

# Ss

**S, s** /es/ *n* (pl **S's, s's** /eslz/ ) Mirang (*English*)  
 cawang a hleikuatnak: 'Say' begins with (an) 'S'.  
 □ **S-bend** *n* S vek lamkel.

**S** *abbr* (pl **SS**) *Saint*. Cf **St** 1. **2** (esp on clothing)  
 hnipuan, kedan, etc parah S ngan asile a fate  
 (small) tican a si. **3** (US also **So**) South(ern): *S*  
*Yorkshire*.

**s** *abbr* **1** (in former British currency) shilling(s). **2**  
 (esp on forms) single (status).

**SA** *abbr* **1** (religion) Salvation Army. **2** /es [el/  
 (infml) sex appeal; nunau mipa hipnak. **3**  
 South Africa.

**Sabbatarian** /sFbE[teEriEn/ *n* sabbath (Zarhte)  
 ni ah biakinn feh ih Pathian biak ding timi le  
 cumi ni ah hnaŋuan lo ding, lek lo ding,  
 tivekpawl a zum ih a thluntu Khristian  
 hrekhat pawl.

**Sabbatarian** *adj* [attrib]: *Sabbatarian belief*,  
*principles*.

**sabbath** /sFBET/ *n* **the sabbath** [sing] (in  
 Judaism and Christianity) zarkhat sungih ni  
 thianghlim ni, cuhi ni ah cawl le Pathian bia in  
 caan hman a si (Jew pawl hrangah Zarhte ni,  
 Christian pawl hrangah Zarhi ni): *keep/break*  
*the sabbath*, ie (not) work or play on the sabbath  
 ○ [attrib] *the sabbath day*.

**sabbatical** /sebFtlkl/ *adj* **1** [attrib] (of leave)  
 khualtawng, thilzir dingah phunsaang tawng  
 tawngsaza pawl le pumcawmnak fimnak zir  
 phunsaang tawngta pawl an pek theumi  
 khuan: *a sabbatical term, year, etc*. **2** (fml)  
 Sabbath ni thawn a pehparmi, Sabbath vek a  
 simi.

▷ **sabbatical** *n* [C, U] cuvek khuan lak caan  
 sung: *a one-year sabbatical* ○ *be on sabbatical*.

**sable** /selb/ *n* **1** [C] a dum nawn, hmul man nei  
 Arctic ramsa phun khat. **2** [U] hi vek ramsa ih  
 hmul thawn tuahmi: [attrib] *a sable coat, stole*,  
*etc*.

▷ **sable** *adj* [usu attrib] (fml) a dum, a dup, a  
 dur (nikhua).

**sabot** /sFbEU; US sFbEU/ *n* thing in salhmi  
 kedan, thing kedan.

**sabotage** /sFbEtə:Z/ *n* [U] tumtahmi ŋuansuak  
 thei hlahseh ti ah a thup te in raalpawl/mipawl  
 ih thilri siatsuahnak: *Was the fire an accident*  
*or (an act of) sabotage?*

▷ **sabotage** *v* [Tn] thupte in thil siatsuah sak:  
*sabotage a missile, a ship, an engine, etc*. ○  
*sabotage sb's plan, business*. ○ *They tried to*  
*sabotage my party by getting drunk*.

**saboteur** /sFbEtʃ:R/ *n* mi thil tisiattu.

**sabra** /sa:brE/ *n* (esp US) Israel ramsuak Jew  
 (Judah mi).

**sabre** (US **saber**) /selbER/ *n* **1** rangto ralkap  
 pawlih hmanmi namsau tumpi. **2** feipi vek in  
 kaphnih in a zum vivomi namsau (FENCE<sup>2</sup>). Cf  
 ÉPÉE, FOIL<sup>3</sup>.

□ **sabre-rattling** *n* [U] ŋihseh tiin do ding vek,  
 cawh ding veki ŋih: *Her speech is mere sabre-*  
*rattling*. ie She will not carry out her threats. ○  
 [attrib] *sabre-rattling tactics*.

**sabre-toothed tiger** a ci a mit zomi ho hriamzet  
 nei pawpi.

**sac** /sFK/ *n* ramsa le thingkung hrampi parih a  
 um theu dip fate vek thil.

**SAC** *abbr* (US) Strategic Air Command.

**saccharin** /sFKEm/ *n* [U] zusi.

▷ **saccharine** /-ri:n/ *adj* (esp derog) a thlum  
 luntuk: *a saccharine taste* ○ (fig) *a saccharine*  
*smile* ○ *I found the film far too saccharine*.

**sacerdotal** /sFsE[dEUtl/ *adj* (fml) **1** puithiam  
 pawl, asilole puithiam pawl pehparmi. **2** (of a  
 doctrine, etc) ordain ngahcia puithiam pawlin  
 thilmak ti theinak huham an nei ti thupom.

▷ **sacerdotalism** /-təlizəm/ *n*.

**sachet** /sFSer; US sF[Sel/ *n* **1** a sungah thil ret  
 ih erh-pitmi plastic/caku dip fate: *a sachet of*  
*sugar/shampo/etc*. **2** rim hmuil thilri zawi dip  
 fate.

**sack<sup>1</sup>** /sFK/ *n* **1** fangdip vek dip: *The sack split*  
*and the rice poured out*. **2** (US) dip pohpoh: *a*  
*sack of candles, two sacks of groceries*. **3** (also  
**sack dress**) dip pianzia veki a dor pi-ih  
 ŋhitmi hnipuan. **4** (idm) **Hit the hay/sack** ⇨  
 HIT<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **sackful** /-fʊl/ *n* dipkhat: *two sackfuls of flour*.

**sacking** *n* [U] dip ŋhit ding puanthaa, eg  
 khumdip thaana vek.

□ **sackcloth** *n* [U] **1** *sacking*. **2** sir-awk le  
 rehshiat langter ding ah, vutcam theh-aw phah  
 ih hrukmi dip sia.

**sack-race** *n* ke pahnih dip sungah thluahih  
 tlan zuam-awknak.

**sack<sup>2</sup>** /sFK/ *v* [Tn] (infml esp Brit) hnaŋuan in  
 suah/dawi: *be sacked for incompetence*.

▷ **the sack** *n* [sing] hnaŋuan dawinak: *give sb/*  
*get the sack* ○ *It's the sack for you!* ie You are  
 going to be dismissed.

**sack<sup>3</sup>** /sFK/ *v* [Tn] raal pawl in an nehmi  
 khuaram.

▷ **the sack** *n* [sing] ramnak: *the sack of Troy*.

**sack<sup>4</sup>** /sFK/ *n* [U] (arch) Spain ram le Canary  
 tikulh suak zu.

**sacrament** /sFKrEmEnt/ *n* **1** [C] Roman  
 Catholic, Anglican le Christian hrekhat thlun  
 le tuahmi tipil, sualthlah tivek daan pawl, hi  
 daan pawl thluntu in Pathian lungawinak a

hleice in an ngah tiin zum a si: *the sacrament of baptism, confirmation, confession*. **2 the sacrament** [sing] (also **the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Sacrament**) Bawipa Zanriah ei tiki hmanmi thianhlimter cia cabitti le sangreu: *receive the sacrament*.

▷ **sacramental** /sFkrE[mentl]/ *adj* [esp attrib] sacrament thawn a pehtlaimi: *sacramental wine*.

**sacred** /seikrld/ *adj* **1** Pathian thawn a pehtlaimi, Pathian hnenah ap zomi: *a sacred rite, place, image* ○ *a sacred building* eg a church, mosque, synagogue or temple ○ *sacred music*, ie for use in religious services ○ *sacred writing*, eg the Koran, the Bible. **2 ~ (to sb)** upatmi, a thianghlim ti ih tihzahmi: *In India the cow is a sacred animal*. ○ *Her marriage is sacred to her*. ○ (joc) *They've changed the time of the news — is nothing sacred?* **3 (flm)** thupipa zetih retmi, tuah tūl tengteng mi: *a sacred promise, task* ○ *hold a promise sacred* ○ *regard sth as a sacred duty*. **4 ~ to sb/sth** (thlaan le lungphun ih hman mi tōng) cu nu, cu pa thlaan tican a si: *sacred to the memory of ...* **5 (idm) a sacred cow** soisel zarh ih ruatmi pawlkom, uknak le thildang pawl: *Let's not make a sacred cow of the monarchy*.

▷ **sacredly** *adv*. **sacredness** *n* [U].

**sacrifice** /sFkrIfAls/ *n* **1 ~ (to sb) (a)** [U] sumsaw pek, tīlva that ih rai thawinak: *the sacrifice of an to the Jupiter*. **(b)** [C] rawithawinak hmanmi sumsaw, tīlva: *kill a sheep as a sacrifice*. **2 (a)** [U] thil thupi sawn ngah duh ruangih zonzai le sung tuar: *Getting rich isn't worth the sacrifice of your principles*. ○ *He became a top sportsman at some sacrifice to himself*, ie by training very hard, giving up many pleasures, etc. **(b)** [C] cuvekhi a sung khaanmi thil: *Her parents made many sacrifices so that she could go to university*.

▷ **sacrifice** *v* **1** [Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **to sb/ ~ sth (to sb)** (rai) thawi: *sacrifice a lamb to the gods*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (to sb/sth)** thil pakhat tnatnak dingah thil pakhat tuah loin a sungkhaan: *She sacrificed her career to marry him*. ○ *I'm not sacrificing my day off just to go shopping with Jane*.

**sacrificial** /sækrɪfɪl/ *adj* [usu attrib] raithawinak ta, raithawinak vek.

**sacrificially** /-fəli/ *adv*.

**sacrilege** /sFkrɪlɪdZ/ *n* [C usu sing, U] thilthiang, hmunthiang buarnak, ti siatnak: *It is (a) sacrilege to steal a crucifix from an altar*. ○ (fig) *She regarded the damage done to the painting as sacrilege*.

▷ **sacrilegious** /sækrɪlɪdʒəs/ *adj*.

**sacrilegiously** *adv*.

**sacristan** /sFkrɪstEn/ *n* biakinn sungih

puithiam thuam thlengnak le acuih thuamthil pawl le phazawngdaing tivek thildang pawl retnak innkhaan.

**sacrosanct** /sFkrEUsFNkt/ *adj* (often ironic) eltheih lo, thleng theih lo ti tluk in a thupi tuk luan ih ruatmi thil: *You can't cut spending on defence — that's sacrosanct*.

**sad** /sFd/ *adj* (**-dder, -ddest**) **1** rehshia, ninghang: *a sad look, event, story* ○ *John is sad because his dog has died*. ○ *I'm sad you're leaving* ○ *It was a sad day for us all when the school closed down*. ○ *Why is she looking so sad?* **2** [attrib] mawhthluk le soisel tlaak, a t̄ha lo: *a sad state of affairs* ○ *a sad case of cruelty*. **3** mi thinlungah zaangfahnak le sirnak a suak termi: *This once beautiful ship is in a sad condition now*. **4 (idm) sad to say** (tōng thoknak tōng) vansiatat, a va poive, a poizet: *Sad to say, she hasn't given us permission to do it*. **sadder but wiser** vansiatat vanthāt: *The divorce left him a sadder but a wiser man*.

▷ **sadden** /sFdɪn/ *v* [I, Tn] rehshiatat, ninghangter: *He saddened at the memory of her death*. ○ *The bad news saddened us*.

**sadly** *adv* **1** riahshia in: *She looked at him sadly*. **2** riahshiatza in: *a sadly neglected garden*. **3** vansiatat a va poive: *Sadly, we have no more money*. ⇒ Usage at HOPEFUL.

**sadness** *n* **1** [U] rehshiatnak. **2** [C usu pl] rehshiatnak petu thil: *One of the sadnesses in his life was that he never had children*.

**saddle** /sFdɪl/ *n* **1 (a)** rangtokham; bicycle, motor cycle tokham. **(b)** rangtokham retnak hmun (rangzaang). **2** khatlam zim veve ah a sangmi tlangtluan; kawin, ai-kawin. **3** ramsa ih a sahnak/hnaksa: *a saddle of lamb, venison, beef, etc*. **4 (idm) in the saddle (a)** rangto: *spend hours in the saddle*. **(b)** thuneih theinak dinhmun: *The director hopes to remain in the saddle (ie his job) for a few more years*.

▷ **saddle** *v* **1** [Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ **up; ~ sth (up)** rangtokham kham (rang parih ret): *saddle up and ride off*. ○ *saddle one's pony (up)*. **2 (phr v) saddle sb with sth** mi pakhat kha paih um lo hnaṭuan pek: *I've been saddled with the job of organizing the conference*. ○ *The boss saddled her with all the most difficult customers*.

**saddler** /sFdɪlɪɹ/ *n* rangtokham le savun ih tuahmi rang thuamhnaw tuahtu.

**saddlery** /sædləri/ *n* **1** [U] **(a)** saddler ih tuahmi le zuarmi thilri pawl. **(b)** hi vek thilri pawl tuah thiamnak. **2** [C] saddler hnaṭuan.

□ **saddle bag** *n* **1** rang le laak pawl ih zaang par keh vorh ih thlahmi dip. **2** bicycle tokham dung ih thlahmi dip.

**saddle-sore** *adj* (of a rides) rangto ruang ih baang le t̄hopmi. **saddle stitching** hri pawrpi thawn, mawi seh tiin t̄hitmi dawhtluang thit.

**sadhu** /sa:du:/ *n* mah lawngte mi pawl lo ih um

Hindu mithianghlim.

**sadism** /seldlɪzEm/ *n* [U] (a) mihrem rero hi nuam a timi, mihrem rero hi zohnuam a titu: *sadism in the treatment of prisoners.* (b) sadism tuah rero tiki ti-sa diremnak ngahmi. Cf MASOCHISM.

▷ **sadist** /seldlɪst/ sadism tuahtu.

**sadistic** /sɛldlɪstɪk/ *adj* sadism a simi, mihrem duh: *sadistic laughter* ○ *a sadistic teacher.* **sadistically** /-kɪl/ *adv.*

**sado-masochism** /seldɪmFseklɪzEm/ *n* sadism le masochism timi mah le mah nautat le natfah pek-awknak ihsin tisa diriamnak, a pahnih kom ih neitu minung; hi ziaza pawl hi caan khat ah pakhat, caan dang ah a dang pakhat, tiin an puang theu.

▷ **sadomasochist** /sɛldəʊ'mæsəkɪst/ *adj, n.*

**sae** /es el (i:/ *abbr* stamped addressed envelop.

**safari** /sɛfɑːrɪ/ *n* (pl -ris) [C, U] 1 ramtawi khualtlawng, ke khualtlawng (E le Central African pawlih kawhdan a si): *return from (a) safari.* 2 Hnatuan awl canah a bur ih khualtlawng pawl.

□ **safari park** mawṭaw to phah in ramsa pawl zoh thei dingah ramsa zuahnak ramhual.

**safari suit** menmen caan ih hrak dingah khum-hri phun pat thawn tahmi kawt angki le bawngbi sau.

**safe**<sup>1</sup> /self/ *adj* (-r, -est) 1 [pred] ~ (from sth/sb) ṭihnunak, siatsuahnak um lo, a him: *You'll be safe here.* ○ *safe from attack/attacker.* 2 [pred] siat lo, hlo lo, hliam loin, him tein: *The missing child was found safe and well.* ○ *She got back safe from her adventure.* ○ *The plane crashed but the crew are safe.* ○ *Will the car be safe outside?* ○ *Your secret is safe with me,* ie I will not tell it to anyone. 3 rinum, ṭihnung lo, a him: *a safe car, speed, road, safer methods of testing drugs.* ○ *Is that ladder safe?* ○ *It's not safe to go out at night.* *Are the toys safe for small children?* ○ *a safe investment,* ie sung thei lo ○ *put it in a safe place.* a siat thei lonak hmun.

4 (a) [usu attrib] ṭihnungza thil tuah lo, a ralring zet mi minung: *a safe driver, worker, goalkeeper.* (b) (often derog) ralring luan tuk mi: *a safe choice* ○ *They appointed a safe person as the new manager,* eg lungthin nei lo, mi buainak khal tuah lomi. 5 (idm) **better safe than sorry** ⇒ BETTER<sup>2</sup>. **for safe keeping** himte ih kilkhawi dingin: *Before the game I gae my watch to my wife for safe keeping.* **in (sb's) safe keeping** kilkhawi ding in: *Before the game I gave my watch to my wite for safe keeping.* ○ *Can I leave the children in your safer keeping?* **on the safe side** ralrinnak ah, hlawhsam ti um leh lo ding in: *Although the sun is shining, I took an umbrella (just) to be on the safe side.* **play (it) safe** suahsual um lo dingih ralrinnak ah: *The bus might be early, so we'd better play safe and*

*leave now. as safe as houses* a him-um zet: *If you fix the brakes the car will be as safe as houses.* **safe and sound** himdam in: *The rescuers brought back the climbers safe and sound.* **a safe bet** a sual lo ding: *I'm wearing black for the party — it's always a safe bet.*

▷ **safely** *adv.* **safeness** *n* [U]: *a feeling of safeness.*

□ **safe conduct** hmun pakhat tan ih feh tikah hnaihnohnok um loin himte ih fehlan theinak (caken): *The robbers wanted safe-conduct to the airport for themselves and their hostages.*

**safe deposit** (US **safe diposit**) thil mankhung tete pawl ret theinak ding le hlan thei dingih tuahmi rinsantlak thingkuang khoh zetzet umnak khaan pawl a neimi inn.

**safe deposit box** cumivek thilri retnak thingkuang fate.

**safe house** misual, sungthoh pawl in, mi ih ton le hnaihnohnok thei lo dingah mi an thupnak inn.

**the safe period** nunau nauken har tikcu, thi neih hlaan deuh le thi neih sung caan.

**safe seat** (Brit) Party pakhat ihsin MP dingtu hrangih sung thei lo ih retmi Parliament hmun.

**safe**<sup>2</sup> /self/ bauh har zet, hren a theihmi kuang, bizu fate, mei-kang kham (tuarsuak thei) tangka kuang.

□ **safe breaker** (Brit) (also esp US **safe-cracker**) *n* thil fir duh ih safe bauhtu.

