing smile, manner, child* ○ *He/His appearance is not at all prepossessing.*

preposterous /prɪˈpɒstərəs/ *adj* a awm lo zet; zoh sia zet; thin tokza: *That is a preposterous accusation!* ○ *They are asking a preposterous price for the work.*

▷ **preposterously** *adv*: *That is a preposterously high price!*

prepuce /priˈpjʊːs/ *n* (anatomy) **1** mipa vunzim (zang hmur vun). **2** nunau vunzim (fir zim ih

ummi).

Pre-Raphaelite /priˈræfələɪt/ *n* (art) zuksuai thiam Raphael a pian hlanih zuksuai dan hmanmi kum zabi 19 hrawngih Mirang (Brit) ih a ummi zuksuai thiam pawlkhat.

▷ **Pre-Raphaelite** *adj* Raphael hmanmi zuksuai daan hlan deuh ih zuksuai dan hman: *a Pre-Raphaelite portrait.*

pre-record /ˌpriːrɪˈkɔːd/ *v* [Tn esp passive] (esp **broadcasting**) khumcia, tuahcia (TV, hmuh ding hrang zukcia, cassette/radio hrangah aw khawm cia ti vek pawl): *The sound effects had been pre-recorded and were added to the dialogue.* ○ *The interview was pre-recorded.* Cf LIVE¹ 7.

▷ **pre-recorded** *adj* (of tape) tape ah zuk le aw khum cia.

prerequisite /ˌpriːrɛkwɪzɪt/ *adj* ~ (for/to sth) (infml) thil pakhat tuah hlanih tuah cia a ðulmi (eg tlawng pakhat lut theinak dingih ngah cia ðulmi thiamnak tivek): *A degree is prerequisite for employment at this level.* ○ *A sense of humour is prerequisite to understanding her work.*

▷ **prerequisite** (also **pre-condition**) *n* ~ (for/of sth) thil dang pakhat tuah hlan ih tuah hmaisa ding a ðulmi thil: *Careful study of the market is a prerequisite for success.* ○ *Good muscles are one of the prerequisites of physical fitness.*

prerogative /prɪˈrɒɡətɪv/ *n* midang ih neih thei lomi mah lawng/pawl pakhat lawng ih neih theimi thu/ti theinak vo: *It is the Prime Minister's prerogative to decide when to call an election.* ○ *A monarch has the prerogative of pardoning criminals.* ○ *the royal prerogative*, ie (in Britain), the (theoretical) right of the sovereign to act without the approval of Parliament.

Pres *abbr* President: *Pres (Ronald) Reagan.*

presage /ˈpresɪdʒ/ *n* (fml) (a) thil ða lo a cang dingmi langter cianak siathmuh. (b) thil nuam lo zet pakhat khat a cang ding ti thinlung ih a suah cianak.

▷ **presage** /ˈpresɪdʒ, rarely priˈseɪdʒ/ *v* [Tn] harsatnak, thil nuam lo zet a cang ding ti theihter cia: *Those clouds presage a storm.*

Presbyterian /ˌprezbɪˈtɪəriən/ *adj* (of a Church, esp of the national Church of Scotland) governed by elders (*presbyters*) Scotland ram Kawhhran a si ih upa pawl ih ukmi kawhhran a si; kawhhran uktu upa pawl kha *presbyters* an ti. Cf EPISCOPAL.

▷ **Presbyterian** *n* Presbyterian Kawhhran sungtel.

Presbyterianism /-ɪzəm/ *n* [U] **1** Presbyterian zumnak. **2** Presbyterian kawhhran ukawm dan/fingkhaw-aw dan.

presbytery /ˌprezbɪtriː/ *US* -teri/ *n* **1** (regional) Presbyterian uk-awknak ram ðhen/area/

convention tivek ai a si. **2** Catholic kawhhran ih biakinn pakhat uktu puithiam umnak inn. **3** (in a church) biakinn sung pulpit ih nisuahnak lam choir saktu pawl tonak dunglam hmun.

pre-school /ˈpriːskuːl/ *adj* nauhak kum relnak ah, tlawng kai cut hlaan deuh, tualleng tlawng (nauhak kum 4 hrawng hrang): a *pre-school child*/a *child of pre-school age* ○ *pre-school learning*.

prescient /ˈpreʃiənt/ *adj* (fml) a cang dingmi thil cang hlan in theih thei ciami; hmailam ih a cang lai dingmi hmu cia thei.

▷ **prescience** /-əns/ *n* [U].

prescribe /ˈpriːskraɪb/ *v* (fml) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (for sth) sibawi in minaa pawl sii ei fial; ei dingmi sii sim: *She prescribed some pills to help me to sleep.* ○ *Do not exceed the prescribed dose*, ie quantity of medicine to be taken at one time. ○ *Ask the doctor to prescribe something for that cough.* ○ (fig) *The doctor prescribed a holiday as the best cure for his depression.* ○ a *prescribed text*, ie one that has to be studied, eg for an examination. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tf, Tw] thu nei; thu pek: *The law prescribes heavy penalties for this offence.* ○ *Police regulations prescribe that an officer's number must be clearly visible.* ○ *Army regulations prescribe how rifles must be carried.* ⇨ Usage at DECREE.

prescript /ˈpriːskript/ *n* (fml) dan, dan thu te lole, thupek.

prescription /ˈpriːskripʃn/ *n* **1** [C] (a) sibawi pekmi sii ei dan: *The doctor gave me a prescription for pain-killers.* ○ (fig) *His prescription for economic recovery was not well received.* (b) sibawi in minaa ei ding pekmi sii: *The chemist made a mistake when making up the prescription.* ○ [attrib] *prescription charges*, ie (in Britain) money to be paid by the patient for drugs supplied on the National Health Service. **2** [U] ei ding sii pawl ngan saknak: *The prescription of drugs is a doctor's responsibility.*

prescriptive /ˈpriːskriptiv/ *adj* (fml) **1** (a) tuah/ti dan ding pekmi: *prescriptive teaching methods.* (b) (grammar) tong dan zirh-awk: a *prescriptive grammar of the English language*. Cf DESCRIPTIVE **2**. **2** kum reipi sung dan ih hman zomi a si ruangah upadi vekih ruatmi: *prescriptive rights*.

▷ **prescriptively** *adv*.

presence /ˈprezns/ *n* **1** [U] umsung; telvenak: *The dogs were trained to detect the presence of explosives.* ○ *Your presence is requested at the shareholders' meeting.* ○ *Her presence during the crisis had a calming effect.* Cf ABSENCE. **2** [U, sing] (approx) umtu dan; cangvaihna: a *man of great presence* ○ *The power of his stage presence could never be forgotten.* **3** [C] umvenak: *There seemed to be a ghostly presence*

in the room. **4** [sing] thu pakhat a um ruangah palik maw, ralkap maw a burpi ih an umnak khi: a *massive police presence at the meeting* ○ *The United Nations maintains a military presence in the area.* **5** (idm) **be admitted to sb's presence** ⇨ ADMIT. **in the presence of sb/ in sb's presence** mi hmai ah; midang um ah: *He made the accusation in the presence of witnesses.* ○ *She asked them not to discuss the matter in her presence.* **make one's presence felt** cangvaih thiamnak in maw, cahnak in maw, thiamnak pakhat khat ruangah maw amah hinah a um ve si ti mi zapi ih an theih theinak: *The new chairman is certainly making his presence felt!* **presence of mind** daite in a um nain thupoi pakhat khat a um tikah zamrangte in a tulnak vek cekci ih a tuah theimi: *The child showed great presence of mind by grabbing the falling baby.*

present¹ /ˈpreznt/ *adj* **1** [pred] ~ (at sth) (a) (of a person) um: *Were you present when the news was announced?* ○ *The mistake was obvious to all (those) present.* ○ *Everybody present welcomed the decision.* ○ *There were 200 people present at the meeting.* (b) ~ (in sth) a um; a tel: *He suspected that a leak was present somewhere along the pipe.* ○ *Analysis showed that cocaine was present in the mixture.* Cf ABSENT¹. **2** [attrib] a si rero laimi: *the present difficulties, problems, uncertainties, etc* ○ *the present administration, government, council, etc* ○ *the present climate of opinion* ○ *You can't use it in its present condition.* **3** [attrib] tu laifang ih; tuah/ti rero laimi: *the present proposal for increasing taxation.* **4** (idm) **present company excepted/ excepting present company** (used as a polite comment when making a critical remark) ka simmi cu nangmah ka ti duhnak a si lo: *People seem to have drunk far too much tonight, present company excepted of course.* **the present day** tu san; tu san thar a simi: *After being taken back 200 years, we were suddenly returned to the present day.* ○ [attrib] *present-day attitudes, conditions, fashions.* **on present form** (of judgement) mi pakhat a hlan le, lole, a tu ih a tuahmi a ziaza thansodan tivek ah hram bunin: *He would not be elected on present form.* ▷ **present n 1 the present** [sing] (a) tu laifang: *the past, the present and the future* ○ *Historical romances offer an escape from the present.* (b) (grammar) = PRESENT TENSE. **2** (idm) **at present** atu ah; tufangah: *I'm afraid I can't help you just at present — I'm too busy.* **by these presents** (law) hih cakhen vekin. **for the moment/ present** ⇨ MOMENT. **no time like the present** ⇨ TIME¹.

□ **present participle** (grammar) Grammar (Mirang) ah verb tongfang -ing in a netmi, eg *going, having, swimming.* **present tense**

(grammar) grammar ah verb tuahtu a si ih tulai a cangmi tinak (eg *present*, *present continuous*, *present perfect*): *The verb is in the present tense*. Cf PAST¹ 4.

present² /preznt/ *n* **1** thilthen, laksawng: *Christmas, birthday, etc presents* ○ *This book was a present from my brother*. **2** (idm) **make sb a present of sth** pakhat laksawng ih pek: *He admired my old typewriter so much, I made him a present of it*. ○ (ironic) *Let's not make our opponents a present of any goals*, ie allow them to score easily.

present³ /prɪznt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-pr] ~ **sb with sth**; ~ **sth (to sb)** thil pek/then: *Colleagues presented the retiring chairman with a cheque/presented a cheque to the retiring chairman*. ○ *They presented a sum of money to the college in memory of their son*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (to sb)** thei thiam dingin mipi hmai ih suahpi: *May I present my new assistant (to you)*. ○ *The custom of young ladies being presented at court (ie formally introduced to the monarch) has disappeared*. **3** [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-pr] ~ **sth (for sth)**; ~ **sth (to sb)** (fml) ruatpi cio ding in thu suah: *a well-presented analysis* ○ *present one's designs for approval/consideration* ○ *They presented a petition to the governor*. ○ *She presented (ie argued) her case to the committee*. **4** [Tn, Dn-pr] ~ **sth (to sb)** (fml) sim; diil: *present one's apologies, compliments, greetings, etc (to sb)*. **5** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **oneself (for sth)** (of a person) mi hmai ih suak/mi hmai ih ra: *You will be asked to present yourself for interview*. ○ *I have to present myself in court on 20 May*. (b) [Tn, Dn-pr] ~ **itself (to sb)** (of an opportunity, a solution, etc) amahte a pawt: *A wonderful opportunity suddenly presented itself*. ○ *The answer presented itself to him when he looked at the problem again*. **6** [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-pr] ~ **sb with sth**; ~ **sth (to sth)** hmuh, lole, langter: *This job presents many difficulties to the new recruit*. ○ *Falling interest rates present the firm with a new problem*. **7** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (for sth)** paisa suah sak thei dingin: *Has the builder presented his bill yet?* ○ *The cheque was presented for payment on 21 March*. **8** [Tn] (a) hmuh; zapi zoh thei dingin hmuh: *The National Theatre presents 'Hamlet' in a new production*. (b) suahpi; hmuh: *Starlight Productions present the Chinese Children's Choir in concert*. (c) zapi hmai ih suahpi/hmuh (puai laamnakh innpi ah puai laam suahpi/hmuh): *Who will present his show (eg on television) while he's away?* ○ *Our review of this week's papers is presented by the editor of 'The Times'*. **9** [Tn] meithal (rifle) a tungih kengin upatnak thawn pekmi (ralkap): *Present arms!* ○ *The soldiers were ordered to present arms*.

▷ **present** *n* [sing] ralkap pawl ih upat pekna;

Rifle meithal kha an kut pahnih in a tunglam in an kai ih hmai/hnar thawn zawn-aw ih ding tein kaihmi: *rifles at the present*, ie with the weapon held in an upright position.

presenter *n* (esp on radio or television) radio, lole, television ah pakhat khat a suahtu.

presentable /prɪzntəbl/ *adj* hmai ih suahpi tlak/hruk tlak/sin tlak: *He's got dozens of suits but not one of them is presentable*. ○ *I must go and make myself presentable before the guests arrive*. ○ (approx) *She was seen at the opera with an extremely presentable escort*.

▷ **presentably** /-əblɪ/ *adv*: *He was dressed quite presentably for a change*.

presentation /prezntetʃn; US ˈprɪzən-/ *n* **1** [U] (a) suahpinak, peknak: *They are preparing for the presentation of a new musical*. ○ *The cheque is payable on presentation*, ie at the bank. (b) a suahpi dan; hmuh dan; tarlang dan: *The presentation of the material was untidy*. ○ *She needs to improve her presentation of the arguments*. **2** [C] (a) hmuhmi tarlangnak: *We went to the première of their new presentation*. (b) zapi hmai ih pekmi laksawng: *We want to make her a presentation to celebrate her jubilee*. ○ *The Queen will make the presentation (ie will hand over the gift) herself*. ○ [attrib] a *presentation ceremony*, ie one at which a presentation is made ○ a *presentation copy*, ie a free book presented by the publisher or by the author. **3** [C, U] a suah hlan deuh a nu pum sungih umdan.

presentiment /prɪˈzentɪmənt/ *n* (fml) vansiatnak a thleng ding tivek thinlung sungah a ruarau ih theihnak: *a presentiment of trouble ahead*.

presently /prezntli/ *adv* **1** rei lo te ah; cing (soon): *I'll be with you presently*. **2** (esp US) a tu ah (now): *The Secretary of State is presently considering the proposal*.

NOTE ON USAGE: When **presently** means 'soon' it usually comes at the end of the sentence: *She'll be here presently*. When it means 'after a short time' it sometimes comes at the beginning: *Presently I heard her leave the house*. Increasingly in British as well as US English it means 'now' or 'currently' and is placed with the verb: *She's presently working on her PhD*.

preservation /prezə'veɪʃn/ *n* [U] **1** thu lo, siat lo ih ret thatnak: *the preservation and conservation of wildlife* ○ *The preservation of food, one's health, works of art* ○ *The aim of the policy is the preservation of peace*. ○ [attrib] a *preservation order*, ie (in Britain) one that makes it illegal to destroy a building, etc because of its historical value. **2** siat lo dingin finkhawinak/tuamhlawmnak: *The paintings*

were in an excellent state of preservation.

preservative /prɪˈzɜːvətɪv/ *adj* thu lo, siat lo ih a umter theimi: *He painted the posts with a preservative liquid.* ○ Salt has a preservative effect on food.

▷ **preservative** *n* [C, U] thu lo, siat lo dingih an hmanmi thilri: *food free from preservatives* ○ Alcohol is used as a preservative in certain foods. ○ Preservative is usually added to tinned meat.

preserve /prɪˈzɜːv/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn] siat lo te in ret; him te in finkhaw: *preserve one's eyesight* ○ a very well-preserved man of eighty ○ Wax polish preserves wood and leather. ○ Efforts to preserve the peace have failed. (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (for sth) lehnu hrangah a nung in ret, him te in ret: *Few of the early manuscripts have been preserved.* ○ His work must be preserved for posterity. (c) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (from sb/sth) siatnak le ðihnung lak ihsin humhim: *The calm courage of the pilot preserved the lives of the passengers.* ○ God preserve us! **2** [Tn] hloh ding hrial thei; hum ringring thei: *She managed despite everything to preserve her sense of humour.* ○ It is difficult to preserve one's self-respect in that job. **3** [Tn] rawl siat lo dingin palang sungah ret; carko in ni ah pho, vur lakih ret: *Salt and spices help to preserve meat.* ○ In the summer, large crops of fruit may be preserved by freezing or bottling. **4** [Tn esp passive] pumpak (private) hrang ah ret/khaw; hman lo ding in khaw: *The fishing in this stretch of the river is strictly preserved.* Cf CONSERVE.

▷ **preserve** *n* **1** (a) [C usu pl] reipi ret theinak: *apricot preserves.* (b) [U] cithlum thawn suang ih reipi retmi thingthei beek (yu): *strawberry preserve.* Cf CONSERVE *n*. **2** [C] ramtawihnak ding, lole, nga kaihnak dingih hammi, hual. **3** [sing] hiarhal; paihzawng (vua-ta-na): *She regards negotiating prices with customers as her special preserve.*

preserver *n* hamtu (mindang siang lo, mah pakhat hrang ham): *a life-preserver.*

pre-set /prɪˈset/ *v* (-tt, pt, pp **pre-set**) [Tn, Cn-t] tuah cia (a tikcu kim hlan in tuah sung/cia): *She pre-set the cooker to come on at 6:30.* ○ The video was pre-set to record the match.

pre-shrunk /prɪˈʃrʌŋk/ *adj* (of cloth) hnipuan ðit hlan ihsin a com/con cia: *pre-shrunk jeans.*

preside /prɪˈzaɪd/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (at sth) hoha: *the presiding officer* ○ Whoever presides will need patience and tact. ○ The Prime Minister presides at meetings of the Cabinet. **2** (phr v) **preside over sth** (a) uk; hoha: *The city council is presided over by the mayor.* (b) khawng; ðuanvo nei: *The present director has presided over a rapid decline in the firm's profitability.*

presidency /prezɪdənsɪ/ *n* (a) **the presidency**

(also **the Presidency**) [sing] rampi lu bik hnaʔuan; ta-ma-dah hnaʔuan: *She hopes to win the presidency.* (b) [C] president ʔuan sung caan: *the last days of his presidency* ○ He was elected to a second presidency.

president /ˈprezɪdnt/ *n* **1** **President** hrilmi rampi lu ta-ma-dah (ram uknak hotu bik): *the President of the United State* ○ President De Gaulle. **2** (also **President**) phunsaang tlawng ih lu; ram ukto pawl ih lu; zung/pawlkompaw ih lu; hotu: *the President of the Board of Trade* ○ He was made president of the cricket club. **3** (US) bank ih lu; sumtuah pawl ih lu.

▷ **presidential** /ˈprezɪdntʃl/ *adj* hotu sinak hnaʔuan: *a presidential candidate, election, policy* ○ (US) *a presidential year*, ie one in which an election for president is held.

presidium (also **praesidium**) /prɪˈsɪdɪəm/ *n* (pl ~ s) communist ram ah ram ukto kawmɪʔi saang bik: *the presidium of the Supreme Soviet.*

press¹ /pres/ *n* **1** [c usu sing] nam; hmet; sawh: *Flatten the dough with a press of the hand.* ○ Those trousers need a press, ie with a hot iron. **2** [C] (esp in compounds) sawr, sawh; rial, rek: *a winepress* ○ *a cider-press* ○ *an olive-press* ○ *keep one's tennis racket in a press* ○ *a hydraulic press.* **3** (a) (also **printing-press**) [C] canamnak cet/khaw: *He took a copy of the newspaper as it come off the press.* (b) [U] canam (canamnak cet in canganmi a nam thok): *pass sth for press*, ie give final approval for sth before it goes to be printed ○ *go to press*, ie start to be printed ○ *Prices are correct at the time of going to press, but may be changed.* ○ *stop press.* **4** (often **the Press**) [Gp] thuthangca hnaʔuantu pawl a bur ih kawhnak hmin (nitin thuthang ca, a caan tete ih suahmi — *periodicals*, radio thuthang, TV thuthang hrangih hnaʔuantu pawl): *The Press were not allowed to attend the trial.* ○ *The majority of the press support the Government's foreign policy.* ○ *the local/national/provincial press* ○ *the gutter press*, ie newspapers that concentrate on sensational stories about people's personal lives ○ *The freedom of the press* (ie right of journalists to report events, express opinions, etc freely) *must be protected.* ○ [attrib] *press advertising, comment, freedom.* **5** [sing] mi pakhat, mibur, thuhla pakhat parih thuthang ca pawl ih an zoh dan: *be given/have a good/bad press.* **6** [C] thuthang ca pawl, cabu pawl nam ih suah hnaʔuan: *Oxford University Press* ○ *a small press specializing in illustrated books.* **7** [sing] (a) mipi hnok zet: *The child got lost in the press of people leaving the match.* (b) um zia tuar (santhar umzia ka tuar zet): *the press of modern life.* **8** [C] bizu tumpi (cabu, puan retnak ti ih a khaan dan tumpi a nei bizu tumpi): *a linen press.*

□ **press agent** press ih nam dingmi thu

khawltu; thuthan saktu; cuih hnaṭuan/zung.

press agency **1** thuthan saktu/mipi theihter saktu hnaṭuannak zung/hnaṭuannak hmun. **2** thuthang, thu um hmuahhmuah khawm ih thuthang ca suah tute hnen ih zuar theunak hnaṭuan.

the Press Association (abbr **PA**) (Brit) (Mirang (Brit) ram ah) ram sung thuhla um hmuah khawm tahrat ih thuthang ca suah tute hnen ih a pe theutu pawlpi.

press baron (infml) a thupi zet thuthang ca pawl neitu.

press-box *n* thuthang latu (reporters) pawl hrang tuahsam ciami tonak (eg at a football or cricket match).

press conference rak uktu bawi le thuthang ca suahtu pawl tonkhawm-awknak (thu suhnak le thu lehnak pawl): *The Minister called a press conference as soon as the results were known.*

press cutting (also esp **US press clipping**) thuthangca sungih mah duhmi thu an aattanmi khi, duh lonak zawn hlon sakmi.

press-gallery *n* parliament/tlangsuak pawl khawmnak thuthennak zungpi tivek ah, thuthang latu pawl umnak a cece teih tuahsakmi.

pressman /presmən, -mæn/ *n* (pl **-men**) /presmən, -men/ **1** (Brit) Mirang ram ah thuthang khawmtu/a suahtu. **2** (US) canamnak khawl (ceetpi) mawngtu, kaitu.

press officer (ramhruai paṭi tivek, sumtuahnak company tumpi tivek ah an thuhla neihmi hmuah mipi theifiang dingin) thuthang suahtu te thawn an pehzomnak hna a ṭuantu.

press photographer thuthangca hrangih mizuktu.

press release thuthangca suahtu pawl hnenah zummi cozah (kumpi) thuthan: *The company issued a press release to try to stop speculation in its shares.*

press² /pres/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-p] hmet; nam: *press the trigger of a gun* ○ *press (down) the accelerator of a car* ○ *press (in) a button* ○ *press a switch (up)*. (b) [Ipr, Tn-pr] ~ (sth/sb/oneself) **against/on sth**; ~ **sth to sth** rawt; bet: *My boot is pressing against a blister on my toe.* ○ *I had to press myself against the wall to let them pass.* ○ *The child pressed her nose against the window.* ○ *He pressed a handkerchief to his nose.* (c) [Tn-pr] ~ **sth into sth** ben; san, thansak: *press money into sb's hand* ○ *press putty into a hole*. **2** [Tn, Cn-a] sawr; hmet: *press apples, olives, oranges, etc* ○ *press grapes to make wine* ○ *press fruit dry*, ie obtain all its juice. **3** [Tn, Cn-a] (a) peerter; naalter: *press flowers*, eg between pages of a book ○ *press the soil flat with the back of a spade*. (b) hnawt; hnipuan sawpmi pawl thirsa (istari — mipu) in hnawt:

that suit ought to be pressed. ○ *Press the pleats flat.* **4** (a) [Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth to one** huam; pom; reek: *She pressed the child to her.* (b) [Tn] merh; diik: *Overcome with emotion, he pressed her hand and left her.* **5** [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-t] ~ **sb (for sth)** tuah dingah forhfial ciamco; leem rero: *I don't want to press you, but shouldn't you be leaving?* ○ *The bank is pressing us for repayment of the loan.* ○ *They are pressing us to make a quick decision.* **6** [Tn] zamrang zet in/tu le tu ti: *I don't wish to press the point, but you do owe me £200.* ○ *She is still pressing her claim for compensation.* ○ *They were determined to press their case at the highest level.* **7** [Tn] dardawng hlasak dingin datpia nam (tuah). **8** (idm) **be pressed for sth** tikcu hlei nei nawn lo (manhlap): *Please hurry — we're a bit pressed for time.* ○ *I'm very pressed for cash at the moment — can I pay you next week?* **press sth home** (a) amah umnak keel ah tuul/thun: *He locked the door and pressed the bolt home.* (b) do nehnak, el nehnak in ngah theitawp ngah: *press home one's advantage* ○ *press home an argument, an attack, a point, etc.* **press sth into shape** mawi deuh, naal deuh, peer deuh dingin rem. **time presses** ⇨ TIME¹. **9** (phr v) **press across, against, around, etc (sth)** (of people) mipi tamzetnak ah hmailam ih tuul aw ciamco: *The people pressed round the royal visitors.* ○ *The crowds were pressing against the barriers.* ○ *She had to press through the throng to reach the stage.* **press ahead/forward/on (with sth)** ti thei suak rori dingin hmainer/khulrang zet in hmainer/nor: *The firm is pressing ahead with the modernization plan.* ○ *We must press on with the project without wasting time.* **press for sth** khulrang ih tisak ding tu le tu dil: *The chairman is pressing for a change in the procedure.* ○ *The unions are pressing for improved working condition.* **press sth from sth; press sth out of/in sth** thir rit/thilrit thawn namin thil siam: *press car bodies out of sheets of steel* ○ *press holes in a piece of leather* ○ *press out shapes from a piece of card.* **press sth from/out of sth; press sth out** sawr (thing thei a ti suak dingin sawr): *press the juice from oranges* ○ *press oil from olives* ○ *press the seeds out of a tomato.* **press (down) on sb** nen (thil rit in va nen) namsuk: *His responsibilities press heavily on him.* **press sth on/onto sth** ben: *press a label on a parcel* ○ *press a clean pad onto a wound.*

▷ **pressing** *adj* (a) thupoi, thurang (urgent) a simi: *a pressing engagement*. (b) (of a person, request, etc) ti rori dingin dil: *a pressing invitation to dinner* ○ *He was so pressing I couldn't refuse.* **pressingly** *adv*.

pressing *n* (a) thilrit in nam ih tuahmi [dardawng datpia] (gramophone record) nam

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ih tuahmi: 10000 pressings of a symphony. (b) veikhat tuah ah datpia zianghmuah an tuah timi: a pressing of several thousand records.

□ **press-stud** /prestʌd/ *n* (also *infml popper*, esp US **snap fastener**) angki/bawngbi kepsih ai ih hmanmi, khatlam le khatlam hmet khawm le pit zet in a peh-aw theimi (t̃hep̃t̃hep angki sih) hmehrep.

press-up (US **push-up**) *n* (usu *pl*) harh damnak hrangih lehnak phun (lei/zial parah ke ihsin lu tiang ding zet in bok hnu ah kut zaphak pahnih in lei/zial nam ih takpum dingzet in tlun ah khai) (arms bend kan ti t̃heu).

press³ /pres/ *v* **1** [Tn esp passive] (formerly) hramhram in fial (ralkap t̃uan ding hramhram in forhfial). **2** (idm) **press sb/sth into service** tultuk ruangah a laangtein t̃uan dingin lak: Her whole family were pressed into service when the shop was busy. ○ Old buses were pressed into service as emergency housing for the refugees.

□ **press-gang** *n* [CGp] (a) (formerly) ralkap t̃uan ding forhfialtu. (b) hramhram ih mi tuah fialtu burkhat. — *v* [Tn] t̃uanter hramhram; hramhram in fial: (joc) We were press-ganged into serving the drinks.

pressure /preʃə(r)/ *n* **1** [U] (a) nen thaa; nam mi thaa (a ritnak); thii tha etc: the pressure of the crowd against the barriers ○ The pressure of the water caused the wall of the dam to crack. (b) cumi umzat (mawtawka sungah thli ziang hmuah a um?): The tyre is too hard — reduce the pressure a bit. ○ Your blood pressure (ie force of the blood in the veins and arteries) is too high. ○ a pressure of 6 lb to the square inch ○ [attrib] a pressure gauge, ie an instrument for measuring the pressure of liquid, gas, air, etc ○ (fig) work at high pressure. **2** [U] boruak ih a ummi thli a sah/a paat/a rihnak: atmospheric pressure ○ A band of low pressure is moving across the country. **3** [U, C] ~ (of sth); ~ (to do sth) (mi pakhat parah tuarhar zet in a tluuk mi) namnuainak, tuarharnak: She left home to escape the pressure to conform to her family's way of life. ○ The pressures of city life forced him to move to the country. **4** (idm) **bring pressure to bear on sb (to do sth)** pakhat khat tuahter ding napi in fial: The bank will bring pressure to bear on you if you don't pay. ○ The council brought pressure to bear on the landlord to improve his property. **put pressure on sb (to do sth)** mi pakhat khi khulrang ih thil tuah ding forhfial: The birth of twins put pressure on them to find a bigger flat. ○ I don't want to put pressure on you to make a decision, but we haven't much time left. **under pressure** (a) (of a liquid or gas held in a container) sawh; hlomter: The gas is stored under pressure in the tank. ○ The beer comes out of the barrel under

pressure. (b) zamrang t̃uan ding/t̃heh ding ih nawt ciamco: work under pressure ○ put sb under pressure (to do sth) ○ come under pressure (to do sth). (c) t̃uan rit tuk (hnaʔuan a tamtuk ruangah a baangtuk ih a naa): She is constantly under pressure and it is affecting her health.

▷ **pressure** *v* = PRESSURIZE.

□ **pressure-cooker** *n* rawlsuannak bel, tisa khu malte suak thei dingin tuahmi bel.

pressure group [CGp] (in politics, business, etc) naingnganzi le sumtuahnak thu ah, thuhla khat hmang tlang/tang tlang dingin a sawm/a forhtu mi burkhat.

pressurize, -ise /preʃəraɪz/ (also *pressure*) *v* **1** [Tn-pr, Cn-t] ~ sb into sth/doing sth duh na lo in tuah rori fial/forh: She was pressurized into agreeing to a merger. ○ He felt that he was being pressurized to resign. **2** [Tn esp passive] thli umdan a keel vekin umter ringring tipil lawng (submarine), vansangpi ih zam vanzambleeng ah thli umdan a keel vekin ret ringring: a pressurized cabin ○ The compartments are fully pressurized.

▷ **pressurization, -isation** /preʃəraɪzeɪʃn, US -rɪz-/ *n* [U].

□ **pressurized-water reactor** nuclear reactor phun a si ih tidai daitertu ah hmanmi.

prestidigitator /prestiˈdɪdʒɪteɪtə(r)/ *n* (fml or joc) miat-hleh; a si lomipi si zet vekin a hmuah thiamtu (mi mitbum thiamtu); mitkher thiam.

▷ **prestidigitation** /prestiˈdɪdʒɪteɪʃn/ *n* [U] kut hmangin a si lopi a si ngaingai vekin hmuah thiamnak (let-hleh); mitkher.

prestige /preˈstiːʒ/ *n* [U] **1** upatnak, hmaizahnak: lose/regain prestige ○ he suffered a loss of prestige when the scandal was publicized. **2** huham nei; van nei: have, enjoy, earn prestige in the community ○ [attrib] the prestige value of owning a Rolls Royce.

▷ **prestigious** /preˈstɪdʒəs/ *adj* upat mi, mithmai: one of the world's most prestigious orchestras.

presto /preˈstəʊ/ *adj, adv* **1** (music) rang zet in. **2** (idm) **hey presto** ⇒ HEY.

▷ **presto** *n* (*pl* ~ *s*) khulrang zetih cangvaihnak, lole, zamrang zet ih tum dingmi awnmawi.

pre-stressed /priˈstrest/ *adj* (of concrete) mirang leilung sungah thirhri zam sak ih hnget cuangih tuahmi.

presumable /priˈzjuːməbl/; US -ˈzuː-/ *adj* (fml) a si hmang ti ih ruah theihmi: the presumable result is an election defeat.

▷ **presumably** /-əbli/ *adv* a si hmang tiin: She is aware of the difficulties, presumably? ○ He will presumably resign in view of the complete failure of his policy.

presume /priˈzjuːm; US -ˈzuːm/ *v* **1** [Tn, Cn-a, Cn-t] a si hmang ti ih ruat; a si ti ih ret: I presume that an agreement will eventually be

reached. ○ 'Are the neighbours away on holiday?' 'I presume so.' ○ In English law, an accused man is presumed (to be) innocent until he is proved guilty. ○ Twelve passengers are missing, presumed dead. **2** [It] tum: I won't presume to disturb you. ○ May I presume to advise you? **3** (phr v) **presume on sth** (fml) ruat sual; hleifuan in tuah pang: *presume on sb's good nature*, eg by asking for help.

presumption /prɪ'zʌmpʃn/ *n* **1** (a) [U] ~ (of sth) a si hman ti ih ruahnak: *presumption of her innocence by the court*. (b) [C] a si ko ding ti ih ruahnak: *The article makes too many false presumptions*. ○ We're having the party in the garden on the presumption that it's not going to rain. **2** [U] mah le mah ring aw tuk; zum aw zet: *she was infuriated by his presumption in making the travel arrangements without first consulting her*.

presumptive /prɪ'zʌmpʃɪv/ *adj* (fml esp law) (a) zum theih mi: *presumptive evidence*. (b) a si thei: *the presumptive heir/the heir presumptive*, ie the person who will inherit the throne unless sb with a stronger claim is born.

presumptuous /prɪ'zʌmpʃʊəs/ *adj* (a) (of a person or his behaviour) mah le mah a zum aw tukmi: *Would it be presumptuous of me to ask you to contribute?* (b) (of a person) siannak thu suahhlan ah mah thu ih tuah: *He was presumptuous in making the announcement before the decision had been approved*.

▷ **presumptuously** *adv*.

presuppose /pri:sə'pəʊz/ *v* [Tn, Tt] (not used in the continuous tenses) **1** a si hlan in a si tiin rak ruat cia: *We cannot presuppose the truth of his statements*. **2** pakhat a cang hlan ih tuahta a tulmi: *Effects presuppose causes*. ○ Approval of the plan presupposes that the money will be made available.

▷ **presupposition** /pri:sə'pəʊz/ *n* (fml) (a) [U] a si ding ti ih zumh cia/ruahcianak: *Bail was refused on the presupposition of his guilt*. (b) [C] ruahcianak: *You have made several unjustified presuppositions*.

pre-tax /pri:tæks/ *adj* ngunkhuai lak hlan/siahkhuan ding pek hlan: *pre-tax income, profits, surplus, etc*.

pretence (US **pretense**) /prɪ'tens/ *n* **1** (a) [U] titer-awknak; zumternak: *Their friendliness was only pretence*. ○ Their way of life was all pretence. (b) [sing] ~ of sth pakhat khat bang dingin cawn-aw kha: *a pretence of strength, grief, sleep*. **2** (a) [C] ~ to sth thiamzet/a taktak vek siter-aw: *I have no pretence to being an expert on the subject*. (b) [U] (fml) titer-awknak; langter-awknak: *an honest, kindly man without pretence*. **3** (idm) **on/under false pretences** ⇒ FALSE.

pretend /prɪ'tend/ *v* **1** [I, Tf, Tt] (mi bumnak

men in) siter-aw: *the time has come to stop pretending!* ○ She pretended (that) she was not at home when we rang the bell. ○ The children pretended to eat the mud pies. **2** [Tn] si lopi siter-aw: *She pretended illness as an excuse*. ○ His pretended friendship was part of the deception. **3** [Ipr, Tt] ~ to sth (fml) (thil pakhat) ti vekih um-awter: *Surely he doesn't pretend to any understanding of music!* ○ I don't pretend to know as much as he does about it.

▷ **pretender** *n* mah le mah bawi ka si tiih bawi tohkham ih a to-awtertu (mi tampi in bawi taktak ah an zum lo).

pretension /prɪ'tenʃn/ *n* **1** [C usu pl] ~ (to sth/doing sth) kasi ti-awternak: *a poet with serious pretensions to literary greatness* ○ He has/makes no pretensions to being an expert on the subject. ○ (derog) His social pretensions (ie behaving as if he was of a higher class) make him appear ridiculous. **2** [U] siter-awk tuknak, zum-awk tuknak: *Readers may find the pretension and arrogance of her style irritating*.

pretentious /prɪ'tenʃəs/ *adj* zianghman a si lo nain a si zet vekih a umter-awmi; a uar-aw zetmi; a porh-aw zetmi: *expressed in pretentious language* ○ a pretentious writer, book, style.

▷ **pretentiousness** *n* [U].

preterite (US **preterit**) /'pretərət/ *adj*, *n* (grammar) past simple tense (of a verb) a cang zomi simnak: 'Ran' is the preterite of 'run'.

preternatural /prɪ'tænætʃrəl/ *adj* (fml) a sikel hnakin hleifuanmi; lamdang: *preternatural power, force, ability, etc* ○ a preternatural gift for knowing what others are thinking.