**safeguard** /selfga:d/ *n* ~ (against sb/sth) tuahmawh, ṭihnung, phannak ihsin khamtu: *We make copies of our computer disks as a safeguard against accidents.* ○ *We will introduce legal safeguards against fraud.*

▷ **safe guard** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth (against sb/sth)** siatsuahnak tong lo dingih kham, humhim: *We have found a way of safeguarding our money.* ○ *a highfence that safeguards (the house) against intruders.* ○ *new ways of safeguarding personal data,* ie so that it will remain private.

**safety** /selftɪ/ *n* [U] 1 himnak, ṭih le phan ihsin luatnak: *I'm worried about the safety of the children.* ○ *I'm worried about the safety of the product,* ie I'm afraid it may be dangerous. ○ *Whe reached the safety of the river bank,* ie a place where we would be safe. ○ *We're keeping you here for your own safety.* ○ *road safety,* ie stopping accidents on the road. ○ [attrib] *safety precaution* ○ *safety harness, bolt.* 2 (idm) **safely first** (saying) humhimnak, ralrinnak tuah hmaisa ding a thupi bik. **there's safety in number** (saying) mipum tam le buhlum, ralṭha, thatho: *We decided to go to see the boss together; there's safety in number.*

□ **safety-belt** *n* 1 = SEAT-BELT (SEAT). 2 inn saangzet parih hnatuan pawl tem le thlainak taisawm.

**safety-catch** *n* meithal tivec ah bunmi tuahmawh khamnak hren, meithal zangte pelh khamnak: *Is the safety-catch on?*

**safety curtain** milaam pawl le mipi karlak ih zaarmi meikang kham (khamtu) a khamdarpuan.

**safety glass** a kuai tikah tekdarh thei lomi thlalang (mawtawka hmai thlalang vek).

**safety island** (also **safety zone**) (US) = TRAFFIC ISLAND (TRAFFIC).

**safety lamp** daatkhu kaang thei lo ih tuahmi mei-inn.

**safety match** nawh-alh, meicih.

**safety net** **1** pepawlk vawr lek pawl le hri par zawh ih feh pawl an tlaak pang tikih donnak suur. **2** (fig) thelh kham: *If I lose my job, I've got no safety net.*

**safety-pin** *n* tuai-eh, dawhkilh.

**safety razor** khahmul metnak naam le a retnak dawng, hmulumeh bawm.

**safety valve** *n* **1** steam boiler, pressure cooker puak lo dingih khamnak thil fate. **2** (fig) thinhennak, lungkimlonak pawl kha misiatsuah lo zawngih phuansuahnak.

**saffron** /sFfrEn/ *n* [U] dawhhlei pianzia (pangpar ko), aire-sen pianzia: *saffron robes.*

**sag** /sFg/ *v* (-gg-) [I] **1** rih ruangih a lai ah a dor, zawi, kuar, nem, pil: *a sagging roof* ○ *The tent began to sag as the canvas became wet.* **2** a dor pi in, a remlo pi in tlai: *old torn curtains sagging at one end.* ○ *Your skin starts to sag as you get older.*

▷ **sag** *n* [U, sing] a kuarnak, a tlaknak, a pilnak, a theepnak: *too much sag in the mattress* ○ *a sag in the seat of a chair.*

**saga** /sa:ge/ *n* **1** mi raltha, a bikin Icelandic le Norwegian pawlih thuanthu sau. **2** caan saupi sung, san tampi sung a sangsang in a cangmi thil, le ngam saangzet ih tuahmi pawl thuanthu: *The Forsyte saga.* ○ *His biography is a saga of scientific research* ○ (joc) *the latest episode in her house-hunting saga.*

**sagacious** /sEgeISEs/ *adj* (fml) fimnak thuuk neimi le awm-ang zet ih thutan thiam: *a sagacious person, remark, decision.*

**sagaciously** *adv.*

**sagacity** /sE(gFsEtI/ *n* a thuukmi fimnak, a dikmi thutan thiamnak: *Sagacity unlike cleverness, may increase with age.*

**sage**<sup>1</sup> /seldZ/ *n* (fml) ron ding tlaak thuthei zet mifim: *consult the sage of the tribe.*

▷ **sage** *adj* [usu attrib] (fml often ironic) a fim, fim a bangmi: *a sage judge, priest, ruler, etc* ○ *in the sage opinion of experienced journalists.*

**sage**<sup>2</sup> /seldZ/ *n* [U] a hnah a hring-pawl nawn, rawl rim hmuitertu hmeh le tihang ih suanchihmi hramkung phunkhat: *sage and onion stuffing*

□ **sage-brush** *n* [U] sage rim a nei US ramih

hrampi phunkhat.

**Sagittarius** /sFdZi(teEriEs/ *n* **1** zodiac hminsinnak a pakuanak, the Archer. **2** Nov 22 - Dec 20 sungih suak milai.

▷ **Sagittarian** /-teEriEn/ *n, adj.* ⇒ Usage at ZODIAC.

**sago** /selgEU/ *n* cencerh le sangneem tuahnak ih hmanmi fang phunkhat (Kawl: *taku*).

**sahib** /sa:b, {sa:lb/ *n* (often used in India, formerly, to address or refer to a male European) Kala pawlin hnaŋuan upa Mirang pawl kha sahib tiin an ko (khuahlan hmandan a si).

**said** /sed/ **1** *pt, pp* SAY. **2** *adj* [attrib] (fml) = AFOREMENTIONED.

**sail**<sup>1</sup> /sell/ *n* **1** (a) [C] lawng puanzaar. (b) [U] sails lawng puanzaar tha hmangih fehnak: *The age of sail*, ie puanzarlawng hmanlai san. **2** [sing] (a) lawng thawn khual hlap tlawng, lole rualpi malte thawn nunnomnak ah lawng to tlaang: *go for a sail.* (b) a hlat, a nai, teek nei lawng thawn khualtlawnnak: *a three-day' sail to get to Brest.* ○ *How many days sail is it from Hull to Oslo?* **3** [C] (pl unchanged) (nautical) tangphawlawng: *a fleet of twenty sail* ○ *There wasn't a sail in sight.* **4** [C] thli-ih hermi cetah thli dongtu dingih benmi thiltlap paat tete. **5** (idm) **crowd on sail** ⇒ CROWD<sup>2</sup>. **in full sail** ⇒ FULL<sup>1</sup>. **We set sail (from/to/fro ...)** lawng in khualtlawng dingah pok: *We set sail (for France) at high tide.* **take the wind out of sb's** ⇒ WIND<sup>1</sup>. **under sail** lawng puanzar pharh in feh: *The yacht wasn't under sail because the wind wasn't strong enough.*

□ **sailboat** *n* (US) puanzar-lawng.

**sailcloth** *n* lawng puanzar tuahnak puanthan.

**sail**<sup>2</sup> /sell/ *v* **1** (a) [Ipr, Ip] puanzarlawng in siseh, cet hmanngi lawng in siseh khualtlawng; vur parah siseh, vunnel parah siseh, puanzar nei leeng to in feh: *sail up/along the coast* ○ *sail into the harbour* ○ *an oil tanker sailing by.* (b) [I] (usu **go sailing**) puanzarlawng to-in feh. ⇒ Usage at TRAVEL. **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (from ...) (for/to ...) lawng thawn khualtlawng ding pok: *When does the ship sail?* ○ *He has sailed (from Southampton) for New York.* **3** Tifinriat/ tipithuanthum parah khualtlawng: *sail the Aegean in a cruiser.* **4** [I, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] Tangphawlawng/puanzarlawng mawng: *Do you sail?* ○ *She sails her own yacht.* **5** (idm) **sail close/before the wind** tihnung zawng le daan luan in nung: *He never actually tells lies, but he often sails pretty close to the wind.* **run/ sail before the wind** ⇒ WIND<sup>1</sup>. **6** (phr v) **sail across, into, past, etc sb/sth** tinmi hmunah tuang zet le hnangam zet in feh: *clouds sailing across the sky* ○ *The manager sailed into the room.* ○ *She sailed past (me), ignoring me completely.* **sail in** nasa takin thu elaw: *Ann*



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then sailed in with a furious attack on the chairman. **sail into sb** mi pakhat kha òng thawn do: *He sailed into the witness, accusing him of lying.* **sail through (sth)** camibuai tìvek thilhar kha ol ai te in ong, pahsuak: *She sailed through her finals.*

▷ **sailing** *n* **1** [U] nunnomnak hrangah lawng-hlau, lawng thawn feh: *I love sailing.* ○ [attrib] *a sailing club, dinghy.* **2** [C] A caan nei te in a ringring ih lawng lut lawng suak: *three sailings a day from here to Calais.* **3** (idm) **plain sailing** ⇒ PLAIN<sup>1</sup>: **sailing boat, sailing-ship** *ns* puanzaar hman lawng pawl.

**sailor** /səllər/ *n* **1** lawng hnañuantu (bawi upa a si lo mi). **2** (idm) **a good/bad sailor** tisuar tam caanih lawng ri ol lo/ri ol.

□ **sailor hat** a luthlung, a tanglam kap a pheengmi fangcang kung lukhuh.

**sailor suit** nauhak hrang ih thitsakmi lawng hnañuantu ih angki thuam vek.

**saint** /seɪnt/ *or, in British use, before names, snt* **1** (a) (abbr **St**, esp before the names of places, churches, etc) mi thianghlim: *the gospel of St John.* **2** (usu *pl*) vanram a thleng ciami mithi thlarau pawl: *in the company of the saints.* **3** tluangtlam, thinfual minung: *you must be a saint to be able to stand his temper!*

▷ **sainted** *adj* [usu attrib] (*dated or joc*) mi thianghlim a si ti ah hminsin mi minung; mi thianghlim vek a si it ih ruahmi minung: *My sainted aunt!* ie lau tikihi aimi òng a si.

**saint-hood** *n* [U]

**saintly** *adj* (-ier, -iest) mi thianghlim veek, mi thianghlim thawn a pehparmi, a thianghlimmi, a thami: *a saintly way of life.* **saintliness** *n* [U].

□ **saint's day** mithianghlim pakhat upatnak ni (ram hrekhat ahcun a cuhi mithianghlim hmin a hlawmtu in khal cuhi ni ah puai a tuah ve).

**sake**<sup>1</sup> /seɪk/ *n* (idm) **for God's, goodness', Heaven's, pity's, etc sake** fial duhmi le sim duhmi ngaingai òng hlan ah, lole òng hnu ah, thintok, thinheng langter dingih òngmi òng a si: *For God's sake, stop that whining!* ○ *For goodness' sake! How can you be so stupid?* **for old times sake** ⇒ OLD. **for the sake of argument** ruah ding thuhram ah ret hnik sehla: *Let's assume, for the sake of argument, that inflation will remain at 5% per year for two years.* **for the sake of sb/sth; for sb's/sth's sake** bom duh ruangah, lole, **sb/sth** duhdawt ruangah, thil pakhat khat tuah: *do sth for the sake of one's family* ○ *I'll help you for your sister's sake, eg because I want to save her trouble.* **for the sake of sth/doing sth** ngah duh ruangah, lole, siter umter duh ruangah: *We made concessions for the sake of peace.* ○ *She argues for the sake of arguing, ie because she likes arguing.* ○ *Let's not spoil the job for the sake*

*of a few pounds.*

**sake**<sup>2</sup> (also **saki**) /sɑːki/ *n* [U] Japan fangcang zu.

**salaam** /səˈlɑːm/ *n, interj* **1** Nisuahnak ram Muslim pawlih tonawk tikihi biakaw thoknak òng. **2** cal kha vorhlan kut in tham phah in napi ih kun.

▷ **salaam** *v* [I, Ipr] salaam pek: *salaam to sb.*

**saleable** (also **saleable**) /səˈleɪbəl/ *adj* zuar ding ah a tlakmi; mi ih leiduh dingmi: *not in a saleable condition* ○ *The houses are highly saleable.*

**salacious** /səˈleɪsɪs/ *adj* (*derog*) (òng, cabu, zuk, tìvek pawl thawn a pehparmi) nunau-mipa pawl-awk lai le taklawng um thu pawl kha, ngaih, theih le zoh mawi lo zawngih òng, ngan le zuk a simi; zoh mawi lo; a lermi, fihnungza.

▷ **salaciously** *adv.* **salaciousness** *n* [U].

**salacity** /səˈlɪsɪti/ *n* [U] (*fml*).

**salad** /səˈlæd/ *n* **1** (a) [C, U] sawhbawl; salathnah, pokpawr le zilrah tìvek pawl kha a hringin rawl thawn hmeh dingah a niar nawn in aat in sahriak/siti le a thurmi tìvek pawl thawn rawimi hmeh (sawhbawl): *prepare/mix a salad* ○ *cold beef and salad* ○ [attrib] *a salad bowl, shaker, etc.* (b) [C, U] salat thawn ei hrimhrim dingih tuahmi rawl: *a/some chicken, ham, lobster, etc salad.* **2** [U] a hringih ei a remcangmi lettuce (*salat*), anñamkir le hanghnah dang pawl. **3** (idm) **one's salad days** hmuh le tonmi tam hrih lo kumno lai caan: *I was in my salad days then, and fell in love easily.*

□ **salad cream** arti buh raang rawicihmi sawhbawl phunkhat.

**salad-dressing** *n* [U] sawhbawl parih ret dingmi, siti/sahriak, a thurmi le na-nan, celery tìvek hnah thawn tuahmi hmeh.

**salad-oil** *n* [U] sawhbawl tuahnak ih hmanmi hriak.

**salamander** /səˈfɪəmfəndər/ *n* leitlun ah le tidai sungah a bangrep ih a tlang thei laiking vek ramnung phunkhat — hlanlai minung pawl cun meisa sungah hman a tlangleng thei tiah an rak zum.

**salami** /səˈlɑːmi/ *n* [U] cite le hmuimer (a dai in an ei theu) paihmi vokril than.

**salary** /səˈfɪəri/ *n* hlawhman, lakha: *a salary of £12000 a year.* ⇒ Usage at INCOME.

▷ **salaried** *adj* thlahlawh ngah: *a salaried employee, post.*

**sale** /seɪl/ *n* **1** [U] zuar, zuarmi, zuarnak: *the sale of cars, clothes, machinery.* ○ *The money was raised by the sale of raffle tickets.* **2** (a) [C] khongmi: *I haven't made a sale all week.* ○ *She gets £10 commission on each sale.* (b) **sales** [pl] zuarmi, khongmi: *vast sales of ice-cream in the hot wether* ○ *Sales are up* (ie More goods have been sold) *this month.* **3** [C] (in a shop, etc) a kel hnakin thilman thum deuh ih zuar: *hold an end-of-season sale* ○ *the January sales, ie*

when many shops reduce their prices. ○ *buy goods at/in the sales* ○ [attrib] *sale prices, goods, etc.* **4** [U, sing] lei duhnak: *There's always a ready sale for high-quality furniture.* ○ *They found no sale for their goods*, ie an khawng thei lo. **5** [C] lilam (*auktion*) thil zuar. **6** (idm) **for sale** zuar dingmi: *I'm sorry this painting's not for sale.* ○ *She has put her house up for sale.* **on sale** (a) zuar a si; lei theih a si; lei ding a um: *on sale at your local post office* ○ *The new model is not on sale in the shops.* (b) (US) man thum deuh in zuar. (on) **sale or return** khong lomi khirhsal thei ding in thilri a bak ih lak.

▷ **saleable** *adj* zuar theih = SALABLE.

□ **sale of work** zuarmi thil, farah bomnak ding hrangah biaknak lam tivek in sangreu, hnipuan tivek thilri fate te zuarmi.

**sale-room** (US **salesroom**) *n* lilam ih thil zuarnak innkhan.

**salesclerk** *n* (US) = SHOP-ASSISTANT (SHOP).

**sales department** thil zuar lam tuanvo latu zung.

**salesman** /-mən/ **saleswoman**, **saleslady**, **salesperson** *ns* (dawr tivek ah) thil zuartu.

**salesmanship** *n* [U] thilzuar thiamnak.

**sales slip** (US) thilri zuarmi khumnak ca.

**sales talk** mi-in thilri lei duh hai seh ti ih tongsanmi.

**sales tax** dawr fate te ih thilri leitu pawl ih pekmi ngunkhuai. Cf **PURCHASE TAX** (PURCHASE<sup>1</sup>).

**salient** /sɛlɪənt/ *adj* [attrib] **1** a lang bik, a cuang bik, a thupi bik: *the salient point of a speech* ○ *She pointed out all the salient features of the building.* **2** (of an angle) artlaang in si loin a puk in kham.

▷ **salient** *n* **1** artlaang si lo a puk. **2** (*military*) a pukin ral donak/khamnak.

**saline** /sɛlɪn/ *US* -li:n/ *adj* [attrib] (*fml*) a almi: *a saline lake* ○ *saline springs* ○ *Saline solution*, eg as used for gargling, storing contact lenses, etc.

▷ **saline** *n* [U] (*medical*) ci rawimi tidai.

**salinity** /sɛlɪnɪti/ *n* [U] a alnak: *the high salinity of sea water.*

**saliva** /sɛlɪvə/ (also **slaver**) *n* [U] cil; cil phuimi.

▷ **salivary** /sɛlɪvəri/ *US* /sɛlɪvəri/ *adj* [attrib] cil suah tertu: *the salivary gland.*

**salivate** /sɛlɪveɪt/ *v* [I] (*fml*) cilri tla, cilri put: *A dog salivates when it sees a bone.*

**salivation** /sɛlɪveɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**sallow<sup>1</sup>** /sɛlɪu/ *adj* (-er, -est) (minung vun lampang) aire nawn.

▷ **sallowness** *n* [U].

**sallow<sup>2</sup>** /sɛlɪu/ *n* sangpi in a t̄hang thei lomi willow thingkung phunkhat.

**sally** /sɛlɪ/ *n* **1** (a) kulh a tuarmi ralkap pawl in, hmakhatte le khulrang zet-in ral-namnak, pawsuaknak. (b) (*joc*) hmunkhat khat ah feh

hruak: *a brief sally to the shops.* **2** ngainuam t̄ong.

▷ **sally** *v* (*pt, pp* **sallied**) (*phr v*) **sally out/forth** (*fml*) (a) kulh a tuartu ralkap pawl an suak thutthi, an pah: *sally out against the besiegers.* (b) (*joc*) thil pakhat tuah dingin hmunkhat khat ah feh hruak: *Party workers sallied forth in a drive to find new members.*

**salmon** /sɛfmen/ *n* (*pl* unchanged) **1** (a) [C] salmon nga. (b) [U] salmon ngasa: *smoked salmon* ○ [attrib] *a salmon salad, mousse, etc.* **2** [U] salmon ngasa pianzia, lingmaw pianzia, sen-au.

□ **salmon-pink** *adj* lingmaw sen-au, salmon ngasa pianzia.

**salmon-trout** *n* salmon nga hmelpu trout nga.

**salmonella** /sɛfɪmɛneɪ/ *n* [U] rawltur a cangtertu nat-hrik: [attrib] *salmonella poisoning.*

**salon** /sɛfɪbɪn/ *US* sɛlɪbɪn/ *n* **1** samtannak, ceimawinak lam thawm a pehparmi hmun: *a beauty salon* *a hairdressing salon.* **2** (formerly) khuallian (nunau) phun-u pawl ih tonkhawm theunak hmun: *a literary salon*, ie with writers and critics as a guests.

**saloon** /sɛfɪbɪn/ *US* sɛlɪbɪn/ *n* **1** lawng, hotel tivek ih zo pawh tokhawmnak hmun: *the ship's dinging-saloon.* **2** thil pakhat khat ti dingah zo pawh feh ve theimi a khaan: *a billiard/dancing saloon.* **3** (US) zu lei le innak hmun (*bar*). **4** (also **saloon-car**) (*Brit*) (US **sedan**) mawtaw mawngtu, mawtaw totu pawl le, thilri, engine karlak khandan nei mawtawka.

□ **saloon bar** = LOUNGE BAR (LOUNGE).

**salsify** /sɛfɪslɪf/ *n* [U] ba ei t̄ha ba saupi neimi kung.

**salt** /sɔ:lt/ *n* **1** [U] (also **common salt**) ci, cite: *a grain of salt* ○ *too much salt in the soup* ○ *table salt*, ie powdered so that it can be sprinkled on food ○ *sea salt.* **2** [C] daat rawi ih a almi thilri pawl. **3** **salts** (*pl*) alnak phunkhat a nei-ih cite hmelvek a simi thilri pawl: *a dose of (Epsom) salts* ○ *bath salt*, ie used to scent bath water. **4** [C] (*dated infml*) hmuhton tam nei a thiam zetmi tangphawlawng hnauantu: *an old salt.* **5** [U] (*fig*) lungtho, tha a thotertu: *Her humour adds salt to her conversation.* Cf **SPICE** 2. (idm) like a dose of salts ⇒ **DOSE**. **rub salt into the wound/sb's wound** ⇒ **RUB<sup>1</sup>**. **the salt of the earth** a dik, a t̄ha, rinsan tlak milai: *You can trust her: She's the salt of the earth.* **take sth with a pinch of salt** ⇒ **PINCH** *n*. **worth one's salt** ⇒ **WORTH**.

▷ **salt** *v* **1** [Tn] ci phulh. **2** [Tn, Tn.p] ~ **sth** (**down**) ei t̄ha pawl siat hlah seh tiah ci in ciah: *salt (down) pork* ○ *salted beef.* **3** [Tn] vur, lole tikhal pawl zupter dingah lamzin, tivek ah cite theh, vorh. **4** [Tn] khursungsuak thilri lainnak ram, hmun kha mi-in leiduh seh tiah, thil cang

ding leilung, lungto, thir, tivek kha khur sungah bur in mibum. **5** (phr v) **salt sth away** hrokhrawl phah in a thupte ih paisa, tivek khawl: *She salted away most of the profit from the business.*

**salt** *adj* [attrib] ci a tel, a al mi, ci thawn ciahmi: *salt beef, pork, etc.*

**salty** *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** a al. **2** (fig) a thluak a rang, a fim ti a langmi (tong), mi tha a thoter thei zet le a fiang futfomi (tong): *her salty humour*. **saltiness** *n* [U].

□ **salt-cellar** (US **salt-shaker**) *n* a sin ih a ong tete um cite palang. Cf PEPPER-PORT (PEPPER).

**salt-lick** (also **lick**) *n* ramsa pawlih an zawh theumi leilung al, sih.

**salt-mine** *n* khursung suak citi lainnak hmun.

**salt-pan** (also **pan**) *n* tiffinriat kapih citi ernak hmun kuar.

**salt-water** *adj* [attrib] tiffinriat ti thawn a pehpar awmi: *a salt-water fish*. Cf FRESH WATER (FRESH).

**SALT** /sC:lt/ (also **Salt**) *abbr* Strategic Arms Limitation Talks: *The Salt treaties*.

**saltpetre** (US **-peter**) /sC:lt(p)i:TER/ *n* [U] ziancing.

**salubrious** /sE(lu:br)IEs/ *adj* (fml) (esp of the climate) harhdamnak a pe theimi: *The salubrious mountain air*.

▷ **salubriousness** *n* [U].

**salutary** /sFIljutr/; US -terl/ *adj* thathnemnak a pe theimi: *salutary exercise, advice* ○ *The accident is a salutary reminder of the dangers of climbing*.

**salutation** /sFIju:telSn/ *n* (fml) **1** (a) [U] biak-awh thoknak, upat peknak, cibainak *raise one's hat in salutation*. (b) [C] upat pek langternak, eg lukun, hnam tivek: *the polite salutations of the courtier*. **2** [C] (cakuat, tivek ah hman a si) cakuat tiki minung kan kawhdan: *Dear Sir*.

**salute** /sE(lu:t/ *n* **1** (a) upatnak, tihzahnak, hmuaknak langter dingih tuahmi thil: *fire a salute of ten guns*. (b) salaam: *give a salute* ○ *The officer returned the sergeant's salute*, ie saluted in reply to such a gesture. **2** tluangtlan tein upat pekawknak; lukunsak: *raise his hat as a friendly salute*. **3** (idm) **in salute** upat pek tinak ah: *They took off their hats by the grave in silent salute*. ○ *They raised their fists in salute to their leader*. **take the salute** ralkap pawl a tlartlar in salaam pek phah ih feh lanmi kha an bawpa in salaam a pek sal ve.

▷ **salute** *v* (a) [I, Tn] salam pek, upat pek: *The guard saluted (the general) smartly*. ○ *The royal visitor was saluted by a fanfare of trumpets*. (b) [Tn, Cn-n/a] ~ **sb/sth** (as **sth**) (fml or rhet) a thupi mi minung, mi pakhat ih thil thupi tuahmi kha zapi theih ah theihpinak, pomsaknak tuah: *We salute you for your tireless*

*efforts for peace*. ○ *Today should be saluted as the beginning of a new era*.

**salvage** /sFIvldZ/ *n* [U] **1** meikaang, thlisia tilet tivek ih a siatmi lawngpi, lole, a thilri pawl runsuaknak: *Salvage of the wreck was made difficult by bad weather*. ○ [attrib] *a salvage company*, ie one that salvages wrecked ships, recovers valuables from sunken ships, etc ○ *a salvage tug*, ie for towing a disabled ship to port. **2** a tlunih vek hnaŋuan ŋuanman tangka; cu vekih runsuakmi thilri. **3** thil ŋha tuah sal theimi khawlm thilsia: *collect old newspapers and magazines for salvage*.

▷ **salvage** *v* **1** [Tn] hlo, kang, siat lo dingin thilri humhim. **2** [Tn] a tlun nambat 3 nak ta vek thilsia khawl. **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (from **sth**) a siatmi lawng ihsin thilri laksuak: *Valuable raw materials were salvaged (from the sunken freighter)* ○ (fig) *How can she salvage her reputation after the scandal?*

**salvation** /sFI(vel)Sn/ *n* [U] **1** (religion) rundamnak, humhimnak: *pray for the salvation of sinners*. **2** sungnak, siatnak hrialdan: *I get so depressed about life; work is my salvation*, ie helps me forget my worries.

□ **Salvation Army** Khristian Kawhhran phunkhat a si, sungtel pawl cu ralkap thuam an hruk ve, mi farah an bawm cuang (Rundamnak Ralkap).

**salve** /sFIv/; US sFv/ *n* **1** [C, U] (esp in compounds) hma le meikang hrang ih hmanmi hriak: *lip salve*. Cf OINTMENT. **2** [sing] ~ **to sth** phurhrunrak, lungretheihnak le thinhengnak tivek pawl a dai deuh tertheitu ruahnak le thinhennak tivek pawl a dem deuh tertheitu ruahnak le tuahnak: *She paid the repair bill as a salve to her conscience*.

▷ **salve** *v* [Tn] thu ruahdan nuam deuh dingih tuah: *It is too late to salve your conscience by apologizing*.

**salver** /sFIvEU/ *n* (usu metal) ca, khuathai tivek pawl thiarnak khengper.

**salvo** /sFIvEU/ *n* (pl ~ **s** or ~ **es**) **1** upat peknak ah meithal zun tampi hmakhat te ih kap. Cf VOLLEY **1**. **2** na ngaipi in kutbeng le au in hlorh.

**salvolatile** /sFIvE(lFtE)l/ *n* [U] lungmit tuk tiki hnim dingah tuahmi smelling salt, ammonium carbonate thawn tuahmi hnim ŋha sii.

**SAM** /sFm/ *abbr* surface to air missile lei ihsin vangzamleng kahnak rocket.

**Samaritan** /sE(mFr)ItEn/ *n* **1** **The Samaritans** (pl) a bikin, donhar, beidong, thinpit pawl bawm dingah le rualpi dingih tuahmi pawlkom. **2** (idm) **a good Samaritan** harsatnak tongtu minung pawl zaangfah le bawmtu minung.

**samba** /sFmbE/ *n* ball-room dance hrangih tuahmi Brazil ramin a thokmi awnmawi: *dance the samba*.

**same**<sup>1</sup> /selm/ *adj* **the ~ sb/sth (as sb/sth/that ...)** (also sometimes preceded by *this/that/these/those*) a bangrepmi: *They both said the same thing.* **2 the ~ sb/sth (as sb/sth/that ...)** a bang-aw cekcimi; a kaih-awmi: *I saw the same shoes in the shop last week.* **3 (idm) amount to/come to/the same thing** a bang-aw a si ko; a dang cuang lo: *You can pay by cash or cheques: it comes to the same thing.* **at the same time (a)** hmunkhat te-ah; caankhat te-ah: *Don't all speak at the same time.* ○ *She was laughing and crying at the same time.* **(b)** cuti lai caan ah: *You've got to be firm, but at the same time you must be sympathetic.* **be in the same boat** vansiat lam ih a bangrep tlang: *She and I are in the same boat: we both failed the exam.* **be of the same mind (about sb/sth) (fml)** ruahdan bangrep: *We're all of the same mind: opposed to the proposal.* **by the same token** cu tivek in, thocho in: *She must be more reasonable, but by the same token you must try to understand her.* **in the same breath** thu pakhat sim theh vete in: *He praised my work and in the same breath told me I would have to leave.* **lighting never strike in the same place twice.** ⇒ LIGHTNING. **not in the same street as (sb/sth)** mi pakhat hnak ih dinhmun niam deuh. **one and the same wavelength (as sb)** ruahdan, duhdan bangrep ih thinlung theithiamaw mi: *I find him difficult to — talk to we're on completely different wavelength.* **pay sb in his own/the same coin** ⇒ PAY<sup>2</sup>. **the same old story** a cang ringring theumi: *It's the same old story: every body wants the house tidy, but no body wants to tidy it himself.* **speak the same language** ⇒ SPEAK. **tarred with the same brush** ⇒ TAR<sup>1</sup>.  
▷ **the same** *adv* bangtukin, cuvek thocho in: *I still feel the same about it.* ○ *The tow words are spelled differently, but pronounced the same.* **sameness** *n* [U] a bangrepnak; danaw lonak: *the tedious sameness of winter days indoors.* **samey** /selm/ *adj* (infml) a thleng aw lomi: *The food we get here is terribly samey.* **same**<sup>2</sup> /selm/ *pron* **1 (a) the ~ as (sb/sth/ ...)** cumi, bangrep, phunkhat: *He and I said the same.* ○ *Their ages are the same.* ○ *I think the same (as you do) about the matter.* ○ *I would do the same again* ○ (infml) *'I'll have a coffee.'* *'Same for me, please (ie I will have one too).'* **(b) the ~ (fml or joc)** amah a si: *'Was it George who telephoned?'* *'The same'* ie Yes, it was George. **2** (without *the*; used in bills, etc) (fml or joc) salcia zomi thil; a cumi thocho: *To dry cleaning suit, £3; to repairing same, £2.* **3 (idm) all/just the same** cu tiin sihman seh la: *All the same, there is some truth in what she says.* ○ *He's not very reliable, but I like him just the same.* ○ *I wasn't able to use your screwdriver, but thanks all the same, ie for lending it.* **(the) same again**

cuvek lala i pek aw: *Same again, please!* **same here** (infml) kei khal (lo ziang): *'I hate this book.'* *'Same here'* ○ *'I'm not good at history.'* *'same here.'* **(the) same to you** nangtla: *'Stupid!'* *'Same to you!'* ○ *'Happy Christmas!'* *'And the same to you!'*

**samosa** /sEfmEUSE/ *n* samusa (Kawl), sa telhmi sang.

**samovar** /sFmEUva:R/ *n* Russia tisa sohnak le lakphak tuahnak beel.

**sampan** /sFmpFn/ *n* Tuluk ram tipikap tluan ah le tiva pawl ih hmanmi tawpheng lawng fate.

**sample** /sa:mpl/ *US* /sFmpl/ *n* **1** zohthim ding (Kawl: na-mu-na); *a sample of his handwriting.* ○ *a blood, urine, tissue etc sample* ○ *The survey covers a representative sample of population.* ○ *a sample of the kind of cloth I want to buy.* **2** zuarduhmi thil kha mi-in thei thiam seh ti ah, mi hnenah a lakin malte te pekmi zohthim ding thilri: *hand out free samples of the perfume* ○ [attrib] *a sample pal pack, sachet, etc.*

▷ **sample** *v* [Tn] tep; zapi ruahdan sut: *sample a new type of flour for oneself* ○ *sample the delight of Chinese food.* ○ *We sampled opinion among workers about changes in working methods.*

**sampler** /sa:mpIER/ *US* /sFm/ *n* mi hmuh dingih tarmi pangpar pian telhmi puan fatete.

**samurai** /sFmUral/ *n* (pl unchanged) **1 the samurai** (pl) siangphahrang san lai-ih Japan ralkap phunhnam. **2** [C] a cuih ralkap.

**sanatorium** /sænə'tɔ:riəm/ *n* (US also **sanitarium** /sænə'teəriəm/, **sanitorium** /sænə'tɔ:riəm/) (pl ~ **s** or **-ria** /-riə/) mina/mingor le reipi nat hnuih a dam pekte pawl retnak, zohkhennak, le tuamhlawnak hmun (clinic).

**sanctify** /sFNktIfal/ *v* (pt, pp **-fied**) **1** [Tn] thianghlimah cangter: *a life sanctified by prayer.* **2** [Tn esp passive] (fig) a dik ah canter, daan ah canter: *a practice sanctified by tradition.*

▷ **sanctification** /sFNktIfI|keI|Sn/ *n* [U] thianhlimternak.

**sanctimonious** /sFNktI|meUnIEs/ *adj* (derog) mi hnakin ka tha ti-aw mi: *a sanctimonious smile, remark, person, letter of protest.*

▷ **sanctimoniously** *adv.* **sanctimoniousness** *n* [U].

**sanction** /sFNkSn/ *n* **1** [U] siannak thupek, hngetter: *The book was translated without the sanction of the author.* ○ *The government gave its sanction to what the Minister had done.* ○ *These measures have the sanction of tradition.* **2** [C] daan buar lo dingih mi dawntu: *Is prison the best sanction against crime like this?* ○ *The fear of ridicule is a very effective sanction.* **3**



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cawhkuan peknak (Kawl: *dan-tat*): *apply economic sanction against a repressive regime.*

▷ **sanction** *v* [Tn, Tg, Tsg] thil pakhat tuah ding siang, thlah, lungkimpinak pek: *I can't sanction your method.* ○ *Who sanctioned the bombing of the town?* ○ *They won't sanction our spending on this scale.*

**sanctity** /sFNktEtI/ *n* [U] thianhlimnak; thil thiag a sinak: *She gives us a living example of sanctity.* ○ *the sanctity of an oath.*

**sanctuary** /sFNktSUerI/ *US* -UerI/ *n* **1** [C] church, temple, mosque tivek hmun thianghlim. **2** (a) [C] pulpit kiang puithiam pawl le hlahrem saktu pawl umnak hmun. (b) (esp *US*) Pathian biak khawmnak hmun. **3** (a) [C] mi ih kai le do ton thei lonak hmun, himnak a pe theimi hmun thiag: *The fleeing rebels found a sanctuary in the nearby church.* (b) [C] a tlunih vek humhimnak: *claim/seek/take/be offered a sanctuary.* **4** [C] humhimnak ngah theinak hmun: *Our country is a sanctuary for political refugees from all over the world.* **5** [C] ramtawi pawl ih thah thei lonak hmun, vate le ramsa pawl hrangih ramhual: *a bird sanctuary.*

**sanctum** /sFNktEm/ *n* **1** hmun thiag. **2** (fig) mi ih hnaihok lo te in mahte um theinak a khaan, zung: *I was allowed once into his inner sanctum.*

**sand** /sFnd/ *n* **1** [U] vunnel, runnel: *mix sand and cement to make concrete.* **2** [U, C usu *pl*] tipikap tivek ih a ummi vunnel rawn: *Children playing on the sand(s).* **3** **sands** [*pl*] tiva lole tipi ih a um vunnel rawn a si ih hmun hmin ah hman a si: *The Goodwin sands.* **4** (idm) **bury one's head in the sand** ⇨ *BURY.* **the sands are running out** a caan a tampi a tang nawn lo: *The sands are running out: we must have the money by tomorrow.*

▷ **sand** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-p, Cn-a] ~ **sth** (down) (Kawl: *kaw-pat*) thawn nalh (rawt): *The bare wood must be sanded down.* ○ *The floor has been sanded smooth.* **2** vunnel thawn theh lole khuh.