▷ **preternaturally** *adv*.

pretext /'prɪteks/ *n* ~ (for sth/doing sth) a si lomi a ruang khi a si vekih langternak: *He came to see me on/under the pretext of asking my advice when he really wanted to borrow money*. ○ We'll have to find a pretext for not going to the party.

prettify /'prɪtɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **-fied**) [Tn] (usu derog) mawiter, ceimawi: *the old farm workers' cottages are being prettified as holiday homes*. Cf BEAUTIFY.

pretty /'prɪti/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** a mawi duh um zet; duhnung: *a pretty child, pattern, tune* ○ a pretty (ie effeminate-looking) boy ○ What a pretty dress! ○ She looks very pretty in that hat. ○ The bodies of the victims were not a pretty sight. ⇒ Usage at BEAUTIFUL. **2** (a) (esp dated) a t̃ha: *a pretty wit, compliment, turn of phrase*. (b) (ironic) lungawi um lo; duh a um lomi: *You've got yourself into a pretty mess now!* ○ This a pretty state of affairs! **3** (idm) (as) **pretty as a picture** duhnung zet. **come to such a pass/a pretty pass** ⇒ PASS¹. **not just a pretty face** hmel mawinak lawng si loin a dangdang

thatnak a nei lai: *His good looks won him the election but he has still to prove that he's not just a pretty face.* **a pretty penny** paisa tampi: *Renovating that house will cost you a pretty penny.*

▷ **pretty** adv **1** tawkfang: *the situation seems pretty hopeless* ○ *She seemed pretty satisfied with the result.* ⇒ Usage at FAIRLY. **2** (idm) **pretty much/nearly/well** zikte: *The two are pretty much the same.* ○ *The car is pretty nearly new.* ○ *My patience is pretty well exhausted.* **sitting pretty** ⇒ SIT.

prettily /'prɪtɪli/ adv duhnung zet in: *She decorated the room very prettily.* ○ *She smiled prettily as she accepted the flowers.*

prettiness n [U]: *People commented on the prettiness of the cottage.*

□ **pretty-pretty** adj (infml derog) duhnung tuk, mawi tuk: *a pretty-pretty colour scheme of pale pinks and blues* ○ *a frilly, pretty-pretty dress.*

pretzel /'preɪzl/ n biscuit al phunkhat (funghreu, lole, hrihual vek a simi.)

prevail /prɪ'veɪl/ v **1** [I] ~ (among/in sth/sb) a um cio (exist); an hman zaraan, um zaraan: *conditions prevailing in the region* ○ *The use of horses for ploughing still prevails among the poorer farmers.* **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (against/over sb/sth) (fml) do neh; neh: *Virtue will prevail against evil.* ○ *The invaders prevailed over the native population.* **3** (phr v) **prevail on sb to do sth** (fml) leem suak, forh: *May I prevail on you to make a speech after dinner?*

▷ **prevailing** adj [attrib] (a) zaraan hman tam bikmi; a si ringring bikmi; a si theu bikmi: *the prevailing customs, fashions, style, etc.* (b) (of a wind) tu le tu a hraang tambikmi: *The prevailing wind here is from the south-west.*

prevalent /'prevələnt/ adj (fml) ~ (among/in sth/sb) zaraan hmunkip ih tuahmi le hman ciomi: *the prevalent opinion is in favour of reform.* ○ *Is malaria still prevalent among the population here?*

▷ **prevalence** /-əns/ n [U] mi zaraan tuah le hman cionak: *They were very surprised by the prevalence of anti-government sentiments.*

prevaricate /prɪ'veərɪkeɪt/ v [I] (fml) thudik sim hrial thei dingin lam dang in sim: *Tell us exactly what happened and don't prevaricate.*

▷ **prevarication** /prɪ'veərɪkeɪʃn/ n (a) [U] thudik sim hrialnak. (b) [C] thuphan: *The report was full of lies and prevarications.*

prevaricator n thudik sim hrialtu.

prevent /prɪ'vent/ v [Tn, Tn-pr, Tsg] ~ sb/sth (from doing sth) kham; dawn: *prevent the spread of a disease/a disease from spreading* ○ *Nobody can prevent us/our getting married.* ○ *Your prompt action prevented a serious accident.*

▷ **preventable** adj kham/don theihmi:

preventable accidents, deaths, diseases, etc.

prevention /prɪ'venʃn/ n **1** [U] khamnak: *the prevention of crime* ○ *the prevention of cruelty to animals.* **2** (idm) **prevention is better than cure** (saying) nat hnu ih tuamhlawm hnak in nat hlaan ih khamnak tuah cia a tha sawn.

preventive /prɪ'ventɪv/ (also **preventative** /prɪ'ventətɪv/) adj (a) khamnak hrangih tuah ciami: *preventive measures.* (b) (of medicine) nat khamnak hrang ih tuahmi: *research into preventive medicine*, ie ways of preventing disease.

▷ **preventive** (also **preventative**) n thil pakhat khamnak hrangih tuahmi (sii ah nat khamnak sii).

□ **preventive detention** (law) mi huatsuak hminthang pawl sualnak tumpi pakhat a tuah ding ti ih zum a um ruang ah ralrin khamcianak in kai ih thawng thlaknak.

preview /'prɪ:vjuː/ n (a) puai hmuh ding, laam hmuh ding, bioscope hmuh ding tivek pawl, mipi hnenih hmuh ngaingai hlanah zoh hmaisa lawknak: *a press preview*, ie one for journalists only ○ *We attended a sneak preview of the winter fashion collection.* (b) puai, laam, bioscope/TV film tivek pawl zapi hmuh hlanah a sinak tawite theihter hmaisanak; *a preview of next week's viewing/listening.*

▷ **preview** v [Tn] zapi hmuh hlan zohcia sung, zohkhawl.

previous /'prɪ:vɪəs/ adj **1** [attrib] hmaisa deuh; a hlan deuh: *We had met on a previous occasion.* ○ *He was there the previous day.* ○ *Who was the previous owner?* ○ *I am unable to attend because of a previous engagement.* ○ *The criminal had had four previous convictions.* ○ *Applicants for the job must have previous experience.* **2** [pred] (infml) a hlan khan in tuahcia/ruat ciami: *Aren't you rather previous in assuming I am going to pay?*

▷ **previously** adv: *She had previously worked in television.*

pre-war /'prɪ:wɔː(r)/ adj [esp attrib] Ralpi hlan ah (Second World War hlan tinak deuh a si): *in the pre-war period* ○ *pre-war cars, housing, machinery, etc.* ie built or made before the Second World War ○ *pre-war governments.*

prey /preɪ/ n **1** [U] (a) dehmi ramsa (zawhte ih deuhmi zinghnam): *a beast/bird of prey*, dehtu ramsa, ie one that kills and eats others, eg a tiger, an eagle ○ *The lion stalked its prey through the long grass.* ○ *Mice and other small creatures are the owl's prey.* (b) (fig) midang ih nehsawh le hremnak a tuartu; thah mi (victim): *She was easy prey for dishonest salesmen.* **2** (idm) **be/fall prey to sth** (a) (of an animal) ramsa pakhat a dang ramsa in ei dingih a dehmi: *the zebra fell prey to the lion.* (b) (of a person) thinhengmi; midang siatsuah tuar:

She was prey to irrational fears.

▷ **prey** *v* **1** (idm) **prey on sb's mind** mi thinlung ah nasazet in ðihphannak umter: *Fear of the consequence preyed on her mind.* ○ *The thought that he was responsible for her death preyed on his mind.* **2** (phr *v*) **prey on sb/sth** (a) that ih deh ding ah dawi/peel: *hawks preying on small birds.* (b) a tuartu ah tuah: *a confidence trickster preying on rich widows* ○ *The villagers were preyed on by bandits from the hills.*

price /praɪs/ *n* **1** thil man; a man: *What is the price of this table?* ○ *a woolen sweater, price £19.95* ○ *Prices are rising, falling, going up, going down, shooting up, plummeting, etc.* ○ *I can't afford it at that price.* ○ *charge high prices* ○ *He sold the house at/for a good price.* ○ *Ask the builder to give you a price* (ie say how much he will charge) *for the work.* ○ [attrib] *the fixing of price levels.* ⇨ Usage. **2** thil pakhat ngah/co theinak dingah thil pakhat a sung khaannak; tuah ti ruang ih ngahmi a man: *Loss of independence was a high price to pay for peace.* ○ *Being recognized wherever you go is the price you pay for being famous.* ○ *No price is too high for winning their support.* **3** paisa thaap ih lek/kam-awknak ah neh theinak lamzin: *Six to price for that Gorse.* ○ *the starting price*, ie odds offered by a bookmaker on a race just before it starts. **4** (idm) **at a price** man khung zet in: *Fresh strawberries are now available — at a price!* **at any price** ziangzat a man khalle: *The people wanted peace at any price.* **beyond/above/without price** (esp rhet) a man a khun tuk ruangah/a man a ðat tuk ruangah lei theih a si lomi. **cheap at the price** zuarnak man hnakin tam deuh a manmi thilri: *'You're surely not asking £40 for this book?'* 'Yes — *It's cheap at the price!*' ○ (joc) *'It'll cost a fortune to go on holiday there!'* *'It'll be cheap at the price if it keeps the family happy.* **everyone has his price** (saying) mi hmuahhmuah cu phunkhat khat in nawhthuh theih thluhmi, lole, nawhthuh pek theihmi a si. **not at any price** ziang ti hman in: *I wouldn't have my sister's children to stay again — not at any price!* **of great price** (rhet) a man ðatuk mi. **pay a/the price** ⇨ PAY². **a price on sb's head** mi pakhat that le kaih ngah man laksawng pek a si ding timi: *The authorities put a price on the outlaw's head.* ○ *He knew it was dangerous to be seen — there was a price on his head.* **put a price on sth** paisa in a man teek; paisa in a man khiah (paisa thupiter tuk): *You can't put a price on that sort of loyalty.* **what price...?** (Brit infml) (a) (used when sneering at the failure of sth) a man neih lo zia simnak: *What price peaceful protest now?* ○ *What price all you promises now?* (b) ziang a ðahnem?: *What price he'll offer to pay the fine for us?*

▷ **price** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (at **sth**) a man khiak; thilri hi zat a man: *The agent priced the house at the right level for the market.* ○ *These goods are priced too high.* ○ *Even the cheapest was priced at £5.* **2** [Tn] ziangzat a man ti ih ðuat; a man khiak: *I don't know enough about porcelain to be able to price these plates.* **3** [Tn] a man zat thil parah ben/taar: *The assistant priced the garments before putting them on display.* **4** (idm) **price oneself/sth out of the market** mankhung zet ngen ruangah zohman in lei duh lo.

priceless *adj* **1** a man simcawk lo ih khungmi: *priceless jewels, paintings, treasures, etc* ○ (fig) *Her one priceless asset is her unflappability.* ⇨ Usage at INVALUABLE. **2** (infml) hnihsuakza; hnihsuaktha; aat thlaak: *a priceless joke* ○ *You look absolutely priceless in that hat!*

pricey (also **pricy**) /praɪs/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) [usu pred] (Brit infml) mankhung: *This restaurant is a bit pricey for me.*

□ **price control** cozah ih thilri man kilhimnak. **price-fixing** *n* [U] (a) (usu derog) thilri man khiah (thilri man sangtuk ih kai lonak dingih khamnak). (b) = PRICE CONTROL.

price-list *n* thilri man cazin.

price-tag *n* (a) thilri man caben. (b) ~ (on **sth**) (fig) thil man: *The price-tag on the new fighter plane was too high for the government.*

price war mi in mah dawr ta lawng lei dingin thilri man ðum ih zuarkhi.

NOTE ON USAGE: The **price** and **cost** of something is the amount of money needed to buy it. **Price** is generally used of objects which can be bought or sold; **cost** usually relates to services or processes: *the price of vegetables, houses, land* ○ *the cost of growing vegetables, decorating the house, building on land* ○ *the cost of a holiday in France.* **Charge** is the amount of money asked, usually for a service: *electricity charges* ○ *the charge for parking.* **Price**, **cost** and **charge** can also be verbs: *They've priced their house very high*, ie they're asking a high price. ○ *How much did your holiday cost?* ○ *How much do they charge for advertising?*

prick¹ /prɪk/ *n* **1** (a) hlingsun (sun): *I gave my finger a prick with a needle.* (b) sunnak a kua: *You can see the pricks where the stitches were.* **2** sun ruangih a naa mi: *I can still feel the prick.* ○ (fig) *the pricks of conscience*, ie mental uneasiness. **3** (Δ sl) (a) zang (mipa zahmawh). (b) (derog) (mipa) mi-aa; mi-hmukhmak: *What a stupid prick you are!* **4** (idm) **kick against the pricks** ⇨ KICK¹.

prick² /prɪk/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (with **sth**) sun (a zim hriammi thil in sun): *the child pricked the balloon and it burst.* ○ *He pricked*

the blister on his heel with a sterilized needle. ○ *prick holes in paper with a pin.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (on/with sth)** sun ruangih nat khi (hling in a sun ruangah a naa): *She pricked her finger on/with a needle.* ○ *Be careful — the thorns will prick you.* (c) [Tn] (fig) thinlung a natter (thinlung khi sunmi vekin naa): *His conscience is pricking him now that he realizes what he has done.* 2 [I] sunmi vekin a naa: *My fingers are beginning to prick after touching that paste.* ○ *The vapour made his eyes prick.* 3 (idm) **prick the bubble (of sth)** ruahsualmi theifiangter sal: *the latest trade figures will surely prick the bubble of government complacency about the economic situation.* **prick up one's ears** (a) (of an animal, esp a horse or dog) hnatum (ramsa, rang - uico tivek pawl aw awn an theih le an hna an tung theu khi). (b) (of a person) milai in aw awn pakhat khat kan theih le ziang a si ti ih kan hna kan tun vemi (kan ngai a tha vemi): *The children pricked up their ears when they heard the word 'ice-cream'.* 4 (phr v) **prick sth out/off** thingkung note funghawn sunmi leilung kua ah phun.

▷ **pricking** *n* (usu *sing*) (a) hling sunnak. (b) hling sun ruangih na mi: *She felt a pricking on her scalp.*

prickle /prɪkl/ *n* 1 (a) thingkung a hnah, lole, a kuang parih khomi kung; hling. (b) hling vek a simi ramsa hmul hling vek a simi (sakuh, vawrvok tivek). 2 vun ah, hling sun vekin a naa mi.

▷ **prickle** *v* [I, Tn] sun (thimnakah — sahmul angki hrak tikah taksa a sun vek khi): *The woolen cloth prickles (my skin).* ○ *My scalp began to prickle as I realized the horrible truth.*

prickly /prɪkli/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) 1 (a) hling nei: *prickly rose-bushes.* (b) mi sun thei: *My skin feels prickly.* ○ *a prickly feeling, sensation, etc.* 2 (infml) (of a person) thinheng ol, thintawi: *You're a bit prickly today!* **prickliness** *n* [U]. **prickly heat** khawhlum khawsat ruangih vun thak. **prickly pear** (a) hnah nei lo hling lawngte nei thingkung. (b) eitha a rahmi — pear thei vek.

pride /praɪd/ *n* 1 (a) [U] ~ (in sb/sth) hngalnak; porh-awknak: *She looked with pride at the result of her work.* ○ *Her pride in her achievements is justified.* ○ *He felt a glow of pride as people admired his new car.* ○ *the pride of parenthood.* (b) [sing] **the ~ of sth** hngalnak a suahtertu thil/minung: *The new car was the pride of the whole family.* ○ *He was the pride of the village after winning the championship.* 2 [U] (derog) zum-aw tuk; porh-aw tuk: *the sin of pride* ○ *He was puffed up with pride.* 3 [U] mah le mah upat-awknak; hmaizah tlak siter-awknak mithmai: *Her pride was hurt.* ○ *He has no pride if he lets the children talk to him so*

rudely. ○ *Having to accept the money was a blow to her pride.* ○ *He refused to accept help out of a false sense of pride.* 4 [CGp] kiosa rual (group of lions). 5 (idm) **pocket one's pride** ⇨ **POCKET** *v.* **pride comes/goes before a fall** (saying) na zum-aw tuk a si le, mi-aa vek ah lo tuahtu a um ding, lole, porh-awknak cu tlaksiatnak in a thlun. **pride of place** mi in duh bik ruangah comi hmun thabik a co, lole, thupi bikah a cang: *The painting has pride of place in his collection.* **sb's pride and joy** hnangam le lungawi tertu bik thil, lole, milai: *their baby is their pride and joy.* **put one's pride in one's pocket** ningzakza thil tuah. **take** (a) **pride in sb/sth** lungawi pi; mithmai thatertu: *she takes great pride in her children's success.* **take pride in sth** thupitter zet: *He takes no pride in his work.* ○ *You should take more pride in your appearance.*

▷ **pride** *v* (phr v) **pride oneself on sth/doing sth** hmaihngal; tluangkhang: *She prides herself on her garden/on her skill as a gardener.* ○ *He prides himself on remaining calm in an emergency.*

priest /pri:st/ *n* 1 raithawitu; bawlp; tlangbawi; puithiam (a clergy man): *a parish priest* ○ *the ordination of women priests.* Cf MINISTER¹ 3, VICAR. 2 (fem) **priestess** /pri:stes/ Khristian biaknak si lo biaknak ih nunau puithiam/nunau raithawitu.

▷ **the priesthood** /-hʊd/ *n* (a) [sing] puithiam sinak; puithiam hnatuan: *enter the priesthood.* (b) [Gp] ram pakhat/pawl pakhat sung um puithiam hmuahhmuah kawhnak (esp of a particular Church or country): *the Catholic priesthood* ○ *the Spanish priesthood.*

priestlike *adj* puithiam vek.

priestly *adj* [usu attrib] puithiam sinak: *his priestly duties.*

prig /prɪg/ *n* (derog) a zum-awtu; mipuarthau.

▷ **priggish** *adj* a zum awmi; a hngalmi; a titer aw zetmi.

priggishly *adv.* **priggishness** *n* [U].

prim /prɪm/ *adj* (-mmer, -mmest) (usu derog) 1 (of a person) dik lo le hringhro sia a ngaih lo zettu; ningcang zet ih a ummi: *You can't tell that joke to her — she's much too prim and proper.* 2 ti feekfeek, ti kherkher: *a prim little dress with a white collar.*

▷ **primly** *adv.* *He didn't reply, but just smiled primly.* **primness** *n* [U].

prima ballerina /pri:mə ˌbæləˈri:nə/ ballet laam hruiatu nu.

primacy /praɪməsi/ *n* 1 [U] (fml) thupi bik sinak: *the primacy of moral values, the monarchy, the Communist Party.* 2 [C] Roman Catholic lubik Pope sangtu, lole, Anglican kawhhran ih lu bik archbishop ih hnatuan/a zung.

prima donna /ˌpri:mə ˈdɒnə/ 1 opera puai ih

hlahruaitu nunau. **2** (*derog*) a duhzawng tuah lo, lole, a thu el tikah olte ih thinheng theimi.

primaeval = PRIMEVAL.

prima facie /ˌpraɪməˈfeɪʃi/ *adj* [attrib], *adv* (*esp law*) (thusual parih upadi ih hnaʔuanak ah) a thu tlaangpi phorhsuak thei a si zomi: *prima facie evidence*, ie sufficient to establish sth legally (unless it is disproved later) ○ *Prima facie he would appear to be guilty.*

primal /ˈpraɪml/ *adj* [attrib] (*fml*) **1** a thoknak, lole, a pakhatnak: *the loss of their primal innocence.* **2** a thupi bik; a bul a hram: *of primal importance.*

primary /ˈpraɪməri/ *US -meri/ adj* **1** (a) [usu attrib] hmaisa bik a simi; a thoknak a simi: *in the primary stage of development* ○ *The disease is still in its primary stage.* ○ *primary causes.* (b) (also **Primary**) geology timi leilung can dan zirnak ah — a thoknak, a tangta bik leisa: *Primary rocks.* **2** [usu attrib] a thupi bik; a hrampi bik: *The primary reason for advertising is to sell more goods.* ○ *the primary* (ie basic) *meaning of a word* ○ *This is of primary importance.* ○ *primary stress/accnt*, ie the strongest stress given to a syllable in a word or compound (shown in this dictionary by the mark ') Cf PRINCIPAL. **3** [attrib] cazirnak ah, tlawngkai a thok in phunli tiang zirnak: *primary teachers.* Cf SECONDARY.

▷ **primary** *n* (also **primary election**) (in the US) party pakhat sung ihsin Hril-awkpi ih party ai-awhtu ding hrilnak: *the presidential primaries.*

primarily /ˈpraɪməri/ *US praɪˈmeri/ adv* a pipa bikin: *The purpose of the programme is primarily educational.*

□ **primary colour** pianrong a phunphun cangnak dingih a hrampi bik cawimi.

primary education tlawngkai tir nauhak kum 5 in kum 11 tiang cazirnak; fimthiamnak hram.

primary school **1** (*Brit*) nauhak kum 5 - 11 tiang cazirnak tlawng. **2** (*US grade school, grammar school*) nauhak kum 6 - 9 karlak.

primate¹ /ˈpraɪmeɪt/ *n* archbishop: *the Primate of all England*, ie the Archbishop of Canterbury.

primate² /ˈpraɪmeɪt/ *n* ramsa phun lakah ruahnak/thansonak lam ih a saang bik mi minung, zawng phun hmuahhmuah.

prime¹ /praɪm/ *adj* [attrib] **1** a thupi bik, a lu bik: *Her prime motive was personal ambition.* ○ *Her prime concern is to protect the property.* ○ *It is a matter of prime importance.* ○ *The prime cause of the trouble was bad management.* **2** a ʔha bik: *prime* (*cuts of*) *beef* ○ *a prime site for development.* **3** ʔulmi hmuahhmuah nei thluhmi: *That's a prime* (ie very typical, excellent) *example of what I was talking about.* □ **prime cost** a miat tel lo tuahnak ih cemmi a man cekci.

prime meridian leilung hlum kimvel a tunglam

ih tahnak riin (longitude), London khua kam Greenwich ah 0 in a thok.

prime minister cozah vuanzi pawl lak ih a tum bik/a lu bik vuanzi-chuk.

prime mover (a) cangvaitertu tidai, thli tivek ih a thaa a cahnak bik/a khohnak bik zawn. (b) tumtahmi pakhat ah cangsuaq dingin a cang thoktu/a cangvai pitu bik: *He was the prime mover in the revolt against the government.*

prime number (*mathematics*) nambat lakah a dang nambat in a ei cem thei lo, amah le amah, lole, 1 (pakhat) lawng in a ei theimi (ʔhimnak ah :- 7, 17, 41 tivek).

prime time (in broadcasting) radio, TV tivek suah tikah, mi tam bik ih ngai/zoh man theinak tikcu: [attrib] *prime-time advertising, shows, slots.*

prime² /praɪm/ *n* [sing] **1** (a) san lai; cah laifang; mawi laifang; thazaang neih ʔhat laifang: *when is a man in his prime?* ○ *She is past her prime.*

(b) ʔhat lai fang; ʔha bik zawn: *be in the prime of life/youth.* **2** (*rhet*) a pakhatnak, lole, a tuan (tikcu) lam: *the prime of the year*, ie spring.

prime³ /praɪm/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ *sth/sb* (with *sth*)

1 thil pakhat hmang colh thei dingin tim sak: *prime a pump*, ie put liquid in it to make it start working ○ *prime an explosive device*, ie set the trigger. **2** zuk suainak ding thingpheng tivek kha mizuk suai ol dingin sii thuh cia. **3** thuhla pakhat theiher hmaisa cia: *The witness had been primed by a lawyer.* ○ *The party representative had been well primed with the facts by party headquarters.* ○ *The witness seemed to have been primed* (ie instructed) *about what to say.* **4** (*infml*) pakhat khat hrangah rawl/tidai puar zetin eiter/inter cia: *We were well primed for the journey with a large breakfast.* **5** (*idm*) **prime the pump** sumtuahnak ʔhangso ding in paisa a hram tampi bur.

primer¹ /ˈpraɪmə(r)/ *n* (*dated*) zir thoknak casiar: *a Latin primer.*

primer² /ˈpraɪmə(r)/ *n* **1** [U, C] zuk suainak dingih thing tlep ih thuhmi sii. **2** [C] zian dawng/bung tivek a puaktertu keep ih hmanmi zian - hnathet.

primeval (also **primaeval**) /ˈpraɪmiːvl/ *adj* [usu attrib] (a) san thuanthu hlun bikmi, leilung seemtir ih a cangmi (leilung parih seem, um hmaisa bikmi pawl): *primeval rocks.* (b) a hlun bikmi: *primeval forests*, ie natural forests, where trees have never been cut down. (c) ngaihtuahnak tel lo, thinlung ih mahte suak parah bunmi: *It aroused strange primeval yearnings in him.*

primitive /ˈprɪmɪtɪv/ *adj* **1** [usu attrib] a hmaisa bik lam a simi; a hlan bik: *primitive culture, customs, tribes* ○ *primitive man* ○ *primitive weapons*, eg bows and arrows, spears. **2** (*often derog*) hitik hlan thil vek; a ol-aimi, a menmen

ih tuahmi: *They built a primitive shelter out of tree trunks.* ○ *Living conditions in the camp were pretty primitive.*

▷ **primitive** *n* (a) Europe ram ih fimnak le thiamnak a thanso ciamman thok AD 1400 kum hlan ih zuksuaitu (*painting*) le lem pawl. (b) tulai san ih tuahmi a si nain, zir lemlo le a menmen in zuksuai, milem zuk tuahtu. (c) hlan thil vekih tuahmi.

primitively *adv.*

primitiveness *n* [U].

primogeniture /ˈpraɪməʊdʒənɪtʃə(r); US -tʃʊə(r)/ *n* [U] **1** a hmaisai bik hrinmi faa, fatir sinak. **2** (also **right of primogeniture**) (*law*) nu le pa ih ro, fapa upa bikih co dan.

primordial /praɪˈmɔːdiəl/ *adj* [attrib] (*fml*) a thok ihsin a um: *The universe was created out of a primordial ball of matter.*

▷ **primordially** /-diəli/ *adv.*

primp /prɪmp/ *v* (*dated*) **1** [I, Tn] (*derog*) hleifuan in zia-aw: *primp and preen in front of a mirror.* **2** (*phr v*) **primp oneself up** zohmawi zet dingin tuah-aw.

primrose /ˈpraɪmrəʊz/ *n* **1** [C] (a) aihre pangpar phunkhat. (b) a paar pakhat. **2** [U] aihre rau rong. **3** (*idm*) **the primrose path** (*rhet*) nomnak lawnglawng a hawl mi; ol-ai zet ih um huahho/ nung huahho men duh hawnak: *the primrose path to ruin.*

▷ **primrose** *adj* aihre rau pianrong a simi.

primula /ˈprɪmjələ/ *n* hmuan ih cinmi primrose pangpar a phunphun.

Primus /ˈpraɪməs/ *n* (*pl ~ es*) (also **primus stove**) (*propr*) duhduhnak ih ken theih, thiar theihmi zinansi hmang rawlsuannak (*lungthu*).

prince /prɪns/ *n* **1** (a) siangpahrang ih fapa; Mirang (*Brit*) ramah cun siangpahrang ih fapa le a tupa pawl an si: *the Prince of Wales*, ie (in Britain, the title often given to the) heir to the throne. (b) ram fate zet ih siangpahang kha *prince* ti in an ko fawn: *Prince Rainier of Monaco.* (c) (in some countries) mi phun u, bawi. **2** (*fig*) hnaŋuan pakhat khat ah a thiam bik, mi hnakh a hleice in a thiammi: *Bocuse, a prince among chefs.*

▷ **princedom** /-dəm/ *n* (a) [U] siangpahrang fapa sinak. (b) [C] siangpahrang fapa ukram.

princely *adj* (a) [*usu attrib*] prince pakhat ih ukmi: *princely states.* (b) (*-ier, -iest*) ropi zet; siang zet: *a princely gift, sum* ○ (*ironic*) *They paid me the princely sum of 50p.*

princess /prɪnˈses/ *n* (a) siangpahrang nupi tel lo, siangpahrang fanu le tunu pawl: *Princess Margaret.* (b) siangpahrang fapa ih nupi.

Princess Royal (in Britain) siangpahrang fanu upabik (an pekmi upatnak hmin).

□ **Prince Consort** siangpahrang upa bik kawhnak; bawi nu ih pasal kawhnak.

principal /ˈprɪnsəpl/ *adj* [attrib] a thupi bik; uktu

bik; bawi bik; a hrampi: *the principal members of the government* ○ *The Danube is one of the principal rivers of Europe.* ○ *The principal aim of the policy is to bring peace to the area.* ○ *The low salary is her principal reason for leaving the job.* ○ *the principal beneficiaries of a will.* Cf PRIMARY 2.

▷ **principal** *n* **1** pawl, tlawng, phunsang tlawng hotu/uktu: *the Principal of St James' College.* **2** puai hmuhnak; laamnak tivek ah a thupi bik ih laamtu/caangvaitu. **3** (*usu sing*) (*finance*) paia thang ngah dingin coihmi sum/sum tuahnak ih burmi sum; sum hrampi: *repay principal and interest.* **4** sumtuahnak khurpi, lole, upadi thu ih midang ai hnaŋuantu: *I must consult my principals before agreeing to your proposal.* **5** (*law*) sual tuah bur ih a tuahtu bik.

principally /-pli/ *adv* a thupi bik in: *The dialect is spoken principally in the rural areas.* ○ *Weymouth is principally a holiday resort.*

□ **principal boy** pantomime puailaamnak phunkhat ah a thupi bik ih laamtu.

principal parts (in English) verb umdan a phunphun sungah, a dang umdan (all other forms) pawl ih thawhkehnak a hram a simi – ie, the infinitive, past tense and past participle – pawl.

NOTE ON USAGE: Note that **principle** is a noun relating to rules of behaviour: *She leads her life according to Christian principles.* **Principal** is a (rather formal) adjective meaning 'main' or 'most important': *My principal concern is my family's welfare.* ○ *the principal objections to the proposal.* As a noun it is used for the director of certain educational institutions (usually in further education): *The principal and the vice-principal of the college both attended the meeting.*

principality /ˌprɪnsɪˈpæləti/ *n* **1** prince: siangpahrang fapa ukram: *the principality of Monaco.* **2** **the Principality** [*sing*] (*Brit*) Wales.

principle /ˈprɪnsəpl/ *n* **1** [C] thlun ding dan; thu hrampi: *a textbook which teaches the basic principles of geometry* ○ *the principle of equality of opportunity for all* ○ *Discussing all these details will get us nowhere: we must get back to first principles.* **2** (a) [C *usu pl*] nunnak ah dinpimi zia: *principles of conduct* ○ *live according to/up to one's principles* ○ *She seems to have no principles at all* (ie behaves immorally) *when it is a question of making money.* ○ *It would be against my principles to lie to you.* (b) [U] nuncan dan; dinpimi dan pawl; mu le mal: *a woman of (high) principle* ○ *He is quite without principle*, ie behaves immorally. ○ *It is a matter of principle with her to answer her children's questions honestly.* **3** [*sing*] a feh

dan kel, lole, cet machine tivek ah amah science umdan vekin cawlcang dan: *These machines both work on the same principle.* ○ *The system works on the principle that heat rises.* ⇒ Usage at PRINCIPAL. **4** (idm) **in principle** (a) thu hram bangtuk in, vekin: *There's no reason in principle why people couldn't travel to Mars*, ie It is possible, though it has not yet been done. (b) a tlaangpi in; zaraan in; a thu umdan vekin: *They have agreed to the proposal in principle but we still have to negotiate the terms.* **on principle** a thuhla parah: *Many people are opposed to the sale of arms on principle.*

▷ **principled** *adj* (esp in compounds) nuncan umtudan tha zet nei: a (high-)principled man ○ *low-principled behaviour* ○ *I have no principled objection to it*, ie no objection based on moral scruples.

print¹ /print/ *n* **1** [U] cet ih nammi ca; cafang pawl: *Headlines are written in large print.* ○ *The print is too small for me to read without glasses.* **2** [C] (esp in compounds) nam ruangah a neh a lang tami: *fingerprints* ○ *footprints*. **3** [C] (a) zuk ciami kha cet in nam salmi: *an old Japanese print* ○ *a series of prints of London life.* (b) zuk, hmelingai lang in caku parih nam zomi: *colour prints.* **4** [U, C] hnipuan (puanthan): *She bought a/some flowery print to make a summer dress.* ○ [attrib] a print dress. **5** (idm) **in print** (a) (of a book) nam cia cabu ih a suak zomi: *Is that volume still in print?* (b) (of a person's work) nganmi ca cabu ih suah, thuthang ca ih suah: *It was the first time he had seen himself/his work in print.* **out of print** (of a book) cabu tuah nawn lomi (nam sal nawn lomi): *Her first novel is out of print now but you may find a second-hand copy.* **rush into print** ⇒ RUSH¹. **the small print** ⇒ SMALL.

print² /print/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn] cet in ca, zuk tivek nam: *The first 64 pages of the book have been printed.* ○ *They bought a new machine to print the posters.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (in/on sth)** cahnah parah nam: *the poems were printed on a small hand press.* ○ *You surely won't print* (ie publish, esp in a newspaper) *such a scandalous allegation.* ○ (fig) *The events printed themselves on her memory*, ie could not be forgotten. (c) [Tn] cabu ah tuah (make books, pictures, etc in this way): *the publisher has printed 10000 copies of the book.* ○ *The firm specializes in printing advertisements.* **2** [I, Tn] cangan tikah kutngan dan in cafang pawl kop-aw (pehtlai) in ngan lo in, cet ngan vekin pakhat fingfing kop ter lo in ngan: *Children learn to print when they first go to school.* ○ *The child carefully printed his name in capitals at the bottom of his picture.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (in/on sth)** caku, puan tivek parah ca, zuk nam (press): *print*

letters in the sand ○ *print a flower design on cotton fabric.* **4** [Tn] a pianzia ding suak dingah thil pakhat parah nam ih tuah: *printed cotton, wallpaper.* **5** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth (off)** zukthla (film negative) ihsin caku parah zuk ngaingai canter: *How many copies shall I print (off) for you?* **6** [I] (a) (of a photograph) zukthla (negative) ihsin zuk ngaingai canter: *this snapshot hasn't printed very well.* (b) (of a plate or film) zuk ngai can ter: *This plate has been damaged — it won't print very well.* **7** (idm) **a licence to print money** ⇒ LICENCE. **the printed word** cet ih nammi ca: *the power of the printed word to influence people's attitudes.* **8** (phr v) **print (sth) out** (computing) (of a machine) computer (printer) sung ihsin ca suah.

▷ **printable** /-əbl/ *adj* cet in ngan/suah dingah a tlak: *The article is too badly written to be printable.* ○ *His comment when he heard the news was not printable!* ie was too rude to be printed.

printer *n* **1** (a) cet ih cangan/canam hna a tuantu. (b) canamnak cet neitu, cumi cet in pumcawm/sumhlawnak hna tuan a tuantu. **2** ca nam/ngannak machine, cangannak computer, word processor tivek pawl.

printing *n* (a) [U] cet ih cangan thiamnak: *They have made a good job of the printing.* ○ *The invention of printing caused important changes in society.* ○ [attrib] a printing error. (b) [C] cabu veikhat tuahnak ih an tuah mi a zat: *a printing of 5000 copies.* **printing-ink** cabu, thuthang ca an nam tiki ih hmanmi cati. **printing-press** (also **printing-machine**) *n* cabu, thutahng ca tivek ngan/namnak cet.

□ **printed circuit** cangantu electric ca-ha.

printed matter (also **printed papers**) cet ih suahmi/nganmi cabu thuthang ca tivek (carek in kuat tikah kut ih nganmi a si lo ruangah a kuat man ol deuh ih kuat theihmi).

printout /printaut/ *n* [C, U] Computer, lole, teleprinter sung ihsin a suakmi cangan: *Get me a printout of the statistics.*

prior¹ /praɪə(r)/ *adj* [attrib] hlan deuh ah; hmaisa sawn; thupi deuh: *They have a prior claim to the property*, ie one which invalidates any other claim(s), eg because based on an earlier legal agreement. ○ *You need no prior knowledge to be able to do this test.* Cf POSTERIOR 1.

prior² /praɪə(r)/ *n* (fem **prioress** /praɪəris, also , praɪə'res/) (a) biaknak lamih lubik; asilole, phungki tlawng/nunau phungki tlawng ih a lu bik. (b) Pathian lam ah pumpek ih hna tuantu pawl um khawmnak inn (tlawng) ih hotu bik (upabik) a simi abbot sangtu.

▷ **priory** /praɪəri/ *n* prior timi pa phungki lubik ih ukmi, asilole, prioress timi nunau phungki lubik ih ukmi phungki tlawng.

priority /praɪə'reti; US -'ɔɪr-/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (over sb/

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sth (a) thupi deuh sinak; upadeuh sinak: *Japan's priority (over other countries) in the field of microelectronics.* (b) midang hlan ih tuah theinak voneihnak: *I have priority over you in my claim.* (c) khawpisung lamzin fehna a hnok zet tikah feh hmaisa theinak vo neihnak: *Vehicles coming from the right have priority.* **2** (a) [C] thil pakhat a dang pawl hnakin a thupi a si ti ih ruahmi: *You must decide what your priorities are.* ○ *Housework is low on her list of priorities.* ○ *Rebuilding the area is a (top) priority.* (b) [U] ~ (over sth) tuan dingmi hmuahhmuah ah hmaisa bik ih tuan dingmi: *The Government gave (top) priority to reforming the legal system.* ○ *The search for a new vaccine took priority over all other medical research.* ○ [attrib] *Priority cases, such as homeless families, get dealt with first.* **3** (idm) **get one's priorities right, wrong, etc** khuimi hi a thupi bik a si ti thei/thei lemlo in tuah: *Your trouble is you've got your priorities back to front!*

prise (also esp US **prize**) /praiz/ v **1** [Tn-pr, Cn-a] ~ **sth off/up** thingkuang, sangka, tukvirh ti vek on theih lo ruangah thing, tlawngkhen tivek in boh ih on: *She used a chisel to prise off the lid.* ○ *the box had been prised open.* **2** (phr v) **prise sth out of sb** duh na lo hramhram in phuangter: *She'd promised not to talk, and nothing we could do could prise the information out of her.* Cf **PRY**².

prism /prizəm/ n **1** leilung a sah a khal tahnak (solid geometric shape). **2** thlalang ih tuahmi himi vek thil pungsan, a tleunak kha vangro vek a simi.

prismatic /priz'mætɪk/ adj **1** vangro vek tlennak phunsarih (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet) a suah ter theimi. **2** (of colours) vangro vek piangrong a phunphun a suah theimi. **3** cumi tleunak phunphun a hmanngmi: *a prismatic compass* ○ *prismatic binoculars.*

prison /prizn/ n **1** [C] (a) thawnginn: *The prisons are overcrowded.* ○ *A modern prison has replaced the Victorian one.* ○ [attrib] *the prison population*, ie the total number of prisoners in a country. (b) (derog) hreng hmun - khui hman ih tlan thei lo/feh thei lonak hmun: *Now that he was disabled, his house had become a prison to him.* ○ (fig) *the prison of one's mind.* **2** [U] thawng thlak; daan upadi thlun lo ruangah thawng thlak in cawhmi: *She's gone to/is in prison.* ○ *escape from, be released from, come out of prison* ○ *He was sent to prison for five years.* ○ *Does prison do anything to prevent crime?* ⇒ Usage at **SCHOOL**¹.