**sander** (also **sanding-machine**) *n* kawpat rawtnak cet.

**sandy** *adj* (-ies, -iest) **1** vunnelvek; vunnel khuhmi: *a surface with a sandy texture* ○ *The floor of the beach-hut was sandy.* **2** aihre nawn, sen nawn: *sandy hair, etc.* **sandiness** *n* [U].

□ **sandbag** *n* ral khamnak, tilik khamnak tivek ih hmanmi vunnel dip. — *v* (-gg-) [Tn] vunnel dip thawn kulh, kham: *Sandbag the door way in case of flooding.*

**sandbank** *n* tidai a kan caan ih a langmi vunnel tikulh, lole hmundang hnak in ti puan ce-ih a ummi vunnel tluan.

**sand-bar** *n* tiva luan netnak lole, lawng colhnak hmun luhnak ih a um mi sandbank.

**sand-blast** *v* ceimawi duh ah lole thianfater duh ah vunnel thawn kap (lungto dawlmī phar tivek ah).

**sandboy** *n* (idm) **happy as sandboy** ⇨ *HAPPY.*

**sand-castle** *n* nauhak pawlin tipikap vunnel rawnah ralkulh nei innpi vekih an daw! theumi vunnel pen.

**sandfly** *n* tipi tlangtluan ih um thlip phunkhat.

**the sandman** *n* [sing] ruahnak lawngih a ummi, nauhak ihhmutertu/thlimtu minung: *The sandman's coming!* ie It's time for bed!

**sandpaper** *n* kawbat (Kawl). — *v* [Tn, Tn-p] kawpat thawn rawt.

**sandpiper** *n* tivakap vunnel tamnak hmun cerhdupih um vate phunkhat.

**sand-pit** *n* nauhak pawl lehnak vunnel khur.

**sand-shoes** *n* (pl) vunnel lak fehnak kedan.

**sandstone** *n* [U] vunnel in a cangmi lungto, lungtat.

**sandstorm** *n* vunnel thlipi.

**sand trap** (esp *US*) = *BUNKER 2.*

**sand-yacht** *n* leng le puanzar a neimi, vunnel parah thlitha thawn a fehmi leng phunkhat.

**sandal** /sFndI/ *n* phanat kedan, kezep (ke-ah a hri-in awk phun pawl). Cf *BOOT 1*, *SHOE 1*.

▷ **sandalled** *adj* phanat a danmi.

**sandalwood** /sFndIwUd/ *n* [U] a rim a hmui zetmi, kedan le mithi kuang tivek tuahnak ih hmanmi thing (Kawl: *sandaku, karamet*): [attrib] *sandalwood soap*, ie smelling like this wood.

**sandwich** /sFnwIdZ/ *US* -wItS/ *n* tlapkhat le tlapkhat karlakah sa, cheese tivek cepmi pawngmuk: *ham, chicken, cucumber, etc sandwiches.* ○ [attrib] *a sandwich bar, box, filling.*

▷ **sandwich** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (between **sb/sth**) thil pahni karlak ah ret: *I sandwich myself between two fat men on the bus.*

□ **sandwich board** than ding thil zuarmi pawl thlainak thingtlap pahni a liang parah bat in khawlak ih a tawitu ih phurhmi a peh-awmi thingtlap pahni.

**sandwich course** ca ih zir le tluan ih zir, a thlengthlai-awmi thu zirdan.

**sane** /seln/ *adj* (~ *r*, ~ *est*) **1** thinlung a harhdami mi fim kel ih a fim mi, aa lo: *It is hard to stay sane under such awful pressure.* **2** (fig) ruahdan dik; a mawi tawk; tican a hman: *a sane person, decision, policy* ○ *her sane democratic views.*

▷ **sanelly** *adv.*

**sang** *pt* of *SING*.

**sangfroid** /sBN {frwa:/ *n* [U] tihnungza caan le ruahlo thilcang harnak caan ah daite ih um thiamnak: *They showed great sang-froid in dealing with fire.*

**sangria** /sFNgrIE/ *US* -nerI/ *n* [U] (*Spanish*) sabitti red wine letling rah ti rawimi, intha thil.

**sanguinary** /sFNgwInErl/; *US* -nerl/ *adj* (*dated fml*) **1** thii tampi luan a tulmi: *a sanguinary battle*. **2** thiihnai luanter nuam a timi: *a sanguinary ruler*.

**sanguine** /sFNgwIn/ *adj* (*fml*) **1** ~ (*about sth/that ...*) ruahsannak um; a tha zawngih thil hmu thei: *not very sanguine about our chances of success* ○ *sanguine that we shall succeed*. **2** vun a senmi.

▷ **sanguinely** *adv.* **sanguineness** *n* [U].

**sanitarium, sanitorium** (*US*) = **SANATORIUM**.

**sanitary** /sFNltrl/; *US* -terl/ *adj* **1** natnak suakter thei thilri le nathrik a tel lomi; harhdamnak thawn a kaih awmi: *Conditions in the kitchen were not sanitary*. **2** [attrib] harhdamnak, lole, harhdamnak kilkhawitu pawl thawn a pehparmi: *sanitary ware*, ie toilet bowls, etc ○ *a sanitary inspector*, ie an official who checks that the conditions in shops, restaurants, etc are hygienic.

□ **sanitary towel, sanitary pad** nunau pawlin tawdamnak ih hmanmi puan neemte.

**sanitation** /sFNltelSn/ *n* [U] zapi harhdamnak ding hrangih tuahmi thilri eg khuapi sungih tibal luannak lihong vek.

**sanitize, -ise** /sFNltalz/ *v* [Tn] hmun pawl kha harhdamnak thawn kaih dingin tuah. **2** (*fig derog*) a tha lomi thuanthu, thuthang, tivek kha ngainuam deuh dingin rem: *They've sanitized my report on army atrocities*.

**sanity** /sFNEtI/ *n* [U] **1** thinlung fimnak; thinlung hardamnak: *doubt/question sb's sanity*. **2** mifim thutan ih thu-lai tan theinak; khawruat thiam; a tawk a zawn a sinak: *try to bring some sanity into a difficult situation*.

**sank** *pt of SINK*.

**sanserif** /sEnserIf/ *n* [U] canamnak ih cafang ha ah ki tawi tete, le hleimi tete a nei lomi cafang.

**Santa Claus** /sFNtE kIC:z/ (also *esp Brit Father Christmas*) Khrimas laksawng pe dingah meikhu suahnak dawng ihsin a tum tiah nauhak pawl sim a si theumi, Christmas caan ah khahmul rang, hnipuan sen thawn a thuam-aw ih laksawng tampi pai in khawlak ah a tawi theu mi pacang.

**sap<sup>1</sup>** /sFp/ *n* [U] **1** thingkung sung hmunkip ah rawl a kuattu thingti, a hnaai: *The sap rises in trees in spring time*. **2** (*fig*) cahvaknak, thazaang: *He is full of sap and ready to start*.

▷ **sappy** *adj* (*-ier, -iest*) a hnaai thawn a khatmi.

□ **sapwood** *n* [U] thinghawng neem.

**sap<sup>2</sup>** /sFp/ *n* (*infml*) ruahnak mal, mi aa: *You poor sap*.

**sap<sup>3</sup>** /sFp/ *v* (*-pp-*) [*esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr*] **sb/sth** (*of sth*) nuamte te in thazaang, ruahnak derter: *I was sapped by months of hospital treatment*. ○ *She's been sapped of her optimism*.

**2** [Tn] nuamte te in mi ih thazaang laaksak, siatsuah: *Stop sapping her confidence*. ○ *Lack of planning is sapping the company's efficiency*.

**sap<sup>4</sup>** /sFp/ *n* raal thawn naih deuhnak hmun thleng thei dingih laihami leivih, lole, tlun khuhmi kahsam.

▷ **sapper** *n* ralkap engineering hnatuan, a hleice ah lamzin lai le lilawn tuah tivekpawl.

**sapient** /selpIEnt/ *adj* (*fml*) fiim.

▷ **sapience** /-ens/ *n* [U]. **sapiently** *adv*.

**sapling** /sFplIn/ *n* thingno, thingfa.

**Sapphic** (also **sapphic**) /sFflik/ *n* Sappho timi Greek pathian nunau nu ih phuahmi tlaangli nei hla (*Sappho* cu mai nunaupi a pawltu a si).

▷ **Sapphic** *adj* **1** a tlun ih hla phun. **2** (*fml*) nunaupi pawltu nunau.

**sapphire** /sFtalER/ *n* **1** [C] a thiag a tleu mepian lungvar. **2** [U] cuih lungvar ih pianzia.

**saprophyte** /sFprEUfalt/ *n* a thimi thingkung le ramsa parih kho a hmanmi paa tivek le cuvek phun pawl.

▷ **saprophytic** /sFprEUflItik/ *adj*.

**Saracen** /sFrEsn/ *Crusade* san lai ih Arab le Muslim pawl kawhnak hmin.

**sarcasm** /sa:kFzEm/ *n* [U] mi thintok dingih tisannak, linglet tong, phirsit: *her constant sarcasm about his poor work*.

▷ **sarcastic** /sa:kEstIk/ (also *infml sarky*) *adj* tisan a simi; tisan a hmanmi; phirsit a hmanmi: *a sarcastic person, tone, remark*.

**sarcastically** /-kII/ *adv*.

**sarcophagus** /sa:kBFegEs/ *n* (*pl -gi* /-gai/ or ~ *es* /-gəsɪz/) khuahlan mi pawl ih lungto ruakkuang.

**sardine** /sa:di:n/ *n* **1** sadin nga; ngasa kuang ih ret dingah a thami. **2** (*idm*) (**packed, squashed, etc**) *like sardines* (*infml*) tet zet ih ret, um: *The ten of us were squashed together like sardines in the lift*.

**sardonic** /sa:dBnlk/ *adj* capoh phah vekin zomtaihna, mitkemnak a langtermi; zomtai: *a sardonic smile, laugh, expression, etc*.

▷ **sardonically** /-kII/ *adv*.

**sari** /sa:rl/ *n* ruangkimvel puansaupi thawn vel ih hrukmi, Kala nunau thuam.

**sarky** /sa:kl/ *adj* (*Brit infml*) = **SARCASTIC**: *She's a sarky little madam*.

**sarong** /sB(rBN/; *US* -rC:N/ *n* Malay le Indonesian nunau le mipa-ih hmanmi hni (*Kawl: lung-zi*).

**sartorial** /sa:tC:rlEl/ *adj* [attrib] (*fml*) mipa hnipuan le an hrukdan: *sartorial elegance*.

▷ **sartorially** /-rIEII/ *adj*.

**SAS** /es el /es/ *abbr* (*Brit*) Special Air Service (of the army).

**sash<sup>1</sup>** /sFS/ *n* mawinak hrangah, lole thuam thil hmanih hmanmi, taai tem puan, lole, liangbah puan.

**sash<sup>2</sup>** /sFS/ *n* tanglam le tlunlam ih thawn a theihmi, tukvirh thlalang.

□ **sash-cord** *n* tukvirh onnak ih hmanmi tukvirh hri.

**sash-window** *n* tolh le khai-ih onmi tukvirh.

**sashay** /sFSeI/ *v* [Ipr, Ip] (*US fml*) mi-in in hmu seh, zoh seh tiah ti-awter nawn in feh, caangvai: *sashay into the room* ○ *She sashayed past, not condescending to look at us.*

**sass** /sFs/ *n* [U] (*US infml*) mi ziangsiar lonak, hngalnak: *Just listen to her sass!*

▷ **sass** *v* [Tn] (*US infml*) **1** mi kha ðihzah lo, ziang siar loin um: *Don't you dare sass me!* **2** (phr *v*) **sass sb back** ðihzah lo zet in sawn: *I asked her to go and brush her teeth and she just sassd me back.*

**sassy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) (*US infml*) **1** ðihzah nei lo, mi hngal. **2** zoh a mawmi; mit a laakmi: *a real sassy dresser.*

**Sassenach** /seltEnIzEm/ *n* (*Scot derog or joc*) English mi (Scot ðong).

**Sat** *pt, pp* of *srr*.

**Satan** /seltIn/ *n* the Devil; khawsia, khuavang.

▷ **satanic** /satanic/ *adj* **1** (often **Satanic**) Satan vek Satan thilti: (*joc*) *His Satanic Majesty, ie Satan.* **2** (*esp rhet*) thinngerh, thinsia; a ða lo. **satantically** /-klI/ *adv*.

**satchel** /sFtSEI/ *n* savun lole puansah zaal.

**sated** /seltId/ *adj* [usu *pred*] ~ (**with sth**) (*fml*) khop tuk, ning: *sated with pleasure.*

**satellite** /sFtElait/ *n* **1** (a) mah hnak ih a tum sawnmi thil pakhat hel rerotu (leilung hi ni-ih satellite a si): *The moon is the Earth's satellite.* (b) radio, TV tivek hrangih hmanmi satellite, (Kawl: *cu-ðuh*). **2** (also **satellite states**) (*usu derog*) mah hnak ih tumsawn rampi rinsan in um ih, acuih ramih thu ngai in um a ðulmi ram: *the USSR and its satellites.*

**satiated** /seIstelt/ *v* [Tn *usu passive*] (*fml*) ning ko in pek, khop: *She pushed her chair back from the table, satiated.* ○ *satiated with pleasure.*

▷ **satiation** /seIsteltIn/ *n* [U].

**satiety** /sEtaltEtI/ *n* [U] (*fml*) ninnak; khopnak: *feel full to satiety.*

**satin** /sFtIn/ *US* /sFtn/ *n* [U] hmai khatlam lawng a tleu le nal dingih tahmi pu puan: [attrib] *a satin dress, ribbon, etc.*

▷ **satin** *adj* [usu *attrib*] satin vekih a nalmi: *The paint has a satin finish.*

**satiny** *adj* satin hmel vek, lole, satin puan ih a sa vek a simi: *her satiny skin.*

**satinwood** /sFtInwUd/ *US* /sFtn/ *n* [U] Cancer le Capricorn karlak a hlummi ram ih a khomi, a khomi thingkung, a sa a nal ih tokham, cabuai, tivek tuahnak ih a ða zetmi thingkung.

**satire** /sFtaleR/ *n* **1** [U] mi ih atnak le siatvatnak kha, tisan ðong hmangin hnihsuah sainak ah hmangin dodal: *a work of bitter satire* ○ *Is there too much satire on TV?* **2** [C] ~ (**on sb/sth**) mi atnak le siatvatnak kha soisel duh ah hnihsuah sainak ah hmangih nganmi ca,

thuanthucawn, baiskop: *Her novel is a satire on social snobbery.*

▷ **satirical** /sEtIrIkI/ (also **sateric** /sEtIrIk/) *adj* tisan, tihrim ðong hmangin le hnih suahsainak ah mi hmangih soinak phun a simi: *a satirical play, poem, sketch etc.* **satirically** /-klI/ *adv*.

**satirize, -ise** /sFtEralz/ *v* satire hmangin capohnak ah mi hmang: *Politicians are often satirized on TV and radio.*

**satisfaction** /sFtIsfFkSn/ *n* **1** [U] lungkim, lung diriam: *She can look back on her career with great satisfaction.* *get/obtain/derive satisfaction from one's work* ○ *a look of smug satisfaction* ○ *In old age he finally had the satisfaction of seeing the quality of his work recognized* ○ *do the work to the satisfaction of the client*, ie so that he is pleased with it. ○ *job satisfaction.* **2** [U] ðulmi, duhmi kim tikih lungkimnak: *the satisfaction of one's hunger* ○ *the satisfaction of a hope, desire, ambition, etc.* **3** [U] lungkimnak, hnangamnak, thinnomnak: *the satisfaction of doing work that one loves.* **4** [U] (*fml*) (a) ngaihthiamnak dilm, a tawkwawn ih an kuanmi parih lungkimnak: *When I didn't get any satisfaction from the local people I wrote to the head office.* (b) duel timi bulpak do-awknak, phulaknak; *You have insulted my wife; I demand my satisfaction.*

**satisfactory** /sFtIsfFktErI/ *adj* lungkimza, diriamza: *a satisfactory attempt, meal, book, piece of work* ○ *The result of the experiment was satisfactory.* ○ *Her school report says her French is satisfactory.* ○ *We want a satisfactory explanation of your lateness.*

▷ **satisfactorily** /-tarElI/ *adv* lungkimza in: *The patient is getting on satisfactorily.*

**satisfactoriness** *n* [U].

**satisfy** /sFtIsfal/ *v* (*pt, pp -fied*) **1** [Tn] lungkimter, diriamter, thinnuamter: *Nothing satisfies him: he's always complaining.* ○ *She's not satisfied with any thing but the best.* **2** [Tn] a ðulmi, duhmi, a sammi kha duh vekin kimter: *satisfy sb's hunger, demand, curiosity* ○ *She has satisfied the conditions for entry into the college.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-f] ~ **sb (as to sth)** lungkimter, lungfiangter: *My assurances don't satisfy him: he's still sceptical.* ○ *satisfy the police that one is innocent/as to one's innocence.* (idm) **satisfy the examiners** camibuai ong.

▷ **satisfied** *adj* lungkim, lungnuam: *I felt quite satisfied after my big meal.* ○ (*ironic*) *Look! You've broken my watch. Now are you satisfied?*

**satisfying** *adj* lungkimza: *a satisfying meal, result.* **satisfyingly** *adv*.

**satsuma** /sFtssu:mE/ *n* satsuma, sunhlu thlum rah.

**saturate** /sFtSErelt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (with in sth)** ciarter; ciah neknek: *clothes saturated with water* ○ *Saturate the meat in the mixture*

of oil and herbs. **2** [Tn-pr esp passive] ~ **sth/sb with/in sth** tampi dawpter, zawiter; khat ko in luttter: *We lay on the beach, saturated in sunshine.* ○ *The market is saturated with good used car* ie There are too many of them for sale.

▷ **saturated** *adj* **1** [usu pred] ciar zet; ciah thlekthlek: *I went out in the rain and got saturated.* **2** [usu attrib] (chemistry) (of fats and oils, eg butter) a sungah chemical a um ruangah ei le harhdamnak a siatsuah theimi hriak. Cf POLYUNSATURATED.

**saturation** /sFtSE[re]Sn/ *n* [U] ciah, lole a sungah tlem lo tiangin thil hawpter. — *adj* [attrib] (of an attack) hrilmi nei lo in cip neknek ih do: *saturation bombing of the town.*

□ **sturation point** **1** (chemistry) a zup theimi kha a zuptertut sungah zupter rero in a netnak ah a zup thei nawn lonak. **2** (fig) hawpber, lakbet, sanbet thei nawn lonak ri. *So many refugee have arrived that the camps have reached saturated point.*

**Saturday** /sFtEdl/ *n* [U, C] (abbr **Sat**) Zarh khat sungih ni sarihnak le ni neta biknak tlawngkai ninga hnu ih ni; Zarhte ni, rinni.

For the uses of *Saturday* see the examples at *Monday*.

**Saturn** /sFtEn/ *n* (astronomy) a paruknak niheltu leilung.

**saturnalia** /sFtE[nell]E/ *n* (pl unchanged or ~ **s**) (rhet) a luan tukmi nomcennak.

**saturnine** /sFtEnal/ *adj* (fml) a duurmi, a thimmi: *a saturnine face, frown.*

**satyr** /sFtER/ *n* **1** (in Greek and Roman myths) Greek le Roman thuanthu ih a tanglam mee, a tlunlam minung a simi tupi uktu pathian. **2** (rhet) a hur tukmi mipa.

**sauce** /sC:s/ *n* **1** [C, U] rawl thaw deuhtertu thil ti, lole a maanmi hmeh; sawhti: *tomato, soy, cranberry, etc sauce.* ○ *fruit pudding and brandy sauce.* ○ *What sauce go best with sauce?* ○ [attrib] *a sauce bottle.* Cf PICKLE **1**, RELISH **3**. **2** [U] (infml) siatnak a um lem lomi, mi tihzah lo, hngal zet ih umdan: *We'll have no more of your sauce, young man!* Cf SASS. **3** **the sauce** [sing] (US infml) zu: *Keep off the sauce!* **4** (idm) **in the sauce** (US infml) zu tampi a in zomi, a rimi: **What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander** (saying) mi pakhat hrangah a si theimi thil kha dinhmun a bangrepmi midang pakhat hrang khalah a si ve: *If you can arrive late, then so can I; what's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.*

▷ **sauce** *v* [Tn] (infml) ziangsiar lo le hngalzet in um: *Don't you dare sauce me!* Cf SASS *v*.

**saucy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** tihzah nei lo, a hngalmi: *You saucy little thing.* **2** (esp of clothes) a hruktu kha piang zetih a langtermi; a mawi a piangmi: *a saucy little hat.* **saucily** /-li/ *adv.*

**sauciness** *n* [U].

□ **sauce-boat** *n* sauce suahnak kheng.

**saucepan** /sC:spEn/ *US* -pFn/ *n* a sin le kutkaih sau a neimi ukang, thir beel.

**saucer** /sC:SER/ *n* **1** khuathai tawdap khengpheng: *Where's my cup and saucer?* **2** khengpheng hmuhihmel a neimi thil, eg the dish of a radio telescope.

**sauerkraut** /saUEkraUt/ *n* [U] (German) anțam thur.

**sauna** /sC:nE, also [saUnE/ *n* (a) sattermi khaan ih um hnu-ah, tidai thaw n kholhaw lohlimi Finland minung pawlih daan phunkhat. (b) cuvek tuahnak khaan.

**saunter** /sC:ntER/ *v* [Ipr, Ip] nuamnai te in feh; tawivaak: *saunter down the avenue.* ○ *He sauntered by with his hands in his pockets.*

▷ **saunter** /sC:ntE, also [saUntE/ *n* [sing] nuamnai te ih toih vahnak: *a casual saunter around the shop.*

**saurian** /sC:riEn/ *n, adj* laiking phun a simi thangkawng, tisartam, a cimit zomi dinosaurs, tivek pawl.

**sausage** /sBsldZ/ *US* [sC:s-/ *n* **1** [C, U] vokril thun. **2** (idm) **not a sausage** (infml) ziang hman si lo; thu lolak.

□ **sausage-dog** *n* (Brit infml) dachshun timi ruang sau, kawng niam ui fate phun khat.

**sausage meat** vokril le cuvek sung ih than dingah, thildang dang thaw n rawi ciami rialdip cia sa.

**sauge roll** fate te ih canmi sa kha sang pheng in zualin rawhmi sang phunkhat.

**sauté** /sEUtel; *US* sEU[te]l/ *adj* [attrib] (French) (of food) hriak malte thaw n kio lohlimi: *saute potatoes.*

▷ **sauté** *v* (pt, pp ~ **ed** or ~ **d**, pres p ~ **ing**) [Tn] hiti phunih kio: *Sauté the onions.* ⇒ Usage at COOK.

**savage** /sFvldZ/ *adj* **1** (a) tih a nung ih a hraang zetmi: *savage lion, wolf, etc.* ○ *a savage attack by a big dog.* (b) mi zonzaier duh, a hraang, mi a raalmi: *savage criticism, remarks.* ○ *The article was a savage attack on her past actions.* ○ *He has a savage temper.* ○ *The savage ruler ordered that the prisoner be excuted.* (c) sual pittawp: *savage cuts in our budget.* **2** (Δ offensive) a hraang zet, a fim hrih lo; hlanlai sandan ih um: *savage tribe.*

▷ **savage** *n* (Δ offensive) mi a do duh zet, luzaing: *an island inhabited by savages.* ○ (derog or joc) *Those children can be real little savages.*

**savage** *v* [Tn] **1** zaingzet le cian zet in mi do: *She was baddly savaged by a mad dog.* **2** (fig) na tukin mi soisel: *a novel savaged by the reviewers.*

**savagely** *adv.*

**savageness** *n* [U] ramsa tlukih aatnak,

S



zaingnak.

**savagery** /sFvldZrI/ *n* [U] a zaingzet umzia: treat prisoners with brutal savagery.

**savannah** (also **savanna**) /sE(vF)nE/ *n* [C, U] tropical le sub-tropical ramih a um thingkung kho lo hrampi-rawn, phuulrawn: Cf PAMPAS, PRAIRIE, STEPPE, VELD.

**savant** /sFvEnt; US sF{va:nt/ *n* (fml) zirnak saang a neimi minung.

**save**<sup>1</sup> /seiv/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (from sth/doing sth) ruun, sansuak: save sb's life. ○ It was too late to save the sick woman, and she died. ○ Can the school be saved from closure? ○ She saved the set (ie at tennis) by winning the next game. **2** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (up) (for sth); ~ (with sth) tangka khawl: It's prudent to save. ○ save (up) for a new bike/to buy a new bike. ○ I save with (ie keep my savings in) the Brighton Building Society. ○ save part of my salary each month. (b) [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth** (for sb/sth) suup; ui: Don't eat all the cake now; save some for tomorrow. ○ Save your strength for the hardwork you'll have to do later. ○ save one's eyes ie protect one's eye sight, eg by not reading too much. ○ Don't drink all the wine; save me some/save some for me! (c) [Ipr, Tn] ~ (on) **sth** heuter (cem tlak lo ih cem) lo dingin tuah: save on time and money by shopping at the supermarket. ○ save fuel by insulating one's house. **3** [Tn, Tg, Tsg, Dn-n] tul loter, hman tul lo, siter: Order the goods by phone and save (yourself) the journey ○ walking to the office saves (me) spending money on bus fares. The gift of money saved our having to borrow from the bank. ○ That will save us a lot of trouble. ○ We've been saved a lot of expense by doing the work of ourselves. **4** [I, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (from sth) luatter: Jesus saves! Jesus Christ came into the world to save us from our sins. **5** [Tn] (in football, etc) kaw! thei lo, a hmat ngah thei lo dingin kham: The goalie managed to save a shot struck at close range. **6** (idm) **pinch an save/scrape** ⇒ PINCH. **risk/save one's neck** ⇒ NECK. **save sb's bacon** (infml) thil ti suak thei lonak, sun theinak, siatsuah ton theinak dinhmun ihsin luatter: I was nearly bankrupt, but your loan saved my bacon. **save one's breath** tong man um lonak ah tong loin um, thaw heuter loin um: You can save your breath; you'll never persuade her. **save (sb's) face** mithmai, tivek siat lo dingin tong, tuah: Though she'd lost her job, she saved her face by saying she'd left it willingly. **save the situation** ruah ding a um nawn lomi dinhmun kha tha ko-in cangter sal: Disagreements threatened to wreck the peace talks, but the president's intervention saved the situation. **save one's (own) hide/skin** (infml usu derog) harsat tonnak ihsin luatnak dingah mah zawn

lawng ruatin thil tuah: When the rest of the gang were arrested, he saved his own skin by giving evidence against them. **scrimp and save** ⇒ SCIMP. **a stitch in time saves nine** ⇒ STITCH *n*. ▷ **save** (in football, etc) kaw! lo ding, a hmat ngah thei lo dingih khamnak.

**saver** *n* **1** (a) paisa khawltu, ruuntu: Good news for all savers — a rise in interest rates! ○ a saver of souls, eg a priest. (b) (esp in compounds) cemheunak dem deuhtertut: a boiler that is a good fuel-saver. **2** (Brit) a kel hnak ih niam deuh in zuarmi ticket, etc. ○ [attrib] an off-peak saver tickets.

**saving** *adj* (idm) **a saving grace** santlailonak tuamtut a simi: He may be stupid and mean, but his one saving grace is his humour.

**-savings** (forming compound *adjs*) tuah dingmi, cemheu dingmi deem tertut: Modern houses have many labour-saving devices, eg washing machines, dish washers, etc which make housework easier. ○ energy-saving modifications.

□ **save-as-you-earn** *n* (abbr **SAYE**) (dated Brit) thlatin thlahlawh sungin paisa khawlsakdan.

**save**<sup>2</sup> /seiv/ (also **saving** /selvIN/) *prep, conj* (fml) siar lo: all save him ○ We know nothing about her save that her surname is Jones.

**saving** /selvIN/ *n* **1** [C] paisa, khawl zat: a useful saving of time and money. ○ big saving on fuel through great efficiency. **2** **savings** (pl) khawlmi tangka: keep one's savings in the building society.

□ **savings account** **1** (Brit) a thang tam deuh ngah theimi bank ih paisa rettan phun khat. **2** (US) a thang ngah theinak paisa rettan pohpoh. Cf CURRENT ACCOUNT (CURRENT<sup>1</sup>), DEPOSIT ACCOUNT (DEPOSIT<sup>2</sup>).

**savings bank** a thang pek ti siar lo thildang ziang hman a tuah sak lomi bank.

**saviour** (US **savior**) /sElvIER/ *n* **1** runtu, rundamtu. **2** the Saviour, Our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**savoir-faire** /sFvwa:feER/ *n* [U] (French *approv*) mi lakih tlanlen thiamnak: possess, display, lack savoir-faire.

**savory** /selvERl/ *n* **1** a rim thaw tertut dingah tihang le hmeh lakih thlah theumi, na-nan, khakhuan tivek pawl. **2** [C] (US) = SAVOURY *n*.

**savour** (US **asvor**) /selvER/ *n* [C, U] a thawtnak; a rimhmuinak: soup with a slight savour of garlic ○ meat that has lost its savour ○ (fig) His political views have a savour of fanaticism. ○ Life seems to have lost some of its savour, ie its enjoyable quality.

▷ **savour** *v* [Tn] **1** thil a thawtnak tep duh ah nuam tete in ei le in: savour the finest French dishes. ○ (fig) Now the exams are over I'm savouring my freedom. **2** (phr *v*) **savour of sth** (no passive) a si a bang, a tel a bang (a sia

lamah): *Her remarks savour of hypocrisy.*

**savoury** (US **savory**) /sɛivəri/ *adj* **1** (of food) a al, a thlum lo: *a savoury pancake.* **2** ei hiarza rim le thawtnak a neimi. **3** (usu in negative sentences) a thianghlim, upat tlak: *I gather his past life was not altogether savoury.* Cf UNSAVOURY.

▷ **savoury** (US **savory**) *n* (Brit) rawl khawh zawngih pek theumi a al, a rim paumi ei tha phunkhat khat.

**savoy** /sɛvɔi/ *n* a hnah kir kawpi phunkhat.

**savvy** /sɛvvi/ *n* [U] (sl) aancin thiamnak, theihtheinak, thluak: *Where's your savvy?*

▷ **savvy** *v* (pt, pp **savvied**) (sl) (usu in the imperative or presant tenese) aancing thei: *Keep your mouth shut! Savvy?* ○ *No savvy, ie I do not know/understand.*

**saw**<sup>1</sup> *pt* of SEE.

**saw**<sup>2</sup> /sɔ:/ *n* hluah phunphun: *cutting log with a power saw, ○ circular saw, hand saw, chainsaw.*

▷ **saw** *v* (pt **sawed**, pp **sawn** /sɔ:n/ US **sawed**)

**1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] hluah thawn at, tan: *spend half an hour sawing ○ saw into the branch ○ saw wood ○ saw a log into planks/ into two ○ saw the plank right through.* **2** [Ipr, Ip, Tn] ~ (away) (at sth) hluah at vekih cang: *sawing his fiddle. ○ She was sawing (away at) the bread with a blunt knife.* **3** [I] hluah thawn at a theih: *This wood saws easily.* **4** (phr v) **saw sth down** hluah thawn hau: *saw a tree, pole, etc down. saw sth off (sth)* hluah thawn attan: *saw a branch off (a tree) ○ a shown-off shotgun, a thiar ol seh, a thup ol seh tiah a pian tawite ih attan takmi misual pawlih hmanmi meithal tawi. saw th up* hluah thawn a tlangtlang in attan theh: *All the trees have been sawn up into logs.*

**sawyer** /sɔ:jiER/ *n* hluah hmangin thing a attu. □ **sawdust** *n* [U] hluah at tikih a tlami thing vut, hluahhar.

**sawhorse** (US also **sawbuck**) *n* thing atnak dran (Kawl: *hluah-sin*).

**sawmill** hluahcet, cethluah.

**saw**<sup>3</sup> /sɔ:/ *n* (date) ðong fim: *the old saw 'More haste, less speed'.*

**sax** /sɛks/ *n* (infml) = SAXOPHONE.

**saxifrage** /sɛksɪfɹeld/ *n* [U] Alpine tlang, lungto tlang pawlah a khomi a rang, aire, a sen tiin a phunphun in a par thei pangpar kung.

**Saxon** /sɛksn/ *n* **1** [C] Germany ram nitlknak saklam ah um dah, kumzatek panga le paruk hrawngah a ðenkhat Britain ah vaai dah in, Britain hlum dahdahtu miphun. **2** [U] Saxon ðong.

▷ **Saxon** *adj* Saxon miphun le an ðong thawn a pehparmi: *Saxon tribes, customs, grammar.*

**saxophone** /sɛksɛfɹeun/ *n* (also infml **sax**) *n* saxaphone timi seem (phawt) ih tum tha awnmawi thil: *a tenor/bass saxophone.* ○

[attrib] *a saxophone solo.*

▷ **saxophonist** /sɛksɛfɹenɪst/ US /sɛksɛfɹeunɪst/ *n* saxophone tumtu.