▷ **prisoner** n **1** (a) thawngtla; thawnginn sung ah sualman khummi le sualmi thu rel lai ding ruangih khummi: *a prison built to hold 500 prisoners* ○ *political prisoners*, ie those put in

prison because of their political beliefs ○ *Prisoner at the bar, do you pled guilty or not guilty?* (b) milai, ramsa khal kaih ih hmunkhat ih hreng (captive): *You are our prisoner now and we won't release you until a ransom is paid.* ○ *He spent two years as the prisoner of rebel soldiers in the mountains.* ○ (fig) *The wretched man is the prisoner of (ie controlled by) his own greed.* **2** (idm) **hold/take sb captive/prisoner** ⇒ **CAPTIVE**. **prisoner of conscience** mipi/ramuktu dodal ruangih thawngsung ih khum a tuartu. **prisoner of war** (abbr **POW**) ralpi do-awknak ah khatlam ralpawl in an kai ih ral a cem tiang thawng an thlakmi.

□ **prison camp** ralsungih thawng thlak mi pawl an retnak hmun, an kil thep thep mi a si ih a bikin naingnganzi le ralkap thawngtla pawl an si.

prissy /'prɪsi/ adj (-ier, -iest) (derog) a tluang lomi thu ruangah caan tawite sung hnaihok buai zettermi.

▷ **prissily** adv. **prissiness** n [U].

pristine /'prɪstɪn, also 'prɪstain/ adj **1** (a) a thok a sining tein; ziang hman siatnak le lamdannak um hrih lo a pek/a tir ningte a simi: *a pristine copy of the book's first edition.* (b) (approv) a thar vekte a si laimi: *in pristine condition* ○ *The ground was covered in a pristine layer of snow.* **2** [attrib] (rhet) hitik hlan a simi; hlan thil a simi: *a remnant of some pristine era.*

privacy /'prɪvəsi, 'praɪv-/ n [U] **1** mah lawngte ih umnak; rualpi loin mahbul lawngih um; bulite ih umnak: *A high wall round the estate protected their privacy.* ○ *He preferred to read the documents in the privacy of his study.* **2** miih hnaihokknak um lo te-in zalen zetih umnak: *Newspapers often don't respect the individual's right to privacy.* ○ *She complained that the questions were an invasion of (her) privacy.*

private /'praɪvɪt/ adj **1** [esp attrib] bul ta a simi; pumpak ta a simi: *father's own private chair, which no one else is allowed to use* ○ *a private letter*, ie about personal matters ○ *private property* ○ *a private income/private means*, ie money not earned as a salary, etc but coming from personal property, investments, etc ○ *private fishing* ○ *'Is this a hotel?'* 'No, it's a private house.' **2** (a) mi theih ter lo dingmi; thuthup (secret): *I'm not going to tell you about it; it's private.* ○ *That's my private opinion.* (b) mah thu ih um duh; mah ih ruahnak mi tawm duh lomi: *He's a rather private person.* **3** (of a conversation, meeting, etc) mi malte thuthup relkhawm-a tam bik cu pahnih lawngin: *I'd like a private chat with you.* **4** (a) (of a place) zohman ih hnaihokknak pek thei lonak hmun: *Let's find some private spot where we can discuss the matter.* (b) [usu pred] (of people) zo hmanih hnaihokknak pek lonak ding hmun - mah

pahnih lawng um theinak hmun: *Let's go upstairs where we can be a bit more private.* **5** (a) [attrib] hnaṭuanmi ngaingai nei lo: *She is acting as a private individual in this matter.* ○ a private citizen. (b) mi dang thawn a pehtlai-aw lomi hnaṭuan: *the Queen is making a private visit to Canada.* ○ The public is fascinated by the private lives of public figures. **6** hnaṭuannak company tivek cozah ta a si lomi, Cozah ih uk mi a si lo mi (not state-controlled): private industry ○ a private school ○ a private patient, ie (in Britain) not on the National Health Service ○ a private pension plan ○ a private detective/investigator, ie one not employed by the police. Cf PUBLIC.

▷ **private n 1** [C] ralkap ih a niambik hnaṭuan: *He enlisted as a private.* ○ Private Smith. **2** **privates** [pl] (infml) = PRIVATE PARTS. **3** (idm) **in private** zohman tel loin: *She asked to see him in private.*

privately adv: *The matter was arranged privately.* ○ He supported the official policy in public, but privately he knew it would fail. ○ a privately-owned firm.

□ **private company** sumtuahnak kampani, mi zapi ih sumbur ve ih tel thei lomi.

private enterprise sum tuahnak cozah tel loin pumpak te ih tuahmi kampani.

private eye (infml) cozah milai si loin pumpak te ih thuthup zingzoitu.

private member (Brit) Mirang Parliament ah Vuanzi a si lomi, hril ih a ngah vemi tlangsuak (aiaawhtu) menmen (MP). *private member's bill* Parliament khawmpi ah tlangsuak (MP) menmen ih thu suaipi vemi.

private parts (euph) fa neih theinak thawn a pehparmi zahmawh pawl (su le zang).

private soldier (fml) = PRIVATE n 1.

privateer /praɪvətɪə(r)/ n (formerly) hlan deuh ah tipithuanthum parah damiah, rukfir, thilri lonsak tivek a tuahtu tangphawlawng hnaṭuan.

privation /praɪveɪʃn/ n (fml) **1** [c usu pl, U] tlasam (ṭulmi nei lo, farah zet ih um) harsa nun (deprivation): *the survivors suffered many privations before they were rescued.* ○ a life of privation and misery. **2** [C] tlasam zet ih um: *She didn't find the lack of a car any great privation.* ○ It would be the greatest imaginable privation for her to have to leave London.

privatize, -ise /praɪvaɪz/ v [Tn] Sumdawr, cetzung tumpi pi Cozah kutin pumpak kut ih pek. Cozah neihmi kha pumpak hnenah zuar. Cf NATIONALIZE¹.

▷ **privatization, -isation** /praɪvaɪzaɪʃn/ US -tɪz-/ n [U]: *the privatization of the steel industry.*

privet /prɪvɪt/ n [U] hman kulhnak ih an hman ṭheumi hramkung phun a hnah fate - ṭil ti um lo a hring thei ringirngmi: [attrib] a *privet*

hedge.

privilege /ˈprɪvəlɪdʒ/ n **1** (a) [C] ṭhahnem vo; a cuangih voneihnak: *Parking in this street is the privilege of the residents.* ○ the privileges of birth, eg the benefits of belonging to a wealthy family. (b) [U] (derog) pawl pakhat ih mi upa/ bawi le milian pawl ih neihmi vo: *They fought against privilege in order to create a fairer society.* ○ She had led a life of luxury and privilege. **2** [C] (a) sinak ruangih ngahmi ṭhahnem vo: *Older pupils enjoy special privileges.* ○ 'Thank you for showing us your collection of paintings.' 'It's my privilege (ie I am honoured to do so).' ○ Use of the library is a privilege, not a right. (b) lungawi ding ton: *It was a privilege to hear her sing/hearing her sing.* **3** [C, U] ṭong theinak vo neihnak: *an Act which granted the trade unions certain legal privileges* ○ parliamentary privilege, ie the right of Members of Parliament to say things in the House of Commons which might result in an accusation of libel if said outside it ○ a breach of privilege, ie breaking the rules of parliamentary behaviour.

▷ **privileged adj 1** (a) (sometimes derog) ṭhahnem vo neihmi: *She came from a privileged background.* ○ a policy of making higher education available to all and not just a privileged few. (b) [pred] upatnak ih pekmi (honoured): *We are very privileged to have Senator Dobbs with us this evening.* **2** simsuah a ṭul lo mi; upadi in thuthup a si a timi (legally secret): *a privileged communication.* ○ This information is privileged.

privy /prɪvi/ adj **1** [attrib] (arch) mah lawng ih thu; thuthup: *a privy matter.* **2** [pred] ~ to sth (fml) thuthup sim; thu thup a simi theihter: *They were accused of being privy to the plot against the king.* ○ I wasn't privy to the negotiations.

▷ **privily adv** (arch) mahlawng in; a thupte in.

privy n kutke kholhnak le hmai phiah nak a um cihmi - innleng ih sakmi hlan ekinn (primitive lavatory).

□ **Privy Council** hlandeu ah Mirang ram ah, Siangpahrang in ramsung upa mifim le naingnganzi thiam pawl, ram thuhla ruahnak petu dingih a dinsuahmi khawnsil, tu ahcun (British ram ah) pumpak upat peknak ih tuahmi a si. **Privy Councillor** (also **Privy Counsellor**) Privy Council sungtel (PC tiin an ko).

privy purse siangphahrang (Brit) in amah thute ih a hman dingah Mirang cozah ih pekmi paisa.

privy seal Mirang cozah (British national seal) tacik: *Lord Privy Seal*, ie the senior British government minister without official duties.

prize¹ /praɪz/ n **1** zuamman, lawmman: *She won*

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first prize in the 100 metres race. ○ Her book gained several literary prizes. **2** Ongbali, lole, paisathap ih lehnak ah ngahmi paisa: *He won the £20000 prize on the football pools.* ○ She had the prize-winning lottery ticket. ○ [attrib] prize money. **3** (fig) ngah theinak dingin do rero a manmi: *The greatest prize of all — world peace — is now within our grasp.* **4** (esp formerly) ral do-awk laiah tipithuanthum sungih kaihmī ral tangphawlawng.

▷ **prize** *adj* [attrib] **(a)** laksawng ngah man rori; a tha tukmi; a tha bikmi: *prize cattle* ○ *a prize exhibit in the flower show.* **(b)** (infml ironic) maksak zet ih tha lo; pumpuluk ih sia: *a prize ass, fool, idiot, etc.*

prize *v* [Tn] man thabik; a man sang bik: *The portrait of her mother was her most prized possession.* ○ *I prize my independence too much to go and work for them.*

□ **prize day** (also **prize-giving day**) laksawng pekni (kum tinte tuahmi - lehnak puai ih a nehtu pawl laksawng pekni, asilole, tlawng ih cathiam bik pawl laksawng pekni).

prize-fight *n* a nehtu paisa tampi ngahding ruangih boxing - kuttum ih thong awknak.

prize-fighter *n*.

prize² (esp US) = PRISE.

pro¹ /prəʊ/ *n* (idm) **the pros and cons** a si lam le si lo lam: *Let's add up the pros and cons.*

pro² /prəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ s) (infml) lek ih pum cawmnak: *a golf pro* ○ (approx) *He's a real pro.* ○ [attrib] *a pro footballer.*

pro- *pref* **1** (with *ns* and *adjs*) lam tangmi; tanmi: *pro-abortion* ○ *pro-American*. Cf ANTI-. **2** (with *ns*) tuansung: *pro-vice-chancellor* ○ *pronoun*.

PRO *abbr* **1** Public Record Office. **2** /pi: ɑ: ʔəʊ/ (infml) public relations officer.

probability /ˌprɒbəˈbɪləti/ *n* **1** [U] a si theinak; a can theinak: *There is little probability of his succeeding/that he will succeed.* ○ *What is the probability of its success?* **2** [C] a si awm biknak; a cang awm biknak: *What are the probabilities?* ○ *A fall in interest rates is a probability in the present economic climate.* **3** [C] (mathematics) nambat then in pakhat khat a cang thei ding a hmuh. **4** (idm) **in all probability** a si rori hmang ding: *In all probability he's already left.*

probable /ˈprɒbəbl/ *adj* a si theimi; a cang theimi: *With England leading 3-0, the probable result is an England victory/England are the probable winners.* ○ *Rain is possible but not probable this evening.* ○ *It seems probable that he will arrive before dusk.*

▷ **probable** *n* ~ (for sth) milai, lole, thilri hilding awm a sinak: *He is a probable for the national team.* ○ *The book is a probable of the prize.*

probably /-əbli/ *adv* a si hmang: *He's late —*

he's probably stuck in a traffic jam. ○ *'Will you be coming?' 'Probably.'* ○ *'Can he hear us?' 'Probably not.'*

probate /ˈprəʊbeɪt/ *n* (law) **1** [U] thuthen zung in ro thu cahmi kha a hmaan/dik a si ti ih upadi thawn tanpinak: *apply for/take out probate* ○ *grant probate* ○ [attrib] *a probate court.* **2** [C] thu thennak zung in a dik a si ti ih ca an suah sakmi rocah ca.

▷ **probate** *v* [Tn] (US) = PROVE 2.

probation /ˈprəʊbeɪʃn; US prəʊ-/ *n* [U] (law) nauhak (mino) sualtuah pawl thawnginnpi ah thla loin simhrinnak hmunih retnak: *sentenced to three years' probation.* **2** hnañuan ih lut thar/ ngahthartu, hnañuan a thiam ding maw ti zirternak le hniksaknak: *There's a three-month period of probation/probation period for new recruits.* **3** (idm) **on probation** **(a)** (of a law-breaker) upadi a pah thlukt hrangah tha tein a um ding maw/ding lo hniksaknak caan: *He's been released from prison on probation,* ie If he does not behave satisfactorily he will be sent back. **(b)** hnañuan pek ngaingai hlan a tlak maw tlak lo hniksak hmaisa/zoh hmasanak.

▷ **probationary** /ˈprəʊbeɪʃnəri; US prəʊbeɪʃənəri/ *adj* zirnak caan; hniksaknak caan: *a probationary period.*

probationer /-ʃənə(r)/ *n* **1** nurse, sizung sayamah pawl an zirnak on hnuah sizung ah hnañuan dan a zir saltu. **2** thawng thlak dingmi, thawng thlak lo in nuncan tha zir in a umtu.

□ **probation officer** thawng thlak loin nuncantha zir ih umtu pawl a finkhawī a zirhtu.

probe /prəʊb/ *n* **1** sibawi pawlin taksa sung ih hma, natnak tivek hawlnak thilri. **2** (also **space probe**) theih ban lo van sangpi um zoh le hawl in leilung ah thuhla thansal dingih thlahmi milai tel lo vanzam: *information about Venus obtained by Russian probes.* **3** ~ (into sth) (esp in journalism) thuthang thuhla fel zet le kimte ih zingzoinak: *a probe into the disappearance of government funds.* **4** thuhla felte ih zingzoi.

▷ **probe** *v* **1** [Tn] zoh; hniksak; thim: *He probed the swelling anxiously with his finger.* ○ *Searchlights probed the night sky.* **2** [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (into sth) felzet ih zoh; hniksak; thim: *The journalist was probing into several financial scandals.* ○ *She tried to probe his mind to find out what he was thinking.*

probing *adj* hawl (a thuhman ziang a si ti ih hawl): *He was asking probing questions.*

probingly *adv*.

probity /ˈprəʊbətɪ/ *n* [U] (fml) felnak; dingnak.

problem /ˈprɒbləm/ *n* **1** thu harsa; theih ding a ol lomi: *How do you cope with the problem of poor vision?* ○ *a knotty problem* ○ *get to the root/*

heart of a problem ○ We've got a problem with the car — it won't start! ○ You'll have to mend that leak or it will cause problems later. ○ the housing problem in the inner cities ○ (infml) 'Will you be able to get me tickets for the match?' 'Of course, no problem (ie I shall easily be able to).' ○ 'I can't come to the party.' 'Why, what's the problem?' ○ [attrib] a problem novel, play, etc, ie one dealing with a social or moral problem ○ a newspaper's problem page, ie with readers' letters about their problems, and suggested solutions. **2** thusuhnak (leh ding a har zetmi thusuhnak): a mathematical problem ○ She has found the answer to/solved the problem.

▷ **problematic** /prəblə'mætɪk/ (also **problematical**) *adj* **1** ol te ih leh thei lomi thuharsa zet a simi. **2** (esp of a result) hmuh cia, lunghrin cia, tivek theih lomi (thil a can hnu lawngih theihmi).

problematically /-klɪ/ *adv*.

□ **problem child** nauhak huatsuak zet; thusim ngai lo nauhak.

proboscis /prə'ɒsɪs/ *n* (pl ~ **es** /-sɪsɪz/) **1** (a) vui mong. (b) duhduh ih cangter theih mi hmur le hnar kop saupi neimi ramsa, eg the tapir. **2** fikfa, thothe, khuai tivek pawl ih thil zuuknak/fawpnak hmursauipi an nei mi khi.

procedure /prə'siːdʒə(r)/ *n* **1** [C, U] (regular) thil tuahdan; hnaʔuandan; thureldan: (the) agreed/correct/established/normal/usual procedure ○ Stop arguing about (questions of) procedure and let's get down to business. ○ parliamentary procedure. **2** [C] ~ (for sth) thil pakhat tisauk theinak dingih a sangsang ih tuahnak: Registering a birth or death is a straightforward procedure. ○ Obtaining a refund from the company is a complicated procedure. ○ What's the procedure for opening a bank account?

▷ **procedural** /prə'siːdʒərəl/ *adj* hnaʔuandan/thil tuahdan a simi: The business of the committee was delayed by procedural difficulties.

proceed /prə'siːd, prəʊ-/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr, It] ~ (to sth) tuah vivo; feh peh/vivo: Work is proceeding slowly. ○ What is the best way of proceeding? ○ Let us proceed (to the next item on the agenda). ○ Having said how much she liked it, she then proceeded to criticize the way I'd done it. (b) [Ipr] (fml) feh lai rero: I was proceeding along the High Street in a northerly direction when.... (c) [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) thok; peh: Please proceed with your report. ○ Shall we proceed with the planned investment? **2** [Ipr] ~ **against sb** (law) thukhiing (ta-za-cuai). **3** [Ipr] ~ **from sth** (fml) a tawthok; a hramthok: the evils that proceed from war. **4** [Ipr] ~ **to sth** (fml) phunsang tlawng ihsin degree ngah hnu ah cuhnak ih sangdeuh degree ngah theinak ding

tuahpeh: He was allowed to proceed to an MA.

proceedings /prə'siːdɪŋz/ *n* [pl] **1** ~ (against sb/for sth) thuthen zung ih thukhiing (ta-za-cuai) a sangsang ih fehdan: start proceedings (against sb) for divorce ○ institute divorce proceedings. **2** thurel khawmnak le puai tuahnak ih thuhla a sangsang ih fehdan: The proceedings will begin with a speech to welcome the guests. ○ The proceedings were interrupted by the fire alarm. **3** ~ (of sth) thurel khawmnak ih thurel tlangmi le thurel catmi pawl ngankhum ih zapi theih dingih suah salmi: His paper was published in the proceedings of the Kent Archaeological Society.

proceeds /prəʊsɪdz/ *n* [pl] ~ (of/from sth) tuahmi pakhat khat in a hlawk ngahmi paisa: They gave a concert and donated the proceeds to charity.

process¹ /prəʊses; US 'prɒses/ *n* **1** [C] hmainerom; hmailam a pan reromi: Unloading the cargo was a slow process. ○ Reforming the education system will be a difficult process. ○ Teaching him Greek was a painful (ie slow and difficult) process. **2** [C] (cet zung tivekah) thil pakhat tuah suakdan a dotdot: the Bessemer process of steel production ○ They have developed a new process for rustproofing car bodies. **3** [C] amahte a thleng aw reromi (eg rawl kan ei mi cu kan pumpisungah a mahte a thleng-aw vivo ih a netnak ah kan ek ah a cang): the processes of digestion/the digestive processes ○ the process of growing old. **4** [C] (law) (a) thuthen zung ah thukhiing. (b) thuthen zung ih kawhnak ca; a sang bik thuneihnak hmangih kawhnak ca. **5** [C] (biology) a nung ih a ʔhang reromi (ramsa thingkung). **6** (idm) **in the process** ti lai rero ah: I started moving the china ornaments but dropped a vase in the process. **in the process of sth/doing sth** tuah lai rero: We're still in the process of moving house.

▷ **process** *v* [Tn] **1** tuah (ʔhater, ʔang vivo): process leather to make it softer ○ processed cheese, ie specially treated to preserve it ○ process (ie develop) photographic film. **2** thukam tuahmi ca kha Cozah theihpi dingin tuah: It may processed. **3** computer in tuah: How fast does the new micro process the data? **processor** *n* thil tuahsinnak cet: a food processor. Cf MICROPROCESSOR.

process² /prə'ses/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] artlang in a tluantluan ih feh (nuamte ih feh): The bishops, priests and deacons processed into the cathedral.

procession /prə'seɪʃn/ *n* **1** [C] (a) ni thupi, thuhla thupi um tikah, mipi theih dingin mi tampi artlang in a tluantluan in lam feh: a funeral procession ○ The procession moved slowly down the hill. (b) (fig) mi tampi a sangsang in ra: A procession of visitors came to the house? **2** [U]

mi tampi a sangsang, a tuanpi in feh: *The congregation entered the church in procession.*

▷ **processional** /-ʃənəl/ adj biaknak lam ih mipi artlang ih fehnak thawn a peh awmi. **processional** *n* fehtlang hluarhlonak.

proclaim /prəˈkleɪm/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tf, Tw, Cn-n] than; zapi theihter: *proclaim the good news* ○ *proclaim a public holiday* ○ *After its independence India was proclaimed (ie officially declared to be) a republic.* **2** [Tf, Cn-n] (fml) fiangte'n langter, phuang: *His accent proclaimed him a Scot/that he was a Scot.*

▷ **proclamation** /prəˈklæməɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] thuthanmi: *by public proclamation.* **2** [C] thuthannak: *issue/make a proclamation.*

proclivity /prəˈklɪvəti/ *n* ~ (for/to/towards sth/doing sth) (fml) thil tha lo tuah duhnak: *a proclivity towards sudden violent outbursts* ○ *his unusual sexual proclivities.*

procrastinate /prəʊˈkræstɪneɪt/ *v* [I] (fml derog) caan fir; khulnuar, tuah leh ding tiin hmailam ah thawn rero: *He procrastinated until it was too late to do anything at all.*

▷ **procrastination** /prəʊˈkræstɪˈneɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] (fml derog) tuah leh ding ti ih thawn reronak. **2** (idm) **procrastination is the thief of time** (saying) tikcu (caan) man nei lo in cemter.

procreate /prəʊˈkreɪt/ *v* [I] (fml) hring, tefa hring.

▷ **procreation** /prəʊˈkreɪʃn/ *n* [U].

proctor /prɒktə(r)/ *n* **1** (Brit) mirang (Brit) ram Oxford le Cambridge phunsang tlawngah, tlawngdan (discipline) finkhawitu. **2** (US) America ramah tlawngta pawl camibuai tuah tikah, camibuai finkhawitu/hngaktu (cafir thei lo dingin kilvengtu).

procurator fiscal /prɒkjʊəɪtə ˈfɪskl/ (in Scotland) Scotland ramah sualnak tumpi a tuah hmanh ti ih ruahmi kha, thukhiing ding maw, ding lo thu a thentu.

procure /prəˈkjʊə(r)/ *v* **1** [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth** (for sb) (fml) ngah; thilri tulmi ngah: *The book is out of print and difficult to procure.* ○ *Can you procure some specimens for me/procure me some specimens?* ○ *He was responsible for procuring supplies for the army.* **2** [I, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (for sb) (derog) ngah sak; tong sak: *He was accused of procuring women for his business associates.*

▷ **procurement** *n* [U] (fml) ngahnak; ngah: *the procurement of goods, raw materials, supplies, weapons.*

procurer /-ˈkjʊərə(r)/ (fem **procuress** /-ˈkjʊəɪs/) *n* (derog) tawzuar nunau pawl hohatu.

prod /prɒd/ *v* (-dd-) **1** [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (at sb/sth) fung in sawh; kutzung in sawh: *They prodded (at) the animal through the bars of its cage.* ⇒ Usage at NUDGE. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-t] ~ **sb** (into/doing sth) (infml) tuah paih lotu tuah dingin

fial: *She is a fairly good worker, but she needs prodding occasionally.* ○ *He needs a crisis to prod him into action.* ○ *I shall have to prod him to pay me what he owes.*

▷ **prod** *n* **1** tok; sawh: *She gave the man a prod with her umbrella.* **2** (infml) thuat ding hiarnak: *If you don't receive an answer quickly, give them a prod.* **3** a sawhnak thil ri.

prodding *n* [U] tok/sawh: *A little gentle prodding may be necessary at this stage.*

prodigal /prɒdɪɡl/ *adj* **1** (fml derog) tenren loin duhtawk ih thil a hmanhmi: *a prodigal administration* ○ *prodigal housekeeping.* **2** ~ (of sth) (fml) siang zet, duhtawk ih thil a hmanhmi: *Nature is prodigal of her gifts.* **3** (idm) **the prodigal (son)** innsang le khua taan in duhtawk in nungih a hnuah siir-aw in a kir salmi: *the return of the prodigal son* ○ *So, the prodigal has returned!*

▷ **prodigality** /prɒdɪˈɡæləti/ *n* [U] (fml) (a) hleifuan zet ih hmannak; duh tawk ih hmannak. (b) siang tuk ih paisa hmannak; tam tuktuk ih paisa hmannak: *the prodigality of the sea*, ie in providing fish.

prodigally /-gəli/ *adv*: *use resources prodigally.*

prodigious /prəˈdɪdʒəs/ *adj* mangbang thlak ih tuum/tam/lian: *a prodigious achievement* ○ *It cost a prodigious amount (of money).*

▷ **prodigiously** *adv*: *The costs are mounting prodigiously.* ○ *She is a prodigiously talented pianist.*

prodigy /prɒdɪdʒi/ *n* **1** milai mangbang thlak ih thiamnak a neimi: *a child/infant prodigy*, ie one who is unusually talented for his age, eg in music or mathematics. **2** (rhet) (a) mangbang thlak a simi, a bik in amahte a cangmi: *the prodigies of nature.* (b) ~ of sth hleice in a thiam mi: *The man is a prodigy of learning*, ie knows a lot.

produce /prəˈdʒʊːs/ US -ˈduːs/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (from sth) suak; tuah; thil suakter: *America produced more cars this year than last year.* ○ *She has produced very little (work) recently.* ○ *Linen is produced from flax.* ○ *He worked hard to produce good crops from poor soil.* ○ *a well-produced book*, ie one that is printed, bound, etc well. **2** [Tn] cangter; thil pakhat ah a cang: *The medicine produced a violent reaction.* ○ *His announcement produced gasps of amazement.* **3** [I, Tn] suak; suah: *The silkworms are producing well.* ○ *The cow has produced a calf.* ○ *The soil produces good crops.* ○ *The cows are producing a lot of milk.* **4** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (from/out of sth) suah; hmuh: *produce a railway ticket for inspection* ○ *The man produced a revolver from his pocket.* ○ *He can produce evidence to support his allegations.* **5** [Tn] tuah; zuk - laampuai hmuh ding tuah; hmuh ding bioscope, video zuk: *She is producing 'Romeo*

and Juliet' at the local theatre. ○ He hopes to find the money in produce a film about Japan. **6** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (to sth)** (mathematics) tuah: produce the line AB to C.

▷ **produce** /prɒdjuːs/; US -duːs/ n [U] suak (rawl cing ih a suakmi): fresh produce ○ agricultural, farm, garden, produce ○ It says on the bottle 'Produce of France'.

producer /prə'djuːsə(r); US -duː-/ n **1** tuahtu; suahtu (milai, company, ram, thilri tuahtu): The firm is Britain's main producer of electronic equipment. ○ The producers of the radios could not find a market for them. ○ the conflicting interests of producers and consumers. Cf CONSUMER. **2** (a) thil tuahtu; thil suakturtu. Cf DIRECTOR **2**. (b) TV, radio ih suah ding a tuahtu. (c) (esp in the amateur theatre) puai laamnak ding a tawltrehtu.

product /prɒdʌkt/ n **1** (a) [C, U] tuahmi, suahmi (thil suahmi): a firm known for its high-quality products ○ the products of manufacturing industry ○ pharmaceutical products, eg drugs, medicines ○ the finished product, ie one that has reached the end of the manufacturing process ○ waste products, ie waste material produced by eg the body's digestive system. (b) [U] (commerce) ram, company ih tuah mi thilri: a campaign to increase sales of the firm's product ○ gross national product, ie the annual total value of goods produced and services provided in a country ○ [attrib] product development. **2** [C] ~ **of sth** (a) pakhat khat ruangih a cangmi: Flower power was a product of the sixties. ○ the products of genius, eg great works of art ○ Low morale among the work force is the product of bad management. ○ (b) thu pakhat khat thinlung le nunzia a nehkhuntu: She is the product of a broken home. ○ They are the products of post-war affluence. **3** [C] (a) (mathematics) nambat pakhat le pakhat a zai ih ngahmi: The product of 4 and 10 is 40. (b) (chemistry) sii pakhat le pakhat rawi awknak in siithar a suahmi. Cf REACTANT.

production /prə'dʌkʃn/ n **1** [U] tuahnak; suahnak: oil production ○ Production of the new aircraft will start next year. ○ Production must become more efficient. ○ mass (ie very large-scale) production ○ Defects in design cannot be put right during production. ○ He has moved from acting to film production. ○ [attrib] production costs, managers, processes, schedules, difficulties. **2** [U] tuah thei zat/suah thei zat: increase production by using more efficient methods ○ a fall/increase in production. **3** [C] suahmi: They saw several National Theatre productions. ○ 'King Lear' in a controversial new production. **4** (idm) go into/out of production suahthok/tuah hramthok;

tuah/suah zomi bangsal: The system will have to be tested before it goes into production. ○ That car went out of production five years ago. **in production** tampi in suah/tuah: The device will be in production by the end of the year. **on production of sth** hmuh, suah ih hmuh: On production of your membership card, you will receive a discount on purchases.

□ **production line** a tuahnak tluan/an suah nak tlar/a sang sang ih an tuah nak tlar: Cars are checked as they come off the production line.

productive /prə'dʌktɪv/ adj **1** thil a suah theimi; rawl tampi a suak theimi: They work hard, but their efforts are not very productive. ○ productive farming land, manufacturing methods ○ a productive worker. **2** tampi tuah/suah thei; thahnem zet: It wasn't a very productive meeting. ○ I spent a very productive hour in the library. **3** [pred] ~ **of sth** (fml) a cangtermi; a suahmi: The changes were not productive of better labour relations.

▷ **productively** adv: spend one's time productively.

productivity /prə'dʌktɪvəti/ n [U] **1** tampi a suah theinak: The size of the crop depends on the productivity of the soil. **2** thiam zetnak: The management are looking for ways of improving productivity. ○ [attrib] a productivity bonus for workers.

□ **productivity agreement** suah/tuah ding lungkimnak (cetzung hnətuannak a neitu te le a hnətuantu te pawl tuah/suahmi a kai si le, tuanman nihlawh kai sak ve dingin lungkimnak).

prof /prɒf/ n (infml) = PROFESSOR.

profane /prə'feɪn; US prəu-/ adj (fml) **1** [attrib] hnawmbal; thianghlim lomi: sacred and profane music ○ profane (ie no biblical) literature. **2** (a) Pathian nautatnak/zomtaihnak: profane behaviour in church ○ a profane oath. (b) thinhengza a simi; fihnungza a simi: profane language.

▷ **profane** v [Tn] (fml) (a) a thianghlimmi nehsawh/nautat: profane the name of God ○ Their behaviour profaned the holy place. (b) upat man zetmi upat lo: His action profaned the honour of his country.

profanation /prə'fæneɪʃn/ n [C, U] (fml) nautatnak; zomtaihnak.

profanely adv.

profanity /prə'fænəti; US prəu-/ n (fml) **1** [U] a balhnawm, fihnungza zia; tɔŋ fihnung. **2** [C esp pl] tɔŋ tha lo; tɔŋ sia; tɔŋ fihnung: He uttered a stream of profanities.

profess /prə'fes/ v (fml) **1** [Tn, Tf, Tf, Cn-a] phuang; mi hnen va sim: I don't profess expert knowledge of/to be an expert in this subject. ○ She professed total ignorance of the matter. ○ He professed that he knew nothing about the

plot. **2** [Tn, Cn-a] zum; ring: *They professed optimism about the outcome.* ○ *He professed himself satisfied with the progress made.* **3** [Tn] (a) zummi biaknak fiangte in langter: *Christians profess their faith when they say the Creed.* (b) biak; zum ih biak: *profess Islam.*

▷ **professed** *adj* [attrib] **1** (falsely) phuang; puh, sualpuh: *her professed love of children* ○ *She was betrayed by her professed friends and supporters.* **2** fiangte'n sim; phuang-aw: *a professed Christian* ○ *a professed supporter of disarmament.* **3** biaknak ih pumpe-aw: *a professed nun.* **professedly** /-ɪdli/ *adv* (fml) mah ih phuan-awk vekin: *She is professedly a feminist.*

profession /prəˈfeɪʃn/ *n* **1** (a) [C] pumcawmnak hnaʔuan (zirnak felfai a ʔulmi): *advising college leavers on their choice of profession* ○ *the acting, legal, medical, etc profession.* (b) **the profession** [CGp] hnaʔuan phun bang-aw a ʔuantu pawl: *The legal profession (ie lawyers) has/have always resisted change.* ⇨ Usage at TRAGE¹. **2** [C] ~ of sth mipi ih phuanmi/timi: *a profession of belief, faith, loyalty, etc* ○ *His professions of concern did not seem sincere.* **3** (idm) **by profession** pumcawmnak hnaʔuan cu: *She is a lawyer by profession.* ○ *The author of the guidebook is an architect by profession.*

professional /prəˈfeʃənl/ *adj* **1** (a) [attrib] thiam zetin zirmi hnaʔuan: *a professional man, woman, practitioner* ○ *professional associations, codes of practice, conduct* ○ *you will need to seek professional advice about your claim for compensation.* ○ *The doctor was accused of professional misconduct.* (b) zirmi hnaʔuan ah thiam zetnak hmuh: *Many of the performers were of professional standard.* ○ *He was complimented on a very professional piece of work.* ○ *She is extremely professional in her approach to her job.* Cf UNPROFESSIONAL. **2** (a) thiamnak kha pumcawmnak hnaʔuan ih a hmanɡmi: *a professional boxer, footballer, golfer, tennis player, etc* ○ *a professional cook, dressmaker, musician, etc* ○ *After he won the amateur championship he turned professional, ie began to earn money for his sport.* (b) (of sport, etc) pumcawmnak lawlaw in tikcu neihmi hmuahhmuah lehnak lawnglawng a zirtu: *professional football, golf, tennis, etc* ○ *She had been on the professional stage (ie a professional actress) in her youth.* Cf AMATEUR **1**. **3** [attrib] (derog) midang hnaihnohknak tuah thei ringringtu (eg tlokcjar, phunzai, thutam, mi thu rel ringring tivek pawl): *a professional complainer, gossip, moaner, trouble-maker, etc.*

▷ **professional** *n* **1** hnaʔuan a zir ih a thiam zettu: *studio flats suitable for young professionals* ○ *You need a professional to sort out your finances.* **2** (also infml **pro**) lehnak ah

a thiam zet ruangah pumcawmnak in a hmanɡtu; sumhlawh in zirhtu: *a golf professional.* **3** (also infml **pro**) (approx) a thiam tukmi; a thiam taktakmi: *She's a true professional!* ○ *This survey is the work of a real professional.*

▷ **professionally** /-ʃənəli/ *adv* (a) a hnaʔuannak vekin: *A doctor who gives away confidential information about patients is not behaving professionally.* (b) hnaʔuan a thiam zettu ih thilti: *The plans had been drawn professionally.* ○ *Her voice should be professionally trained.* (c) nihlawh nei hnaʔuan: *He plays cricket professionally.*

professionalism /-ʃənəlizəm/ *n* [U] **1** (approx) (a) nihlawh nei ih hna a ʔuantu ih thiamnak: *You can rely on your solicitor's professionalism in dealing with the house purchase.* (b) a thiam taktakmi: *They were impressed by the sheer professionalism of the performance.* **2** lek zuam-awknak ah pumcawmnak ih a lektu pawl lehternak.

□ **professional foul** (euph) (in sport, esp football) sualhrim; a bik in bawhlung lehnak ah khatlam pawl ih kawltun zikte ah lehnak cawl dingin tuahhrim.

professor /prəˈfesə(r)/ *n* (abbr **Prof**) **1** (US also **full professor**) phunsang tlawng (university) ah zirmi ca phunkhat ih zirhtu saza upa bik: *He is Professor of Moral Philosophy at Oxford.* ○ *She was made professor at the age of 40.* ○ *Professor Smith, may I introduce one of my students to you?* **2** (US) America ah phunsang tlawngih zirhtu saza. **3** (joc) phunsang tlawngah zirhtu saza pawl kawhnak hmin: *Professor Pate, the famous phrenologist.*

▷ **professorial** /ˌprɒfɪˈsɔːriəl/ *adj* professor hnaʔuan thawn a pehparmi: *a professorial post* ○ *professorial duties.*

professorship *n* phunsang tlawng ih professor sinak hnaʔuan: *The professorship of zoology is vacant and has been advertised.*

proffer /ˈprɒfə(r)/ *v* [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ sth (to sb) (fml) pek: *He refused the proffered assistance.* ○ *She proffered (him) her resignation.* ○ *May we proffer you our congratulations?*

▷ **proffer** *n* (fml) peknak: *a proffer of help.*

proficient /prəˈfɪʃnt/ *adj* ~ (in/at sth/doing sth) a thiam zetmi: *a proficient driver* ○ *proficient in the use of radar equipment* ○ *proficient at operating a computer terminal.*

▷ **proficiency** /-nsi/ *n* [U] ~ (in sth/doing sth) thiam zetnak: *a test of proficiency (in English)* ○ *show proficiency in operating a switchboard.*

proficiently *adv.*

profile /ˈprəʊfaɪl/ *n* **1** sirlam ih hmuhnak; mithmai a sirlam ih hmuhnak: *his handsome profile* ○ [attrib] *a profile drawing.* **2** pakhat ih

dungah a dang pakhat hmuhcih theinak: *the profile of the tower against the sky*. **3** thuthangca, television tivek ah mi pakhat ih thuanthu tawite ih nganmi/simmi: *The newspaper publishes a profile of a leading sportsman every week*. ○ *The BBC are working on a profile of the British nuclear industry*. **4** (idm) **a high/low profile** mipi hmaiah langhnganin/langhngan loin: *adopt/keep/maintain a low profile* ○ [attrib] *high-profile politicians*. **in profile** sirlam ih zoh/hmuh: *In profile she is very like her mother*. ○ *The Queen's head appears in profile on British stamps*.
 ▷ **profile** *v* **1** [Tn esp passive] a sir ih zoh tikah a dunglam ih ummi hmucih: *The huge trees were profiled against the night sky*. **2** [Tn] pakhat ih thuhla tawite in ngan.

profit¹ /prɒfɪt/ *n* **1** (a) [C, U] a hlei ih ngahmi; a miatmi: *do sth for profit* ○ *There's no profit in running a cinema in this town*. ○ *They're only interested in a quick profit*. ○ [attrib] *The capitalist system is based on the profit motive*. (b) [C] a hlawkmi (sumtuahnak ah cemmi paisa le tuannak thazaang man dirh hnu ih a tangmi): *They make a profit of ten pence on every copy they sell*. ○ *sell at a profit* ○ *operate at a profit*, ie be profitable ○ *The company has declared an increase in profits/increased profits*. ○ *a clear profit of 20 per cent*. **2** [U] (fml) thil pakhat ihsin a hlei ih thathnem nak ngahmi: *You could with profit spend some extra time studying the text*.

▷ **profitless** *adj* thathnem santlaihnak um lomi: *Revising the procedure was an entirely profitless exercise*.

profitlessly *adv*: *I seem to have spent my day quite profitlessly*.

□ **profit and loss account** (in bookkeeping) sumtuah hnaŋuannak ah caan pakhat sungih ngahmi le hmanmi sum lut, sum suak cazin (a hlawk maw a sung ti zohnak).

profit-margin *n* thil pakhat tuah suaknak tiang cemmi, lole, leinak paisa le zuarnak man a dan-awknak: *a gross profit-margin of 25%*.

profit-sharing *n* [U] company ih a miat sungin a hrekkhat kha hnaŋuantu pawl zem salmi: [attrib] *a profit-sharing scheme*.

profit² /prɒfɪt/ *v* (phr v) **profit by sth** hmuhtonmi parin fimkhur ding ngah: *He's getting married again, after two divorces, so he obviously hasn't profited by his experiences*. **profit from sth** pakhat khat hnenin thathnemnak co: *He profited greatly from his year abroad*. ○ *I have profited from your advice*.

profitable /prɒfɪtəbl/ *adj* a hlawk suak theimi; thathnemnak a pe theimi: *profitable investments* ○ *The deal was profitable to all of us*. ○ *It would be more profitable to combine the two factories*. ○ *She spent a profitable afternoon*

in the library.

▷ **profitability** /prɒfɪtə'bɪləti/ *n* [U].

profitably /-əbli/ *adv*: *They invested the money very profitably*. ○ *She spent the weekend profitably*.

profiteer /prɒfɪtɪə(r)/ *v* [I] (derog) a miat tamtuk ei (raal, meikang, paam tivek harsatnak tumpi ton laiah harsat tongtu hnenin a miat ei): *Rent controls were introduced to prevent profiteering*.

▷ **profiteer** *n* hiti veki a miat eitu.

profiterole /prɒfɪtərəʊl/ *n* sanghloim phunkhat a sung kua in an tuah ih a thlum le a thaw ret cihmi.

profligate /prɒflɪɡət/ *adj* (fml derog) **1** daithlang tukih a nungmi, lole, daithlang tukih paisa a hmanmi: *profligate spending* ○ *a profligate use of scarce resources*. **2** (of a person or his behaviour) ningzah um lo in nu le pa sualnak tuah a hmanmi (ningzakza ih a nungcangmi).

▷ **profligacy** /prɒflɪɡəsi/ *v* [U] (fml derog) ningzakza ih nuncannak.

profligate *n* (fml derog) ningzakza ih a nungcangtu.

pro forma /prəʊ 'fɔ:mə/ *adj, adv* a dan vekih tuahmi.

▷ **pro forma** (also **pro forma invoice**) thilri kuatmi a man le thilri cazin a sinan paisa dilnak a si lomi.

profound /prə'faʊnd/ *adj* **1** [usu attrib] (fml) a thuk hnginmi; a nasa zetmi: *a profound sigh, silence, sleep, shock* ○ *take a profound interest in sth* ○ *profound ignorance* ○ *profound changes*. **2** (a) [usu attrib] thuk zet hmuh theinak a neimi: *a profound awareness of the problem* ○ *a profound thinker* ○ *a man of profound learning*. (b) tampi ruat ŋulmi, tampi zirŋulmi: *profound mysteries*.

▷ **profoundly** *adv* (a) thuk zetin; luar tukin: *profoundly disturbed, grateful, shocked*. (b) luarkai zetin.

profundity /prə'fʌndəti/ *n* (fml) **1** [U] theihnak, ruatnak thuk a neitu: *He impressed his audience by the profundity of his knowledge*. **2** [C esp pl] ŋong, ruahnak a sullam thuk zetin a nei: *a poem full of profundities*.

profuse /prə'fju:s/ *adj* **1** a tam zetmi: *profuse blossoms, flowers, apologies, gratitude, thanks* ○ *profuse bleeding, sweating, tears*. **2** [pred] ~ **in sth** tirhsiangmi, a siang zetmi: *profuse in one's apologies, thanks*.

▷ **profusely** *adv*: *bleed, sweat profusely* ○ *thank sb profusely*.

profuseness *n* [U] a tampi sinak: *The profuseness of his thanks was embarrassing*.

profusion /prə'fju:zn/ *n* **1** [sing] ~ **of sth** tampi pi: *a profusion of colour, patterns, flowers, good wishes*. **2** (idm) **in profusion** tam zetzet in: *Roses were growing in profusion against the old wall*.

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progenitor /prəʊ'dʒenɪtə(r)/ *n* (fml) **1** cithlahtu; pupa; thawhkehna; pi le pu. **2** (fig) a tawthokna; thawhkehna; a hram: *Marx was the progenitor of Communism.*

progeny /prədʒəni/ *n* [pl *v*] (fml) (a) te le faa: (joc) *He appeared, surrounded by his numerous progeny.* (b) pawl.

progesterone /prə'dʒestərən/ *n* [U] hormones phunkhat a si ih nauneihna; ding a tuahsaktu a si; Faa nei lonak ding khamna; si ah an hmangih suul ah ci ra lo dingin a kham. Cf OESTROGEN.

prognosis /prɒɡ'nəʊsɪs/ *n* (pl **-ses** /-si:z/) (a) (medical) natna; thawna; pehpah in hmailam ah ziang a cang thei ti simmi: *make one's prognosis* ○ *The prognosis is not good.* Cf DIAGNOSIS. (b) (fig) hmailam ah hitin a si ding ti ih ruahna; hmuha; *The prognosis for the future of the electronics industry is encouraging.*

prognosticate /prɒɡ'nɒstɪkeɪt/ *v* (fml) **1** [I, Tn, Tf] hmailam ih a cang dingmi simsung/cia: *prognosticate disaster.* **2** [Tn, Tf] hmailam a ra leh dingmi langter.

▷ **prognostication** /prɒɡ'nɒstɪkeɪʃn/ *n* (fml) (a) [U] hmailam thu sim cianak. (b) [C] hmailam thu sim ciami: *His gloomy prognostications proved to be false.*

program /prəʊgræm; US -grəm/ *n* **1** (US) = PROGRAMME. **2** (computing) computer hnaʔuanak a kaitu daan le zia pawl: *write a program for producing a balance sheet.*

▷ **program** *v* (-mm-; US also -m-) [Tn, Cn-t] (computing) computer sung ah program than in thil pakhat khat tuahter: *The computer has been programmed (to calculate the gross profit margin on all sales).* **programmer** (US also **programer**) *n* computer hrangah program a ngantu.

programme (US **program**) /prəʊgræm; US -grəm/ *n* **1** thil tuah dingmi cazin; relkhawm ding dan cazin tuahmi: *There is an interesting programme on television tonight.* ○ *They're putting on a programme about/on wine-making.* **2** ziang kan tuah ding ti ih tumtahmi cazin: *a political programme* ○ *What's (on) the programme for* (ie What are we going to do) tomorrow? ○ *launch a programme to redevelop the inner cities.* **3** (a) puai laam dingmi pawl cazin: *The programme includes two Mozart sonatas.* ○ *plan a programme of lectures for first-year students.* (b) puai laamna; ih a teltu, hlasakna; ih a teltu ding pawl cazin ngan ciami.

▷ **programme** (US **program**) *v* (-mm-; US -m-) **1** (usu passive: Tn, Tn-pr) ~ **sth** (for **sth**) tawrel: *programme a music festival* ○ *A trip to the museum is programmed for next Tuesday.* **2** [usu passive: Tn, Cn-t] amahte thil pakhat khat tuah dingin/ruat dingin canter: *Their early*

training programmes them to be obedient and submissive. ○ *The video is programmed to switch itself on at ten o'clock.*

programmed course fimthiamna; zir dingmi kha felte in timtuah cia ih zirnak. **programmed learning** timtuah ciami zirnak kha hmangin mahte zirh-awknak.

□ **programme music** hla in thuanthu le thuhla dang pawl hmuhsakna;.

programme note awnmawi thuhla, thuanthu tivek pawl tawi tete in simfiang mi.

progress /prəʊɡres; US 'prɒɡ-/ *n* **1** [U] hmailam feh; hmailam nor: *The walkers were making slow progress up the rocky path.* ○ *The yacht made good progress with a following wind.* **2** [U] hmailam pannak; ʔhansonak; ʔha deuh vivo: *the progress of civilization* ○ *There has been very little progress this term.* ○ *The patient is making good progress* (ie is getting better) after her operation. ○ *Strike leaders have reported some progress in the talks to settle the dispute.* ○ [attrib] *a progress report.* **3** [C] (arch) siangpahrang, lole, uktu bawi bik ih a ramsung khualtlawna;: *a royal progress around the country.* **4** (idm) **in progress** tuah rero: *An inquiry is now in progress.* ○ *Please be quiet — recording in progress.*

▷ **progress** /prəʊɡres/ *v* **1** [I] ʔhangso vivo; a ʔhatna; lam pan rero: *The work is progressing steadily.* ○ *She is progressing in her studies.* ○ *In some ways, civilization does not seem to have progressed much in the last century.* **2** [Tn] hnaʔuan mi a feh rero; ʔheh ding lam a pan rero.

progression /prəʊɡreʃn/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (from **sth**) (to **sth**) hmailam nor vivo; ʔhanso reronak: *the team's progression to the first division* ○ *Adolescence is the period of progression from childhood to adulthood.* **2** [C] thlun-awkwivonak; a sangsang ih peh reronak: *a long progression of sunny days.*

progressive /prəʊɡresɪv/ *adj* **1** hmainawt reromi; hmainor ringringmi. **2** hmanhman, lole, nuamtete in a ʔhang reromi: *a progressive disease*, ie one that gradually increases in its effect ○ *progressive taxation*, ie at rates that increase as the sum taxed increases ○ *Her condition is showing a progressive improvement.* **3** (approv) (a) nundan umdan ih a ʔhangsomi: *a progressive firm, nation.* (b) ʔhanso zetna; lamzin, lole, thleng-awkw lam a panmi (reform): *progressive schools, views* ○ *a progressive education policy* ○ *a progressive political party.*

▷ **progressive** *n* ʔhansonak le thleng-awknak lam a thluntu le a duh zettu.

progressively *adv* karhzai zetin: *His eyesight is becoming progressively worse.*

progressiveness *n* [U].

□ **progressive tense** (also **continuous tense**)

(grammar) Mirang tong fehdaan zirnakh ah tuahtu tongfang (verb) ah -ing thlakih hmannaak: *the present progressive tense*.

prohibit /prəˈbɪt/; US prəʊ-/v (fml) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (from doing sth) kham; daan thu, upadi pawl in tuah lo dingin kham/siang lo: *Smoking is prohibited*. ○ a regulation to prohibit parking in the city centre ○ *The law prohibits tobaccoists from selling cigarettes to children*. **2** [Tn] cang thei loin tuah; ti siang lo; kham: *The high cost prohibits the widespread use of the drug*.

prohibition /ˌprəʊhɪˈbɪʃn/; US ˌprəʊəˈbɪʃn/ n **1** [U] kham; siang lo: *They voted in favour of the prohibition of smoking in public areas*. ○ *Use of the drug has not declined since its prohibition*. **2** [C] ~ (against sth) kham; siang lo: *a prohibition against the sale of firearms*. **3 Prohibition** [U] America ram ah 1920-1933 tiang zu zuar lo dingin an kham caan.

▷ **prohibitionist** /-fənɪst/ n thil pakhat tuah ding upadi ih khamnak a dinpitu; a bikin zu zuar khamnak.

prohibitive /prəˈbɪtəv/; US prəʊ-/adj **1** (a) khamtu/dawntu a simi: *a prohibitive tax on imported cars*. (b) (of process, etc) dawntu a simi (thil man a kaituk ruangah lei thei nawn lo tivek): *The cost of property in the city is prohibitive*. **2** khamnak a simi: *prohibitive laws, road signs*.

▷ **prohibitively** adj: *prohibitively expensive*.

prohibitory /prəˈbɪtəri/; US prəʊˈhɪbətəri/ adj (fml) thil pakhat kham dingih tummi: *regulations of a prohibitory nature*.

project¹ /ˈprɒdʒekt/ n **1** tummi: *a housing development project* ○ *a project to establish a new national park* ○ *carry out, fail in, form a project*. **2** phunsang tlawng ah tlawngta pawl in mahte siar le hawl in suahpi sal ding tuanvo peknak: *The class are doing a project on the Roman occupation of Britain*.

project² /ˈprɒdʒekt/ v **1** [Tn esp passive] tum; tawlrrel: *a demonstration of the projected road improvement scheme* ○ *Our projected visit had to be cancelled*. **2** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (on/onto sth) tlet (meitleu in tlet): *project a slide on a screen* ○ *project a beam of light onto a statue* ○ *project spotlights on a performer*. (b) [Tn] hmuh (bioscope film kha a cet in puanrang parah lang dingin suah): *Will you be able to project the film for us?* **3** [I, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (into sth) thil pakhat a lenglam/hmailam ah deeng/kuat: *an apparatus to project missiles into space* ○ *An actor must learn to project (his voice)*. ○ (fig) *project one's thoughts into the future*. **4** [I, Ipr] a peeng ih suak, hleifuan in a leng tiang a suak: *a projecting beam* ○ *a balcony that projects over the street*. **5** [Tn-pr] ~ **sth on to sb** (psychology) mi sualnakh, mi mawhnakh thinlung sungah

phur ve: *You mustn't project your guilt on to me*, ie assume that I feel as guilty as you do. **6** [Tn] ai-awhtu ih tummi, ai-awhmi in hmin thatnak le upatnak co dingah ai-awh (ih tuan): *Does the BBC World Service project a favourable view of Great Britain?* ○ *The party is trying to project a new image of itself as caring for the working classes*. **7** [Tn] (a) leilung zuk vekin thil pakhat arawn mi parah a si ningte ih zukuai. (b) cu tivek ih ramzuk tuah. **8** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (to sth) a si lai dingmi tuat cia: *project population growth to the year 2000*.

projectile /ˈprɒdʒektəl/; US -tl/ n (a) hmailam ih deng/kah/sep theimi thil. (b) mahte a kap theimi thil, rocket tivek.

▷ **projectile** adj thil lak ah siseh, tidai ah siseh hmailam ih kuat theimi: *projectile force* ○ *projectile missiles*.

projection /ˈprɒdʒekʃn/ n **1** (a) [U] hmuh, pia: *the projection of images on a screen* ○ *film projection* ○ *the projection of one's feelings onto others* ○ *the projection of a missile through the air*. (b) [C] thinlung ih tumtahmi. **2** [C] a peng, a hleifuan (a dang hnakin a hleifuan ih ummi): *a projection of rock on a cliff-face*. **3** [C] leilung a hmai umdan kha a rawnm parah amah vek rori tuah hniki (zuk suaimi). **4** [C] tulai fang ih sinak kha tuatta in hmailam hrang ding timtuah cianak: *sales projections for the next financial year*.

▷ **projectionist** /-ənɪst/ n lemnung (bioscope) hmuhtu; cumi cet kaitu.

□ **projection room** bioscope hmuhnak a cet umnak khan.

projector /ˈprɒdʒektə(r)/ n bioscope hmuhnak cet: *a cinema projector* ○ *a slide projector*.

prolapse /ˈprɒlæps/ v [I] (medical) (of an organ in the body, eg the bowel or uterus) sii lam natnak hmin — riltlak, sultlak.

▷ **prolapse** /ˈprɒlæps/ n (medical) riltlak, sultlak ruangih cangmi.

prole /prəʊl/ n (infml derog) thilri nei lo mi farah pawl ih a telvemi.

proletariat /ˌprələˈteəriət/ n **the proletariat** [Gp] **1** (sometimes derog) thilri nei lo mifarah hlawhfa: *The dictatorship of the proletariat is one of the aims of Communism*. Cf BOURGEOISIE (BOURGEOIS). **2** (in ancient Rome) hi tik hlan Rome san lai ah Rome mi lak ihsin a niam bik zianghman nei lo mifarah.

proliferate /ˈprələfəreɪt/; US prəʊ-/v **1** [I] a thar a keuh ih hmakhath te ah a karh zai. **2** [Tn] ci a thlah sal. **3** [I] hmakhath te in a karhzai.

▷ **proliferation** /ˌprələfəˈreɪʃn/; US prəʊ-/n **1** [U] karhzai ternak: [attrib] *a nuclear non-proliferation treaty*, ie one aimed at preventing the spread of nuclear weapons to countries that do not already possess them. **2** [C usu sing] rang zetin a karhzai.

prolific /prəˈlɪfɪk/ *adj* **1** (of plants, animals, etc) hramkung, ramnung tam zet in tefaa, a par, a thei a hring a suah theimi: *prolific growth*. **2** (of a writer, an artist, etc) ca tam zet (thuanthu) a ngan theitu; zuk tampi a suai (zuk) theitu: *a prolific author* ○ *a prolific period in the composer's life*.

▷ **prolifically** /-kli/ *adv*.

prolix /prəˈlɪks/ *US* prəˈlɪks/ *adj* (*fml*) (of a speech, writer, etc) a ngaitu, a siartu ning thei ko in sau tuk, tamtuk ih tɔngtu/ngantu: *a prolix-speaker* ○ *Her style is tediously prolix*.

▷ **prolixity** /prəˈlɪksəti/ *n* [U].

prologue (*US* also **prolog**) /ˈprɒləʊɡ/ *US* -ləːɡ/ *n* ~ (to sth) **1** biaza, lole, a thoknak pawl: *the 'Prologue' to the 'Canterbury Tales.'* Cf **EPILOGUE**. **2** thupi hlapi a tawthoknak: *The signing of the agreement was a prologue to better relations between the two countries*.

prolong /prəˈlɒŋ/ *US* -ləːŋ/ *v* **1** [Tn] tikcu reiter; caan sauter: *drugs that help to prolong life* ○ *They prolonged their visit by a few days*. **2** (*idm*) **prolong the agony** thinlung taksa in hartuk ih tuarmi a caan sauter: *Don't prolong the agony — just tell us the result!*

▷ **prolongation** /ˌprɒləŋˈɡeɪʃn/ *US* -ləːŋ-/ *n* **1** [U] tikcu a rei termi; caan a sauteri. **2** [C] caan reiternak.

prolonged *adj* [usu attrib] caan reipi tiang a pehmi: *After prolonged questioning, she finally confessed*. ○ *There will be prolonged delays for rail travelers*.

prom /prɒm/ *n* (*infml*) **1** (*Brit*) = **PROMENADE** 1a. **2** (*Brit*) = **PROMENADE CONCERT** (**PROMENADE**). **3** (*US*) (*often formal*) Mirang phunhra tlawng/phunsang tlawngta pawl ih tuah theumi mah le khan cio ih laamnak puai.

promenade /ˌprɒməˈneɪd/ *US* -ˈneɪd/ *n* **1** (a) (also *Brit infml prom*) mizapi lamlennak hmun (zapi vak theinak hmun — lamkaupi, tili tiva kap tivek). (b) (*fml*) zapi ih harhdamnak/a nuam ih lam vak/rangto ih vaknak. **2** (*US*) zapi laamnak hmun.

▷ **promenade** *v* (*dated or fml*) **1** [I] zapi vak/leen theihnak hmun ih nuamnaitein lam leeng/rangto. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] (a) zapi len/vah theinak hmunah mi pakhat a sukso ih harhdamnak hrangah vakpi: *She promenaded the children along the sea front after lunch*. (b) zapi leenvah theinak hmunah zapi hmuh ding rualpi hruai in vahpi: *he proudly promenaded his elegant companion in the park*. **promenader** *n* **1** zapi lamvaknak hmun ih lamvaktu. **2** zapi laam theinak hmun ah a feh ringring theitu.

□ **promenade concert** (also *infml prom*) (*Brit*) mizapi zoh theih ngai theih laamnak le hlasaknak (hmun hrek cu tonak hman a um lo ih a dingin an zoh/an ngai).

promenade deck khualtlawnnak tangphaw-

lawng pi ah a tlunlam khan ih tuahmi, zapi lamvak theinak hmun.

prominent /ˈprɒmɪnənt/ *adj* **1** [U] langzet ih a cuangmi: *prominent cheek-bones*. **2** a laar zetmi; olte ih hmuh theimi: *the most prominent feature in the landscape* ○ *The house is in a prominent position on the village green*. **3** hmin nei le a cuangce mi; thupi zet: *play a prominent part in public life* ○ *a prominent political figure*.

▷ **prominence** /-əns/ *n* **1** [U] lang zetnak; laar cuangnak: *a young writer who has recently come to/into prominence* ○ *The newspapers are giving the affair considerable prominence*. **2** [C] (*fml*) leilung hmun laar zetmi, lole, inn laar zetih sakmi: *a small prominence in the middle of the level plain*.

prominently *adv*: *The notice was prominently displayed*.

promiscuous /prəˈmɪskjuəs/ *adj* **1** (*derog*) hrilmi nei lo duh poh ih a cangvaimi: *promiscuous friendships*, ie ones made without careful choice. **2** (*derog*) tonmikip ihpi sualpi a hmanmi: *promiscuous behaviour* ○ *a promiscuous lover*. **3** (*dated fml*) a rawicok rurimi; duhduh ih nungcang: *piled up in a promiscuous heap*.

▷ **promiscuity** /ˌprɒmɪˈskjuːəti/ *n* [U]: *sexual promiscuity*. **promiscuously** *adv*.

promise¹ /ˈprɒmɪs/ *n* **1** [C] ~ (of sth) thukam; kamnak: *We received many promises of help*. ○ *break/carry out/fulfil/give/keep/make a promise* ○ *I told him the truth under a promise of secrecy*. ○ *I shall keep you/hold you to your promise*. ○ *'I'll come and see you soon.'* 'Is that a promise?' **2** [C, U] ~ of sth a ra ding, lole, a cang ding ti ih khiihmuhnak: *there is a promise of better weather tomorrow*. ○ *There seems little promise of success for the expedition*. **3** [U] a tha zet leh ding, a nasa zet leh ding ti ih khiihmuhnak: *Her work/She shows great promise*. ○ *a scholarship for young musicians of promise*. **4** (*idm*) **a lick and a promise** ⇨ **LICK** *n*.

promise² /ˈprɒmɪs/ *v* **1** [I, Tn, Tf, Tt, Dn-n, Dn-pr, Dn-f] ~ sth (to sb) thukam, ti ding/ti lo dingin thukamnak tuah: *I can't promise, but I'll do my best*. ○ *He has promised a thorough investigation into the affair*. ○ *'Do you promise faithfully to pay me back?'* 'Yes, I promise.' ○ *I have promised myself a quiet weekend*. ○ *She promised me her help*. ○ *The firm promised a wage increase to the workers/promised the workers a wage increase*. ○ *She promised me (that) she would be punctual*. ○ *'Promise (me) you won't forget!'* 'I promise.' **2** [Tn, Tt] cang ding vek siter: *The clouds promise rain*. ○ *It promises to be warm this afternoon*. **3** (*idm*) **I (can) promise you** (*infml*) ka lo kamngam: *You won't regret it, I promise you*. **promise (sb) the earth/moon** (*infml*) ti thei lo dingmi thupi zetin ti thei ding bangin thu va

kam: *Politicians promise the earth before an election, but things are different once they are in power.* **the promised land** (a) (in the Bible) Pathian ih tiamkammi ram. (b) nuamzet le hnangamte ih um theihnak ti ih ruahsanmi hmun. **promise well** thater zet ding a bangmi: *The new sales policy promises well.*

▷ **promising** adj (a) tha zet ih tuah ding a bangmi; hmailam hrang rin a um zetmi: *a promising young pianist.* (b) ruahsan ding a um zetmi: *The results of the first experiments are very promising.* ○ *It's a promising sign.* **promisingly** adv.

promissory /prɒmɪsəri; US -sɔːri/ adj (fml) thukamnak ca ih tuahmi.

□ **promissory note** thukamnak ca, a sungah paisa cuzat cu in dilsal ni ah, lole, cumi hlanah ka pesal hrimhrim ding ti ih thu kammi.

promontory /prɒməntəri; US -tɔːri/ n tili, tiffinriat, tipi sungih a zum hleimi leilung.

promote /prəˈməʊt/ v **1** (a) [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (to sth) hnaʔuan sang deuh ih kaiter: *She worked hard and was soon promoted.* ○ *His assistant was promoted over his head, ie above him.* ○ *He was promoted to (the rank of) sergeant.* ○ *The football team was promoted to the first division.* (b) [Cn-n esp passive] ~ **sb** (from sth) (to sth) (esp Brit) mi pakhat a san deuhnak ah hnaʔuan kaiter: *He was promoted to sergeant.* Cf DEMOTE. **2** [Tn] thangso dingin bawm/thapek: *The organization works to promote friendship between nations.* ○ *promote a bill in Parliament*, ie take the necessary steps for it to be passed. **3** [Tn] lei duh dingin theihternak tuah: *a publicity campaign to promote her new book.*

▷ **promoter** n (a) sumtuahnak compary a thansonak dingah a phunphun in a bawmtu/ lehnak thansonak ding a tawlreltu: *a boxing promoter.* (b) ~ **of sth** pakhat khat thangso dingin a tawlreltu: *an enthusiastic promoter of good causes.*

promotion /prəˈməʊʃn/ n **1** (a) [U] hnaʔuan sang deuh ih kaiternak: *gain/win promotion* ○ *If you are successful, you can expect promotion.* ○ [attrib] *promotion prospects.* (b) [C] hnaʔuan kai: *The new job is a promotion for her.* **2** [U] ~ **of sth** thapek, lole, bawm (thangso dingin bawm): *They worked for the promotion of world peace.* **3** (a) [U] tuah tharmi thilri kha mi hmuahhmuah lei duh dingin tarlang: *She is responsible for sales promotion.* ○ *Advertising is often the most effective method of promotion.* (b) [C] thilri lamdang zet ih tuah tharmi kha zapi theih dingin tarlangnak tuah: *We are doing a special promotion of our paperback list.* ▷ **promotional** /-ʃənəl/ adj thilri tarlangnak thu thawn pehpar in: *a promotional tour by the author.*

prompt¹ /prɒmpt/ adj **1** khulrang zet ih tuahmi; tuah lohlimi: *a prompt reply* ○ *Prompt payment of the invoice would be appreciated.* **2** ~ (in doing sth/to do sth) (of a person) tuahcolh: *She was very prompt in answering my letter.* ○ *They were prompt to respond to our call for help.*

▷ **prompt** adv a cekci in: *at 6 o'clock prompt.*

promptitude /prɒmptɪtjuːd; US -tuːd/ n [U] (fml) khulrang theinak; tuah lohli dingih ralrinnak.

promptly adv: *She replied promptly to my letter.*

promptness n [U].

prompt² /prɒmpt/ v **1** [Tn, Dn-t] siter; forhfial; tha pek: *What prompted him to be so generous?* ○ *The accident prompted her to renew her insurance.* **2** [Tn] thinlung thoter; tha ngahter: *Her question was prompted by worries about her future.* ○ *What prompted that remark?* **3** (a) [Tn] bawm; ruahnak pek: *The speaker was rather hesitant and had to be prompted occasionally by the chairman.* (b) [I, Tn] bioscope le drama tivek ih a cangtu bik tlangval/fala in an tɔng ding an hngilh a si le an tɔng ding zawn cu tiin a si tiin dimte ih rak siarsaknak: *Will you prompt for us at the next performance?* ○ *The actor needed to be prompted frequently.*

▷ **prompt** n bomnak; tuahsaknak: *She needed an occasional prompt.*

prompter n a tuah bawmtu (bioscope/drama ih a cangtu bik kha a tɔng ding vek — cutin khatin tiin bawm).

prompting n [C, U] forhfialnak; forhnak: *Despite several promptings from his parents the boy refused to apologize.* ○ *He did it without any prompting from me.*

promulgate /prɒmlˈgeɪt/ v [Tn] (fml) **1** mi tampi theihter; zumnak, ruahnak tivek karhter: *promulgate a belief, an idea, a theory, etc.* **2** zung ihsin zapi theih dingin thuthan/thusuah. ▷ **promulgation** /prɒmlˈgeɪʃn/ n [U]: *the promulgation of a treaty.*

prone /prəʊn/ adj **1** (of a person or his position) a bokkhupmi: *lying prone* ○ *in a prone position.* Cf PROSTRATE 1, SUPINE 1. **2** (a) [pred] ~ **to sth/to do sth** ol te ih a cang theimi; ol te ih a si cih theimi: *prone to infection after a cut scratch* ○ *prone to fall asleep on long car journeys.* ○ *He is prone to lose his temper when people disagree with him.* (b) (in compounds) pakhat khat a cang duh zetmi si a hmanngi: *The child is rather accident-prone.* ○ *strike-prone industries.*

▷ **prone** /prəʊnɪs/ n [U]: *prone to injury.*

prong /prɒŋ; US prɔːŋ/ n thirhaiteek zum pakhat khat a hriam ih fatemi; fung zum: *One of the prongs of the garden fork went through his foot.*

▷ **-pronged** (forming compound adjs) a a

hriammi fung fate pakhat hnakih tam a ummi — thirhaiteek tivek: a four-pronged fork ○ (fig) a three-pronged attack, ie one made by three separate forces, usu advancing from different directions.

pronominal /prəʊ'nɒmɪnəl/ *adj* (grammar) grammar ah pronoun vek a simi.

▷ **pronominally** /-nəli/ *adj* (grammar) pronoun vekih hmanmi ðongfang: a word used pronominally.

pronoun /prəʊnaʊn/ *n* (grammar) hmin (noun) ai-awh ih hmanmi, eg *he, it, hers, me, them*, etc: demonstrative/interrogative/personal/possessive/relative pronouns.

pronounce /prə'naʊns/ *v* **1** [Tn] saal, ðong awsuah: People pronounce the word differently in this part of the country. ○ How do you pronounce p-h-l-e-g-m? Look up 'phlegm' in the dictionary if you don't know. ○ The 'b' in 'debt' is not pronounced. **2** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tf, Cn-a] zapi theih dingin thusuah; thuthan: pronounce judgement on the issue ○ The doctors pronounced him to be/that he was no longer in danger. (b) [Cn-a esp passive] sim; ti: The dinner was pronounced excellent by all the guests. ○ She pronounced herself satisfied with the results. **3** [Ipr] (a) ~ **for/against sb/sth** (law) thuthenzung in thu a ðhen: The judge pronounced against her appeal. ○ The inquiry pronounced for the protesters against the scheme. (b) ~ **on/upon sth** ruahnak sim: The minister was asked to pronounce on the proposed new legislation.

▷ **pronounceable** /-əbəl/ *adj* (of sounds or words) a awsuah sal a theihmi: I find some of the place-names barely pronounceable.

pronounced *adj* **1** theihthei hmuh thei tukmi: a pronounced limp. **2** (of opinion, views, etc) a hngetmi; a fiangmi: She has very pronounced views on the importance of correct spelling.

pronouncedly *adv*.

pronouncement *n* ~ (on sth) thu thannak: There has been no official pronouncement yet on the state of the president's health.

pronto /ptɒntəʊ/ *adv* (infml) hmakhat te-in; khulrang zetin: I want this rubbish cleared away pronto!

pronunciation /prə'nʌnsi'eɪʃn/ *n* **1** (a) [U] ðong a awsuah dan: She had difficulty learning English pronunciation. (b) a awsuah ih ðongmi: Their English pronunciation is not good, but it is improving. **2** [C] ðongfang a awsuah daan: Which of these three pronunciations is the most usual?

proof¹ /pru:f/ *n* **1** [C, U] thil pakhat a dik a si ti ih langternak le simnak: What proofs have you that the statement is correct? ○ Have you any proof that you are the owner of the car? ○ written proof ○ documentary proof of his ownership of the land. **2** [U] thil pakhat a tak

maw tak lo zohfelnak: Is the claim capable of proof? **3** [U] zureu, suanmi zu ah zucit (spirit) ziang hmuah a tel ti tahnak: The liquor is 80% proof. ○ The rum is 30% below proof. **4** (a) [C esp pl] cet ih nammi ca a dik maw dik lo zohnak: check/correct/read the proofs of a book ○ pass the proofs for press, ie approve them, so that printing may begin ○ galley/page-proofs ○ [attrib] a proof copy. (b) [C] mizuk a ngaingai suah hlan ðha le ðha lo zoh dingih suah hmaisami: proofs of the wedding photos. (c) [U] cabu a ngaingai suak hlan zohfel dingih suah hmaisai lawkmi: I read the book in proof. **5** [C] (mathematics) geometry kanaan zirnak ah hitin tuah le a dik si ti ih zirhnak: the proof of a theorem, ie in geometry. **6** (idm) **be living proof of sth** ⇨ LIVING. **the proof of the pudding (is in the eating)** (saying) a hmelin zoh hlah, a aan in ngai aw (a lenglam in zoh loin a tuannak in zoh ding a si): The new machine is supposed to be the solution to all our production problems, but the proof of the pudding is in the eating. **put sb/sth to the proof/test** a ðha le ðha lo ðhim hnuk ding a si: Let's put his theory to the proof. ○ The crisis put his courage and skill to the test.

□ **proof-read** *v* [I, Tn] ngan zomi ca sual le sual lo siar ih rem saktu: It is part of your duties to proof-read. ○ proof-read twenty pages. **proof-reader** *n*.

proof spirit zu le tidai in nuam tawkih cokmi.

proof² /pru:f/ *adj* **1** [attrib] ~ **against sth** (a) pakhat khat kham/dawntu a si ti hmuhsakmi: The shelter was proof against the bitter weather. (b) khamtu: proof against temptation. **2** (in compounds) cuihmi thil a kham/a kham thei timi: leak-proof batteries ○ Are these batteries leak-proof? ○ bullet-proof glass ○ a sound-proof room ○ waterproof clothing.

▷ **proof** *v* [Tn] (fml) a kham; a kham (himi muka cu ruahti a kham/a kham).

prop¹ /prɒp/ *n* **1** (esp in compounds) dotu (hnget dingin dotu): Props were used to prevent the roof collapsing. ○ a pit-prop ○ a clothes-prop. **2** (fig) bawmtu; zohtu: a prop and comfort to her parents in their old age ○ His encouragement was a great prop to her self-confidence.

▷ **prop** *v* (-pp-) **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-a] do; khamter: The invalid lay propped on the pillows. ○ He used a box to prop the door open. (b) [Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth against sth** hngauh; hngauhsan: She propped her bicycle against the wall. ○ He propped himself against the gatepost.

2 (phr v) **prop sth up** (a) pakhat khat tlu lo dingin do: The roof will have to be propped up while repairs are carried out. ○ The baby cannot sit unaided — she has to be propped up on pillows. (b) (often derog) tla lo ding/siat lo dingin bawm: The government refuses to prop up inefficient industries. ○ The regime had been

propped up by foreign aid.

□ **prop-word** *n* (grammar) relciami hmin, ai-awh ih hman salnak, eg which piece would you like? I'd like the bigger one.

prop² /prop/ *n* (infml) = PROPELLER.

prop³ /prop/ *n* (infml) = PROPERTY⁵.

propaganda /ˌprɒpəˈgændə/ *n* [U] (a) *thuhla pakhat mi hmuahhmuah theih dingin thandarhnak: There has been so much propaganda against smoking that many people have given it up.* (b) (derog) *mi zapi theih dingin ram ukawknak lam pawl khat ih thanmi thu a sinan, ʔanmi lam nei lo vekih thanmi thu: The play is sheer political propaganda.* ○ *The people want information from the government, not propaganda.* ○ [attrib] *propaganda films, plays, posters, etc.*

▷ **propagandist** /-dist/ *n* (often derog) *mipi hnen than ding thu a tuahtu: anti-smoking propagandists* ○ *political propagandists.*

propagandize, -ise /-daɪz/ *v* (fml often derog) (a) [I] *thuthan; thuhla karhzaiter.* (b) [Tn] *thusuahmi zapi theih dingin than: propagandize political ideology.* (c) [Tn] *miphun pakhat, lole, mi pawlkhat hnenah thu suahmi thei dingin va than.*

propagate /ˈprɒpəgeɪt/ *v* 1 [Tn] *thingkung, ramsa amah dankel tein karhzaiter: propagate plants from seeds and cuttings* ○ *propagate plants by taking cuttings.* 2 [I, Tn] (of plants) *thingkung hramkung amahte a karhzai vivo: Plant's won't propagate in these conditions.* ○ *Trees propagate themselves by seeds.* 3 [Tn] (fml) *karhzaiter (hmuhdan, theidan, zumdan): Missionaries went far a field to propagate their faith.* 4 [Tn] (fml) *karhzaiter sin; karhsin vivo: propagate vibrations through rock.*

▷ **propagation** /ˌprɒpəˈgeɪʃn/ *n* [U] *karhzaiternak: the propagation of plants from cuttings.*

propagator *pakhat khat karhzai tertu: tomato plants growing in a propagator.*

propane /ˈprəʊpeɪn/ *n* [U] (chemistry) *pianrong a nei lomi, natural gas le petroleum lakih ton theihmi, meisa vek ih (fuel) hman theimi.*

propel /prəˈpel/ *v* (-II-) [Tn, Tn-pr] *hmailam ih thawn, mawng, tul: mechanically propelled vehicles* ○ *a boat propelled by oars* ○ (fig) *His addiction to drugs propelled him towards a life of crime.*

▷ **propellant** (also **propellent**) /-ənt/ *n* [C, U] *hmailam ih a feh tertu thazaang, eg a puakmi thazaang in meithal cerek cu hmailam ah thazaang cak zetin a fehter.*

propellent /-ənt/ *adj* *hmailam ih fehtertu a simi: a propellent agent.*

propeller (also **screwpropeller**, infml **prop**) *n* *vanzam, tangphawlawng tivek hmai ih a fehtertu pangka.*

□ **propelling pencil** *khedan sung um a muril suan kha, a hawng her le hmailam ih a suak theimi.*

propensity /prəˈpensəti/ *n* ~ (for/to/towards sth); ~ (for doing/to do sth) (fml) *duh deuhnak; hoi deuhnak: a propensity to exaggerate/towards exaggeration* ○ *a propensity for getting into debt.*

proper /ˈprɒpə(r)/ *adj* 1 (a) *a remcangmi, a tlakmi; a tawkmi: clothes proper for the occasion* ○ *the proper tool for the job* ○ *The teapot has lost its proper lid but this one will do instead.* (b) [attrib] *a dan vekin a si le; a dan cu: the proper way to hold the bat* ○ *The reels of film were not in the proper order.* 2 *a tlakmi; cu vek a simi: After a very proper upbringing he chose to lead the Bohemian life of an artist.* ○ *She's not at all a proper person for you to know.* Cf IMPROPER. 3 (a) [attrib] (infml) *a ngaingai; a taktak: She hadn't had a proper holiday for years.* ○ *It was discovered that he was not a proper (ie qualified) doctor.* (b) (place after the *n*) *a ngaingai: You have to wait in a large entrance hall before being shown into the court proper.* ○ *Students have to do a year's preparation before they start the degree course proper.* 4 [attrib] (infml) *felfaite ih tuahmi; kimte ih tuahmi: We're in a proper mess now.* ○ *He gave the burglar a proper hiding, ie beat him thoroughly.* 5 (idm) **do the proper/right thing (by sb)** ⇒ THING. **prim and proper** ⇒ PRIM.