**say** /sel/ *v* (3rd pers sing pres t **says** /sez/, pt, pp

**said** /sed/) **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tf, Tw, Tt, Dpr-f] ~

**sth (to sb)** sim; ðong; ti: *Did you say 'Please?'* ○

*'Hello!' I said.* ○ *She said nothing to me about*

*it.* ○ *He said (that) his friend's name was Sam.*

○ *Everyone said how awful the weather was.* ○

*He finds it hard to say what he feels.* ○ *She said*

*to meet her here.* ○ *I said to my self* (ie thought),

*"That can't be right!"* ○ *They say/it's said* (ie

People claim) *that he's a genius.* ○ *So you say,*

*ie I think you may be wrong.* ○ *Who said I*

*can't cook?* ie *Of course I can!* ○ *Be quiet, I've*

*got something to say.* ○ *Having said that* (ie

Despite what I have just said), *I agree with*

*your other points.* ○ (euph) *If you damage the*

*car, your father will have plenty to say about it,*

*ie he will be angry.* (b) [Tn] *zir ciami ðong pawl*

*saal: say a short prayer.* ○ *Try to say that line*

*with more conviction.* (c) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (to**

**sb)** ðong, hoiherdan, tivek in ruahnak, duhdan,

тивеk a fiangter, langter: *This poem doesn't say*

*much to me.* ○ *Just what is the artist trying to*

*say in her work.* ○ *Her angry glance said*

*everything.* (d) [no passive: Tn, Tf, Tw, Tt] (of a

book, sign, etc) theihter, sim: *a notice saying*

*'Keep Out'* ○ *The clock says three o'clock.* ○

*The law says (that) this is legitimate.* ○ *The*

*book doesn't say wherc he was born.* ○ *The*

*guidebook says to turn left.* **2** (a) [Tn, Tf, Tw]

ruahnak, a phi, etc pek, sim: *I'll say this (for*

*them)* (ie I'll admit that) *they're efficient.* ○ *I*

*can't say I blame her for resigning, ie I think she*

*was justified.* ○ *I would say he's right.* ○ *My*

*wife thinks I am too fat — what do you say?* ○ *I*

*say* (ie suggest) *we stay here.* ○ *I wouldn't say*

*they were rich, ie In m y opinion they aren't*

*rich.* ○ *Say all you want about her* (ie Despite

any criticism you can make) *she's still a fine*

*singer.* ○ *It's hard to say who it was.* ○ *There*

*is no saying* (ie Nobody knows) *when the war*

*will end.* ○ *When will the meal be ready?' 'I*

*couldn't say! (b)* [no passive: Tn, Tf] ðhimnakah;

tiseh la: *You could learn to play chess in, (let's)*

*say, three months.* ○ *Let's take any writer, say*

(ie for example) *Dickens ...* ○ *Say you have an*

*accident: Who would look after you?* **3** (idm)

**before you could say Jack Robinson** rang

zetin lole hmakhatte ah. **easier said than done**

⇒ EASY<sup>2</sup>. **go without saying** sim ðul loin a fiang:

*It goes without saying that I'll help you. have a*

**good word to say for sb/sth** ⇒ WORD. **have**

**something nothing, etc to say for oneself** ka

dik a si ti-sim duh lo, mah ih ruahdan sim duh

lo, ðongpi duh lo, bia duh lo: *She hasn't got*

*much to say for herself, ie doesn't take part in a*

*conversation.* ○ *You've got too much to say for*

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*yourself*, ie You think you are more interesting than you really are. ○ *You've lost your games kit again — what have you got to say for yourself.* **I dare say** ⇒ DARE<sup>1</sup>. **I'll say!** (infml) a si tuk pan teh: *Does he come often?* 'I'll say! Nearly every day!' **I must say** ka ti ko (soisel tikih hmanmi tong a si): *Well that's daft, I must say!* **I say** (dated) a lau, a mang a bang ti theihter dingah tong thoknak ih hmanmi tong a si; ai kan tican a si; aw ring pi in tong, lole, tong thoknak tong menmen a si. *I say! what a huge cake!* ○ *I say, can you lend me five pounds?* **it says a lot, very little, etc for sb/sth** a si taktak, a si taktak lo, ti sim duh tikah tong thoknak ih hmanmi a si: *It says a lot for her that she never lost her temper*, ie It shows how patient she is. ○ *It doesn't say much for our efficiency that* (ie We are not efficient because) *the order arrived a week late.* ○ **I wouldn't say no (to sth)** (infml) thil pekmi ka el lo, ka lo sang, ka duh tican a si: *'Fancy some coffee?'* *I wouldn't say no.* ○ *I wouldn't say no to a pizza.* **least said soonest mended** (saying) thubuai kha tong bet rero nawn loin um le a tha sal lohli ding. **the less/least said the better** (thil pakhat ih thuhla kha) a malbik tong le a tha bik. **let us say** thuthimnak ah. **needless to say** ⇒ NEEDLESS (NEED<sup>3</sup>). **never say die** (saying) beidong hlah: *Never say die: we might still get there on time.* **no sooner said than done** ⇒ SOON. **not be saying much** simtlak a si lo: *She's taller than me, but as I'm only five foot, that's not saying much.* **not say boo to a goose** tih hrutmi, lung a neem tukmi: *He's such a nervous chap he wouldn't/couldn't say boo to a goose.* **not say a dicky-bird** (sl) tong loin um. **not to say** ti hlahaw: *a difficult, not to say impossible, task.* **sad to say** ⇒ SAD. **say/be one's last word** ⇒ LAST<sup>1</sup>. **say no (to sth)** thilri, bomnak, ruahnak pekmi vek saang lo, el: *If you don't invest in these shares, you're saying no to a fortune.* **say no more** (a) tong hrih hlah, um ta hrih: *Say no more! How much do you want to borrow?* (b) Na ti duhmi ka thei: *'He came home with lipstick on his face.'* *'Say no more!'* **say one's piece** sim duhmi sim. Cf HAVE ONE'S SAY. **says you** (sl) na ti men, ka zum lo: *'I'll beat him.'* *'Says you, you haven't got a chance!'* **say when** ziang tikah na cawl ding (a peh zulhih) thil tha lo tuah laifang ih sutnak: **say the word** thupek; zaangfah dil: *Just say the word, and I'll ask him to leave.* **strange to say** ⇒ STRANGE. **suffice it to say** ⇒ SUFFICE. **to say the least** porh in sim loin: *I was surprised at what he said, to say the least.* **to say nothing of sth** siar loin: *He had to go to prison for a month, to say nothing of the fine.* **that is to say** tongdan in ti sehla: *three days from now, that is to say Friday.* **what do/would you say (to sth/doing sth)** na duh maw:

*We'll go on holiday together.* ○ *What would you say?* ○ *What do you say to going to the theatre tonight?* ○ *What would you say to a chocolate?* **what/whatever sb says goes** (infml) thuneitu bik a si ih a thu thlun a tul: *My wife wants the kitchen painted white, and what she says goes.* **you can say that again** ka lung a kim: *'She's a violent woman.'* *'You can say that again. She's hit me more than once?'* **you don't say!** (infml) mangbang tong-ka ti lo: *'We're going to get married.'* *'you don't say.'* **you said it!** (infml) a dik zet; na tivek a si: *The food was awful!* *'You said it!'* ○ *'I looked a fool.'* *'You said it!'* (ie I am glad you realized it.)  
▷ **say n 1** [sing U] ~ (in sth) thuneih theinak; thu rel ve theinak: *have no, not much, some, any, etc say (in a matter)* ○ *I want a say in the management of the business.* **2** (idm) **have one's say** hmuhdan phuang: *Don't interrupt her: let her have her say.* **say** interj (US infml) ziang tiin na ruat: *Say! How about a Chinese meal tonight?* **saying** /seɪɪŋ/ n thufim, tongnak (ah): *More haste, less speed, as the saying goes.*  
□ **say-so n** [sing] (infml) **1** a dik ti hmuh lo ih tongmi: *Don't just accept his say-so: find out for yourself.* **2** thil pakhat tuah dingah siannak; thutan theinak hrangih thuneihnak: *You don't need my say-so to change things.*

NOTE ON USAGE: **1 Say** and **tell** are transitive verbs. The direct object of **say** is usually the words spoken. The direct object of **tell** is usually the information given and the indirect object is the person that it is given to: *He sat in a corner and said nothing all evening*, ie spoke no words. ○ *She told me nothing about herself*, ie she gave me no information. **Say** is commonly used with direct speech: *He said, 'goodnight,' and went to bed.* **Say** and **tell** often report speech. **Tell** must normally be followed by a personal direct object; **say** is used without a personal object. *He hasn't told me/said that he's leaving.* **Tell sb** + infinitive is used for commands: *She told him to hurry up.* **2 Speak** and **talk** are used intransitively and transitively. They are often used with similar meaning, **speak** being more formal: *Can I talk to Susan, please?* ○ *I'd like to speak to Mrs Jones, please.* **Talk** suggests that two or more people are having a conversation with each other, while **speak** is often used of one person addressing a group: *We talked for hours about the meaning of life.* ○ *He spoke to the class about the dangers of smoking.*

**SAYE** /es el wəl ʃiː/ abbr (dated Brit) (of a Post Office savings scheme) *save-as-you-earn*; thlatin in lakha sungin paisa zuk ih carek ah

khawl.

**sc** abbr **1** (also **Sc**) scene: *Act I Sc IV*. **2** namely; an hmin tla cu (Latin *scilicet*).

**scab** /skFb/ **n** **1** [C, U] hmakher. **2** thingkung, ramsa parah a um theimi hmakher vek natnak: *Sheep scab*. **3** [C] (*infml derog*) rualpi pawl 'duh lonak langter' ih an um lai ah an hnenih tel duh lo, asilole, cuih pawl airawl ih hna a rak tuantu.

▷ **scabby** *adj* (-ier, -iest) (a) hmakher thawn a khatmi (SCAB 1). (b) (*sl derog*) nautatza si mi: *You scabby liar!*

**scabbard** /skFbEd/ **n** namkawng, namkawm.

**scabies** /skelbi:z/ **n** [U] thakpherh.

**scabious** /skelbiEs/ **n** [U] hram lakah a khomi, lole, inn ih cinmi a bawr bawrin mepian, sen rau, lole, a raang in a parmi pangpar phunkhat.

**scabrous** /skelbrEs/ *US* /skFb-/ *adj* (*fml*) **1** (of animals, plants, etc) a phaar, a hrapmi (vun le hawng) a neimi. **2** zoh le ngaih a rem lomi: *Her scabrous novels shocked the public*.

**scads** /skFdz/ **n** [pl] ~ **s** (of sth) (*US infml*) tampi: *scads of money, people*.

**scaffold** /skFEUd/ **n** **1** inn, phar tivek sak tikah kainak dingih donmi rua kailawn. **2** mi thah tiki hmanmi theng sang (misual tahnak): *to the scaffold*, ie be executed.

▷ **scaffolding** **n** [U] scaffold tuahnak ih hmanmi, rua, thing, thirdawng tivek thilri pawl: *tubular scaffolding*, ie metal tubes to be bolted together.

**scalar** /skelER/ **n**, *adj* (*mathematics*) kanaan le a tuat thei zat; tum le sen a nei nain lampam (*direction*) a nei lomi. Cf **VECTOR** 1.

**scald** /skC:ld/ **v** **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] tisa le tisa khu in kang: *scald one's hand with hot fat* ○ *She was scalded to death when the boiler exploded*. **2** [Tn] soh; cawhnawi, tivek kha a so tiang sat. **3** [Tn] ukang, tivek kha ti so thawn tleuh.

▷ **scald** **n** kang hma: *on ointment for burns and scalds*.

**scalding** *adj* vun durhter thei khop ih a sami: *scalding water, fat, etc.* — *adv* sa zetin.

**scale**<sup>1</sup> /skell/ **n** [C] (nga, saphu, tivek pawlih) hawng, kep: *scrape the scales from a herring*. **2** [C] natnak ruangah kep hmuimel a vengmi vun. **3** [U] (a) (also *esp Brit fur*) tisa beel (kitli), thir le plastic tidawng, tivek pawl sunglam ih a kopmi tilung (tithir). (b) hakop ruh; ha ih a kopmi tilung. **4** (idm) **the scales fall from sb's eyes** bum tuar zo hnu-ah i bum a si tiin thei, mitvar, bengvar: *Then the scales fell from my eyes: he had been lying all the time*.

▷ **scale** **v** **1** [Tn] ngakep hriat thlak. **2** (phr v) **scale off** (sth) a kep kep te in a tla theh: *paint/plaster scaling off* (a wall).

**scaly** *adj* (-ier, -iest) kep vek thilri ih a tuam thehmi; a kep tete in a tlami: *a scaly skin, surface*. ○ *a kettle that's scaly inside*.

**scaliness** **n** [U].

**scale**<sup>2</sup> /skell/ **n** **1** [C] (a) pidan le a dang thiltahnak pawl parih hminsinnak rin tete: *This ruler has one scale in centimetres and another in inches*. (b) hminsinnak rin fatete a neimi thil tahnak. **2** [C] thiltahnak ih hmanmi a saulam siardan (*unit*): *The decimal scale*. **3** [C] minung/thilri pawl kha an tum sen zia, an thupit zia, an lenzia veki thleidang ih tahnak: *a scale of wages, taxation* ○ *a person who is high on the social scale*. ○ *The salary scale goes from £8000 to £20000*. **4** leilung parih a tumzia le ram zuk ih a tumzia thimnak: *a scale of ten kilometres to the centimetre, a scale of one to a million*. ○ *a large scale map*, ie one showing a relatively small area in detail ○ *Sheet maps use a much large scale*. ○ [attrib] *a scale model, drawing, etc*. **5** [U, C] a tum a fate, a tam a malnak, etc: *entertain on a large scale*, eg mi tampi sawmin khungkhai zetih puai tuah: *The scale of his spending — £50000 in a year — amazed us all*. ○ *We achieve economies of scale in production*, ie thil tampi tuah thei ruangah thilri man thum a theih. **6** [C] (*music*) hla aw laknak key: *the scale of F*, ie F key tican asi. **7** (idm) **to scale** a ngaingai-ah ziang tia, zukah ziang tia in zuk ding ti khiahmi: *draw a map of an area to scale*.

▷ **scale** **v** (phr v) ~ **sth down/up** tuah dingmi thilri kha thum, lole, karhter: *We are going to scale down the number of trees being felled*. ○ *We've scaled up production to meet demand*.

**scale**<sup>3</sup> /skell/ **n** **1** [C] cuaithlainak ih khatlam - khatlam kho. **2** **scales** [pl v] thilri a rihnak tahnak cuailung le a dang pawl: *a pair of scales* ○ *bathroom scales*, ie ti kholhnak khaan ih retmi a parah dingih mah khiing tahnak thilri. **3** (idm) **tip the balance/scale** ⇒ **TIP**<sup>2</sup>. **tip/turn the scale(s) at sth** (*infml*) a cuai khai; a khiing tah: *the jockey turned the scales at 80 lb*.

▷ **scale** **v** [In/pr] cu zat a rit tiah khiing tahnak thilri in a hmuh: *The boxer scaled 90 kilos*.

**scale**<sup>4</sup> /skell/ **v** [Tn] phar, tivek kai har thil ah kai.

**scalene** /skelli:n/ *adj* (*geometry*) (of a triangle) khuimi tlaang pahnih khal a bang-aw lomi kap thum nei (triangle).

**scallion** /skFIEn/ **n** (US) = **SPRING ONION** (**SPRING**<sup>2</sup>).

**scallop** (also **scallop**) /skBIep/ **n** **1** (a) thlan zapnak zahphek pian kep pahnih a neimi nga. (b) (also **scallop shell**) hi vek a kep pakhat sungah rawl retin suang cih hnuah a kep cu kheng vekah hmangin rawl peknak ah hman cih theu a si. **2** **scallop** kepih a tlang vek kirtermi sang, hnipuan, tivek.

▷ **scallop** (also **scallop**) **v** [Tn] **1** mawi seh tiah scallop kep vek tuahmi thawn ceimawi: *a scalloped hem*. **2** scallop kep hmangin eiṭha



## scallywag

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suang (*oyster* tivek).

**scallywag** /sɪlɪwɛg/ (US **scalawag** /skæləwæg/) *n* (capoh ʔong) capoh zuam, lekzuam, mi hnoksak, nauhak (mangmittok): *You naughty little scallywag!*

**scalp** /skɛlɪp/ *n* **1** luvun (hmai tel lo) *dandruff flaking off one's scalp*. **2** sam thawn hawk cihmi luvun (hlan lai ah American Indian pawlin an thahmi ral ih luvun an hawk ʔheu): (*fig*) *be after one's scalp*, ie want to punish, take revenge on sb, etc.

▷ **scalp** *v* [Tn] ral pawl ih luvun hik: (*joc*) *You've just about scalped me!* ie cut my hair very short.

**scalpel** /skɛlɪpɛl/ *n* doctor pawl ih hmanmi mi rainak naam fate.

**scam** /skɛm/ *n* (US *infml*) a ding lomi tumtahnak (hrokhrawl): *a betting scam*.

**scamp**<sup>1</sup> /skɛmp/ *n* (capoh ʔong) capoh huam, huatsuak hman nauhak: *That little scamp Jimmy has hidden my slippers again*.

**scamp**<sup>2</sup> = SKIMP.

**scamper** /skɛmpɛr/ *v* [Ipr, Ip] (nauhak pawl le ramsa no pawl vekin) zamrang zetih dawp, tlan le pet in lek: *scamper up the steps*. ○ *This rabbit scampered away in fright*. ⇒ Usage at SCURRY.

▷ **scamper** *n* [sing] zaang zeuhzo ih cangvaihna: *a little scamper round the garden*.

**scampi** /skɛmpl/ *n* **1** [pl] kaikuang tumpi phun (eiʔha). **2** [U] sang caar vut thawn tuam-in kiomi kaikuang tumpi hmeh: *have some scampi*.

**scan** /skɛn/ *v* (-nn-) **1** [Tn] hmuh hrelhmi um pang lo dingin ralring zetin zoh: *He scanned the horizon, looking for land*. **2** [Tn] (a) (of a searchlight etc) *tleupi thawn tlet vivo: The flashlight's beam scanned every corner of the room*. (b) (medical) scanner thawn ruang-pum zoh. **3** [Tn] ca pawl, a thupitnak tete lawng rang zetin zoh: *She scanned the newspaper over breakfast*. **4** (a) [Tn] hla-ih a tluan a tluan ciar kha a siar rem ding in, a ʔhen a ʔhen tete ah ʔhen, eg *'Mary/had a/little/lamb* ti ah ʔhenli ah ʔhen a si. (b) [I] (of verse) aw thlukdan dik zetin phuahmi hlaang: *a line that does not scan* ○ *The verse scans well*. **5** [Tn] (in television) TV thalang ah zuk lang dingin thil pakhat parah electronic tha thlengter.

▷ **scan** *n* scanner thawn zohnak: *a body scan*, ie scanner thawn ruang pumpi zoh: *abrain scan*.

**scanner** *n* ruangsung zohnak cet.

**scansion** /skɛnʃn/ *n* [U] *Marry/had a little lamb* ti ih ʔhen vekin hlaang tluan ʔhen; hlaang tluan ih a ʔhen theihdan.

**scandal** /skɛndl/ *n* (a) [C, U] mipi thinheng zet le thintokter zet thei nuncan: *A series of corruption scandals led to the fall of the*

*government*. ○ *Her theft from the shop caused (a) scandal in the village*. (b) [sing] nautatza, ningzakza a simi tuahsarnak, lungput: *It is a scandal that the defendant was declared innocent*. ○ *The council's failure to act is a scandal*. **2** [U] thangsiat-awknak; mi in thil ʔha lo an tuah hman ti ih ruahnak kha sim aw sin vivo in rel reronak: *spread the scandal* ○ *Most of us enjoy a bit of scandal*. ○ *Have you heard the latest scandal?*

▷ **scandalize, -ise** /skɛndElɪz/ *v* [Tn] zohmawi lo ih nung-in mi lauter: *scandalize the neighbours by sunbathing naked on the lawn*.

**scandalous** /skɛndElɪs/ *adj* **1** nautatza, lau-um: *scandalous behaviour, talk, books*. **2** [attrib] (of report or rumour) mipi thinheng, thintokter theimi thu a telmi. **candulously** *adv*.

□ **scandalmonger** /-mVNgɛr/ *n* (*derog*) mi thangsiat a huam zettu. **scandalmongering** /-mVNgɛrɪŋ/ *n* [U].