▷ **properly** *adv* 1 *ʔha tein; rem zetin: She will have to learn to behave properly.* ○ *Do it properly or don't do it at all.* ○ *He is not properly (ie strictly) speaking a member of the staff.* 2 (infml) *felfai tein; lawlaw: He got properly beaten by the world champion.*

□ **proper fraction** (mathematics) *ʔhentu rin tlun nambat hnakin rintang nambat a tam sawnmi: 1/2, 3/4, 19/20 are proper fractions.* Cf IMPROPER FRACTION (IMPROPER).

proper name (also **proper noun**) (grammar) *hmin fingfing ti duhnak, eg Jane, Mr Smith, London, Europe, the Thames.*

property /ˈprɒpəti/ *n* 1 [U] *neihmi thilri: Don't touch those tools — they are not your property.* ○ *The jewels were her personal property.* 2 (a) [U] *leilung le inn pawl (innhmun pawl): a man/woman of property, ie one who owns property* ○ *She invested her money in property.* ○ [attrib] *property development, management, speculation.* (b) [C] (fml) *innhmun pakhat le a par ih sakmi inn: He has a property in the West Country.* ○ *A fence divides the two properties.* 3 [U] (fml) *thilri neihmi; thilri neihnak: Property brings duties and responsibilities.* 4 [C esp pl] (fml) *thil pakhat ih a sinak (quality): Certain plants have medicinal (ie healing) properties.* ○ *the soothing properties of an ointment* ○

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Paraffin has the property of dissolving grease. **5** [C usu pl] (also *infml prop*) thawm theimi thilri; lemcawn tivek ih hman ding hnipuan le thilri: *She was responsible for buying the properties for the television, series.* **6** (idm) **public property** ⇒ PUBLIC.

▷ **propertied** /ˈprɒpətɪd/ *adj* (fml) neihmi thilri (tiduh san bikmi cu leilung innhmun pawl): *The tax will affect only the propertied classes.*

prophecy /ˈprɒfəsi/ *n* **1** [U] hmailam ah ziang a cang ding ti simcia thiamnak: *He seemed to have the gift of prophecy.* ○ *All these events had been revealed by prophecy.* **2** [C] hmailam ziang a cang ding ti simmi thu: *prophecies of disaster* ○ *Her prophecy was proved to be correct.*

prophecy /ˈprɒfəsi/ *v* (pt, pp **-sied**) **1** [I, Ip] ~ (of sth) hmailam ih cang dingmi simcia. **2** [Tn, Tf, Tw] sim cia: *He prophesied the strange events that were to come.* ○ *They prophesied correctly that the Conservatives would win the election.* ○ *He refused to prophesy when the economy would begin to improve.*

prophet /ˈprɒfɪt/ *n* (fem **prophetess** /ˈprɒfɪtes/, also ˈprɒfɪtes/) **1** [C] profet; pol; kamsaang: (joc) *I'm afraid I'm no weather prophet.* **2** (a) (also **Prophet**) [C] (in the Christian, Jewish and Muslim religions) Christian, Jewish le Muslim biaknak ah Pathian ɬongkam, a zumtu pawl hnenih simsintu — kamsaang: *the Prophets of the Old Testament.* (b) **the Prophet** [sing] Muslim biaknak a tuah thoktu Mohammed ti duhnak a si. (c) **the Prophets** [pl] Baibal hlun sungih Profet pawl. **3** [C] ~ (of sth) zumnak (ruahnak) thar ih thuhla suaupitu: *William Morris was one of the early prophets of socialism.* **4** (idm) **a prophet of doom** hmailam thu kha a ɬatnak lam si loin a siatnak lam hlirih hmuh, rel, sim a hmanngu: *If we had listened to the prophets of doom, we would never have started the project.*

prophetic /ˈprɒfɪtɪk/ (also **prophetical** /ˈprɒfɪtɪkl/) *adj* (fml) **1** profet vek a simi. **2** ~ (of sth) hmailam thu sim ciami thawm a pehtlaimi: *prophetic remarks* ○ *Her early achievements were prophetic of her future greatness.*

▷ **prophetically** /-kli/ *adv*: *We were to realize years later how prophetically he spoke on that occasion.*

prophylactic /ˈprɒfɪlæktɪk/ *adj* (fml) natnak le vansiatnak thleng ding khamtu dingih tuahmi.

▷ **prophylactic** *n* (fml) **1** natkhamnak ih tuahmi sii, thilri, lole, cangvaihnak phunkhat. **2** (esp US) = CONDOM.

prophylaxis /-læksɪs/ *n* [U] (fml) natkhamnak ih tuahmi pakhat khat.

propinquity /ˈprɒpɪŋkwəti/ *n* [U] (fml) (a) hmun le tikcu ih a naihnak: *The neighbours lived in close propinquity to each other.* (b) sungkhat thii nai zet sinak (*consanguinity*); sungkhat thii

nai.

propitiate /prəˈpɪʃiət/ *v* [Tn] (fml) thin damter, hnem; lung hmuiter; biak: *They offered sacrifices to propitiate the gods.*

▷ **propitiation** /prəˈpɪʃiətʃən/ *n* [U] ~ (of sb); ~ (for sth) bawlnak, tlonnak, thindamternak: *propitiation of the gods* ○ *in propitiation for their sins.*

propitiatory /prəˈpɪʃiətəri; US -tɔːri/ *adj* (fml) biaknak/bawlnak ih pekmi/tuahmi: *a propitiatory gift, remark, smile.*

propitious /prəˈpɪʃəs/ *adj* ~ (for sth) thil hlensuahnak ding caan ɬa: *It was not a propitious time to start a new business.* ○ *The circumstances were not propitious for further expansion of the company.*

propitiously *adv*.

prop-jet /ˈprɒpdʒet/ *n* = TURBO-PROP.

proponent /prəˈpɒnənt/ *n* ~ (of sth) thil pakhat ruahnak pakhat a za-awitu/tha a petu: *one of the leading proponents of the Channel Tunnel.*

proportion /prəˈpɔːʃn/ *n* **1** [C] pakhat khat thawm ɬim tikah a tlak awmi, a rem awmi, a kaih awmi: *a large proportion of the earth's surface* ○ *The proportion of the population still speaking the dialect is very small.* ○ *A fixed proportion of the fund is invested in British firms.* **2** [U] ~ (of sth to sth) a tum, a tam, a kauh a tlak awknak: *The proportion of imports to exports* (ie excess of imports over exports) *is worrying the government.* ○ *the proportion of passes to failures in the final examination* ○ *What is the proportion of men to women in the population?* **3** [U, C usu pl] a kaih aw, a rem aw, a rual aw: *the classical proportions of the room* ○ *The two windows are in admirable proportion.*

4 proportions [pl] a tum le a kauhdan a rualremmi: *a ship of impressive proportions* ○ *a painting of huge proportions.* **5** [U] (mathematics) kanaan zirnak ih nambat ɬenkhat le ɬenkhat bang awkdan: *'4 is to 8 as 6 is to 12' is a statement of proportion.* **6** (idm) **in proportion** (a) thil ɬenkhat le ɬenkhat a rualrem awknak; a mawi tawk sinak: *Try to draw the figures in the foreground in proportion.* ○ *Her features are in proportion*, ie are of the correct size relative to each other. ○ *get/see things in proportion* ○ *Try to see the problem in proportion* — *it could be far worse.* (b) (mathematics) kanaan ah a ɬen a bang awmi: $\frac{5}{8}$ and $\frac{10}{16}$ are in proportion. **in proportion to sth** pakhat thawm kaih-aw in: *the room is wide in proportion to its height.* ○ *Payment will be in proportion to the work done, not to the time spent doing it.* **out of proportion (to sth)** a kaih-aw lomi: *The figures of the horses in the foreground are out of proportion.* ○ *Her head is out of proportion to the size of her body.* **out of**

(all) proportion to sth a dang pakhat thawm

zohthim tikah a tumtuk/a rohtuk: *prices out of all proportion to income* ○ *punishment that was out of all proportion to the offence committed.*

▷ **proportioned** *adj* (esp in compounds) a tum a tet tivek a kaih-awmi: *a well-proportioned room.*

proportional /prə'pɔːʃənəl/ *adj* ~ (to sth) (*fml*) a kauhdan, a tamdan, a sandan a rualremmi: *Payment will be proportional to the amount of work done.*

▷ **proportionally** /-ʃənəli/ *adv.*

□ **proportional representation** me petu mipum a tam a mal parah zohin ai-awhtu tlangsuak upa hrildan. Cf FIRST PAST THE POST (FIRST¹).

proportionate /prə'pɔːʃənət/ *adj* ~ (to sth) (*fml*) a rualrem awmi (a kaih awmi): *The price increases are proportionate to the increases in the costs of production.*

▷ **proportionately** *adv*: *Costs have risen, and prices will rise proportionately.*

proposal /prə'pəʊzəl/ *n* **1** [U] thu burmi: *the proposal of new terms for a peace treaty.* **2** [C] ~ (for sth/doing sth); ~ (to do sth) thuburmi; duhmi thu suahpimi: *a proposal for uniting the two companies* ○ *Various proposals were put forward for increasing sales.* ○ *a proposal to offer a discount to regular customers.* **3** [C] thusuah pimi; thu ngenmi; dilmi: *She had had many proposals (of marriage) but preferred to remain single.*

propose /prə'pəʊz/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tf, Tg] tuah duhmi suahpi; thubur: *The motion (ie for debate) was proposed by Mr X and seconded by Mrs Y.* ○ *The committee proposed that new legislation should be drafted.* Cf SECOND³ **2.** **2** [Tn, Tt, Tg] tum: *I propose an early start/to make an early start/making an early start tomorrow.* **3** [I, Ipr, Tn, Dn-pr] ~ (sth) (to sb) ka lo thi ding ti ih dil (nupi biak): *He was trying to decide whether he should propose (to her).* ○ *He had proposed marriage, unsuccessfully, twice already.* **4** [Tn-pr, Cn-n/a] ~ sb for sth; ~ sb as sth pakhat khat cang ve dingin mi hmin suahpi; hril: *propose him for membership of the society* ○ *I propose Mary Davies as a candidate for the presidency.* **5** (idm) **propose sb's health/a toast** 'a harhdamnak dil in in cio uhsi,' ti ih sawmnak tuah: *I should like to propose a toast to the bride and bridegroom.*

▷ **proposer** *n* thu suahpitu; pakhat khat tuah dingah sawmtu. Cf SECONDER (SECOND³).

proposition /prə'pɔːʒɪʃən/ *n* **1** ~ (that...) hmuhnak/ruahnak hitin a si ti ih simmi thu: *The proposition is so clear that it needs no explanation.* **2** ~ (to do sth/that...) ruah dingih suahpimi; sumtuah ding daan tumtahmi: *I made what I hoped was an attractive proposition.* ○ *a proposition to merge the two*

firms/that the two firms should merge. **3** (*infml*) tuahtul dingmi thuhla buai: *It's a tough/not an easy proposition.* ○ *Keeping a shop in this village is not a paying proposition,* ie not profitable. **4** (*geometry*) kanan zirnak ah thuhnok tuahsuakdan.

▷ **proposition** *v* [Tn] mipa in nunau kha a ihpi duh thu langhngan in sim: *She was propositioned several times in the course of the evening.*

propound /prə'paʊnd/ *v* [Tn] (*fml*) tuah duhmi thuhla thar suahpi: *propound an idea, a problem, a question, a theory, etc.*

proprietary /prə'praɪətri/ *adj* [usu attrib] **1** (a) (of goods) bulpak company ih tuah le zuarmi, hmainsinnak tuahmi thilri: *proprietary medicines* ○ *proprietary brands.* (b) (in this dictionary abbreviated as **propr**) (of a brand name) a tuahtu company pakhat lawng ih neih dan a simi thilri: *a proprietary name, eg Kodak for cameras and films* ○ *'Xerox' is a proprietary name and may not be used by other makers of photocopiers.* **2** thil neitu neihnak thu thawn a pehtlaimi: *proprietary rights.*

proprietor /prə'praɪətə(r)/ *n* (*fem* **proprietress** /prə'praɪətrɪs/) thilri neitu; sumtuahnak company, hotel tivek neitu: *Complaints about standards of service should be addressed to the proprietor.* ○ *a newspaper proprietor.*

▷ **proprietary** /prə'praɪətrɪs/ *adj* (often derog) thilri neitu sinak thawn a pehtlaimi: *She resented the proprietary way he used her car for trips about town.*

propriety /prə'praɪəti/ *n* (*fml*) **1** (a) [U] nuncan ziaza a dikih umnak: *behave with perfect propriety* ○ *The way tourists dress offends local standards of propriety.* (b) **the proprieties** [pl] a dikmi ziaza pawl: *Her use of obscene language offends against the proprieties.* ○ *Be careful to observe the proprieties.* **2** [U] ~ (of sth) a diknak; a remnak: *I am doubtful about the propriety of granting such a request,* ie doubt whether it is right.

propulsion /prə'pʌlʃən/ *n* [U] hmailam ih a hermi: *changes in the fuel used for propulsion* ○ *jet propulsion,* ie by means of jet engines.

▷ **propulsive** /prə'pʌlsɪv/ *adj* (*fml*) leeng tivek cet ih hmailam a fehtermi: *propulsive power, forces, gases.*

pro rata /prəʊ 'rɑːtə/ *adj, adv* (*fml*) a thendan bang aw in; a tlak awmi: *If production costs go up, there will be a pro rata increase in prices/ prices will increase pro rata.*

prorogue /prə'rəʊg/ *v* [Tn] (*fml*) Parliament khawmnak neta peh leh dingin caan tawkfang cawlta (tlangsuak Hluttaw khawm baang — neta peh leh dingin).

▷ **prorogation** /prəʊrə'geɪʃən/ *n* [C, U] (*fml*) Parliament khawmnak cawlta lawk.

prosaic /prə'zɛnk/ *adj* (a) a menmen a simi; a sawhsawh a simi: a *prosaic metaphor, style, writer* ○ a *prosaic description of the scene*. (b) duh a nung lomi: *her prosaic life as a housewife*.
▷ **prosaically** /-klɪ/ *adv*.

proscenium /prə'si:niəm/ *n* puailaamnak ih zaarmi puan a hmailam zawn.

□ **proscenium arch** puan thlainak a tlunlam.
proscribe /prə'skraɪb; US prəʊ-/ *v* [Tn] (fml) **1** kham: *The sale of narcotics is proscribed by law*. **2** (formerly) upadi (daan thu) leng ih a ummi; upadi ih tham ban lomi.

▷ **proscription** /prə'skɪpʃn; US prəʊ-/ *n* [C, U] (fml) khamnak: *the proscription of newspapers critical of the government*.

prose /prəʊz/ *n* [U] hla vek si loin menmen ðong/ menmen nganmi ca: *a page of well-written prose* ○ [attrib] *the great prose writers of the 19th century*. Cf POETRY 1, VERSE.

prosecute /prə'sɪkjʊt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (for **sth/doing sth**) thukhiing (tazacuai); lupu: *Trespassers will be prosecuted*. ○ *He was prosecuted for exceeding the speed limit*. ○ *the prosecuting lawyer*, ie the one representing the prosecution. **2** [Tn] (fml) pakhat khat thawn umpheh: *prosecute a war, one's inquiries, one's studies*.

▷ **prosecutor** /prə'sɪkjʊtə(r)/ *n* thuðhen zung ih luputu, thukhiingtu.

prosecution /prə'sɪkjʊ:ʃn/ *n* **1** (a) [U] sualtuah ruangih thukhiinnak (tazacuainak): *Failure to pay your taxes will make you liable to prosecution*. (b) [C] thuðhen zungah sualpuhnak/tazacuainak: *There have been several successful prosecutions for drug smuggling recently*. **2** [Gp] thuðhen zungih thu thlentu, mawhpuhmi, thureltu pawl (tazacuaitu sitni) (cozah sitni pawl): *Mr Smith acted as counsel for the prosecution*. ○ *The prosecution based their case on the evidence of two witnesses*. Cf DEFENCE 2. **3** [U] **the ~ of sth** (fml) thil tisuak; thil pakhat tuah rero: *In the prosecution of his duties he had met with a good deal of resistance*.

proselyte /prə'sɛlaɪt/ *n* (fml) ramhruainak, biaknak tivek ah zumnak pakhat ihsin a dang pakhat ah a thawn reromi.

▷ **proselytize, -ise** /prə'sɛlɪtaɪz/ *v* [I, Tn] (fml) biaknak lam zumnak ah zum ve dingin forh/ hruai ciamco: *going round the country proselytizing* ○ *attempts to proselytize the younger generation*.

prosody /prə'sədi/ *n* [U] **1** hla umdan, hla fehdan zirnak. **2** ðong fehdan, a sang a niam, a kai a ðum tivek zirnak.

▷ **prosodic** /prə'sədɪk/ *adj*.

prospect¹ /prə'spekt/ *n* **1** [C] (a) (dated) mit ih hmuh ban zat ram kaupi: *a magnificent prospect of mountain peaks and lakes*. (b)

hmailam ih cang ding thinlung suangtuahmi: *She viewed the prospect of a week alone in the house without much enthusiasm*. **2 prospects** [pl] caanþa; van neih caan: *the prospects for this year's wine harvest are poor*. ○ *The job has no prospects*, ie offers little possibility of promotion. **3** [U] ~ (of **sth/doing sth**) rinnak; ruahsannak: *I see little prospect of an improvement in his condition*. ○ *There is no prospect of a settlement of the dispute*. ○ *have little prospect of succeeding* ○ *He is unemployed and has nothing in prospect* (ie no expectation of finding work) *at the moment*. **4** [C] (a) leh zuamawknak ah neh theitu ding awm-ang bik: *She's a good prospect for the British team*. (b) thil zuarmi lei thei ding awm-ang bik: *He was an experienced car salesman and recognized an easy prospect when he saw one!*

prospect² /prə'spekt; US 'prɒspekt/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (for **sth**) sui; lungmankhung, zinan tivek hawl: *a licence to prospect in the northern territory* ○ *The company are prospecting for gold in that area*.

▷ **prospector** *n* sui, lungmankhung tivek a suaknak a hawlto.

prospective /prə'spektɪv/ *adj* [esp attrib] hmailam ah a cang ding/a suak ding ti ih ruahmi: *prospective changes in the law* ○ *his prospective mother-in-law* ○ *the prospective Labour candidate at the next election* ○ *showing the house to a prospective buyer*.

prospectus /prə'spektəs/ *n* tlawng, phunsang tlawng pawl ah an tlawng thuhla le zir theihmi pawl zapi theih dingih an nganmi: *prospectuses from several universities*.

prosper /prə's perətɪ/ *v* [I] ðangso, lian, hlawhtling: *the business is prospering*.

prosperity /prə'sperətɪ/ *n* [U] (a) ðhansonak; lennak: *He wished the young couple a life of happiness and prosperity*. (b) sumtuahnak ah a ðangso zetmi: *The increase in the country's prosperity was due to the discovery of oil*.

prosperous /prə'spərəs/ *adj* sumtuahnak ah a ðangso zetmi; a lian zetmi: *a prosperous country, businessman, industry* ○ *a prosperous-looking businessman*.

▷ **prosperously** *adv*.

prostate /prə'steɪt/ *n* (also **prostate gland**) (anatomy) (in male mammals) zin phuhram (a hngawng) ih um ciil, ti, hnawi tivek pawl suahtu (gland): *in hospital for an operation on his prostate*.

prosthesis /prə'sθɪsɪs, prə'sθi:zɪs/ *n* (pl **-theses** /'prə'sθɪsɪz, prə'sθi:zɪz/) (medical) **1** [C] phuahcop (tuahcop) taksa: *a prosthesis was fitted after the amputation*. **2** [U] takpum a kim lonak zawn ah phuahcop taksa bun.

▷ **prosthetic** /prə'sθetɪk/ *adj*: *a prosthetic appliance*.

prostitute /prɒstɪtjuːt/; US -tuːt/ *n* paisa ngahnak ding hrangah mah le mah zuar-awtu; tawzuar, suzuar; hlawhhlhang.

▷ **prostitute** *v* [Tn] (derog) **1** ~ **oneself** zuar-aw, mah ih taksa zuar: *She prostituted herself in order to support her children.* **2** mah ih thil ti theinak dik lo zet ih paisa ih zuar: *poets prostituting their talent by writing jingles for advertisements.*

prostitution /prɒstɪtjuːʃn/; US -tuːʃn/ *n* **1** [U] tawzuar hnaʔuannak: *Prostitution is on the increase in the city.* **2** [C, U] ~ **of sth** thil pakhat khat man nei lo zet ih hmang: *He refused the job, saying it would be (a) prostitution of his talents.*

prostrate /prɒstreɪt/ *adj* **1** takpum bokkhup ih ummi: *The prisoners were forced to lie prostrate in front of their captors.* ○ *She was found prostrate on the floor of the cell.* Cf PRONE **1**, SUPINE **1**. **2** ~ **(with sth)** pakhat khat ih neh ruangah maw, sung ruangah maw, bawmtu nei lo mangbang ih um: *She was prostrate with grief after his death.* ○ *The country, prostrate after years of war, began slowly to recover.* ○ *The illness left her prostrate for several weeks.*

▷ **prostrate** /prɒstreɪt/; US 'prɒstreɪt/ *v* **1** [Tn] **(a)** ~ **oneself** zial/leilung parah hmai bokkhup in biak, lole, ʔihzahnak pek: *The slaves prostrated themselves at their master's feet.* ○ *The pilgrims prostrated themselves before the altar.* **(b)** (fml) tlu; leilung ah tlu: *trees prostrated by the gales.* **2** [Tn esp passive] (of illness, weather, etc) nat, nikhua tikcu tivek ruangih zianghman tuah theilo ih um: *The competitors were prostrated by the heat.* **prostration** /prɒstreɪʃn/ *n* **1** [C, U] hmai bokkhup ih lut/biak. **2** [U] cautuk ruangah/tha cementuk ruangah bokkhup: *Two of the runners collapsed in a state of prostration.*

prosy /prəʊzi/ *adj* **(-ier, -iest)** (of a writer, speaker, book, speech, style, etc) a menmen; mi a hiip lo; ruahnak thar um lo.

▷ **prosily** *adv.* **prosiness** *n* [U].

Prot *abbr* Protestant.

protagonist /prə'tæɡənɪst/ *n* **1** **(a)** (fml) drama tuahnak ah a thupi bik a simi. **(b)** thuanthu, thubuai, a cang takmi thu, tivek ah a thupi bik ih a teltu. **2** ~ **(of sth)** thuhla pakhat ih hohatu: *an outspoken protagonist of electoral reform* ○ *a leading protagonist of the women's movement.*

protean /prəʊtiən, prəʊtiːən/ *adj* (fml) zamrang zet le ol zet ih a thleng-aw theimi.

protect /prə'tekt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sb/sth** **(against/from sth)** hum; humhim: *You need warm clothes to protect you against the cold.* ○ *The vaccine was used to protect the whole population against infection.* ○ *The union was formed to protect the rights and interests of miners.* **2** [Tn] hum; kil (ramsung ih cetzung

pakhat kha, midang ih zuam thei lo dingin, amah ih tuahmi vek thilri hmundang ihsin lut siang loin kham): *The country's car industry is so strongly protected that foreign cars are rarely seen there.*

protection /prə'tekʃn/ *n* **1** ~ **(for sb)** **(against sth)** **(a)** [U] humnak: *appeal for protection from the police* ○ *The shady trees provide protection against the burning rays of the sun.* ○ *Our medical insurance offers protection (ie payment for medical treatment) for the whole family in the event of illness.* **(b)** [C] humtu thil: *He wore a thick overcoat as a protection against the bitter cold.* **2** [U] ramdang thilri luhpi man (a-khun) tampi laknak in, ramsung suak thilri humhim daan: *Textile workers favoured protection because they feared an influx of cheap cloth.* **3** [U] **(a)** sumtuah hnaʔuannak hnaihok lo dingin misual pawl kha paisa pek cia daan: [attrib] *The gang were running protection rackets in all the big cities.* **(b)** (also **protection money**) hitivek hrangih pekmi paisa: *He was paying out half his profits as protection.*

▷ **protectionism** /-fənɪzəm/ *n* [U] ramsung suak thilri humhim daan: *accuse rival countries of protectionism.*

protectionist /-fənɪst/ *n* ramsung suak thilri humhim daan a ʔantu.

protective /prə'tektɪv/ *adj* **1** [esp attrib] humhimmi: *a protective layer of varnish* ○ *Workers who handle asbestos need to wear protective clothing.* ○ *wearing protective headgear on a motor cycle* ○ *protective colouring*, ie on the bodies of birds, animals and insects, making it difficult for predators to see them ○ *protective duties/tariffs on imported goods.* **2** ~ **(to wards sb)** humhim duhnak a simi: *A mother naturally feels protective towards her children.* ○ *He put his arm round her in a protective gesture.*

▷ **protective** *n* (US) condom — mipa zahmawh (zang) ih bunmi sialriat dip.

protectively *adv.*

□ **protective custody** amah humnak ah thawnginn sungah ret.

protector /prə'tektə(r)/ *n* **1** mi humtu, mi kiltu: *their guardian and protector.* **2** khamtu/khamnak ih tuahmi thilri: *The swordsmen wore chest protectors.*

protectorate /prə'tektərət/ *n* ram pakhat, amah hnak in a cak sawnmi ram pakhat ih hummi; zohcopmi ram: *He had been Governor of a British Protectorate.* Cf COLONY **1**.

protégé (fem **protégée**) /'prɒtɪʒeɪ/ *n* zohkhentu nei milai; ʔuanvo latu nei: *a young protégé of a famous violinist* ○ *As the protégé of the most powerful man in the country, his success was guaranteed.*

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protein /prəʊtiːn/ *n* [C, U] protein dat; sa, arti, nga tivek ih a ummi taksa a ðangter; a caktertu dat: *essential proteins and vitamins* ○ *They were weakened by a diet that was low in protein.* ○ [attrib] *protein deficiency.*

pro tem /prəʊ ˈtem/ *abbr (informal)* for the time being; temporarily (Latin *pro tempore*): *This arrangement will have to do pro tem.*

protest¹ /prəˈtest/ *n* **1** [C] soisel; el; duh lonak langter: *enter/lodge/make/register a protest about/against sth* ○ *Loud protests were heard when the decision was announced.* ○ *stage a protest* (ie organize a demonstration) *against management's handling of the dispute.* **2** [U] lungkim lonak sim/langter: *the minister resigned in protest against the decision.* ○ [attrib] *a protest demonstration, march, movement, etc.* ie one organized by people who disagree with official policy. **3** (idm) **under protest** lungkim loin le duh lonak langter hnuah: *She paid the fine under protest.*

protest² /prəˈtest/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (about/against/at sth) lungkim lonak sim: *She protested strongly at being called a snob.* ○ *Demonstrators protested outside the country's embassies all over Europe.* ○ *They are holding a rally to protest against the government's defence policy.* ○ (US) *A demonstration was planned to protest the mistreatment of prisoners.* **2** [Tn, Tf] thupi zet in theiinternak: *He protested his innocence.* ○ *She protested that she had never seen the accused man before.* **3** (idm) **protest too much** naa tuk in a el ruangah a takih a tuahmi parah rinhlelnak nei.

▷ **protester** *n* duh lonak langtertu: *A group of protesters gathered outside the firm's office.*

protestingly *adv*: *They denied the claim protestingly.*

Protestant /prəˈtestənt/ *n*, *adj* (member) kum zabi 16 ih Church of Rome duh lotu/dodaltu Christian pawlpi: *a Protestant church, minister, service.* Cf ROMAN CATHOLIC (ROMAN).

▷ **Protestantism** /-ɪzəm/ *n* [U] (a) Protestant zirhdan, zumdan pawl. (b) Protestants zapi, kawhnak, lole, tican.

protestation /prəˈtesteɪʃn/ *n* (fml) thupi zet ih theiinternak (a bik in lungkim lonak): *protestations of friendship, innocence, loyalty, etc* ○ *Despite their protestations, they were glad to accept our help.*

prot(o)- *comb form* a thoknak; a hram; khuahlan bik: *protozoa* ○ *prototype* ○ *protoplasm.*

protocol /prəˈtɒkəl; & -kɔːl/ *n* **1** [U] cozah pakhat le pakhat ton-awk/biak-awk tiki nuncan ziaza umtudan (ton-awk, biak-awk, relkhawm, eikhawm inkhawm tik vekih umtudan): *The organizer was familiar with the protocol of royal visits.* ○ *The delegates have to be seated according to protocol.* ○ *a breach of*

protocol. **2** [C] (fml) hmaisai bik ram khat le ram khat pehtlai-awknak ding daan an lungkimmi.

proton /prəˈtɒn/ *n* atom sung um electric tha a neimi a muril. Cf ELECTRON, NEUTRON.

protoplasm /prəˈtɒl/ (also **plasma**) *n* [U] (biology) pianrong nei lo, a bek ciarmi, ramsa le thingkung hmuahhmuah ih nunnak hram.

prototype /prəˈtətaɪp/ *n* a si hmaisai bikmi thil: *the prototype for future school buildings* ○ [attrib] *a prototype supersonic aircraft.*

protozoon (also **protozoan**) /prəˈtəʊzəʊn/ *n* (pl -zoa /-zəʊə/) mit lawng ih hmuh tham lo a nungmi fate zet tampi, a buur ih umkhawmmi.

▷ **protozoan** /prəˈtəʊzəʊn/ *adj* protozoon a simi.

protract /prəˈtrækt; US prəʊ-/ *v* [Tn esp passive] (often derog) tikcu sauter; reiter: *Let's not protract the debate any further.* ○ *a protracted lunch break* ○ *protracted delays, discussions, questioning.*

▷ **protraction** /prəˈtækʃn; US prəʊ-/ *n* [C, U] rei deuh daih dingih tuah: *Further protraction of the discussion will not achieve anything.*

protractor /prəˈtræktə(r); US prəʊ-/ *n* geometry zirnak ah, zukuuinak ih an hmanmi, a hlum hrek pungsan — degree 0° ih sin 180° tiang a ummi thil.

protrude /prəˈtruːd; US prəʊ-/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (from sth) a pawt; a hleifuan: *He managed to hang on to a piece of rock protruding from the cliff face.* ○ *protruding eyes, lips, teeth* ○ *a protruding chin.*

▷ **protrusion** /prəˈtruːʒn; US prəʊ-/ *n* (a) [U] a pawt suakmi: *Thumb-sucking can cause protrusion of the teeth.* (b) [C] a pawtmi thil; a hleifuanmi: *rocky protrusions on the surface of the cliff.*

protrusive /prəˈtruːsɪv; US prəʊ-/ *adj* (fml) a pawt suakmi.

protuberant /prəˈtjuːbərent; US prəʊtʊː-/ *adj* (fml) vuummi; a pawngmi; a puammi, a thlingmi: *a protuberant stomach.*

▷ **protuberance** /-əns/ *n* (fml) (a) [U] a pawng; a bo; a puam. (b) [C] a bomi; a puammi: *The diseased trees are marked by protuberances on their bark.*

proud /praʊd/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** (approx) (a) ~ (fo sb/sth); ~ (to do sth/that...) a porh awmi, a uar awmi: *proud of her new car* ○ *His proud parents congratulated him.* ○ *They were proud of their success/of being so successful.* ○ *They were proud to belong/that they belonged to such a fine team.* ○ *She is a remarkable person — I am proud (ie honoured) to know her.* ○ (ironic) *I hope you feel proud of yourself — you've ruined the game!* ○ *the proud owners of a new house.* (b) a zum awmi: *They were poor but proud.* ○ *He had been too proud to ask for help.* ○ *They are a proud and independent people.* (c)

lungawimi, uar awkmi: *It was a proud day for us when we won the trophy.* ○ *The portrait was his proudest possession.* **2** (derog) a porh awmi; a zum-awmi; mi hngal: *He was too proud to join in our fun.* ○ *He is too proud now to be seen with his former friends.* **3** (fml) mak ti aw zet: *soldiers in proud array.* **4** ~ of sth bo; pawng; laar: be, rise, stand proud of sth ○ *The cement should stand proud of the surface and then be smoothed down later.* **5** (idm) (as) **proud as a peacock** uar aw tuk.

▷ **proud** adv (idm) **do sb proud** (infml) mi pakhat nasa zetin tuamhlawm/zoh (sa va thah/ puai tuahsak) tivek pawl; sunsak zetin zoh: *The college did us proud at the centenary dinner.*

proudly adv uar zetin; sunsak zetin: *proudly displaying the trophy.*

Prov abbr (esp on a map) Province.

prove /pru:v/ v (pp **proved**; US **proven** /pru:vn/) ⇒ Usage. **1** [Tn, Ft, Dn-pr, Dpr-f] ~ sth (to sb) a dik si ti langter; a si rori a si ti ih va hmuh: *prove sb's guilt/(that) sb is guilty* ○ *Can you prove it to me?* ○ *I shall prove to you that the witness is not speaking the truth.* **2** (US **probate**) [Tn] cahmi thu a taktak a si ti ih langter: *The will has to be proved before we can inherit.* **3** [La, Ln, Cn-a, Cn-n, Cn-t] ~ (oneself) sth pakhat a si ve ti ih langter: *The old methods proved best after all.* ○ *The task proved (to be) more difficult than we'd thought.* ○ *He proved himself (to be) a better driver than the world champion.* **4** [I] (of dough) a puar; a þang; a kai (sangtuahmi thilnu a tel si le tumpi in a þang/a puar): *leave the dough to prove for half an hour.* **5** (idm) **the exception proves the rule** ⇒ EXCEPTION. **prove one's/the case/point** a simmi, a timi a dik ti ih langter/hmuh: *He quoted figures to prove his case.* ○ *She claimed that money had been wasted and our financial difficulties seemed to prove her point.* ▷ **provable** /-əbl/ a dik a si ti theih: *a provable case of negligence.* **provably** /-əbli/ adv.

NOTE ON USAGE: **Prove** and **shave** have alternative past participle forms: **proved/proven**; **shaved/shaven**. The irregular forms are more common in US than in British English. **Shaven** and **proven** are mostly used adjectivally: *a well-proven method* ○ *a shaven head.*

proven /pru:vn; Scot 'prəʊvn/ adj **1** (approx) a dik ti theih ciami: *a man of proven ability.* **2** (idm) **not proven** a sual, a sual lo ti ih simfiang thei lomi (Scot Upadi ah mawhpuhmi kha, a sual, a sual lo ti ih simfiang theinak a um lo a si le, sualpuhnak in an thlah sal/an luatter sal).

provenance /prə'venəns/ n [U] (fml) a tawhram;

a thawhkehna: *the provenance of the word* ○ *antique furniture of doubtful provenance*, eg that may not be genuinely antique.

provender /prə'vendə(r)/ n [U] **1** rang le caw rawl. **2** (infml or joc) food — rawl: *enough provender for the party.*

proverb /prəvɜ:b/ n thufim; thuþhim tawite; tongfim: *the Book of Proverbs*, ie one of the books of the Old Testament containing the proverbs of Solomon.

▷ **proverbial** /prə'veɪbiəl/ adj **1** thufim, tongfim tawi tete ih tong/simmi: *proverbial sayings, wisdom* ○ *He is the proverbial square peg in a round hole.* **2** mi hmuah ih theihmi le tongmi: *His stupidity is proverbial.* ○ *I decided not to ask her for a loan in view of her proverbial meanness.*

proverbially /-biəli/ adv.

provide /prə'vaɪd/ v **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-pr] ~ sb (with sth); ~ sth (for sb) (a) ngahter, pek: *the management will provide food and drink.* ○ *Please put your litter in the bin provided.* ○ *The firm have provided me with a car.* ○ *Can you provide accommodation for thirty people?* (b) (fig) ngah; suum: *Let us hope his research will provide the evidence we need.* ○ *The painting provides us with one of the earliest examples of the use of perspective.* **2** [Tf] (fml) pakhat khat tuah lawngah ngah dingmi: *a clause in the agreement provides that the tenant shall pay for repairs to the building.* **3** (phr v) **provide against sth** (fml) pakhat khat cang pangah tiah ralrinnak tuah cia: *The government has to provide against a possible oil shortage in the coming months.* **provide for sb** nunnak ih a tul rorimi pek: *They worked hard to provide for their large family.* ○ *He didn't provide for his wife and children in his will*, ie didn't leave them money to live on. **provide for sth** (a) pakhat khat a cangpang le ti ih timtuah cia mi: *provide for every eventuality in the budget* ○ *The planners had not provided for a failure of the power system.* (b) (of a bill, legal agreement, etc) upadi ih pekmi — upadi in a tul tikih cangvai thei dingin tuahsak (pek) cia: *The right of individuals to appeal to a higher court is provided for in the constitution.*

▷ **provider** n innsungsang pakhat a zohtu/a cawmtu: *The eldest son is the family's only provider.*

provided /prə'vaɪdɪd/ (also **provided that**, **providing** /prə'vaɪdɪŋ/, **providing that**) conj lo ahcun; cutin asilole: *I will agree to go provided/providing (that) my expenses are paid.* ○ *Provided we get good weather it will be a successful holiday.*

providence /prə'vɪdəns/ n **1** [sing, U] Pathian ih kilkhawinak: *trusting in (a) divine providence.* **2** [U] (fml) kilkhawi ringring; hmailam hmu

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cia. **3** (idm) **tempt fate/providence** ⇒ TEMPT.

provident /ˈprɒvɪdənt/ *adj* (fml *approx*) hmailam hrang ruat cia thiammi; hmailam zawn ruatin a tenren thiammi; nunthiam: *Some of the farmers had been provident in the good years but others were ruined by the bad harvests.*

□ **Provident Society** = FRIENDLY SOCIETY (FRIENDLY).

providential /ˌprɒvɪdəntʃl/ *adj* (fml) tultuk caan ah tultuk vekin a cangmi; Pathian bomnak: *their departure just before the floods was providential.*

▷ **providentially** /-fəli/ *adv.*

providing ⇒ PROVIDED.

province /ˈprɒvɪns/ *n* **1** [C] uknak ramthen: *Canada has ten provinces.* Cf COUNTY, STATE¹ **3. 2 the provinces** [pl] rampi pakhat ih khawpi bik umnak hmun siar lo a dang hmun hmuah: *The show will tour the provinces after it closes in London.* ○ (derog) *He found life in the provinces boring.* **3** [sing] (fml) thiam theimi sung, cangvaih theinak, lole, vo neihmi sung: *The matter is outside my province,* ie I cannot or need not deal with it. ○ *Medieval painting is not his province.* **4** [C] archbishop pakhat ih ukmi ram (thu neih theinak ram).

provincial /ˈprɒvɪnʃl/ *adj* **1** [attrib] (a) ram thar pakhat thawn a pehtlaimi: *the provincial government* ○ *provincial taxes.* (b) ramthen pawl thawn a pehparmi: *provincial newspapers, theatres, towns.* **2** (usu derog) khawruah bimi; san a man lomi; hlan thuum: *display provincial attitudes to the theatre.*

▷ **provincial** *n* (usu derog) suahkehnak khua le ram: *Whenever I go to London I feel like a provincial.*

provincialism /-ɪzəm/ *n* (derog) **1** [U] ramthen lungput: *He wanted to escape from the provincialism of the small university where he taught.* **2** [C] peng le ram then pakhat ih mi a siter aw tukmi (ziaza, umdan, tongdan, tivek): *embarrassed by his provincialisms.*

provision /ˈprɒvɪzn/ *n* **1** ~ of sth (a) [U] pekmi thil; khonmi thil (sii, ei-in tivek): *The government is responsible for the provision of medical services.* (b) [C usu sing] pekmi zat thilri: *the provision of specialist teachers is being increased.* **2** [U] ~ for/against sth (a) hmailam pakhat khat cang pangah ti ih ralrinnak tuah cia mi: *make provision for one's old age* ○ *provision for his wife and children* ○ *provision against possible disaster.* (b) ~ for sth tuah cia/tuah sungmi thil: *The present law makes no provision for this.* **3** [C usu pl] ei le in (pekmi): *She had a plentiful store of provisions.* ○ [attrib] *a provision merchant.* **4** [C] upadi ah an tuah cia vekin: *under the provisions of the agreement* ○ *She accepted the contract with the provision that it would be revised after a year.*

▷ **provision** *v* [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb/sth (with sth) (fml) tir-awl pek, cawm: *provisioned for a long voyage.*

provisional /ˈprɒvɪʒənəl/ *adj* a laangte hrang; caan tawite hrang: *a provisional appointment, contract, government* ○ *a provisional driving licence,* ie (in Britain) one that has to be obtained before one can start to learn to drive.

▷ **provisionally** /-nəli/ *adv:* *The meeting has been provisionally arranged for 3.00 pm next Friday.*

proviso /ˈprɒvɪzəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ s; US also ~ es) upadi le lungkimnak cakhen ca nganmi ah — cutin asile kha tin a si ding, ti ih thu tuah ciami: *He accepted, with one proviso,* ie on one condition.

provisory /ˈprɒvɪzəri/ *adj* (fml) cu tin a cang pang le hitin siseh ti ih upadi ih ngan ciami: *a provisory clause.*

provocation /ˌprɒvəˈkeɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] mi thin aithok dingin va tuah hrimnak: *the incessant provocation of the hostile crowd* ○ *react with violence only under provocation,* ie when provoked ○ *She loses her temper at/on the slightest provocation.* **2** [C] thin aithok dingih tuahnak: *He hit her after repeated provocations.*

provocative /ˈprɒvəkətɪv/ *adj* **1** thinheng ding, el-aw ding, buai dingih ti hrimmi: *a provocative comment, remark, speech, etc.* **2** nupa hiar-awknak thinlung thotermini: *a dress with a provocative slit at the side* ○ *She was sitting in a highly provocative pose.*

▷ **provocatively** *adv.*

provoke /ˈprɒvəʊk/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn] mi thin aithokter: *I am not easily provoked, but this behaviour is intolerable!* ○ *If you provoke the dog, it will bite you.* (b) [Tn-pr, Cn-t] ~ sb into doing sth/to do sth thin aithokter ruangah pakhat khat tuahta: *His behaviour finally provoked her into leaving him.* ○ *He was provoked by their mockery to say more than he had intended.* **2** [Tn] thin tho dingin pakhat khat tuah: *provoke laughter, riots, smiles, violence.*

▷ **provoking** *adj* (dated or fml) hnaihokza a simi; thinhennak a simi: *It is very provoking of her to be so late.*

provost /ˈprɒvəst; US ˈprəʊ-/ *n* **1** (a) (Brit) Mirang ram hmun hrekkhat ah phunsang tlawng uktu. (b) (US) America ram hmun hrekkhat ih phunsang tlawng uktu upa. **2** (Scot) Scotland ram ahcun khua uktu upa (ih hmin). **3** (Brit) Mirang ram hmun hrekkhat ih Biakinn tumpi (Cathedral) ah saza tum bik a tuntu.

prow /praʊ/ *n* (esp fml) tangphawlawng lawng fate ih a hmailam zum a suakmi khi; li le thal ah li.

prowess /ˈpraʊs/ *n* [U] (fml) langsaar cahnak, thiamnak hmin nei; ralthatnak: *We had to admire his prowess as an oarsman/his rowing prowess.*

prowl /praʊl/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ip] ~ (about/around) peel; dimte ih tawivak (ramsa rawl hawnak; fir ding le ei ding hawl ih vak): *wild animals prowling in the forest* ○ *burglars prowling (around) in the grounds of the house*. (b) [Tn] vak ringring; tawi ringring: *thieves prowling the streets at night*. **2** [I, Ip] ~ (about/around) vak hnuaihni: *I could hear him prowling around in his bedroom all night*.

▷ **prowl** *n* (idm) (be/go) on the **prowl** tawivak rero: *There was a fox on the prowl near the chicken coop*. ○ (joc) *The soldiers went on the prowl hoping to meet some girls*.

prowler *n* ramsa, lole, milai a vak rerotu, ramsa, lole, milai.

NOTE ON USAGE: The following verbs indicate the slow, quiet movement of people or animals who do not want to be noticed by others. They suggest a variety of reasons for this secrecy. **Prowl** (about, around, etc) suggests a wild animal or criminal looking for food or for something to steal: *I saw someone prowling around among the trees*. ○ *Wolves prowled the forest in search of prey*. **Skulk** (about, around, etc) refers to someone angrily or guiltily waiting out of sight, possibly intending to do something bad: *He skulked around outside until the police had gone*. **Lurk** is used with similar meaning: *Somebody's lurking in the bushes*. A person **slinks** (off, away, etc) when he or she feels ashamed or frightened. It usually suggests that the head is low: *don't slink away without apologizing*. ○ *The dog slunk off to lick its wounds*. People **sneak in, out, etc** when they are doing something wrong but not seriously criminal: *She was caught sneaking into the show without paying*. **Sidle** is to move furtively, especially if nervous about one's purpose: *He sidled up/over to her and asked her to dance*. ○ *The boy sidled past the teacher and then ran out of the door*. We **steal in, out, etc** in great secrecy: *She stole out of the house in the middle of the night*. **Creep** also suggests secrecy and, in animals especially, indicates a crouching position: *The cat crept up on the bird and pounced*. **Tiptoe** is the most neutral verb. The purpose in tiptoeing may be to avoid disturbing other people: *They tiptoed upstairs so as not to wake the baby*.

proximate /prɒksɪmət/ *adj* (fml) (hmun, caan) naih bikmi (hmailam khal in, dunglam khal in a nai bikmi).

proximity /prɒksɪməti/ *n* [U] (fml) ~ (to sth) a naihnak: *in the proximity* (ie neighbourhood) *of the building* ○ *houses built in close proximity to each other* ○ *The restaurant benefits from its proximity to several cinemas*.

proxy /prɒksi/ *n* **1** [C] ai-awhtu: *act as sb's proxy* ○ *He made his wife his proxy*. **2** (a) [U] ai-awh theinak thu nei (authority): *vote by proxy* ○ [attrib] *a proxy vote*. (b) [C] ai-awh theinak ding ih nganmi ca.

prude /pru:d/ *n* (derog) ningcang zet ih um duhtu: *She was such a prude that she was even embarrassed by the sight of naked children*.

▷ **prudery** /pru:dəri/ *n* [U] ningcang zet ih um daan.

prudish /pru:dɪʃ/ *adj* ningcang zet ih a ummi: *a prudish refusal to enjoy rude jokes*. **prudishly** *adv*.

prudishness *n* [U].

prudent /pru:dnt/ *adj* fimkhur zet ih a ummi; ruatta ciamciam hnu ih a tuahmi: *prudent housekeeping* ○ *a prudent saver of money* ○ *It would be prudent to save some of the money*. ○ *That was a prudent decision*.

▷ **prudence** /-dns/ *n* [U] (fml) fimkhur zetnak: *One can rely on the prudence of his decisions*.

prune¹ /pru:n/ *n* sunhlu car: *a dish of stewed prunes*.

prune² /pru:n/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-p] ~ sth (back) thingkung a tek pawl hleuh/tan (tek thar suak thei dingin tek hlun pawl hleuh): *She has been pruning the roses*. (b) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ sth (from/off sth); ~ sth (away/back/off) tan; hleuh (a thi zomi a tek le a tha lo tek pawl tan): *These straggly stems should be pruned off the bush*. ○ *Prune back the longer branches*. ⇨ Usage at CLIP². **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ sth of sth; ~ sth down tan; phiat; thum: *Next year's budget will have to be drastically pruned*. ○ *Try to prune your essay of irrelevant detail*. ○ *She's pruning down the novel at the publisher's request*.

▷ **pruning** *n* [U]: *Careful pruning at the right time is the secret of success with roses*. **pruning-hook** *n* thingkung tek tannak kaihci, namkawi fate.

prurient /prʊəriənt/ *adj* (fml derog) nupa pawl-awknak thuhla hleifuan zet ih theih a hiarmi: *She showed a prurient interest in the details of the rape case*.

▷ **prurience** /-əns/ *n* [U] (fml derog) nupa pawl-awknak thuhla theih hiar zetnak.

pruriently *adv*.

Prussian /prʌʃn/ *adj* (esp formerly) Prussia mi, Prussia cu tu ah a um nawn lo; tu ahcun Germany ah a cang: *Ralkap ah an hmin a thang: the Prussian army*.

▷ **Prussian** *n* (formerly) Prussia rammi.

□ **Prussian blue** van pianzia vek khi.

prussic acid /prʌsɪk 'æsid/ thihnungza thurnei acid.

pry¹ /praɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **pried** /praɪd/) [I, Ipr] ~ (into sth) mi thuhla thei duh tukih um: *safe from prying eyes* ○ *I don't want them prying into my*

affairs.

pry² /praɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **pried** /praɪd/) [Tn-pr, Tn-p, Cn-a] (esp US) =PRISE: *pry the lid off a tin* ○ *pry the tin open* ○ (fig) *pry information out of sb*.

PS 1 (Brit) police sergeant: *PS (Bill) Jones*. Cf WPS. **2** (also **ps**) /pi: 'es/ *abbr* (esp at the end of a letter) postscript (Latin *postscriptum*): *Love from Tessa. PS I'll bring the car*. Cf PPS.

psalm /sɑ:m/ *n* Saam, hla, Baibal sung um Pathian biaknak hla: *The choir sang the 23rd Psalm*.

▷ **psalmist** /-ɪst/ Saam hla phuahtu.

psalter /'sɔ:ltə(r)/ *n* Saam hla bu, Pathian biaknak ih hmanmi hlabu.

psaltery /'sɔ:ltəri/ *n* khuahlan hmanmi ɲingtang (phaidar).

psophology /se'fɒlədʒɪ/; US si:'f-/ *n* [U] hrilnak ah mipi in ziang tivek in me an pek timi thlirnak.

▷ **psophological** /se'fɒlədʒɪkl/; US si:'f-/ *adj* me pekdan thlirnak thawn pehpar in.

psophologist /se'fɒlədʒɪst/; US si:'f-/ *n* me pekdan thlirnak a thiam zettu.

pseud /'sju:d/; US 'su:d/ *n* (infml derog) hnipuan hruhdan, nunphung vekah thiamter aw zet ih a taktak ah cu tlukpi in a thiam lomi: *She's just a pseud; she knows nothing about art really*.

pseudo /'sju:dəʊ/; US 'su:-/ *adj* (infml) a tak lomi; a lem a simi: *This apparent interest of his in modern music is completely pseudo*.

pseudo(o)- *comb form* zum tlak a si lomi: *pseudonym* ○ *pseudo-intellectual* ○ *pseudoscience*.

pseudonym /'sju:dənɪm/; US 'su:dənɪm/ *n* (also **nom de plume**) cangantu hrekhat in canganmi ah hmin ngai hmang loin hmindeu an hmanmi: *George Eliot was the pseudonym of Mary Ann Evans*. ○ *She writes under a pseudonym*.

▷ **pseudonymous** /'sju:dənɪməs/; US su:-/ *adj* (fml) hmindeu hmangih canganmi.

psi *abbr* pounds (pressure) per square inch (eg on tyres).

psittacosis /sɪtə'kəʊsɪs/ *n* [U] kilaw le vate dang ih sonmi milai khurhnat phunkhat.

psoriasis /sə'reɪəsɪs/ *n* [U] vun parah a sendup in a lang theimi vunnat phunkhat.

psst /pst/ *interj* (used to attract sb's attention secretly or furtively) a thup tein mi thinlung khoih dingih ɲongmi: *'Psst! lets get out now before they see us!*

PST /pi: es 'ti:/ *abbr* (US) Pacific Standard Time.

psych (also **psyche**) /saɪk/ *v* (infml) **1** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sb** (out) mi thinphang dingin tuah: *Her arrogant behaviour on court psyched her opponent (out) completely*. **2** (phr v) **psych sb/oneself up** tuah ding pakhat hrangah thinlung timtuah cia: *She had really psyched herself up for the big match*.

psyche /saɪk/ *n* milai thinlung (*soul or mind*): *Is*

aggression an essential part of the human psyche?

psychedelic /saɪkə'delɪk/ *adj* **1** (of drugs) mit le hna pawl a molhter ih um lomi pi hmuh, si lomi pi theitertu ritsii a simi: *Mescaline and LSD are psychedelic drugs*. **2** a si lomi pi theihter, a um lomi pi hmuhter a simi: *psychedelic music*.

▷ **psychedelically** /-klɪ/ *adv*.

psychiatry /saɪ'kɪətri/; US si-/ *n* [U] thinlung nat zirnak le bawlnak. Cf PSYCHOLOGY **1**.

▷ **psychiatric** /saɪkə'trɪk/ *adj* thinlung nat thawn a pehparmi: *a psychiatric clinic* ○ *psychiatric treatment*.

psychiatrist /-ɪst/ *n* thinlung nat a bawltu sibawi.

psychic /saɪkɪk/ *adj* **1** (also **psychical** /saɪkɪkl/) (a) taksa, thinlung candan keel leng ih a cangmi thil (dawi, hnam tivek): *psychical research*, ie the study and investigation of psychical phenomena, eg telepathy. (b) ruahnak thinlung thawn a pehparmi. **2** a lenglam huham, lole, dawi le hnam tivek huham neihnak: *She claims to be psychic and to be able to foretell the future*.

▷ **psychic** *n* super-natural powers a neitu (dawi nei; khuawang nei tivek).

psych(o)- *comb form* thinlung um dan: *psychiatry* ○ *psychology* ○ *psychotherapy*.

psychoanalysis /saɪkəʊ'snæləsɪs/ (also **analysis**) *n* [U] thinlung hman lo bawlnak phunkhat; a hlan a si dahmi hmuahhmuah sut ciamco ih bawlnak.

▷ **psychoanalyst** /saɪkəʊ'snəlɪst/ (also **analyst**) *n* thinlung hman lo a bawl thiamtu.

psychoanalytic, psychoanalytical /saɪkəʊ, ənəlɪ'tɪk, -ɪkl/ *adjs* thinlung nat/hman lo bawlnak thawn a pehpar mi.

psychoanalytically /-ɪklɪ/ *adv*.

psychoanalyse /saɪkəʊ'snəlaɪz/ (also **analyse, US -lyze**) *v* [Tn] thinlung dik lo (nat) bawl dan in a hlan nundan hmuahhmuah sut ciamco.

psychology /saɪ'kɒlədʒɪ/ *n* **1** [U] thinlung ziangteu hna a ɲuan ti zirnak: *child psychology* ○ *industrial psychology*. Cf PSYCHIATRY. **2** [sing] (infml) mi pawlkhat ih thinlung um dan: *the psychology of the adolescent*.

▷ **psychological** /saɪkə'lɒdʒɪkl/ *adj* **1** thinlung a tongmi: *the psychological development of a child*. **2** thinlung um dan thawn a pehtlaimi: *psychological methods, research*. **3** (idm) **the psychological moment** thil pakhat tuahsuak theinak dingih a remcang bik caan: *We're going to have to ask for more money — it's just a question of finding the (right) psychological moment*. **psychologically** /-klɪ/ *adv*.

psychological warfare thinlung ih do-awknak (thinlung cahnak in - ral pawl ih thinlung nauter - ɲatlam thinlung thlengter).

psychologist /-ɪst/ *n* thinlung umdan zia a zirtu/a thiam zettu.

psychopath /ˈsaɪkəpæθ/ *n* thinlung kuainak nasa piin a tuar ruang ah thinlung dik lo zet ih a umtu - tihnungza in an um theu.

▷ **psychopathic** /ˈsaɪkəpæθɪk/ *adj* thinlung dik lo nat a simi.

psychosis /saɪˈkəʊsɪs/ *n* (pl **-choses** /-ˈkəʊsɪz/) [C, U] thinlung nat a roh zetmi - a hmuhihmel tiang a siatsuahtu.

psychosomatic /ˈsaɪkəʊsəˈmætɪk/ *adj* **1** (of disease) natnak, thinlung bangnak in a rohter sinsinmi. **2** takpum le thinlung pehtlai-awknak: *psychosomatic medicine*.

▷ **psychosomatically** /-kli/ *adv*.

psychotherapy /ˈsaɪkəʊθerəpi/ *n* [U] thinlung dik lonak kha (lungnat) thinlung zia sinak hmaning bawlnak.

▷ **pshchotherapist** /-ɪst/ *n* thinlungnat bawl dan hmaning mi a bawltu (a bawl thiamtu).

psychotic /saɪˈkɒtɪk/ *adj* lungnat siazet a tuarmi: *a psychotic disorder*.

▷ **psychotic** *n* lungnat siazet a tuartu.

PT /piː ˈtiː/ *abbr* physical training: *do PT* ○ *a PT lesson*. Cf PE.

pt *abbr* **1** (also **Pt**) *part*: *Shakespeare's Henry IV Pt 2*. **2** (pl **pts**) *pint*: *2pts today please, milkman*, eg on a notice. **3** (pl **pts**) *point*: *The winner scored 10pts*. **4** (also **Pt**) (esp on a map) *port*: *Pt Moresby*.

PTA /piː ˈtiː/ *abbr* parent-teacher association (eg in schools).

pta (pl **ptas**) *abbr* pesta.

ptarmigan /ˈtɑːmɪɡən/ *n* England ram saklam tlanglak ih um theimi vate fate dum phunkhat, t̃hal ah a thla a dum nan, khuasik caan ah cun a thla a rang.

Pte *abbr* (Brit) (US **Pvt**) Private (soldier): *Pte (Jim) Hill*.

pterodactyl /ˈtɛrəˈdæktɪl/ *n* extinct flying reptile — laiking tumpi phun a zam theimi tu ahcun a um nawn lo — a ci a mit zo.

PTO (also **pto**) /piː ˈtɒ/ *abbr* (eg at the bottom of a page) please turn over.

ptomaine /ˈtəʊmeɪn/ *n* [C, U] ramsa ek, thingthei thingrah a tawtmi ihsin a cangsuaakmi thil.

□ **ptomaine poisoning** (dated) = FOOD POISONING (FOOD).

pub /pʌb/ *n* (Brit *infml*) mi pohpoh len theinak inn; zu zuarnak hmun: *They've gone down/round to the pub for a drink*.

□ **pub crawl** (Brit *infml*) *zudawr* tampi ah pakhat hnu pakhat lengih in ta vivo: *go on a pub crawl*.

puberty /ˈpjʊːbəti/ *n* [U] puitling; nu tling patling hung sinak: *reach the age of puberty*.

pubic /ˈpjʊːbɪk/ *adj* [usu attrib] ripi ih a tanglam; mipa/nunau zahmawh kiangkap a simi: *pubic hair* ○ *the pubic bone*.

public /ˈpʌblɪk/ *adj* **1** (esp attrib) (a) *zapi*; mi hmuahhmuah: *a danger to public health* ○ *The campaign was designed to increase public awareness of the problem*. ○ *public expenditure*. (b) *senpi*; *zapi*: *public education, libraries, parks* ○ *the public highway*. (c) *zapi*, *senpi* hrangih t̃uan; *zapi* hrang a simi: *He is one of the most admired public figures/figures in public life today*. **2** *mipi* *zapi* hrang; *zapi* *senpi* theihmi: *She decided to make her views public*. ○ *a public admission of guilt* ○ *a public place*. Cf PRIVATE. **3** (idm) **be public knowledge** theih ciomi: *It's public knowledge she's expecting a baby*. **go public** (of a company) theih ciomi. **in the public eye** mi hmuahhmuah ih hmuhringringmi (thuthangca, TV t̃ivek ah). **public property** mi hmuahhmuah ih theihmi: *Their financial problems are public property now*.

▷ **public** *n* **1** [Gp] (a) **the public** *mipi*, *senpi*: *the British public* ○ *The public is/are not allowed to enter the court room*. (b) *ziaza* bang-awmi, *mipi* rualkhat, *milai* pawlkhat: *the theatre-going public* ○ *She knows how to keep her public* (eg the readers of her books) *satisfied*. **2** (idm) **in public** mi hmuah theih in (mi pakhat pahnih, nupa lawng, pafa lawng ti si loin): *She was appearing in public* (ie in front of people in general) *for the first time since her illness*. **wash one's dirty linen in public** ⇒ WASH².

publicly /-kli/ *adv*.

□ **public-address system** (*abbr* **PA system**) *awring*; *mipi*, *senpi* khawmnak, lehnak t̃ivek ih an hmanmi microphones le loudspeakers aw-rinternak thilri pawl.

public bar (Brit) *mi* *zapi* hrang *zudawr*. Cf LOUNGE BAR (LOUNGE).

public company (also **public limited company**) (*abbrs* **PLC**, **plc**) *sumtuah* company phunkhat a si ih a share pawl kha *senpi* hnenah amahtein a zuar: *The pension fund owns shares in several major public companies*.

public convenience (Brit) *zapi* hman thei dingih tuahmi ek-inn, zun-inn, tidai hmannak. ⇒ Usage at TOILET.

public house (Brit *fml*) *mi* hmuahhmuah hman theih in, ei-in le zu pawl an zuarnak inn: *Public houses are licensed to sell alcoholic drinks for a certain number of hours per week*. Cf INN, TAVERN.

public lending right (*abbr* **PLR**) *senpi* calai buum (*public library*) inn ih ta cabu an hlan le, a hlan man ngantu ih ngahmi.

public nuisance **1** (*law*) *mi* hnaihnoknak pek — upadi in sual phunkhat in a ret ih a tuahtu cu sualman cawh theih a si: *charged with committing a public nuisance*. **2** (*infml*) *mi* hnaihnok ding tuah hrim (eg, *mi* fehnak zin laifang ah mawtawka/thirleeng cawl/ret t̃ivek pawl): *People who park on the pavement are a*

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public opinion mipi hmuhdan: *Public opinion was opposed to the war.*

public opinion poll ⇒ POLL¹ 2.

public ownership cetzung tumpi pawl cozah ih neihnak: *Socialist policy favours public ownership of the coal industry.*

public prosecutor (law) cozah sitni (cozah ai-awh in thuthen zungah misual pawl thu a khiingtu, lole, tazacuaiu).

Public Record Office (Brit) zapi hman thei dingih tuahmi cozah hminsini ca thupi hmuahhmuah retkhawmnak zungpi.

public relations (abbr PR) 1 zapi theih dingih tuahmi; sumtuahnak, zuarmi thil tivek a thatnak le a thatnemnak mi hmuah theih dingih tuah: *She works in public relations.* 2 pawlkhat le pawlkhat, cun pawl khat le mi senpi peh tlaih-awknak: *We support local artistic events; it's good for public relations.*

public relations officer (abbr PRO) senpi pehzom hnañuan bawi upa.

public school 1 (in Britain, esp England) cozah tlawng a si lomi, kum 13 le kum 18 karlak nauhak tlawngkainak, tlawngta pawl cazir sung hmuah tlawng ih riak, tlawng ih ei, (boarding-school) tlawngta nu le pa pawl ih pekmi tlawngkai man paisa thawn a dingmi tlawng. Cf PREPARATORY SCHOOL (PREPARATORY). 2 (esp in the US) America ahcun man pek tul lo State Cozah ih dinmi, zapi vangtlang kai theimi tlawng.

public spirit mipi zawnruahnak. **public-spirited** adj: *It's very public-spirited of you to offer to take the old people to the shops each week.*

public transport mi senpi hman theih Bus, tlangleeng, vanzam, tilawng tivek; anmah le tikcu vekih hman theihmi: *travel by public transport.*

public utility (fml) zapi hman dingmi — tidai, electric mei, tlangleeng, bus, tilawng tivek pawl: [attrib] *public utility companies.*

publican /pʌblikən/ n zudawr neitu/zu zuartu; Rome san le Thukam Thar Bible san ah siahkhongtu.

publication /pʌblɪ'keɪʃn/ n 1 (a) [U] mipi siar thei dingih cabu suahnak: *the date of publication* ○ *It was clear, even before publication, that the book would be a success.* (b) [C] cabu, mekazin tivek suah: *There are many publications on the subject.* 2 [U] zapi theiher: *publication of the exam results* ○ *The government have delayed publication of the trade figures.*

publicist /pʌblɪsɪst/ n 1 mi hmuahhmuah theiher ding ðuanvo a neitu, eg press or publicity agent. 2 caan laifang thuhla a thei biktu; thuthangca ih a ngantu.

publicity /pʌb'lɪsəti/ n [U] 1 zapi theih dingih tuah: *avoid/shun/seek publicity* ○ *Their marriage took place amid a blaze of publicity.* 2 sumtuah/hnañuannak thuhla zapi theih dingih thannak: *her new play has attracted a lot of publicity.* ○ *The publicity for the book was poor and sales were low.* ○ [attrib] a *publicity campaign*, ie special effort to publicize and promote sth. 3 (idm) **the glare of publicity** ⇒ GLARE².

□ **publicity agent** zapi theih dingih thuthan saktu.

publicize, -ise /pʌblɪsaɪz/ v [Tn] zapi theih dingih than: *an advertising campaign to publicize the new train service* ○ *a well-publicized attempt to break the world speed record.*

publish /pʌblɪʃ/ v 1 [Tn] (a) cabu tuah/suah: *this book is published by Oxford University Press.* ○ *the journal is published monthly.* (b) (of an author) cabu nam ih zem cih/zuarnak: *He publishes articles in various newspapers.* ○ *She is publishing a history of the war period.* 2 [Tn] zapi theiher: *The firm publishes its accounts in August.* ○ *publish the banns of marriage*, ie announce formally (in church) the names of people who are soon to be married. 3 (idm) **publish and be damned (catchphrase)** hronak ih ðongmi, “mi thei dingin watuah aw la nangmah khal hlo cih ve aw”.

▷ **publishing** n [U] canam le cabu suah hnañuan: *She chose publishing as a career.*

publisher n cabu, mekazin, thuthangca a sahtu: *Several publishers are competing in the same market.*

puce /pjuːs/ adj, n [U] senrau a simi: *The man's face was puce with rage.*

puck /pʌk/ n vur-hockey lehnak ih hmanmi a hakzet ih tuahmi sialriat kheng.

pucker /pʌkə(r)/ v [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (up) a kir, a kor (hnipuan angki meisa in na hnawt lo ruangah a kir, a kor): *The dress fitted badly and puckered at the waist.* ○ *The child's face puckered (up) and he began to cry.* ○ *pucker one's brows.*

▷ **pucker** n hnipuan par ih a kir fate te: *an obvious pucker in the seam of her dress.*

puckish /pʌkɪʃ/ adj a huatsuakmi: *a puckish grin.*

▷ **puckishly** adv: *smiling puckishly.*

pudding /pʊdɪŋ/ n 1 [C, U] (also infml **pud** /pʊd/) (Brit) rawl ei ðeh ih eimi a thlum phunkhat (dessert): *There isn't a pudding today.* ○ *What's for pudding?* Cf AFTERS. 2 (a) [C, U] (also Brit infml **pud**) sangvut ih tuahmi a thlum ei menmenmi; a cancan ah an suang, a cancan ah an em: *bread and butter pudding* ○ *rice pudding* ○ *steak and kidney pudding* ○ *Christmas/plum pudding.* (b) [C] sang hmel vek a kengmi, a

thau deuh hmel: [attrib] *pudding face*. **3** [C, U] saril ih thanmi sathi, sangvut a phunphun: *black pudding*, ie a type of blood sausage made with oatmeal. **4** [C] (also **pudding head**) (*infml*) a thau ih a khulfung zetmi — a aa deuh fawn mi milai. **5** (idm) **the proof of the pudding** ⇨ PROOF¹.

puddle /pʌdl/ *n* [C] ruahpi sur ðeh ih lamzin parih a limi tidai; tili fate.

▷ **puddle** *v* [Tn] thirhak ih tuah dingah thir kha meisa ah tiiter in carbon pawl suak dingah cok.

puddenda /pjuːˈdendə/ *n* [pl] (*fml*) zahmawh a pawn lenglam (a bikin nunau ta).

pudgy /pʌdʒi/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) (*infml*) milai taksa, a thau fawn a tawi fawnmi: *pudgy fingers* ○ a *pudgy child*.

▷ **pudginess** *n* [U].

puerile /pjuərəil/ *US -rəl/ adj* (*derog*) a fim tuk lomi; upapi nauhak vekih a ummi: *puerile behaviour, concerns, objections, tasks* ○ *She was tired of answering these puerile questions*.

▷ **puerility** /pjuərəˈrɪləti/ *n* (*fml derog*) (**a**) [U] upa pi nauhak vek ih umnak, a aa deuhmi. (**b**) [C esp *pl*] (*fml*) aa deuh sinak; mibang deuh lonak.

puerperal /pjuːˈɜːpərəl/ *adj* [attrib] (*medical*) nau-neih/suak thawn a pehparmi: *puerperal fever*.

puff¹ /pʌf/ *n* **1** [C] (**a**) seem; phut (kaa in thli suak ko in seem/phut): *a puff of wind* ○ *She blew out the candles in one puff*. (**b**) kaa in semsuah/phutmi thli: *There was a puff of steam from the engine before it stopped*. ○ (*fig*) *puffs of cloud in the sky* ○ (*joc*) *vanish in a puff of smoke*, ie disappear quickly. (**c**) (*infml*) kuakfawp tiki zukmi/dawkmi: *She stubbed out the cigarette after the first puff*. **2** [C] = POWDER-PUFF (POWDER). **3** [C] (esp in compounds) a kua sungah thil thlum thanmi hmuk: *a cream puff*. **4** [U] (*infml*) = BREATH¹ 1a: *out of puff*, ie breathless.

▷ **puffy** *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) a pawngmi; a puarmi; a vuunmi: *Beat the mixture until it has a light, puffy texture*. ○ *Her skin is puffy round her eyes*. **puffily** *adv*. **puffiness** *n* [U] a pawngmi; a puarmi: *Puffiness round the eyes is a sign of poor health*.

□ **puff-adder** *n* Africa ram ih um thih thei tur a neimi rul tumpi phunkhat — a thin a phan tikah a lulam a taksa ruang hrek a pawng/a puarter theimi.

puff-ball *n* thil mawr (fungi) ih cangmi a hluum pi kha a cut tikah amahte a kuai parh theimi.

puff pastry hmuk, cake (keik) tivek tuahnak sang phunkhat.

puff² /pʌf/ *v* **1** [Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] (**a**) meikhu suak: *Smoke puffed from the chimney*. ○ *Don't puff smoke into people's faces*. (**b**) [Ipr, Ip, Tn] ~ **at**/

on sth kuakkhu kaa ih semsuahmi: *puff away at/on a cigarette* ○ *he sat puffing his pipe*. **2** [I] (*infml*) napi ih thawhawp: *He was puffing hard when he reached the station*. **3** (idm) **huff an puff** ⇨ HUFF². **puff and blow** (**a**) (also **puff and pant**) napi in thaw thawt: *puffing and panting at the top of the hill*. (**b**) = HUFF AND PUFF (HUFF²). (**be**) **puffed up with pride, etc** mah le mah a porh-aw zetmi — a uar-aw zet mi. **4** (phr *v*) **puff along, in, out, up, etc** (*infml*) meikhu, kuakkhu, lole, thawkhu suah phah vivo: *the train puffed out of the station*. ○ *She puffed up the hill*. **puff sb out** (usu passive) (*infml*) thaw cem: *That run has puffed me out*. ○ *He was puffed out after climbing all those stairs*. **puff sth out** seem pet. **puff sth out/up** puar/pawng (thli in puar/pawngter): *the bird puffed out/up its feathers*. ○ *She puffed up the cushions*. ○ *puff out one's cheeks*.

▷ **puffed** *adj* [usu *pred*] (*infml*) (of a person) thaw pit/thawhawt har zet: *He was quite puffed by the time he reached the top*.

puffin /pʌfin/ *n* hmur tleu zet a neimi N Atlantic tipithuanthum ih vate phunkhat.

pug /pʌg/ (also **pug-dog**) *n* hnar/hmur tawi zet neimi ui fate phun.

□ **pug-nose** *n* hnartawi, hnarpir.

pug-nosed *adj* hnartawi, hnarpir nei.

pugilist /pjuːdʒɪlɪst/ *n* (*fml*) (boxing) thong-awk ih pum a cawm-awtu, thong-awk hnaʔuan (boxing).

▷ **pugilism** /-lɪzəm/ *n* [U] (*fml*) thong-aw (boxing).

pugilistic /pjuːdʒɪlɪstɪk/ *adj* (*fml*) (**a**) pugilist thawn a pehparmi. (**b**) pugilism thawn pehpar in.

pugnacious /pʌgˈneɪʃəs/ *adj* (*fml*) mi to duh; tawng duh: *in a pugnacious mood*.