**Scandinavian** /skɛndlɪnɛlVɪn/ *n, adj* Scandinavia hmun ram sungih um Denmark, Norway, Sweden le Ireland ram minung pawl.

**scansion** ⇒ SCAN.

**scant** /skɛnt/ *adj* [attrib] (*fml*) ceu; ceuceu, ceute (a si ceu); a tam lo: *pay scant attention to sb's advice* ○ *with scant regard for my feeling*.

▷ **scanty** *adj* (-ier, -iest) a malte; duh zat a si lo: *a scanty supply of soap* ○ *a scanty bikini*.

**scantily** *adv*: *scantily dressed*. **scantiness** *n* [U].

**-scape** *suff* (with *ns* forming *ns*) scape kha hmun pakhat ih dungah ngan asile a cuih hmunih zuk tican a si: *landscape* ○ *seascape*.

**scapegoat** /skɛpgɛt/ *n* (also esp US **fall guy**) midang ih thil ʔha lo tuahmi ruangah mawhphurh tuartu, cawhkuan tuartu.

**scapula** /skɛpjuːl/ *n* liangruh (daarruh) per.

**scar** /skaːr/ *n* **1** hmaphe: *Will the cut leave the scar?* ○ (*fig*) *scar on the cupboard from the burning cigarettes*. **2** a nuam lo zetmi hmuhton neih hnu-ah, lung sungih taap ringringmi tuarnak: *Her years in prison left a scar*.

▷ **scar** *v* (-rr-) **1** [Tn] hmaphe cangter; tuarnak nasazet lung sungah taapter: *a face scarred by smallpox*. ○ (*fig*) *scarred by the death of his daughter*. **2** [I, Ip] ~ (**over**) hmaphe a suak (a dam tican) *will the cut scar?* ○ *The wound gradually scarred over*.

**scarab** /skɛrɛb/ *n* **1** khuahlan Egypt pawlin a thianghlim ti ih ruatmi ceep phunkhat. **2** a cuih ceep ih lem cu mawinak ih hrukmi, lole, leng-ai ah an hman.

**scarce** /skeɪs/ *adj* **1** a um lem lo, a bengbai, a har, duh zatin a um lo: *scarce resources, supplies, etc*. ○ *It was wartime and food was scarce*. Cf PLENTIFUL. **2** [pred] ngah leuhleuh a theih lomi; a mal, ngah har: *This book is now*

*scarce*. **3** (idm) **make oneself scarce** (*infml*) feh hlo; mi hrial: *He is in a bad mood, so I'll make myself scarce.*

▷ **scarcity** /skeEsEt/ *n* [C, U] duhzat ngah harnak ih sambaunak: *frequent scarcities of raw materials.* ○ *The scarcity of food forced prices up.*

**scarcely** /skeEsIl/ *adv* **1** ceu, ceute, a si ceu: *There were scarcely a hundred people present.* ○ *I scarcely know him.* ○ *Scarcely had she entered the room when the phone rang.* **2** malte hman: *You can scarcely expect me to believe that.*

**scare** /skeER/ *v* **1** (a) (also *infml* **scarify**) [Tn] lauter; thih; thihphaih: *That noise scared me.* (b) [I] (used esp with an *adv*) tih, lau: *He scares easily.* **2** (idm) **frighten/scare sb to death/out of his wits** ⇒ **FRIGHTEN**. **frighten/scare the daylight out of sb** ⇒ **DAYLIGHTS**. **scare somebody stiff** (*infml*) thong ko-in tih: *The thought of my exams next week scares me stiff.* ○ *He's scared stiff of women.* **3** (phr *v*) **scare sb away/off** tih ding, lau ding tuah ih tlanter, a hla-ah dawi: *light a fire to scare off wolves.* ○ *He scares people away by being so brash.* **scare sb into/out of sth/doing sth** thil pakhat tuah ding ko-in, lole, tuah lo ding ko in thih: *They scared him into handing over the keys.* ○ *We'll scare her out of telling the police.*

▷ **scare** *n* lau; thuvakvai ruangih ngahmi thin phannak: *You did give me a scare, creeping up on me like that!* ○ *The explosion at the chemical factory caused a major pollution scare.* ○ [attrib] *a scare story*, *mi lau ciamco seh ti ih nganmi thuthang, etc.*

**scared** *adj* ~ (of sb/sth); ~ (of doing sth/to do sth) tih: *I'm scared (of ghost).* ○ *scared of being attacked, to go out alone* ○ *a very scared man.*

**scary** /skeERl/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (*infml*) tihnungza: *a scary ghost story.*

□ **scarecrow** *n* rittih.

**scaremonger** /-mVNgER/ *n* (*derog*) mi a thin phangter theimi thuthang le thuvakvai rel rero paih zetmi minung.

**scarf** /ska:f/ *n* (pl **scarfs** /ska:fs/, or **scarves** /ska:vz/) hngawngngerh puante (nunau pawl cun an liang le an lu-ah an hmang).

**scarify**<sup>1</sup> /skFrIfal/ *v* (pt, pp **-ied**) [Tn] **1** (*infml*) leilung a tlunlam cok ih vuatter. **2** (*medical*) mi rai tikah vun at ih laksak.

**scarify**<sup>2</sup> /skeERIfal/ *v* (pt, pp **-fied**) [Tn] (*infml*) = **SCARE** 1a.

**scarlet** /ska:lEt/ *adj*, *n* [U] sen tleu: *dressed all in scarlet.* ○ *She blushed scarlet when I swore.*

□ **scarlet fever** vun parah a senmi hmun tete a um theimi suanaw thei natnak (tak a sa thei).

**scarlet woman** (*dated derog or joc*) nuncan tha lo nunau, hlauhlang (taksa zuar).

**scarp** /ska:p/ *n* a hraap zetmi; hmunhraap.

**scarper** /ska:pER/ *v* (*Brit sl*) tlan hlo uh, pok uh: *Scarper! The cops are coming!*

**scary** ⇒ **SCARE**.

**scat** /skFt/ *v* (-tt-) [I] (thupeknak, fialnak tong a si) (*infml*) feh hlo aw; pok aw; himi hmun tan aw: *I don't want you here, so scat!*

**scathing** /skeWIN/ *adj* **1** (of criticism, ridicule, etc) a luan tuk, a na tukmi: *a scathing remark, rebuke, etc.* ○ *a scathing review of new book.* **2** [pred] ~ (about sb/sth) soisel, nautat duh tuk: *The report was scathing about the lack of safety precautions.*

**scatology** /skFtBIEdZl/ *n* [U] (*derog*) (eek) tivek le ngai mawi lo thu pawl tong duhtuknak (a borhhlawhmi thu).

▷ **scatological** /skFtEIBdZIk/ *adj* ngaimawi lo a tamtukmi: *scatological conversation, humour.*

**scatter** /skFtER/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] hmun kipah khulrangzet in tekdarh thluh (minung, ramsa): *The crowd scattered.* ○ *The police scattered the crowd.* **2** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] hmun kipah hlon, theh, thehvorh; hinah khinah vorh: *scatter seed (over the ground)* ○ *scatter grit on the road.* ○ *We scattered plates of food around the room before the party.* ○ (fig) *Don't scatter your money around.* (b) [Tn-pr] ~ sth with sth hmun pakhat-ah thil pakhat kha, khat ko in duhduh ih vorh: *scatter the lawn with grass seed.*

▷ **scatter** (also **scattering**) /skætæriŋ/ *n* [sing] thehmi, vorhmi thilri a zat: *a scatter of hailstones.*

**scattered** *adj* hla pipi in um, naih aw lo: *a few scattered settlements* ○ *a thinly scattered population* ○ *sunshine with scattered showers.*

□ **scatterbrain** *n* (*infml*) thil pakhat kha reipi ruat thei lo, ruat paih lo, thil hngilh hmang.

**scatterbrained** *adj.*

**NOTE ON USAGE:** When we **scatter** something we throw it in different directions. We can also scatter an area (the ground, a field, etc) with something: *scatter seeds on the fields/scatter the fields with seeds.* **Scatter over/about** suggests that the throwing is done carelessly and causes a mess: *Who's scattered my papers all over the floor?* ○ *We came home to find our belongings scattered about the room.* **Strew** is most commonly used in the past participle form **strewn**. It can suggest both intentional and careless throwing: *The streets were strewn with flowers for the royal visit.* ○ *There was litter strewn all over the pavement.* **Sprinkle** is used with water, sand, salt, etc and indicates intentional scattering, usually over a small area: *Sprinkle a little salt on the rice.* ○ *The priest sprinkled holy water on the baby's*

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forehead. ○ *The grass was sprinkled with dew.*

**scatty** /ˈskɛtɪ/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (Brit infml) **1** aa; molh: *The noise would drive anyone scatty.* **2** lung a hlomi; thil pakhat reipi ruat thei lomi: *Your scatty son has forgotten his key again.*

▷ **scattily** *adv.* **scattiness** *n* [U].

**scavenge** /ˈskævɪndʒ/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (for sth) (of an animal or a bird) sathu an hawl; sathu kha an ei: *a crow scavenging for carrion.* **2** [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (for sth) (of a person) hnawm lak ihsin hman theih thil tete an hawl: *tramps scavenging through dustbins.* ○ *a tramp scavenging in dustbins for food.* ○ *You can often scavenge nice bits of old furniture from skips.*

▷ **scavenger** *n* sathu a hawlmi vate, ramsa; hnawm lakih thil a hawlto minung.

**SCE** /ˈsɛs si: [i:] *abbr* Scottish Certificate of Education.

**scenario** /sɪˈnɑːrɪoʊ/ *US* -ˈnɑːrɪ- *n* (pl ~ s) **1** thuanthu cawn le lemcang tivek pawl zuknak ding hmun le a thuhla pawl ngan ciami ca. **2** a cang lai ding thil kha ruat: *a possible scenario for war.*

**scene** /sɪˈn/ *n* **1** thil pakhat kannak hmun le ram: *the scene of the accident, crime, etc.* ○ *The scene of the novel is set in Scotland.* **2** thilcang kan hmuhmi: *the horrific scene after the earthquake.* ○ *There were hilarious scenes when the pig ran into the shop.* **3** rehshiat ninghannak, thinhennak kha puakkuai vekin langternak: *make a scene* ○ *There was quite a scene when she refused to pay.* ○ *We had a big scene when I fired him.* **4** (a) thuanthu cawn tivek ih a cuang deuh ih an hmuhnak zawn tete: *The scene in the hospital was very moving.* (b) (abbre **sc**) thuanthu cawn ih a cang (bung le cang ti bangtuk): *Act 1, Scene 2 of 'Macbeth'* ○ *the duel scene in 'Hamlet'.* **5** thuan thucawnnak hmun ah dunglam ih an retmi zuk le thilri pawl (thleng vivo an theih): *The first scene in the play is the king's palace.* ○ *The scenes are changed during the interval.* **6** khua cuantu ih hmuhmi fing le tlang, khua le ram: *a delightful rural scene.* ○ *The boats in the harbour make a delightful scene.* ○ *They went abroad for a change of scene, ie to see and experience new surroundings.* **7 the scene** [sing] (modified by a *n*) (infml) tuahnak pakhat khat, umtlandan pakhat khat ih tuah laifang ih a sidan: *the drug scene* ○ *the gay scene* ○ *a new comer on the fashion scene.* ○ *the entertainment scene in the West End of London.* **8** (idm) **behind the scenes** (a) puaizoh pawlih hmuh lonakah; thuanthu cawnnak hmun dunglamah. (b) a thupte in; zapi theih loin: *political deals done behind the scene.* ○ **come on the scene** hmun ah thleng: *By the time I came on the scene, it*

*was all over.* **not one's scene** (infml) theihmi le duhmi a si lo: *I'm not going to the disco: it is not my scene.* **on the scene** hmun ah an thleng, an um: *Reporters were on the scene soon after the accident.* **set the scene (for sth)** (a) a hmun le thil umtudan pawl than dingih timtuahnak: *Radio reporters were in the church to set the scene.* (b) thil pakhat cangnak ding hrangah thu tuah sak: *His arrival set the scene for another argument.* **steal the scene/show** ⇒ STEAL.

□ **scene shifter** *n* thuanthu cawnnak hmuni zuk le thilri thleng sak rerotu minung.

**scenery** /ˈsiːnəri/ *n* [U] **1** hmuhmi fing le tlang, tiva pawl: *mountain scenery* ○ *stop to admire the scenery.* **2** cawnmi thuanthu sungih hmun le thilri pawl vek si dingih, laamnak hmun an ceimawinak cabuai, tokham le zuk pawl.

**scenic** /ˈsiːnlk/ *adj* [usu attrib] **1** a mawimi fing le tlang: *the scenic splendours of the Rocky Mountains.* ○ *a scenic route across the Alps.* ○ *a scenic railway.* **2** thuanthu cawnnak hmun ceimawinak lam thawn a peh parmi.

▷ **scenically** /-kli/ *adv.*

**scent** /sent/ *n* **1** (a) [U] a rim (rim a thawmi): *the scent of new-mown hay* ○ *Modern roses have no scent.* (b) [C] a ce, a lamdang cuangmi rim: *scents of lavender and rosemary.* **2** [U] (esp Brit) thingkung le pangpar ihsin ngahmi rimhmuiti; zihmui: *a bottle of scent* ○ *put some scent on before going out* ○ [attrib] *a scent bottle.* **3** (a) [C usu sing] an fehnak ah an taan vivomi ramsa pawlih an rim (acuih rim hnim in uico pawlin ramsa an zawt thei): *follow, lose, recover the scent* ○ *a strong/hot scent, ie zawt ol rim* ○ *poor/cold scent, ie a zawttu lam a pengter theimi mi bumnak thuphan rim.* (b) [U] rim theihtheinak: *dogs hunt by scent.* **4** [sing] ~ **of sth** thil tha lo pakhat a um ti thinlung in theihnak: *a scent of danger, fear, trouble.* **5** (idm) **on the scent of (sb/sth)** a rei hlanah ton awm a si tican a si: *The police are now on the scent of the culprit.* **put/throw sb off the scent** thu dik lo sim in mi ih ruahnak pengter: *The false alibi throw the police off the scent.*

▷ **scent v** **1** [Tn] (a) rim in zawt ngah: *The dog scented a rat.* (b) (fig) thil pakhat a si ding ti lunghrinna nei: *scent a crime* ○ *scent treachery, trouble, etc.* **2** [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (with sth)** rim hmuiti: *scented note paper, soap* ○ *a handkerchief scented with lavender* ○ *roses that scented the air.*

**scepter** (US) = SCEPTRE.

**sceptic** (US **skeptic**) /ˈskɛptɪk/ *n* **1** mi in a dik an timi kha, a singai pei maw ti ih zum lotu: *The government must still convince the sceptics that its policy will work.* **2** biaknak lamih zirhmi thu pawl hi a dik a si ti ih zum lotu.

▷ **sceptical** (US **skep-**) /-kɪl/ *adj* ~ (of about **sth**) mi thu kha zum har thei, mi ih a si an timi kha a si khal a si thei, a si lo khal a si thei ti tahrat ih a pom lohli thei lomi: *I'm rather sceptical about their professed sympathy for the poor.* **sceptically** (US **skep-**) /-kɪl/ *adv*.

**scepticism** (US **skep-**) /skeptɪslzEm/ *n* [U] zum fukfi lonak: *her healthy scepticism towards authority* ○ *reports treated with scepticism.*

**sceptre** (US **septer**) /septɪER/ *n* siangphahrang thuneihnak fung (kianghrol), siangphahrang cannak puai ah khal hman a si.

**sch** *abbr* school.

**schedule** /Sedju:l/ US /skedZU/ *n* **1** [C, U] (a) ʔuan ding pawl khawkhannak: *a factory production schedule* ○ *have a full schedule*, ie ʔuan ding tampi a um. *a project that is ahead of/on/behind schedule* ○ *Everything is going according to schedule.* (b) = TIMETABLE (TIME<sup>1</sup>): *The fog disrupted airline schedule.* **2** thilri cazin: *a spare parts schedule* ○ *The attached schedule gives details of the shipment.*

▷ **schedule** *v* [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-t] ~ **sth** (for **sth**) cazin ah telh; cumi tikcu-ah cumi tuah ding tiin a caan tekcia ʔeh: *One of the scheduled events is a talk on flower arranging.* ○ *The sale is scheduled for tomorrow.* ○ *She is scheduled to give a speech tonight.* ○ *a scheduled flight, service, etc.*, ie one that an airline, etc organizes and carries out regularly.

**schema** /ski:mE/ *n* (pl **-mata** /-mætə/) (fml) zuk, lole thil pakhat can ai ih hmanmi thil.

**schematic** /ski:mFtɪk/ *adj* riin zuk thawn hmuhmi: *a schematic representation of the structure of the organisation.*

▷ **schematically** /-kɪl/ *adv*.

**scheme** /ski:m/ *n* **1** ~ (for **sth/to do sth**) (a) khawkhannak, tawltrelnak; tuah ding daan: *a scheme for manufacturing paper from straw* ○ *an imaginative scheme to raise money* ○ *a pension scheme.* (b) thupte, lole, bum a telmi tumtahnak: *a scheme for not paying tax.* **2** kalh aw lo, remcang zet ih thil tuahnak; tawltrelnak: *a colour scheme*, ie thuhmi si pianzia pawl kalh aw lo ding in tawltrelnak. **3** (idm) **the scheme of things** khawkhan daan: *In the scheme of things it is hard for small businesses to succeed.* ▷ **scheme** *v* **1** [I, Ipr, It] ~ (for **sth/against sb**) thupte le bumnak thawn khua khang: *rebels scheming for the overthrow of the leadership.* ○ *They are scheming to get her elected as leader.* **2** [Tn] a hman lo hrokhrawl zawngin tumtah: *Her enemies are scheming her downfall.*

**schemer** *n* mi siatsuah dingah hrokhrawl le a ʔha lo zawngih tumtahtu. **scheming** *adj* mi siatsuah dingah hrokhrawl in khua a khang ringring mi: *scheming rivals.*

**scherzo** /skeEtɪsEU/ *n* (pl ~ **s**) a tlo (thathoza) zetmi hla; hla finkhat sungih a tlo cuangnak

zawnte.