▷ **pugnaciously** *adj*. **pugnacity** /pʌgˈnæsəti/ *n* [U].

puke /puːk/ *v* [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (**sth**) (**up**) (*sl*) luakluak: *The baby puked (up) all over me*. ○ *It makes me want to puke* (ie It disgusts me)!
▷ **puke** *n* [U] luak.

pull¹ /pʊl/ *n* **1** [C] ~ (**at/on sth**) dirh; caih: *A pull on the rope will make the bell ring*. ○ *I felt a pull at my sleeve and turned round*. **2** [sing] **the ~ of sth** (**a**) leilungpi umdan ih pekmi dirh/caihnak thazaang: *the tides depend on the pull of the moon*. ○ *the pull of the current carrying us downstream*. (**b**) (*fig*) mi pakhat ih nuncan, hnaʔuan ah a nekhuh thluh theitu cahnak huham: *the pull of the wandering life* ○ *He felt the pull of the sea again*. **3** [U] (*infml*) midang parah thu in a nekhuh thluh theitu: *He has a lot of pull with the managing director*. **4** [C] ~ (**at sth**) (**a**) tohphir ih tidai in: *take a pull at a bottle*. (**b**) kuakkhu zuuk: *She took a long pull at her cigarette*. **5** [sing] reipi le na pi-in ʔang: *It*

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was a hard pull up to the mountain hut. ○ It was a long pull to the shore. **6** [C] (esp in compounds) dirh tikih kut kaihnak: a bell-pull. **7** [C] (in printing) canganmi cet ih nam tikah, veikhat lawng nammi. **8** [C] (in cricket or golf) golf tikev thawi dan pungsan phunkhat. Cf PULL² 11.

pull² /pul/ v **1** (a) [I] dir/hnuk: In a tug-of-war, the competitors pull as hard as they can. ○ You push and I'll pull. (b) [Tn] napi ih dirhmi: Fred pulled his sister's hair and made her cry. ○ He pulled my ears/me by the ears. ○ pull (ie draw) the blinds/curtains. (c) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Cn-a] thazaang hmaning dir: How many coaches can that locomotive pull? ○ Would you rather push the barrow or pull it? ○ The horse was pulling a heavy cart (up a steep slope). ○ Pull your chair up to/nearer to the table. ○ Pull the plug out. ○ The child was pulling the toy along behind her. ○ pull the door shut/to ○ pull off/on one's shoes, socks, etc. ⇒ Usage. **2** [Tn] (a) hnuk/dir; ong (palang a hru dir ih ong); phoih/phawt (hmuang sungih hramkung phawt): pull a cork, tooth, stopper ○ pull a gun (on sb), ie from a pocket, holster, etc ○ pull a chicken, ie remove its innards before cooking it. (b) na tukih dirh ruangah a siat cihmi: pull a ligament/muscle/tendon. **3** [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (for sth) napi cangvaih (hlau) ruangah (tikap ih lawng) an thlenpi theimi: They pulled hard and reached the shore quickly. ○ Pull for shore! ○ They pulled (the boat) to the shore. **4** [Ipr] ~ at/on sth (a) dir-aw (hridai in khat lam le khat lam dir-aw): pull at/on a rope. (b) zuuk (draw); fawp (suck): pull at/on a pipe, ie draw breath and smoke through a tobacco pipe ○ pull at (ie have a drink from) a bottle. **5** [Tn] cet a cangvaihnak dingah a tawh ong (a switch, lever, etc); meithal phelh: pull the trigger, ie fire a gun. **6** [Tn] (sl) mahhnen ra dingin leem (attract sb sexually): He can still pull the girls. **7** [Tn] (sl esp US) fir ngah; bum ngah: they pulled a bank (job). ○ He's pulling some sort of trick. **8** [I] (of a horse) rang a kakharh taalpi rero. **9** [I, Tn] her; mer: The car seems to be pulling to the left. ○ She pulled the van to the left to avoid a dog. **10** [Tn] (a) rang tlan peh lo dingin dir (cawltter). (b) boxing thongnak ah na lo dingin dim deuh in thong (kut suup). **11** [Tn] (a) (in golf) kehlam ah thawi sual. Cf SLICE 4. (b) (in cricket) bawhlung thawi sualmi. **12** (idm) bring/pull sb up short/sharply pakhat khat ruangah hmakhat tein cawl: Her remark pulled me up short. **make pull faces/a face** ⇒ FACE¹. **pick/pull sb/sth to pieces** ⇒ PIECE¹. **pull the carpet/rug (out) from under sb's feet** (infml) hmakhatte ah bomnak bansan (bawm nawn lo ih um): His mother pulled the carpet from under his feet by announcing that she was selling the house. **pull a fast one (on sb)**

(infml) hrokhrawlhak in a miat ngah. **pull sb's leg** (infml) bumnak in capoh (hnihsuak capoh in mi va bum); mi pakhat capo nak ih hman. **pull the other one** (— it's got bells on) (infml) (expression used when one believes that the person one is talking to is pulling one's leg) a biakmi pa khan a capoh hman ti ih ruahmi. **pull out all the stops** (infml) tumtahmi tuahsuak theinak dingah ti theinak thazaang a zatein hman thluh: The airline pulled out all the stops to get him there in time. **pull the plug on sb/sth** (sl) milai/thilri siatsuah theh. **pull one's punches** (usu negative) (infml) mi natuk loin va thuat: He certainly didn't pull any punches when it came to criticizing the work. **pull rank (on sb)** mah vo lopi in mi dinhmun hmaning mah thatnak va tuah. **pull one's socks up** (infml) umtlandan tha deuh dingin zuam: the class were told that there would be no outing unless they pulled their socks up. **pull strings/wires (for sb)** (infml) hnañuan/thil pakhat khat ngah theinak dingah mi upa ih bomnak va lak: My father pulled a few strings to get me into the Civil Service. **pull the strings/wires** mi va khawng/uk. **pull oneself up by one's (own) bootstraps** (infml) zo ih bomnak hman lak loin mah thansonak ding mahte zuam. **pull up one's roots** umnak inn/hnañuan tantahrat in hmundang ah hnañuan thar/nunnak thar va tuah. **pull one's weight** tawm aw tlang: We can succeed only if everyone in the team pulls his weight. **pull the wool over sb's eyes** (infml) tuahmi le tummi mi ih theih lo dingin thup/bum: It's no use trying to pull the wool over my eyes — I know exactly what's going on.

13 (phr v) **pull ahead (of sb/sth)** mi hmai ah va thawn: the car pulled ahead as soon as the road was clear. ○ The team has pulled well ahead of the rest in the championship.

pull (sb) back dungsip: The army pulled back after the battle.

pull sb down (infml) (of an illness) dam lo zet ih taan: His long illness had pulled him down.

(a) **pull sth down** (a) siatbal (eg inn hlun): The cinema she used to visit had been pulled down.

(b) ⇒ PULL STH IN.

pull sb in (a) (infml) palik pawl in thusut dingah Palik zung thlenpi. (b) sawm/ko: How many voters can he pull in? ○ The new show is certainly pulling in the crowds.

pull sth in (US pull sth down) (infml) thlahlawh/nihlawh ngah: He's pulling in £50000 a year.

pull into sth; pull in (to sth) (a) (of a train) tlangeeng colhnak ding hmun/khua pakhat ah thleng/a lut thlang: The train pulled in right on time. ○ Passengers stood and stretched as the train pulled into the station. (b) (of a motor vehicle) mawñawka (bus) hmun pakhat ah

thawn: *The bus pulled in to the side of the road.*
pull off (sth) (of a motor vehicle) mawṭawka (bus) lamzin ihsin colhnak ding hmunah va cawl. **pull sth off** (infml) pakhat khat tuah suak thei: *pull off a coup, deal, scoop, etc.*

pull out (of a motor vehicle, boat, etc) fehshan; suak (mawṭawka, tilawng tivek mah fehnakkell lamzin ihsin a dang deuh ah thawn): *The boat pulled out into the middle of the river.* ○ *A car suddenly pulled out in front of me.*

pull sth out hnuk/phoih ih a dangah thawn/ret/thiar (detach): *He pulled out a gun.* **pull out (of sth)** (of a train) tlangleeng a colhnak ihsin suak: *I arrived as the last train was pulling out.*
pull (sb/sth) out (of sth) hmun pakhat in a dang hmun pakhat ah thawn/thiar: *They are pulling their troops out of the battle zone.* ○ *The project became so expensive that we had to pull out.*

pull (sth) over thawn (mawṭawka, tilawng tivek midang fehnak a hnaihok ruangah hmundang deuh ah thawn): *Pull (your car) over and let me pass!*

pull (sb) round/through (infml) harhter; dam deuter: *She was so ill that it seemed unlikely that she would pull through.* ○ *A sip of brandy helped to pull him round.*

pull together tangkhawm; tang tlaang: *After the shock of their electoral defeat, the party really began to pull together.* **pull oneself together** mah le mah uk-aw thei: *You must try to pull yourself together — your family depend on you.*

pull (sth) up (mawṭawka) cawlter: *The driver pulled up at the traffic lights.* **pull sb up** (infml) hriing/kawk/thutiam: *He was pulled up by the chairman.* **pull up (to/with sb/sth)** a thangso, a thlun thei: *At first the new boy was at the bottom of the class but he soon pulled up (with the others).*

□ **pull-in** *n* (Brit infml) zinkam lakphak dawr.

pull-up (Brit) (US **pull-off**) *n* lamzin kap mawṭawka colhnak.

pull-out *n* hmunkhat in lak ih, hmundang ih ret: [attrib] a pull-out supplement.

NOTE ON USAGE: **Pull**, **drag**, **haul**, **tow**, **trail** and **draw** all indicate the using of strength or force to move something, especially behind oneself. **Pull** has the widest use and its meaning covers that of all the other verbs in this group. A vehicle/animal/person can pull any movable object: *You sometimes see oxen pulling carts in southern Europe.* **Drag** and **haul** suggest that the object is heavy and usually pulled along the ground. It is therefore difficult to move and requires (great) effort. **Drag** suggests greater friction: *He dragged the heavy chest across the floor.* ○ *The police dragged the football fans off*

the pitch. **Haul** often indicates the pulling or raising of a heavy object, especially by pulling on a rope: *After a good day's fishing they hauled in the nets and went home.* ○ *Elephants are used in some countries for hauling timber.* **Haul** also has the specific meaning of 'transport goods by lorry/truck': *road haulage.* **Tow** suggests less effort and is used mainly of vehicles. The object being pulled is often damaged and firmly attached to the vehicle by a rope or chain: *My car broke down and had to be towed to a garage.* ○ *The ship needed two tugs to tow it into port.* People **trail** objects behind them, carelessly or for no particular reason. They may also **trail** their arms or hands in the water when travelling in a boat: *The little boy went upstairs trailing his teddy bear behind him.* ○ *She lay back in the boat trailing her fingers in the water.* **Draw** is more formal than **pull**: *Draw/Pull your chair a little closer.* ○ *The men drew/pulled the boat onto the beach.* **Draw** is commonly used to mean 'open/close curtains/blinds'. It is also used in adjectival compounds: *a horse-drawn carriage.*

pullet /pʊlɪt/ *n* ar bawh, ar-la, ti-tit cu.

pulley /pʊli/ *n* 1 a tang ihsin tlunah thilri khainak hridai thluah-mi leengte. 2 cet a hermi thazaang cak deuh dingih a bawmtu lengke vek savun taikap ih dirhmi.

□ **pulley-block** pulley an bunnak thingtum.

Pullman /pʊlmən/ (also **Pullman car**, US **parlor car**) *n* (esp formerly) tlangleeng minung tonak khan nuam zet ih tuahmi, tohkham hmai ih cabuai a ummi.

pullover /pʊləʊvə(r)/ *n* = JERSEY 1.

pulmonary /pʊlmənəri/; US -neri/ *adj* [usu attrib] (medical) cuapnat a simi: *pulmonary diseases* ○ *the pulmonary arteries*, ie those that carry blood to the lungs.

pulp /pʌlp/ *n* 1 (a) [U] thingthei a sa: *scoop out the pulp and serve it with sugar.* ○ *tomato pulp.* (b) [U] caku tuahnak ih an hmanmi thing a sa (thingmuat): *wood pulp.* (c) [U, sing] thil neemko ih tuahmi: *reduce the garlic to a pulp*, ie beat or crush it until it becomes pulp ○ *The beans need to be mashed into (a) pulp.* ○ (fig) *The gang threatened to beat him to a pulp* (ie injure him badly) *if he gave any more trouble.* 2 [U] (derog) cabu, mekazin a tukṭak deuh pawl: *She writes pulp.* ○ [attrib] *pulp fiction, magazines.*

▷ **pulp** *v* [I, Tn] neemter; hnipter: *pulp grapes, olives, raspberries, etc* ○ *pulp* (ie make pulp from) *old books.*

pulpy *adj* (-ier, -iest) neem ko ih tuah: *a pulpy consistency* ○ *pulpy food.*

pulpit /pʊlpɪt/ *n* 1 [C] (usu small) biakinn sungah thureltu, hruaitu pawl ih dinnak a sang deuh

ih tuahmi hmun. **2 the pulpit** [sing] (fml) pastor pawl Pathian thu simmi: *The policy was condemned (ie by clergymen) from the pulpit.*

pulsar /pʌlsɑ:(r)/ *n* van ih arsi, mit in hmuh a theih lo nain thil tur (a hnin/a cangmi) kaih theinak radio phunkhat in a kaih theimi.

pulsate /pʌl'set/; *US* /pʌl'set/ *v* **1** (also **pulse**) [I] lungtur/thitur vek hmanhman in a tur/a hninmi: *blood pulsating in the body.* **2** [I, Tn] hmanhman in a hnin/a turmi: *a pulsating rhythm* ○ *The needle pulsates when the engine is running.* **3** [Ipr] ~ **with sth** hiar tuk, lungawi tuk ruangih taksa thirmi: *pulsate with desire, excitement, joy, etc.*

▷ **pulsation** /pʌl'seɪʃn/ *n* (a) [C] lungtur: *a rate of 60 pulsations per minute.* (b) [U] a hnin reromi; a tur reromi: *the pulsation of the blood in the body.*

pulse¹ /pʌls/ *n* **1** (usu *sing*) (a) thii tur: *have a low, irregular, strong, weak, etc pulse* ○ *His pulse raced as he faced the armed intruder.* ○ [attrib] *one's pulse rate*, ie the number of times per minute that one's heart beats, as felt at the wrist. (b) awnmawi thilri (khuang tivek) hmanhman vuakmi: *the throbbing pulse of the drums.* **2** (a) awn/aw thawngvang (aw-ther) pakhat; cuvek thotho in a vaangmi; electric tivek ih hmanmi tha: *The machine emits sound pulses.* (b) (usu *sing*) hivek a peheh ih a cangmi: *The machine is operated by an electronic pulse.* **3** (idm) **feel/take sb's pulse** thii tur minit pakhat ah vei ziat a tur ti ih tahmi. **have/keep one's finger on the pulse** ⇨ **FINGER.**

▷ **pulse v** (a) [I, Ipr] ~ **(through sth)** zamrang zet ih lung a turmi: *The news sent the blood pulsing through his veins.* ○ (fig) *the life pulsing through a great city.* (b) [I] = **PULSATE 1.**

pulse² /pʌls/ *n* (usu *pl*) rawl ih eimi be a phunphun: *Pulses are a good source of protein for vegetarians.*

pulverize, -ise /pʌlvəraɪz/ *v* (fml) **1** (a) [Tn] a vut ih rial: *a machine that pulverizes nuts, coffee beans, etc.* (b) [I] a vut ih cang. **2** [Tn] (infml or *joc*) pumpuluk ih neh; cem verver ih siatbal: *He pulverized the opposition with the force of his oratory.*

▷ **pulverization, -isation** /pʌlvəraɪ'zeɪʃn/; *US* -rɪ'z-/ *n* [U].

puma /pju:mə/ *n* (also **cougar, mountain lion**) America ram ih um sendup pianzia nei tlavang tumpi phunkhat.

pumice /pʌmɪs/ (also **pumice-stone**) *n* [C, U] meisa tlaang in a suakmi thil kholhnak le thil tleuternak ih hman theimi; a sehmi thianternak le kutkhing tivek vutcaam ti.

pummel (also **pommel**) /pʌml/ *v* (-ll-; *US* also -l-) [Tn] thawi ciamco (nauhak an thinheng tikah an nu te an kut in an cum ciamco khi): *The child pummeled his mother angrily as she*

carried him home.

▷ **pummeling** /pʌməlɪŋ/ *n* [sing] na tuk in cum ngah/thong ngah: *The boxers gave each other a terrific pummeling.* ○ (fig) *The team took a real pummeling in their last match.*

pump¹ /pʌmp/ *n* **1** (esp in compounds) tidai dawknak cet: *A pump in the boiler sends hot water round the central heating system.* ○ *a petrol pump* ○ *She blew up the flat tyre with a bicycle pump.* ○ *The doctor removed the contents of her stomach with a stomach pump.* **2** tidai dawknak: *After several pumps, the water began to flow.* ○ *give sb's hand a pump*, ie shake it energetically up and down. **3** (idm) **all hands to the pump** ⇨ **HAND**¹. **parish pump** ⇨ **PARISH.** **prime the pump** ⇨ **PRIME**³.

▷ **pump v** **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-a] thliphawt; tidai kah: *pump air into a tyre* ○ *The heart pumps blood round the body.* **2** [I] (a) thlisem; thliphawt: *You will need to pump hard for several minutes to fill the tank.* (b) (of the heart or blood) thli tur, lung tur: *Her heart was pumping very fast.* **3** [Tn, Tn-p] (infml) kut in leitang tidai zuuknak a sukso ih tuah rero (pumping) bangin (mi ih) kut kha tuah rero: *He pumped my hand (up and down) vigorously.* **4** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (for sth)**; ~ **sth out of sb** (infml) thu theih duhmi ngah hlan lo sut: *He tried to pump the secretary for information.* ○ *She succeeded in pumping the name of the winner out of him.* **5** (phr v) **pump sth in; pump sth into sth/sb** (a) paisa sum tampi sumtuahnak a hram ih hman: *the firm pumped money into the development of the new product.* (b) (infml) thu tampi sim/forh: *She tried to pump some facts into his head before the examination.* **pump sth up** thliphawt (tyre sungah thliphawt).

pump-room *n* (esp formerly) in ding tidai ngah theinak khan.

pump² /pʌmp/ *n* **1** = **PLIMSOLL.** **2** laamnak hrangih tuahmi kedan zaangte. **3** (esp *US*) nunau kedan, hri ih tawn tul lo, kedil niamte.

pumpnickel /pʌmpnɪkl/ *n* [U] rye timi Germany faang phunkhat a hawng thawng rialcih ih tuahmi pawngghmuk (sang).

pumpkin /pʌmpkɪn/ *n* (a) [C] hlammai: *Some children make lanterns out of pumpkins at Hallowe'en.* (b) [U] hlammai eimi a tak: [attrib] *pumpkin pie.*

pun /pʌn/ *n* ~ **(on sth)** hnihsuah sainak tongfang: *The slogan was a pun on the name of the product.*

▷ **pun v** (-nn-) [I, Ipr] ~ **(on sth)** tongfang in hnihsuah sai: *He's always punning and I don't find it funny.*

Punch /pʌntʃ/ *n* **1** [sing] hnihsuah dingih tuahmi hmaibun zuk phunkhat. **2** (idm) **as pleased as Punch** ⇨ **PLEASED** (PLEASE).

punch¹ /pʌntʃ/ *n* **1** (a) caku a vihnak cehrep. (b)

tlawngkhen phawtnak thilri. **2** cahmai parih tacik khennak thilri.

▷ **punch** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (in **sth**) a ong tuah; a kua tuah: *punch a train ticket* ○ *punch holes in a sheet of metal*. **2** (phr *v*) **punch (sb) in/out** (US) = **CLOCK** (SB) IN/OUT (CLOCK **2**) lut le suak tikcu ca in khum. **punch card** (also **punched card**) thil hminsinnak cahnah sah parah hminsinn kim in a kua tuahmi, lole, computer ih tuah ding thil simnak thilri.

punch² /pʌntʃ/ *n* [U] cabit ti, lole, zureu kha tisa/tidai, cithlum, tanphaza tivek pawl thawn cokrawi ih inmi.

□ **punch-bowl** *n* in ding punch ret/tuahnak khengkum: *a glass punch-bowl*.

punch³ /pʌntʃ/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] kuttum in cuum: *punch a man on the chin* ○ *He has a face I'd like to punch*. **2** [Tn] (US) (cawruul, cawbuur) khaal.

▷ **punch** *n* **1** (a) [C] thong: *give sb a hard punch on the nose*. (b) [sing] na zet ih thong thei: *a boxer with a strong punch*. **2** [U] (fig) fek zet, khoh zet ih tɔngmi: *a speech with plenty of punch*. **3** (idm) **pack a punch** ⇒ **PACK**². **pull one's punches** ⇒ **PULL**².

punchy *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml) napi ih timi, nasa zet ih timi: *a punchy argument, debate, etc*.

□ **punch-ball** *n* (US **punching ball**) boxing zirnak ih thong dingih an thlaimi bawlung.

punch-drunk *adj* (a) napi thong ngah ruangih lung a mitmi. (b) (fig) hnaʔuan tamtuk ruangih lung hnok zet ih ummi: *The negotiators seemed punch-drunk after another all-night session*.

punch-line *n* capoh thuanthu pakhat ih a ʔhatnak bik zawn: *He forgot the punch-line of his after-dinner speech*.

punch-up (Brit infml) au celcel ih hau-aw/ thong-aw: *The argument ended in a punch-up*.

punctilio /pʌŋktɪliə/ *n* (pl ~ s) [C, U] (fml) puai tuahnak tivek ah nuncan tlandan, biak-awkdan, mi upat dan tivek thil fate, a terek tiangin ralring-ter-aw zet.

punctilious /pʌŋktɪliəs/ *adj* (fml) puai tivek ah ʔuanvo neihmi kha a terek bik tiangin dik zet le ningcang tukih ʔuantummi: *a punctilious attention to detail* ○ *a punctilious observance of the formalities*.

▷ **punctiliously** *adv*. **punctiliousness** *n* [U].

punctual /pʌŋktʃʊəl/ *adj* caan dik zet ih a hmanmi; a tikcu vekih ummi: *a punctual start to the meeting* ○ *be punctual for an appointment* ○ *The tenants are punctual in paying the rent*.

▷ **punctuality** /pʌŋktʃʊələti/ *n* [U] a tikcu dik zet a thlunmi.

punctually /pʌŋktʃʊəli/ *adv*: *arrive, depart, etc punctually*.

punctuate /pʌŋktʃʊet/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] cangan tikah colhnak tete (comma, full stop, colon, question

mark, etc) pawl a sining tein ret: *The children have not yet learned to punctuate correctly*. ○ *The transcription of his speech must be punctuated*. **2** [Tn-p, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (with **sth**) tawite in a karlak ih hnaihok, curuangih colhlawk: *The announcement was punctuated by cheers from the crowd*. ○ *He punctuated his remarks with thumps on the table*.

▷ **punctuation** /pʌŋktʃʊeɪʃn/ *n* [U] cangan tikah comma, full stop tivek pawl a daan vek te ih retnak: *The children have never been taught punctuation*.

□ **punctuation mark** catluan ʔhennak ah full stop, comma, question mark tivek pawl retmi khi.

puncture /pʌŋktʃə(r)/ *n* a ong fate; a kua fate: *I got a puncture on the way and arrived late*.

▷ **puncture** *v* **1** (a) [Tn] kuaiter; onger; kekter: *puncture a tyre, an abscess, a balloon* ○ *She was taken to hospital with a punctured lung*. (b) [I] (of a tyre, etc) kuai; kek: *Two of the tyres punctured on the stony road*. **2** [Tn] ʔhum; a sung thli suah (mawʔaw ke tivek a sung thli suah in neemter deuh): *I wish something would happen to puncture her ego*, ie lessen her conceit.

pundit /pʌndɪt/ *n* **1** Hindu kala mifim cathiam. **2** (often *joc*) thuhla pakhat ah a thei zet, a thiam zetmi: *The pundits disagree on the best way of dealing with the problem*. ○ *a panel of well-known television pundits*.

pungent /pʌndʒənt/ *n* **1** a rim siami; a rim a hmuimer tukmi (makphek, masala tivek): *a pungent odour, sauce, spice, etc*. **2** (of remarks) mi ʔhat lonak sim; mi va relsia: *pungent comments, criticism, satire, etc*.

▷ **pungency** /-nsi/ *n* [U] a rim siatnak.

pungently *adv*.

punish /pʌnɪʃ/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] (a) ~ **sb** (for **sth**) (by/with **sth**) cawh; cawhkuan pek: *punish those who break the law* ○ *he punished the children for their carelessness by making them pay for the damage*. (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (by/with **sth**) cawh: *Serious crime must be punished by longer terms of imprisonment*. **2** [Tn] (infml) va thong; va cuum: *He punished his opponent with fierce punches to the body*. ○ *Chapman punished the bowling*, ie (in cricket) scored freely from weak bowling.

▷ **punishable** *adj* ~ (by **sth**) cawh a theih mi; cawhkuanter theimi: *punishable by death* ○ *Giving false information is a punishable offence*.

punishing *adj* [usu attrib] bangter, ʔawʔaiter, bangthlak; tuar zetmi: *a punishing climb up the hill* ○ *a punishing defeat*. — *n* [sing] (infml) napi ih neh; siatsuah: *My boots have taken quite a punishing recently* — *I need a new pair*.

punishingly *adv*.

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punishment *n* (a) [U] cawhkuan; hremnak: *corporal punishment*, ie punishment by physical beating, etc ○ *capital punishment*, ie punishment by death. (b) [C] cawhkuan pekmi: *The punishments inflicted on the children were too severe.* ○ *The punishment should fit* (ie be appropriate for) *the crime.*

punitive /ˈpjuːnətɪv/ *adj* (fml) (a) cawhkuan phun ih hremmi: *punitive action, measures, restrictions, etc* ○ *a punitive expedition*, ie a military one intended to punish rebels, etc. (b) harsa zetmi; tuarhar zetmi: *punitive taxation* ○ *punitive increases in the cost of living.*
▷ **punitively** *adv.*

punk /pʌŋk/ *n* 1 (a) (also **punk rock**) [U] 1970 kum hnu lam ih suakmi, pittawp in au ih sakmi hla le awnmawi (hlan ih a um ciami hla pawl thawn a kalh-aw dingih tuahmi santhar hla le awnmawi): [attrib] *a punk band, concert, fan.* (b) [C] (also **punk rocker**) (esp young) cumi music a aatcih ih punk music tumdan, hnipuan sin le hrukdan tiangih a cawngtu: [attrib] *a punk hairstyle.* 2 (infml derog) (a) [C] (esp US) umdan, nuncan ningcang lo zet ih a ummi tlangval, mino. (b) [U] hnawmborh/hnawmhne; hmantlak nawn lomi thil: [attrib] *punk material.*

punnet /ˈpʌnɪt/ *n* (esp Brit) thingthei thingrah retnak kho: *Straubberries cost 60p a punnet.*

punster /ˈpʌnstə(r)/ *n* hnihsuak a phawt ringringtu.

punt¹ /pʌnt/ *n* a taw a phengmi vokkuang lawng sau zet phunkhat.

▷ **punt** *v* (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] funghreu saupi in tidai sung leilung sawh ih fehter (lawng kha a fehter): *She soon learned to punt.* ○ *They punted along the river.* (b) [I] (often **go punting**) tiva ah fung in sawh ih fehmi lawng to (a nomnak men in to).

punt² /pʌnt/ *v* [Tn] kut ih deen (hlonmi) bawhlung leilung a dai hlan ah sit.

▷ **punt** *n* hiti vekih bawhlung sit.

punt³ /pʌnt/ *v* [I] 1 phe lek tikih thaapmi. 2 (infml esp Brit) paisa tiamkam in zuam-awknak.

▷ **punter** *n* (Brit) (a) paisa tiamkam zuam-awknak a lektu (PUNT³ 1, 2). (b) (infml derog) mi hmuk deuh, bum a ol zetmi; thil tuktak leih dingih leem theih, hneek theih: *You can write what you like, as long as it keeps the punters happy.* ○ *Your average punter* (ie The ordinary uncultured person) *does not go to the opera.*

puny /pjuːni/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (usu derog) (a) a fatemi; a tawnṭaimi; a tṭang lomi: *puny limb, muscles, stature* ○ *What a puny little creature!* (b) a tawnṭai a derthawmmi; zaangfahza a simi: *They laughed at my puny efforts at rock-climbing.*

pup /pʌp/ *n* 1 (a) = PUPPY 1. (b) ramsa dang pawl ih faate, eg tipi sung um sahrem (*otters, seals*)

tivek pawl ih faate: *a mother seal and her pup.* 2 = PUPPY 2. 3 (idm) **in pup (of a bitch)** faa a vun laimi uipi, sahrem, tivek pawl. **sell sb a pup** ⇨ SELL.

▷ **pup** *v* (-pp-) [I] faate a hring.

pupa /ˈpuːpə/ *n* (pl ~ s or **pupae** /ˈpuːpi/) thothe, khuai tivek cucikkharbok phun pangngang (tholung) le a zam theimi thothe/khuai tivek an can hlan karlak. Cf CHRYSALIS.

▷ **pupal** *adj.*

pupate /ˈpuːpeɪt/; US /ˈpuːpeɪt/ *v* [I] (fml) (of an insect larva) *larva* ihsin *pupa* ih a cang lai reromi.

pupil¹ /ˈpuːpl/ *n* (a) tlawngta; zirtu: *There are 30 pupils in the class.* ○ *She takes private pupils as well as teaching in school.* (b) mi thiam zet dungthluntu (tlawngta); thiam zet ih zirhmi tlawngta: *The painting is the work of a pupil of Rembrandt.* ○ *The tenor was a pupil of Caruso.*

pupil² /ˈpuːpl/ *n* mitmu dum.

puppet /ˈpʌpɪt/ *n* 1 milem tete an kut, ke, lu, hridai thawn an peh ih a phunphun ih cangter theihmi (lemcawn phunkhat): [attrib] *a puppet theatre.* 2 (usu derog) mi thu hlir ih nungtu: *The union representative was accused of being a puppet of the management.* ○ [attrib] *a puppet government/state*, ie one that is controlled by another power.

▷ **puppeteer** /ˈpʌpɪtiə(r)/ *n* milem tete hridai ih dirh ih a phunphun a cangtertu.

puppetry /ˈpʌpɪtri/ *n* milem tete hridai in dir ih a phunphun canter dan.

□ **puppet-play** (also **puppet-show**) *n* milem tete thawn puailaam hmuhnak.

puppy /ˈpʌpi/ (also **pup** /pʌp/) *n* 1 ui faate. 2 (infml derog) mino puarthau/hngal/mi zomtai hman: *You insolent young puppy!*

□ **puppy-fat** *n* [U] (infml) nunau nauhak thau nawn te; fala tleirawl thau nawnte: *After Jane lost her puppy-fat she became very slim.*

puppy-love (also **calf-love**) *n* [U] (infml) fala tlangval tleirawl pawl ih a pitling hrih lomi miduh-nak: *He's mad about his biology teacher, but it's oly puppy-love.*

purchase¹ /ˈpɜːtʃəs/ *n* 1 (fml) (a) [U] lei, thilri lei: *the date of purchase* ○ *The receipt is your proof of purchase.* ○ *They began to regret the purchase of such a large house.* ○ *hire-purchase.* (b) [C usu pl] leimi thilri: *I have some purchases to make in town.* ○ *It was the most extravagant purchase I have ever made.* 2 [U, sing] (fml) kaihnet; tolh/tla lo dingin kaihnek: *The climbers had difficult getting a/any purchase on the rock face.*

□ **purchase price** *n* leinak a man: *The purchase price is less if you pay by cash.*

purchase tax thil leitu in cozah hnen ih pekmi a khun (siaha); leiman siaha. Cf SALES TAX (SALE).

purchase² /ˈpɜːtʃəs/ *v* 1 [Tn, Dn-pr] ~ sth (with

sth; ~ **sth (for sb)** (fml) thilri lei: *houses purchased with loans from building societies* ○ *Employees are encouraged to purchase shares in the firm.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (with sth)** (rhet) ngah/tisuak thei/tuahsuak thei: *a dearly purchased victory*, ie one for which many lives were lost.

▷ **purchaser** *n* (fml) a leitu: *The purchaser of the house will pay the deposit next week.* Cf VENDOR (VEND).

□ **purchasing power** [U] (a) lei theinak thazaang: *Inflation reduces the purchasing power of people living on fixed incomes.* (b) tangka man; tangka ih leitheinak thazaang: *a decline in the purchasing power of the dollar.*

purdah /pɜːdɑ/ *n* [U] Muslim le Hindu nunau pawl in an hmai mi ih hmuh lo dingin an khuhmi; phennak, huhnak: *keep sb/be/lie in purdah*, ie concealed in this way ○ (fig infml) *I've got a lot of urgent work to do at home and will have to go into purdah for a couple of weeks.*

pure /pjʊə(r)/ *adj* (in senses 1b, 1c, 2 and 4 -r, -st / 'pjʊərə(r), 'pjʊərɪst/) **1** (a) phunkhat lawng a simi; zianghman cokrawi lomi; a hliir zetmi: *pure cotton, gold, silk, wool, etc* ○ *The room was painted pure white.* ○ (fig) *pure bliss, happiness, etc.* (b) a hliir, a thiangmi: *pure water* ○ *The air is so pure in these mountains.* (c) [usu attrib] hrin le hnam ah thiidang a rawi lomi; ci le thi a dang a cok lomi: *She has pure gypsy blood in her veins.* ○ *He is a pure Red Indian.* **2** sualnak le that lonak a nei lomi (a sual lomi), (a bik in, nu le pa pawl-awknak lamah a thianghlimmi): (rhet) *pure in body and mind* ○ *pure thoughts* ○ *a pure young girl* ○ *keep oneself pure* ○ *His motives were pure.* **3** [attrib] ziangruang hmanah a si lo: *They met by pure accident.* ○ *pure folly, extravagance, nonsense* ○ *do sth out of pure kindness, malice, mischief, etc* ○ *It was pure chance that I was there.* **4** (of sound) aw a fiang zetmi: *a pure note, voice, etc.* **5** [attrib] (fml) a thuhla lawng: *pure mathematics* ○ *pure art*, ie art created for its own sake, and not for decoration, eg painting, sculpture, etc. Cf APPLIED (APPLY). **6** (idm) (as) **pure as the driven snow** a thianghlim a felfai zetmi. **pure and simple** (infml) (used after the *n* referred to) ziang dang tel lomi: *It's laziness, pure and simple.* ○ *The reason for the change is lack of money, pure and simple.*

▷ **purely** *adv* a pum tein; a khua tein; curuang rori ah: *purely by accident* ○ *He bought it purely as an investment.*

pureness *n* [U] = PURITY.

□ **pure-bred** *adj*, *n* = THOROUGHbred.

purée /pjʊərə/; US *pjʊə'rei/* *n* [U, C] a hminmi thingthei le hangrah hawp thei/in thei dingin a ti ih tuahmi: *Make a purée of the vegetables.* ○ *apple, potato, raspberry, etc purée.*

▷ **purée** *v* [Tn] thingthei le hangrah pawl purée ih tuah: *She fed the baby on puréed carrots* ○ *a machine for puréeing vegetables.*

purgation /pɜːgeɪʃn/ *n* [U] (fml) sualnak ihsin thianhlimternak.

purgative /pɜːgətɪv/ *n, adj* sung dok sii; sunglam thianhlimternak: *This oil acts as a purgative/has a purgative effect.* ○ *He was given a purgative before the operation.*

purgatory /pɜːgətɪrɪ/; US -tɔːrɪ/ *n* **1** (usu **Purgatory**) (in Roman Catholic teaching) Roman Catholic zumdan ah thih ve tein mithi thlarau cu vancung ram kai colh loin, vancung ram feh theinak dingih thianhlim tuah hmaisaknak hremhmun (colhlawknak hmun): *a prayer for the souls in Purgatory.* **2** (esp infml or joc) tuarnak; tuarnak hmun: *He's so impatient that waiting in a queue is sheer purgatory for him!*

▷ **purgatorial** /pɜːgə'tɔːrɪəl/ *adj* (fml) tuarnak a simi: *purgatorial agony, fires.*

purge /pɜːdʒ/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sb (of/from sth)**; ~ **sth (away)** a tha lomi hlon in thianhlimnak tuah: *Catholics go to confession to be purged of sin/purge (away) their sin/purge their souls of sin.* **2** [Tn] (dated or joc) rilpi sungih a bal hmuah hlon thluh: *A dose of this stuff will purge you!* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (of sb)/ ~ sb (from sth)** dawi hlo: *So-called traitors were purged (from their ranks).* ○ *They promised that the party would be purged of racists/that racists would be purged from the party.* **4** [Tn] (law) daiter; remnak tuah; tlon, thawi: *purge one's contempt.*

▷ **purge** *n* **1** hlon/dawi: *a purge of disloyal members* ○ *the political purges that followed the change of government.* **2** (esp formerly) sungdok sii.

purify /pjʊərɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp -fied) [Tn, Tn-pr] (a) ~ **sth (of sth)** thianter; kholhfai: *Water is purified by passing through rock.* ○ **purified salts** ○ *The soil has to be purified of all bacteria.* ○ *an air-purifying plant*, eg for providing pure air in a factory. (b) ~ **sb (of sth)** bawlnak (raithawi) in sualnak thianhlimter.

▷ **purification** /pjʊərɪfɪ'keɪʃn/ *n* [U] thianhlimternak: *purification of water* ○ *the purification of souls.*

purist /pjʊərɪst/ *n* thianhlimnak le a dikmi ziangpoh khal a sunsak (uar)tu: *Purists were shocked by the changes made to the text of the play.*

▷ **purism** /pjʊərɪzəm/ *n* [U] (fml).

puritan /pjʊərɪtən/ *n* **1** **Puritan** England ram ih kum zabi 16, 17 hrawngih Protestant Khrihfa a simi, thianhlimnak le ziaza tha a uarmi: [attrib] *the Puritan settlers in New England.* **2** (usu derog) nuncan ziaza dik a uar zetmi, nunnomnak cu sualnak a si ti ih ruattu: *the*

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puritans who wish to clean up television.

▷ **puritan** *adj* **1** **Puritan** Puritan, lole, Puritanism thawn a pehtlai awmi. **2** = PURITANICAL.

puritanical /pʊərɪˈtænɪkl/ *adj* (*derog*) nuncan ziaza ah felzet le dik zet ih a ummi: a puritanical attitude, conscience, upbringing ○ pursue vice with puritanical zeal. **puritanically** /-klɪ/ *adv*: puritanically opposed to pleasure.

Puritanism /pʊərɪtənɪzəm/ *n* [U] Puritan pawl ih tuahmi le zumnak.

purity /pʊərɪti/ (also **pureness**) *n* [U] umtudan le sinak ih a thianghlismi: test the purity of the water ○ question the purity of their motives ○ purity of colour, form, sound, etc.

purl /pɜːl/ *n* [C, U] (also **purl stitch**) thilthit tikah a mawitertu ah a tlang coih tuahmi (thit menmen si loin, coih ih thitmi): knitted in purl ○ Knit two plain, two purl. Cf PLAIN³.

▷ **purl** *v* [I, Tn] Hnipuan thit tikah thit menmen si loin, coih ih thit: Knit one (ie make one plain stitch), purl one.

purlieus /pɜːljuz/ *n* [pl] (*fml* or *rhet*) a zim lam; hnarpawn lam: the purlieus of the capital.

purloin /pɜːlɔɪn, ˈpɜːlɔɪn/ *v* [Tn] (*fml* or *joc*) fir (thil fir): food purloined from her employer's kitchen.

purple /pɜːpl/ *adj* **1** sendup pianrong a simi (a sen le mepian cokrawimi): a purple flower, dress, sunset ○ go purple (in the face) with rage. **2** (*fml*) (of literature) canganmi ah luarkai tuk ih nganmi: purple passages/patches/prose.

▷ **purple** *n* **1** [U] sendup pianrong: dressed in purple. **2** the purple [sing] Roman Siangphahrang, lole, Roman Catholic Cardinal pawl ih hrukmi sendup korfual tumpi.

purplish /pɜːpəlɪʃ/ *adj* a pianrong ah sendup a si deuhmi: a purplish complexion.

□ **purple heart** **1** **Purple Heart** (US) America ramah ralkap raldonak ih hma a putu upatnak in an pekmi tacik (medal). **2** (*infml*) thin piankeng, amphetamine tel ih tuahmi thin thoter thei sii.

purport /pɜːpɒt/ *n* [sing] ~ (of sth) (*fml*) tiduh sanmi: The purport of the statement is that the firm is bankrupt.

▷ **purport** /pəˈpɔːt/ *v* [Tt] (*fml*) siter; bang dingin tuah: The document purports to be an official statement.

purpose /pɜːpəs/ *n* **1** [C] tummi; tumtahmi: What is the purpose of the meeting? ○ What is your purpose in going to Canada? ○ Getting rich seems to be her only purpose in life. **2** [U] (*fml*) tisuk tummi; tumtahmi: Her approach to the job lacks purpose. **3** (idm) for practical purposes ⇒ PRACTICAL. on purpose a cangpangmi si loin, ciamciam ih tuahmi: 'Did he break it accidentally?' 'No, on purpose.' ○ She seems to do these things on purpose. serve

one's/the purpose (*fml*) a tulnak vekin tuah; lungtling zet in tuah: we have found a meeting-place that will serve our purpose. to little/no/some purpose (*fml*) tumtahmi tawkfang; malte, nei lo ih tuah: Money has been invested in the scheme to very little purpose.

▷ **purpose** *v* [Tt, Tg] (*dated*) tumtah; tum: They purpose making/to make a further attempt.

purposeful /-fl/ *adj* tummi nei ih tuahmi: They dealt with the problem in a purposeful way.

purposefully /-fəlɪ/ *adv*: He strode purposefully into the meeting.

purposeless *adj* tumtahmi nei lo: a purposeless existence. **purposelessly** *adv*.

purposely *adv* tihrimmi; tumtahmi nei in tuahmi: He was accused of purposely creating difficulties.

□ **purpose-built** *adj* (*esp Brit*) tumtahmi pakhat hrangih tuahmi: a purpose-built factory.

purr /pɜː(r)/ *v* [I, Ipr] (**a**) (of a cat) zawhte a hngirhngik (zawhte tibur fawp vekih a um khi): purring happily. (**b**) (of machinery) cet-awn: a car engine purring smoothly.

▷ **purr** *n* tikur fawp aw: the contented purrs of the cat.

purse¹ /pɜːs/ *n* **1** [C] paisa bawm: a leather/plastic purse ○ Her purse was stolen from her handbag. Cf WALLET. **2** [sing] hman dingih retmi paisa/sum: the public purse ○ the privy Purse. **3** [C] laksawng pek dingih khonmi sum: a purse of £50000, eg for the winner of a boxing match. **4** [C] (US) khualtlawn tikih kenmi kutkhai dippi.

5 (idm) hold the purse-strings paisa hman theinak thu kaitu: I can't offer you any more money because I don't hold the purse-strings. loosen/tighten the purse-strings paisa hman dan thlahphoih/tenren deuh ding.

purse² /pɜːs/ *v* [Tn, Tn-p] ~ sth (up) thinhennak le lungkim lonak neih tikih hmur ciip khi: with pursed lips ○ purse (up) one's lips.

purser /pɜːsə(r)/ *n* tangphawlawng parih sum kaitu, thilri kaitu, khualtlawng pawl hnen ihsin lawng toman a latu.

pursuance /pəˈsjuːəns; US -ˈsuː-/ *n* (idm) in (the) pursuance of sth (*fml*) pakhat tuah rero laiah, pakhat ti rero laiah: injuries suffered in the pursuance of one's duties.

pursue /pəˈsjuː; US -ˈsuː-/ *v* [Tn] (*fml*) **1** daw; kai ding le that dingih daw: pursue a wild animal, one's prey, a thief ○ The police pursued the stolen vehicle along the motorway. **2** tuahpeh; feh vivo; zirpeh: She decided to pursue her studies after obtaining her first degree. ○ I have decided not to pursue (ie investigate) the matter any further.

▷ **pursuer** *n* dawitu; a dunglam ih a thluntu; a tuahpeh vivotu: He managed to avoid his pursuers.

pursuit /pəˈsjuːt; US -ˈsuːt/ *n* (*fml*) **1** [U] ~ fo sth

dawinak; thlunnak: *The pursuit of profit was the main reason for the changes.* ○ *She devoted her life to the pursuit of pleasure.* **2** [C usu pl] tikcu le thazaang hmuahhmuah pakhat khat ah hmang (thiamnak hawl/zirnak ah hmang): *artistic, literary, scientific pursuits* ○ *be engaged in/devote oneself to worthwhile pursuits.* **3** (idm) **in pursuit (of sb/sth)** pakhat khat ngah dingin dawi: *thirty grown men in pursuit of work.* **in pursuit of sth** pakhat khat hawl ih vaak. **in (hot) pursuit** kai ngah rori dingih dawi: *a fox with the hounds in hot pursuit.*

purulent /pjuərələnt/ *adj* (medical) hmahnai a suakmi.

▷ **purulence** /-əns/ *n* [U].

purvey /pə'vei/ *v* [Tn, Dn-pr] ~ **sth (to sb)** (fml) thil zuartu in a leitu hnenah pek (eg, faang zuartu in tlawnng sayapa thla tinte faang dip khat a zawrh/pek): *butchers who have purveyed meat to the royal household for generations* ○ *a bureau that purveys information about the stock market to potential investors.*

▷ **purveyance** /-əns/ *n* [U].

purveyor *n* (fml) hmaanhmaan a zawrhthu/a petu: *These are questions that lie outside/that do not come within the purview of our inquiry.*

pus /pas/ *n* [U] hmahnai: *The doctor lanced the boil to let the pus out.*

push¹ /puʃ/ *v* **1** [C] tul; nam: *Give the door a hard push.* ○ *He opened the gate with/at one push.* **2** [C] nam (thazaang tamzet hmangin nam/do/siim): *The commander decided to postpone the big push until the spring.* **3** [U] (infml) napi in nor: *He hasn't enough push to be a successful salesman.* **4** (idm) **at a push** (infml esp Brit) tuah lo theih loin fialmi (tuah tengteng dingin forhmi): *We can provide accommodation for six people at a push.* **give sb/get the push** (esp Brit infml) (a) hnaṭuan in bangter (duh na loin bang fial): *He got the push when the new manager came.* (b) pawl nawn lo in bang (pawl aw nawn lo): *He gave his girl-friend the push.* **If/until/when it comes to the push** ṭulnak a thleng taktak asile: *If it comes to the push, we shall have to use our savings.*

□ **push-start** *v* [Tn] mawṭawka starter a siat ruangah tul ih start. — *n*: *We'll have to give it a push-start, I'm afraid.*

push² /puʃ/ *v* **1** (a) [I] kut ih tul: *You push form the back and I'll pull at the front.* ○ *Push hard and the lever will go down.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-a] thil pakhat thawn dingin a phunkim in tul: *You can pull a rope, but you can't push it!* ○ *push the pram up the hill* ○ *push the table a bit nearer the wall* ○ *He pushed the door open.* ○ (fig) *push a problem to the back of one's mind.* (c) [Ipr, Ip, Tn-p, Tn-pr] hmailam ah ṭhawn thei dingin nor: *The crowd pushed past (us).* ○ *We had to*

push our way through (the crowd). **2** [Ipr, Tn] ~ **(on/against) sth** nam; hmet: *He pushed hard against the door with his shoulder.* ○ *Push the doorbell.* ○ *you can stop the machine by pushing the red button.* **3** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-t] (infml) fial; hneek: *One has to push the child or she will do no work at all.* ○ *She was pushed into going to university by her parents.* ○ *We pushed him hard to take up science.* (b) [Tn-pr] ~ **sb for sth** hramhram in tuahter: *push sb for payment* ○ *We shall have to push them for a quick decision.* **4** [Tn] (infml) leem; forh: *You will have to push the new product to win sales — there's lots of competition.* ○ *Unless you push your claim, you will not get satisfaction.* **5** [Tn] (infml) zuar (rit theinak thil): *She was arrested for pushing heroin.* ⇒ Usage at SELL. **6** (idm) **be pushed for sth** (infml) a daih nei lo: *be pushed for money, time, etc.* **be pushed to do sth** (infml) ti thei dingah harsatnak nei: *We'll be pushed to get there in time.* **push the boat out** (infml) paisa cemding ruat loin cawimawi ding: *This is the last party we shall give, so let's really push the boat out.* **push one's luck** (infml) vanṭhat ringring ding ruat-aw sual in tuah lo dingmi tuah: *You didn't get caught last time, but don't push your luck!* **push up (the) daisies** (infml joc) mi thlaan ah thi: *I shall be pushing up daisies by the time the project is finished.* **7** (phr v) **push sb about/around** (infml) mi nehsawh in a duh lomi hramhram ih tuahter. **push ahead/forward/on** mah fehnak zin – hmawnt vivo: *Let's push on — it's nearly nightfall.* **push ahead/forward/on (with sth)** tumtahmi dungsiip loin hmawnt sinsin: *push ahead with one's plans.*

push along (infml) taan: *Goodbye — I'd better be pushing along now.* **push for sth** zamrang ih tuah ding tu le tu dil: *They are pushing for electoral reform.* **push sth forward** ngah ding/co dingmi ruatsak dingah midang kha hneek: *He repeatedly pushed forward his own claim.* **push oneself forward** mah le mah tarlang-awk. **push off** (infml) (often as an impolite command) dawisuak (fehter): *Push off! We don't want you here.* **push (sth) of/out** tilawng kha titlang ihsin thawn dingin tul. **push sb sth over** let dingin/tla dingin tul: *Several children were pushed over in the rush to leave.* **push sth through** zamrang tuah thei suak dingih nor: *push a plan through the committee stage.* **push sth up** thilri man kai dingin tuah: *A shortage of building land will push property values up.*

▷ **pusher 1** (infml derog) mah hlawnak lawng zoh ih cangvaitu. **2** (sl) rit thei sii a thup teih zuartu (drug-pedlar).

pushing *adj* **1** = PUSHY. **2** [pred] (infml) kum cu zat a si zik rero thlang: *pushing forty, fifty, sixty, etc.*

□ **push-bike** *n* (infml) basikal, ke ih palmi.
push-button *adj* [attrib] hmet tikah a cangvaimi, eg radio, TV tivek: *a radio with push-button tuning*.
push-cart *n* kut ih tulmi leeng fate.
push-chair (Brit) (also esp US **stroller**) *n* naute tonak bil theihmi leeng fate.
push-over *n* (sl) (a) ol te ih ti theimi (eg, zuam-awknak ah olte ih ti theimi): *Winning that match was a push-over*. (b) ol te ih sim/fial/sawm/zorh theimi: *Getting money from her is easy — she's a push-over*.
push-pull *adj* (of electrical equipment) tul le dirhnak tha a neimi electric thilri: *a push-pull amplifier*.
push-up (esp US) = PRESS-UP (PRESS²).
pushy /'puʃi/ (-ier, -iest) (also **pushing**) *adj* (infml derog) a camcin in mah thatnak hrang lawng zoh ih a cangvaitu: *He made himself unpopular by being so pushy*.
 ▷ **pushily** /-ili/ *adv*. **pushiness** *n* [U].
pusillanimous /'pi:slænɪməs/ *adj* (fml derog) ralhrut; ðih a hrutmi.
 ▷ **pusillanimity** /'pi:slə'nɪməti/ *n* [U].
pusillanimously *adv*.
puss /pus/ *n* 1 zawhte (kawhnak hmin). 2 (infml) a lek duh zet mi nunau nauhak: *She's a sly puss*.
 ▷ **pussy** /'pusi/ *n* 1 (also **pussy-cat**) (used by and to young children) nauhak pawl ih zawhte kawhnak hmin. 2 (Δ sl) nunau zahmawh; su.
 □ **pussyfoot** *v* [I, Ip] ~ (about/around) (infml usu derog) ðih phah zet ih cang; tong ngam lo ih heel hruanhro: *Stop pussyfooting around and say what you mean*.
pussy willow inhliam thingkung a par neemte.
pustule /'pastʃu:l; US -tʃu:l/ *n* (medical) hricu, lole, a durhmi – hnai a neimi.
put¹ /put/ *v* (-tt-, pt, pp **put**) 1 (a) [Tn-pr, Tn-p] ret: *She put the book on the table*. ○ 'Where did you put the scissors?' 'I put them (back) in the drawer.' ○ *Did you put sugar in my tea?* ○ *He put his hands in his pockets*. ○ *She put her arm round his shoulders*. ○ *She put her hand to her mouth*. ○ *You've put the picture too high up (on sth wall)*. ○ *The Americans put a man on the moon in 1969*. ○ *It's time to put the baby to bed*. ○ *Maradona put the ball in the net, ie scored a goal in a football match*. (b) [Tn-pr] bun; ben: *Will you please put (ie sew) a patch on these trousers?* ○ *We must put a new lock on the front door*. (c) [Tn-pr] sawh; thong: *She put a knife between his ribs*. ○ *He put his fist through a plate-glass door*. (d) [Tn-pr, Tn-p] pakhat parah hminsinnak tuah/ngan: *put one's signature to a document* ○ *put a cross against sb's name* ○ *Put your name here*. 2 [Tn-pr] a tuah; a cangter: *The incident put her in a bad mood*. ○ *Your decision puts me in an awkward position*. ○ *The*

injury to her back will put her out of action for several weeks. ○ *The Russians plan to put a satellite into orbit round Mars*. 3 [Tn-pr] dinhmun khiak; ðen; ret: *I wouldn't put him among the greatest composers*. ○ *I put her in the top rank of modern novelists*. ○ *As a writer I'd put him on a par/level with Joyce*. 4 [Tn, Tn-pr] (used esp with a following *adv* or in questions after *how*) *adverb* thawn, lole, how timi thusuhnak thawn an hman: *She put it very tactfully*. ○ *That's very well put*. ○ *How shall I put it?* ○ *As T. S. Eliot puts it...* ○ 'The election result was a disaster for the country.' 'I wouldn't put it quite like that.' 5 [Tn] hlon; deeng. Cf SHOT-PUT (SHOT¹). 6 (idm) **not put it past sb (to do sth)** (infml) (used with *would*) thil ðha lo, upadi dan ih khammi a tuah thei hman ding ti ih ruahmi: *I wouldn't put it past him to steal money from his own grandmother!* **put it to sb that...** ruahnak pek; sawm: *I put it to you that you are the only person who had a motive for the crime*. **put sb through it** (infml) tuah duh lo zetmi hneek: *They really put you through it* (ie ask you difficult questions, etc) at the interview. **put together** (used after a *n* or *ns* referring to a group of people or things) zate kom: *Your department spent more last year than all the other departments put together*. (For other idioms containing *put*, see entries for *ns*, *adjs*, etc, eg **put one's foot in it** ⇒ FOOT¹; **put sth right** ⇒ RIGHT¹).
 7 (phr v) **put (sth) about** (nautical) lamzin thlang; fehnak thlang: *The ship put slowly about*. ○ *The captain put the ship about*. **put sth about** than vivo; sim vivo (thuthang, thu vakvai than vivo): *He's always putting about malicious rumours*. ○ *It's being put about that the Prime Minister may resign*.
put sth about sth ⇒ PUT STH BEFORE/ABOVE STH.
put sth across sb (infml) bum; thu phanper: *Are you trying to put one across me?* **put oneself/sth across/over (to sb)** sim thiam; rel thiam: *He doesn't know how to put himself across at interviews*. ○ *She's very good at putting her ideas across*.
put sth aside (a) thil pakhat ret: *She put the newspaper aside and picked up a book*. (b) lehnhnu ih hman ding paisa khawl; thil leitu hrangah ret sak: *She's put aside a tidy sum for her retirement*. ○ *We'll put the suit aside for you, Mr Parkinson*. (c) thupi ah ret lemlo; hngil: *They decided to put aside their differences*.
put sth at sth ruahnak pek; hmuhdan sim: *I would put his age at about sixty*. ○ 'What would you put the price of this car at?' 'I'd put it at £15000'.
put sb away (often passive) (infml) thawngthlak, lole, mimolh sizung ah ret: *He was put away for ten years for armed robbery* ○

She went a bit odd and had to be put away. **put sth away** (a) ret saal (hmanṭheh ruangah a retnak keel thingkuang sung/bizu sungah ret saal): *Put your toys away in the cupboard, when you've finished playing.* ○ *I'm just going to put the car away, ie in the garage.* (b) paisa khawl: *she's got a few thousand pounds put away for her retirement.* (c) (infml) phaam zet ih tirawl ei/in: *He must have put away half a bottle of whisky last night.* ○ *I don't know how he manages to put it all away!*

put sth back (a) a umnak keel ah ret saal: *Please put the dictionary back on the shelf when you've finished with it.* (b) nazi kut kirter: *My watch is fast; it needs putting back five minutes.* (c) tikcu hnu deuh ah thawn: *This afternoon's meeting has been put back to next week.* (d) hnuter; fuungter: *The lorry drivers' strike has put back our deliveries by over a month.* (e) (infml) in, zu tam zet in: *By midnight he had put back nearly two bottles of wine.* **put sth before/above sth** thil dang hnakin thupi bik ih ret: *He puts his children's welfare before all other considerations.* **put sth by** neta hman leh dingin paisa khawl: *She has a fair amount of money put by.*

put (sth) down (of an aeroplane or its pilot) tum; vanzam tum: *He put (the glider) down in a field.* **put sb down** (a) (of a bus, coach, etc) tumter; bus, mawṭawka tivek in tumter: *The bus stopped to put down some passengers.* (b) (infml) zontai; nautat: *He's always putting his wife down in public.* **put sth down** (a) retta hrih; ret hrih: *Put down that knife before you hurt somebody!* ○ *I can't put this novel down, ie because I am enjoying it so much.* (b) toh; ret: *I put down a couple of cases of claret last year.* (c) ngan in hminsins: *I'm having a party next Saturday; put it down in your diary so you don't forget.* (d) colhter; khamneh: *put down a rebellion, a revolt, an uprising, etc* ○ *The military junta is determined to put down all political opposition.* (e) (often passive) that (ramsa – caw, rang – a dam lo, a tar tuk ruangah that): *The horse broke a leg in the fall and had to be put down.* ○ *Our cat was getting so old and sick that we had her put down.* (f) (esp in Parliament) telh (khawmnak – parliament, meeting – ah rel dingin telh ci): *The Opposition plan to put down a censure motion on the Government's handling of the affair.* **put sb down as sb** a sinak vekih ret: *I put him down as a retired naval officer.* **put sb down for sth** (a) pakhat khat hrangah a hmin khum: *Put me down for three tickets for Saturday's performance.* (b) tlawng lut theinak dingah hmin cazin khum cia: *They've put their son down for Eton.* **put sth down to sth** (a) sum dawr ih thil leimi kha a man pek colh loin a

leitu ih tangka cazin ah ret (cutawkah dil ding): *Would you put these shoes down to my account, please?* (b) thil pakhat ruangah pakhat a cang ti ih ruat: *What do you put her success down to?* ○ *I put it all down to her hard work and initiative.*

put sth forth (fml) (of trees and plants) cerh (thingkung hram kung a tek no, a hnah no cerh): *Spring has come and the hedges are putting forth new leaves.*

put oneself/sb forward mah le mah, lole, a dang pakhat hmin pek (upa tuan dingah): *Two left-wingers have been put forward for the Labour Party's National Executive.* ○ *Can I put you/your name forward for golf club secretary?*

put sth forward (a) nazi kut hmailam ah thawn/her: *Put your watch forward; you're five minutes slow.* (b) pakhat khat tuah ding ni tuan deuh ah thawn saal: *We've put forward (the date of) our wedding by one week.* (c) rel ding ah, tuah dingah ruahnak suahpi: *put forward an argument, a plan, a suggestion, etc* ○ *She is putting forward radical proposals for electoral reform.*

put in a karlak ah thu vun thlak ve: *'But what about us?' he put in.* **put sb in** (a) hmunkhat ah tuavo pek: *put in a caretaker, a security man, etc.* (b) hril (council, hluttaw tivek ih ai-awhtu ah hril – ram ukto ah hril): *The electorate put the Tories in with an increased majority in 1983.* (c) (of the team that wins the toss in cricket) thawi hmasa dingin hril: *Australia won the toss and put England in (to bat).* **put sth in** (a) bun; rem (electric mei bun, tukvirh a kharnak bun, thlalang bun tivek): *We put new central heating in when we moved here.* ○ *We're having a new shower put in.* (b) canganmi ah thu pakhat thlak: *If you're writing to your mother, don't forget to put in something about her coming to stay.* (c) thu thunlut: *put in a claim for damages, higher wages.* (d) thong, lole; sim: *Tyson put in some telling blows to Tucker's chin.* ○ *Could I put in a word (ie say sth) at this point?* (e) tikcu hman: *She often puts in twelve hours' work a day.* ○ *I must put in an hour's gardening this evening.* **put sth in; put sth into sth/doing sth** tikcu thazaang pek/pumpek: *Thank you for all the hard work you've put in.* ○ *We've put a great deal of time and effort into this project.* ○ *She's putting a lot of work into improving her French.* **put in (at...)/put into...** (of a ship, its crew, etc) lawng a colhnak hmun ah cawl/lut: *The boat put in at Lagos/put into Lagos for repairs.* **put in for sth** hnaṭuan pakhat dil/lut tum: *Are you going to put in for that job?* **put oneself/sb/sth in for sth** zuam-awknak pakhat ah lut ve: *She's put herself in for the 100 metres and the long jump.* **put sb in for sth** mi pakhat hnaṭuan, lole,

laksawang ngah dingin bawm/za-awi: *The commanding officer put Sergeant Williams in for a medal for bravery.*

put off (of a boat, its crew, etc) lawng a colhnak hmun ihsin hmundang ih thawn: *We put off from the quay.* **put sb off (a)** (of a vehicle, boat, etc) tumter (lawng/mawṭawka parin tumter): *I asked the bus driver to put me off near the town centre.* **(b)** ṭhawn (postpone or cancel): *We've invited friends to supper and it's too late to put them off now,* ie to tell them not to come. *○ She put him off with the excuse that* (ie said that she could not see him because) *she had too much work to do.* **(c)** huatter; duh loter; thinnuam loter: *He's a good salesman, but his offhand manner does tend to put people off.* *○ Don't be put off by his gruff exterior; he's really very kind underneath.* **put sb off (sth)** thinlung hnaihnocter: *Don't put me off when I'm trying to concentrate.* *○ The sudden noise put her off her game.* **put sb off sth/doing sth** duhnak hlohter; center: *The accident put her off driving for life.* *○ She was put off maths by a bullying and incompetent teacher.* **put sth off** hmit; phit; khar: *Could you put the lights off before you leave?* **put sth off; put off doing sth** hnulam deuh ah ṭhawn; hnuter (delay): *We've had to put our wedding off until September.* *○ This afternoon's meeting will have to be put off.* *○ She keeps putting off going to the dentist.*

put it on (esp in the continuous tenses) thinheng teraw; rehshiat vekin umter aw: *She wasn't angry really; she was only putting it on.* **put sth on (a)** sin (hnipuan sin): *put on one's coat, gloves, hat, skirt, trousers, etc* *○ What dress shall I put on for the party?* **(b)** hnih (vun ah si hnih): *put on lipstick, hand-cream, etc* *○ She's just putting on her make-up.* **(c)** ong; phuan: *put on the light, oven, radio, television, etc* *○ Let's put the kettle on and have a cup of tea.* *○ She put on the brakes suddenly.* **(d)** phuan; ong: *put on a record, tape, compact disc, etc* *○ Do you mind if I put some music on?* **(e)** thau sinsin; rit sinsin: *put on a stone in weight* *○ How many pounds did you put on over Christmas?* **(f)** bet; belh: *British Rail are putting on extra trains during the holiday period.* **(g)** tuah; hmuh: *The local drama group are putting on 'Macbeth' at the Playhouse.* **(h)** (nazi kut) ṭhawn. **(i)** si vekih um-awter: *put on a silly face, a Liverpool accent, a wounded expression* *○ Don't put on that innocent look; we know you ate all the biscuits.* *○ He seems very sincere, but it's all put on.*

put sth on sth (a) bet, belh: *The government has put ten pence on the price of a gallon of petrol.* **(b)** siah a khon (a khun a lak): *put a duty on wine.* **(c)** paisa thaap: *I've put £10 on 'Black Widow' in the 3.45 at Newmarket.* *○ I've never*

put money on a horse. **put sb on to sb/onto sb** hmuh ding/tong ding/ngah dingin tuah sak: *put sb onto a dentist, lawyer, plumber, etc* *○ Could you put me on to a good accountant?* **(a)** zuarthlai; simsia: *Detectives hunting the gang were put on to them by an anonymous telephone call.* **put sb on to sth/onto sth** a um a si tiih sim/a ṭha a si ti ih sim: *'Who put you on to this restaurant? It's superb!'* *'Friends put us on to it.'*

put oneself out (infml) remcang lo zet caan khalah mi bawm thei dingin a ralring-aw cia): *Please don't put yourself out on our account.* *○ She's always ready to put herself out to help others.* **put sb out (a)** thei-aw lo ko ih tuah (hngilh sii a sun ve te'n a thei aw nawn lo; veinga a thongnak in a tluuk rori): *He put his opponent out in the fifth round.* **(b)** laklawhter; harsatter: *I hope our arriving late didn't put them out.* **(c)** hnaihnocter: *She was most put out by his rudeness.* *○ He looked rather put out.* **put sth out (a)** innsung ihsin suah ih retta (mi ih lak dingah): *put out the dustbins, the empty milk bottles, etc* *○ Have you put the cat out yet?* **(b)** mi ih hman thei dingin ret cia sak: *put out ashtrays, bowls of peanuts* *○ put out clean towels for a guest.* **(c)** (of a plant) a ziik no, a ṭeek no suak: *The trees are beginning to put out shoots.* **(d)** thil suakter (tuah suak: *the plant puts out 500 new cars a week.* **(e)** suah (issue, publish): *Police have put out a description of the man they wish to question.* **(f)** meihmit; meiphal: *Firemen soon put the fire out.* *○ put out a candle, cigarette, pipe.* **(g)** hmit; phit: *put out the lamp, light, gas fire.* **(h)** a pelh (ruh pelh): *She fell off her horse and put her shoulder out.* **(i)** a palhter: *The devaluation of the pound has put our estimates out by several thousands.* **put sth out (to sb)** (a) ap (hmundang ih hnaṭuan ding ap): *A lot of proof-reading is put out to freelancers.* *○ All repairs are done on the premises and not put out.* **(b)** coih (paisa coih, coih man a ṭhang ngah dingin): *Banks are putting out more and more money to people buying their own homes.* **put out (to.../from...)** (of a boat or its crew) lawng, lawng hnaṭuantu pawl an umnak ihsin khualtlawng ding pok: *put out to sea* *○ We put out from Liverpool.*

put oneself/sth over (to sb) ⇨ PUT ONESELF/STH ACROSS/OVER (TO SB). **put sth over on sb** (infml) a si lomi si ti dingin leem/forh: *He's not the sort of man you can put one over on.*

put sth through tuahsuak; ṭuansuak: *put through a business deal* *○ The government is putting through some radical social reforms.* **put sb through sth (a)** harsatnak tuarter: *You have put your family through much suffering.* *○ Trainee commandos are put through an exhausting assault course.* **(b)** ret (tlawng ah

ret): *He put all his children through boarding-school.* **put sb/sth through (to sb/...)** midang telephone biakter: *Could you put me through to the manager, please.* ○ *I'm trying to put a call through to Paris.*

put sb to sth harsatnak pek/harsat tuarter: *I do hope we're not putting you to too much trouble.* ○ *We've already been put to great inconvenience.* **put sth to sb** thuhla relsak dingin thunlut: *Your proposal will be put to the board of directors.* (a) thusut (thusut theinak) on: *the audience are now invited to put questions to the speaker.* (b) relcat sak dingin thunlut: *Let's put the resolution to the meeting.* ○ *The question of strike action must be put to union members.*

put sth together thilri thenetete pawl komkhawm ih thil pakhat cangter (tuah): *put together a model aeroplane* ○ *He took the machine to pieces and then put it together again.* ○ (fig) *put together an essay, a meal, a case for the defence.* Cf PUT TOGETHER (PUT¹ 6).

put sth towards sth paisa ret/pek: *He puts half of his salary each month towards the skiing holiday he's planning.*

put up sth raldo, lek zuam tivek ah taimak suah: *they surrendered without putting up much of a fight.* ○ *The team put up a splendid performance, ie played very well.* **put sb up** (a) ihnak le rawl pek: *We can put you up for the night.* (b) hril dingmi ah hmin pek: *The Green Party hopes to put up a number of candidates in the General Election.* **put sth up** (a) taar; thlai; hawi (Aalan – thantaar – taar): *put up a flag* ○ *Put your hand up if you want to ask a question.* ○ *She's put her hair up, ie She is wearing it coiled on top of her head.* (b) sak; phun: *put up a fence, memorial, shed, tent* ○ *Many ugly blocks of flats were put up in the 1960's.* (c) taar; bun (fɪx); tem (fasten); hmuh, langter (display): *put up Christmas decorations, a notice, a poster* ○ *The team will be put up on the notice-board.* (d) than (raise or increase): *My landlord's threatening to put the rent up by £10 a week.* (e) pek; coih (provide or lend money): *A local businessman has put up the £500000 needed to save the football club.* (f) keng; suahpi (relkhawm dingin thuhla suahpi): *put up an argument, a case, a proposal, etc.* **put up (at...)** riak; caam (stay): *they put up at an inn for the night.* **put (oneself) up for sth** hril dingah mah le mah pek-aw: *She is putting (herself) up for election to the committee.*

put sb up (for sth) hril dingah suahpi; hril sung: *We want to put you up for club treasurer.* ○ *To join the club you have to be put up by an existing member.* **put sb up to sth/doing sth** (infml) a tha lomi tuah dingin forh/tha pek: *I can't believe he'd do a thing like that on his own.*

He must have been put up to it by some of the older boys. **put up with sb/sth** tuar; ngaithiam: *I don't know how she puts up with him/his cruelty to her.*

□ **put-down** *n* zomtaihnak, nautatnak tongkam. **put-up job** (infml) mi va bumtumnak; thuphan pertumnak.

put-upon *adj* (of a person) zohsia ko ih hmanmi, ti siatmi: *a much put-upon person* ○ *I'm beginning to feel just a little put-upon.*

putative /pju:tətɪv/ *adj* [attrib] (fml) mi tam bik in a si hmanng timi (reputed): *his putative father.*

putrefy /pju:trɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp -fied) [I, Tn] ʔawtter, siatter, uihter.

▷ **putrefaction** /pju:trɪfækʃn/ *n* [U] 1 a ʔawt. 2 a ʔawtmi, a uihmi.

putrescent /pju:'tresnt/ *adj* (fml) (a) a thu zomi: *a putrescent corpse.* (b) a ʔawtmi; a thumi: *a putrescent smell.*

▷ **putrescence** /-sns/ *n* [U].

putrid /pju:trɪd/ *adj* 1 (a) (esp of animal or vegetable matter) a ʔawtmi; a uihmi; a thumi. (b) a ʔawt zomi; a thu zomi: *a pile of rotten, putrid fish* ○ *the putrid smell of rotting fish.* 2 (infml) a thaw lo zetmi; a nuam lo zet mi; a ʔuaʔa tukmi: *putrid weather* ○ *Why did you paint the room that putrid colour?*

putsch /putʃ/ *n* thazaang hmanng kumpi (cozəh) hramhram ih hlon tum.

putt /pʌt/ *v* [I, Tn] (in golf) a kua nai thleng hnu neta bik a kuasung lut dingin nuamte ih thawimi: *You need to practice putting (the ball).*

▷ **putt** *n* golf a kua sung lut dingih thawimi: *she took three putts* (ie to get the ball into the hole) *from the edge of the green.*

putter *n* 1 golf a kua sung thannak fung. 2 golf kua sungih a thantu.

□ **putting-green** *n* golf a kua umnak kiangkap rawnhring fate (kuakap rawn hring).

puttee /pʌti/ *n* (esp pl) hlan deuh ralkap pawl ih hmanmi ngalngerhnak puan; tuahmawh aw lo dingih khamnak ngalngerh.

putter (US) = POTTER¹.

putty /pʌti/ *n* 1 [U] canphio ong le tukvirh thalang bennak ih an hmanmi sii (linseed oil le chalk – myiphiu kom ih tuahmi). 2 (idm) (be) **putty in sb's hands** ol te in mah lam ih hruai theihmi: *She was a woman of such beauty and charm that men were putty in her hands.*

▷ **putty** *v* (pt, pp puttied) 1 [Tn, Tn-p] ~ sth (up) a kua a ong pawl kha putty thawn phit. 2 (phr v) **putty sth in** putty sii in ben, erh: *putty a pane of glass in.*

puzzle /pʌzl/ *n* 1 [C usu sing] theihhar; mangbangza thu: *Their reason for doing it is still a puzzle to me.* 2 [C] (often in compounds) theihhar zetmi thuuhnak, thu polh, lole, lehnak: *crossword puzzles* ○ *a jigsaw puzzle* ○

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find the answer to/solve a puzzle ○ set a puzzle for sb/set sb a puzzle.

▷ **puzzle** *v* **1** [Tn] napi ih ruat, thei awloksong: Her reply puzzled me. ○ I am puzzled by his failure to reply/that he hasn't replied to my letter. ○ He puzzled his brains (ie thought hard) to find the answer. ○ The sudden fall in the value of the dollar has puzzled financial experts. ○ They are puzzled (about) what to do next/how to react. **2** [Ipr] ~ **over sth** thu pakhat nazet in ruat: She's been puzzling over his strange letter for weeks. **3** [Tn-p] ~ **sth out** thu harsa zet fiangter dingin napi in ruat: The teacher left the children to puzzle out the answer to the problem themselves. **puzzled** *adj* theih thei lo; hnok zet; cokrawi thluh: she listened with a puzzled expression on her face. **puzzler** /ˈpʌzlə(r)/ *n* (infml) a hnok tertu: The question is a real puzzler! **puzzlement** /ˈpʌzlmənt/ *n* [U] khuaruahhar in um: He stared at the words in complete puzzlement. **puzzling** /ˈpʌzliŋ/ *adj*: a puzzling statement, affair, attitude.

PVC /pi: vi: 'si/ *abbr* polyvinyl chloride (a type of plastic): The seat covers were (made of) PVC.

Pvt *abbr* (US) = PTE.

PW /pi: 'dʌblju:/ *abbr* (Brit) Policewoman: PW (Christine) Bell. Cf WPC.

pygmy (also **pigmy**) /ˈpiɡmi/ *n* **Pygmy** Africa le Asia ram Equator kam tupi sungum miniam te miphun khat. **2** mi tawite, lole, ramsa niamte (dwarf): [attrib] the pygmy shrew.

pyjamas (also esp **US pajamas**) /pə'dʒɑ:məz; US -'dʒæm/ *n* [pl] **1** mipa it tiki hrukmi angki le bawng bi sau; mipa zan ihnak bawngbi le angki: a pair of pyjamas ○ He was wearing striped pyjamas. **2** India le Pakistan ram ih Muslim mipa nunau bangrep hmanmi bawngbi sau. **3** (idm) **be the cat's whiskers/pyjamas** ⇒ CAT¹.

▷ **pyjama** (US **pajama**) *adj* [attrib]: pyjama bottom(s)/top/trousers/jacket.

pylon /ˈpaɪlən; US 'paɪlən/ *n* **1** thirtung sangpipi, electric thuam, TV suahnak tower thuam pawl khi. **2** vanzam colhnak langternak ih an phunmi thir thuam (tower) sangpi.

pyorrhea (also esp **US pyorrhea**) /ˌpaɪəˈriə/ *n* [U] haani nat phunkhat; haani kha a comter ih haa khal a hninter.

pyramid /ˈpɪrəmid/ *n* **1** hlanlai Egypt siangphahrang pawl ih lungto tumpipi thawn dawlmī thlan. **2** (esp in geometry) kanan geometry zirnak ih kil thum nei, a tang kau a lu zummi zuk (pungsan). **3** thilri khawmmi, tianmi, penmi a zim (lu) zum ih um pungsan: a pyramid of tins in a shop window.

▷ **pyramidal** /ˈpɪrəmidl/ *adj* pyramid pianhmang a simi.

□ **pyramid selling** (commerce) company suah thilri zuar theinak vo a neitu in, midang thil zuartu pawl hnen ah zuar thei venak vo zemsin mi daan.

pyre /ˈpaɪə(r)/ *n* mithi ruak urnak thingkhon.

Pyrex /ˈpaɪreks/ *n* [U] (prop) rawl suannak le rawl tuahnak ih hmanmi a sa zet a khan theimi thlalang thawn tuahmi umkheeng: [attrib] a Pyrex dish.

pyrites /ˈpaɪraɪtɪz; US ˈpraɪtɪz/ *n* [U] leilung sung suak thilri sulphide of iron (iron pyrites), lole, dar le thir (copper pyrites).

pyromania /ˌpaɪrəˈmeɪniə/ *n* [U] mei ur hiar tuknak thinlung a neihtermi nat.

▷ **pyromaniac** /-niæk/ *n* pyromania natnak a tuartu.

pyrotechnics /ˌpaɪrəˈtekniks/ *n* **1** [sing *v*] meisa vaang mawi phunphun tuah daan. **2** [pl] (fml) mi hmuahhmuah hmu dingin puai tivek ah meisa mawi phunphun van ah kah ih hmuhmi. **3** [pl] (fig sometimes derog) thusim, awnmawi tum tivek ah thiam daan maksak hmuh mi, langtermi.

▷ **pyrotechnic** *adj* [usu attrib].

Pyrrhic victory /ˈpɪrɪk ˈvɪktəri/ neh a si ko nan, nehtu ti tlak loin tamtuk a cem ih tamtuk a hlormalmi.

python /ˈpaɪθn; US 'paɪθn/ *n* saphai; lim; ruul tumpi (a dehmi kha a ngerhthat hmaisa).

pyx /ˈpɪks/ *n* (in the Christian Church) Christian dan in Bawipa Zanriah pek tikah sang retnak ih an hmanmi thilri.