**schism** /slzEm/ *n* [U, C] zumnak lam zirhawknak bang lo ruangih pawl ʔhentheknak.

▷ **schismatic** /slzɪmFtɪk/ *adj* ʔhentheknak thawn a pehparmi; ʔhentheknak a cangter theimi. — *n* ʔhentheknak tuahnak ih a teltu.

**schist** /Sɪst/ *n* [U] (geology) pat tete ih phel theimi lungto phun pawl.

**schizo** /skɪtsEU/ *n* (pl ~ **s**) (infml often derog) = SCHIZOPHRENIC *n*.

**schizoid** /skɪtsɔɪd/ *adj* schizophrenia natnak thawn a bangmi; a cuihnataknak ih a nami.

▷ **schizoid** *n* schizophrenia nat ih a nami minung.

**schizophrenia** /skɪtsEUfrɪ:nɪE/ *n* [U] (medical) mi nundan zawng lo in nung, hmuh lo hmu, theih lo thei, mi pawl duh lo thinlung natnak phunkhat.

▷ **schizophrenic** /skɪtsEUfrenɪk/ *adj* **1** schizophrenia natnak thawn a peh parmi; a cuih nat a nami. **2** (infml) umnak hmun, dinhmun thleng leuhleuh tikah mah umdan kel lo pi in um, lung hman lo phunin um; *Living half the time in Oxford and half in Paris makes me feel quite schizophrenic.* — *n* (also infml often derog **schizo**) schizophrenia nat a nami, lole schizophrenia nat a nami vekih umtlangmi minung. **schizophrenically** /-kɪl/ *adv*.

**schmaltz** (also **schmalz**) /SmC:ɪts/ *n* [U] lunglen luar; hla, calai le awnmawi ih thinlung tlonak.

▷ **schmaltzy** (also **schmalzy**) *adj* (-ire, -iest).

**schnapps** /SnFps/ *n* [U] (vainim, faang tivek) a fai thawn tuahmi zureu phunkhat.

**snitzel** /Snɪtsɪ/ *n* [C, U] (US) a per tete in aat ih, a parah pawng hmuk car vut phulh-in thawpat thawn kiomi cawnosa kio.

**scholar** /skBɪER/ *n* **1** bomnak paisa ngah mi tlawngta: *a British Council scholar.* **2** ca lam thiamnak kha thuk le kau zetih zirtu: *a Greek, classical history scholar.*

▷ **scholarly** *adj* **1** scholar pawl vekih thiamnak sang nei le ralring zet-ih thil tithei: *be more scholarly in one's approach to a problem.* ○ *a scholarly young woman.* **2** cazirnak lam thawn a pehawmi: *a scholarly journal* ○ *scholarly pursuit.*

**scholarship** /skBɪESɪp/ *n* **1** [C] cathiamzet pawl tlawng kainak ih bommi tangka. **2** [U] a sangmi ca thiamnak; ca lam thawn pehparmi hnaʔuan ah, thiamzet, ralring zetih a ʔuan theimi minung: *a teacher of great scholarship* ○ *The book shows meticulous scholarship.*

**scholastic** /skeɪfStɪk/ *adj* **1** [usu attrib] (fml) tlawng lam le ca lam thawn a pehparaw-mi: *scholastic achievements* eg onmi camibuai pawl le ngahmi laksawng pawl. **2** scholasticism thawn a pehparaw-mi.

▷ **scholasticism** /skeɪfStɪslzEm/ *n* San



Thuanthu ih A Lai San (*Middle Age*) san lai ah, biaknak lam thu sirhsan in, university pawl ah an rak zir theumi, thuruahdan philosophy phunkhat.

**school**<sup>1</sup> /sku:l/ *n* **1** [C] (a) tlawng: *primary and secondary schools* ○ *Sunday schools*. ○ *attend a good school* ○ *the use of computers in schools* [attrib] *a school bus, building, report*. (b) thiamnak phunkhat lawng te zirnak tlawng: *art school* ○ *secretarial school*. **2** [C] (US) phunsang tlawng (*college or university*): *famous schools like Yale and Harvard*. **3** [U] (a) hmai-ah the tel lo in (a) tlawng ih cazir, tlawngkai: *I hate school!* ○ *two more years of school*. ○ *old enough for/to go to school*. ○ *Are you still at school?* ○ *He left school when he was sixteen*. (b) cazir caan, tlawngkai; zirmi ca (lessons): *meet friends before school* ○ *School begins at 9 am*. ○ *There will be no school* (ie no lessons) *tomorrow*. ○ *Will you come for a walk after school?* **4 the school** [sing] tlawngta zate, lole, tlawngta saya zate kom: *The head teacher told the school at assembly*. ○ *Soon, the whole school knew about her win*. **5** [C] university ah fimthiamnak phunkhat lawng a cuangih an zirhnak hmun: *the law, medical, history school* ○ *the School of Dentistry*. **6** [C] caan tawite sung fimthiamnak phunkhat lawng zirnak (upa hrangah): *a summer school for music lovers*. **7** [C usu sing] (*infml*) a felmi nundan le fimnak theihnak in petu hnatuan, lole, hmuhtonak: *the hard school of adversity*. **8** [C] thuruahdan le thiltidan a bang awmi cangantu/thuruattu burkhat; zukuaidan a bang awmi zuk suaitu burkhat: *the Dutch, Venetian, etc school of painting* ○ *the Hegelian school* ie of philosophers influenced by Hegel. **9** [C] phelektu, gamblers, etc burkhat: *a poker school*. **10** (idm) **one of the old school** ⇒ OLD. **a school of thought** hmuhdan a dengaw mi mibur: *I don't belong to the school of thought that favours radical change*. **teach school** ⇒ TEACH.

▷ **school** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-t] ~ **sb/sth** (in sth) mi pakhat, mah le mah, asilole ramsa pakhat kha thiamnak, nundan zirh, uk, khawng: *school a horse* ○ *school oneself in patience/to be patient* ○ *a child who is well-schooled in good manner*. **schooling** *n* [U] ca lam thiamnak, zirnak: *He had very little schooling*. ○ *who's paying for her schooling*.

□ **school age** tlawng lut le suak cuih karlak kum: *a child of school age*.

**schoolboy** *n* tlawngta (mipa) [attrib] *a schoolboy joke, prank, etc*.

**school-days** *n* [pl] tlawngkai lai caan.

**school-fellow** (also **schoolmate**) *n* tlawng kaipi (atu ah siseh, hlanah siseh).

**schoolgirl** *n* tlawngta (nunau).

**school house** *n* khuate deuh ah, tlawnginn dingih hmanmi inn fate.

**school-leaver** *n* tunaite ih tlawng suak tlawngta.

**schoolman** /-mEn/ *n* (pl -men) Middle Ages san lai ah phunsang tlawng (*university*) ih zirhtu (saya), a bik in scholastic philosophy zirhtu.

**school-marm** /sku:lma:m/ *n* (*infml*) **1** (esp US) zirhtu sayanu. **2** (*degor or joc*) mikhawng a duh zetmi nunau, a si lo zawng thil ummi malte hman a sang thei lomi, thuhla fate ruangih lau le raak hmang nunau.

**schoolmaster** *n* (*fem schoolmistress*) tlawng saza. (Britain ah cun private tlawng ih tlawng saya tican deuh a si)

**schoolmate** = SCHOOLFELLOW.

**schoolteacher** *n* zirhtu tlawng saya.

NOTE ON USAGE: When a **school**, **hospital**, etc is being referred to as an institution, we do not use the definite article after a preposition: *She went to school/university/college in York*. ○ *He's coming out of hospital on Friday*. ○ *She's been sent to prison for a year*. When we are talking about the place as a building, the definite article is used: *We went to the school to discuss our daughter's progress*. ○ *I saw her coming out of the hospital/the church*.

**school**<sup>2</sup> /sku:l/ *n* rualkhat — a rualruah ih tlantlangmi nga rualkhat tivec.

**schooner** /sku:nER/ *n* **1** puanzar lawng phunkhat. **2** (a) (*Brit*) sherry zu (*wine*) innak thalang hai. (b) (*US*) beer in nak thalang hai.

**schwa** /Swa:/ *n* (*phonetics*) **1** syllable le diphthong pawlah a um theimi napi-ih sal lomi aw eg **about** ta 'a' vek. **2** a cuih aw suahdan hminsinnak /E/ khi **schwa** a si.

**sciatic** /sal'fɪk/ *adj* [usu attrib] khel le, khelruh ihsin kawng lamah a fehmi thahri (**sciatic nerve**) thawn a peh parmi.

▷ **sciatica** /sal'fɪkE/ *n* [U] khel thahri (*sciatic nerve*), lole a cuih thahri kiangkap natnak.

**science** /sal'Ens/ *n* **1** (a) [U] tikpan (*Kawl*), thilri: *an interest in science* ○ *a man of science* ○ *Science is an exact discipline*. (b) [C, U] cuvek fimnak zirnak ih a then pawl: *the natural sciences*, eg biology and geology. ○ *the study of social science*. (c) hivek science zate kom: *I prefer science to the humanities*. ○ *more funding for science in the universities*, ie for the work of those studying it. ○ [attrib] *a science teacher, text book, subject*. Cf ART<sup>1</sup> 3. **2** (a) [U] thiamnak: *In this game you need more science than strength*. (b) [sing] thiamnak a tulmi cangvaihna: *Getting these children to do what you want is a science, I can tell you!* **3** (idm) **blind sb with science** ⇒ BLIND<sup>2</sup>.

▷ **scientist** /sɪ'Entɪst/ *n* science thiam, lole,

science a zirtu tlawngta.

□ **science fiction** (also *infml sci-fi*) science theihnak sirhsan in hmailam ih a cang lai ding pawl, vanpar khualtlawn thu, leilung dang minung thu le thu dangdang pawl kha (suangtuahnak) ruahnak ih nganmi thuanthu.

**scientific** /saiəntɪfɪk/ *n* **1** (a) [attrib] science thawn a pehparmi: *a scientific discovery, instrument box, textbook, researcher.* (b) science ti daan in thil tinak: *scientific farming* ○ *They are very scientific in their approach.* **2** thiamnak a neimi, a hmangmi, a tulmi: *a scientific player, game.*

▷ **scientifically** /-kɪl/ *adv.*

**scifi** /salfɪ/ *n* [U] (*infml*) = SCIENCE FICTION (SCIENCE).

**scimitar** /sɪmɪtər/ *n* hlan lai ah Arab, Persian le Turk pawlih hmanmi kapkhat lawng hriam namsau kawm.

**scintilla** /sɪnˈtɪlə/ *n* (idm) **not a scintilla of sth** (*fml*) malte hman; sihte tia hman: *not a scintilla of truth in the claim* ○ *not a scintilla of evidence to prove it.*

**scintillate** /sɪntɪleɪt/ *US* -tɪleɪt/ *v* **1** [I] a tleu zerhzo; a tleu derhdo: *diamonds scintillating in the candle light.* **2** [I, Ipr] (*fig*) a fim, thluak rang: *scintillating with wit.*

▷ **scintillating** *adj* fimzet, thluak rang zet: *scintillating repartee* ○ *You were scintillating on TV last night.*

scintillation /sɪntɪˈleɪʃn/; *US* -tɪˈleɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**scion** /saɪən/ *n* **1** (*fml*) phun upa innsang ih fa, suakthuan. **2** teek no.

**scissors** /sɪzəz/ *n* **1** [pl] kaihci: *a pair of scissors* ○ *Scissors won't cut through wire.* **2** (idm) **scissors and paste** (cahram, cabu, tivek) ca dangdang ta malte te lak khawmih tuahmi: [attrib] *the programme's a real scissors-and-paste job.*

**sclerosis** /skleɪrɪʊsɪs/ *n* [U] (*medical*) thihri thom natnak; daan kel lo in tit le thihri dawng a hak, a khoh ih um nat.

**SCM** /es si: ɛm/ *abbr* (Brit) State Certificate Midwife: *be an SCM* ○ *Janet Cox SCM.*

**scoff<sup>1</sup>** /skɒf/; *US* skɒC:f/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (at sb/sth) nautat zetin biak; hmuh suam; zomtai: *Don't scoff. He's quite right* ○ *scoff at other people's belief.*

▷ **scoff** *n* (usu *pl*) nautatnak tong: *She ignores the scoffs of her workmates.*

**scoffer** *n* tisan, tongsan hmang minung (phirsit hmang).

**scoffingly** *adv.*

**scoff<sup>2</sup>** /skɒf/; *US* skɒC:f/ *v* [Tn] (*sl*) ei, hrong zet le hamtam zet in ei thluh: *Who scoffed all the biscuits?*

▷ **scoff** *n* (*sl*) **1** [sing] kathaw zet, duham zet ih einak: *Have a good scoff.* **2** [U] rawl, eitha: *Where's all the scoff gone?*

**scold** /skəʊld/ *v* [I, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (for sth/dong sth) kaw: *If I walk in muddy boots, Dad always scolds (me).* ○ *Did you scold her for breaking it?* ▷ **scold** *n* mi kawkhmang (minung).

**scolding** *n* **give sb/get a scolding for being late.**

**scollop** = SCALLOP.

**scone** /skɒn/; *US* skEʊn/ *n* sangvut thawn tuahmi, zamrang ih rawhmi sang (a per ih a nem).

**scoop** /sku:p/ *n* **1** (a) cawhlek fate, sangvut, cini, etc pawl suahnak suah dur (cawhlek fate). (b) ice-cream tivek suahnak suahhai (cawhlek hluum fate). **2** (a) (*infml*) suahhai thawn suak: *After three scoops the jar was nearly empty.* (b) (also **scoopful**) suahhai khat: *two scoops of mashed potato.* **3** (a) thuthang ca thlenhlan ah thuthang ca/radio in suah sungmi thuthang. (b) a zuamtu pawl cangmanhlan ah rak tuan man ruangih a hlawk tamtak ngahmi.

▷ **scoop** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ sth (out) cawhlek fate hmangin khur lai: *scoop a hole in the sand.* **2** [Tn] (a) mah zuamtu pawl hlan ah rak tuan: *She scooped all the nation newspapers to get the story.* (b) mah zuamtu pawl khelh dingih cang rero ruangih ngahmi thuthang: *He scooped £1000 in the lottery.* **3** (phr *v*) **scoop sth out/up** cawhlek fate thawn, lole cawhlek fate thawn leek vek-in thil leek, thlir: *He scooped the coins up in his hands.*

**scoot** /sku:t/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] (esp in commands and in the infinitive) (*infml* *joc*) zamrangte in tlan hlo aw: *Get out of here! Scoot.* ○ *You'll have to scoot or you will be late.* ○ *She scooted (off) down the road after them.*

**scooter** /sku:tər/ *n* (also **motor-scooter**) a leng an fate ih a tokham a niammi motor cycle. **2** ke pakhat leng parah rethi ke pakhat in leilung sit in a fehmi leng, nauhak leknak leng.

**scope** /skəʊp/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (for sth/to do sth) thil pakhat hlensuah theinak tuan theinak lole caan tha: *a job with (a lot of) scope for self-fulfilment* ○ *a house with some scope for improvement.* **2** [sing] tawlrel reromi ih a huap zat: *Does feminist writing come within the scope of your book?* ○ *This subject is outside the scope of our inquiry.*

**-scope** *comb form* (forming *ns*) khuazohnak le thil zohnak thilri pawl: *microscope* ○ *oscilloscope, telescope.*

▷ **-scopic(al)** *comb form* (forming *adjs*): *microscope(al)* ○ *telescopic.*

**-scopy** *comb form* (forming *ns*) **1** thil zohnak: *spectroscopy.* **2** microscope, telescope tivek pawl hmanna: *microscopy, telescopy.*

**scorch** /skɒC:t/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn] caakter (kangter): *I scorched my shirt when I was ironing it.* (b) [I] a caak: *The meat will scorch if you don't lower the gas.* **2** [Tn] thingkung hrampi pawl caarter, uaiter: *The lawn looked scorched after days of*

*sunshine.* **3** (phr v) **scorch off, away, down, etc** (sl) mah hoinak lamah cakzet in tlan: *motorcyclists scorching down the road.*

▷ **scorch** (also **scorch-mark**) *n* hnipuan tivek parih emcaaknak (a langmi).

**scorcher** *n* (Brit infml) **1** ni a ling zet: *Whew! It's a real scorcher today!* **2** maksak zet thil, cricket, tennis tivek ah cakzet cuangih an denmi, thawimi bawhlung: *The bowler let go a couple of scorchers.*

**scorching** *adj* a ling zetmi: *a scorching day* ○ *It's scorching outside.* — nasa tuk, roh tuk, luarkai tuk: *scorching hot.*

□ **scorched earth policy** a nor rerotu ral pawlih hman theih ding thil pohpoh siatsuah theh ding ti ruadhan.

**score**<sup>1</sup> /skC:R/ *n* **1** [C] (a) zuamawknak ah mi pakhat, lole pawl ho pakhat ih ngahmi (Kawl: *a-hmaat*): *high/low score* ○ *make a good score of 50 points.* ○ *What's my score?* ○ [attrib] *a scorekeeper, sheet.* (b) khatlam khatlam ih an ngah veve (ciar) mi hmaat: *keep the score*, ie an ngahmi hmaat pawl khum: *The final score is 4-3.* (c) hniksagnak, camibuai ih ngahmi hmaat: *a score of 120 in the 1Q test.* **2** [C] tan, hriat, riin, rawtmi vek: *scores made by a knife on the bark of a tree.* **3** [sing] (dated infml) rawldawr tivek ah bakmi tangka: *pay the score at the hotel.* **4** (a) [C] (pl unchanged) kul kul in siar a simi: *a core of people* ○ *three score and ten*, ie 70. (b) **scores** [pl] a tamzet: *'How many people were there? There were scores (of them).* **5** [C] (pl unchanged) (a) ziang awnmawi pawlin ziang zawnah an tum ding ti le ziang aw pawlin ziang zawnah an sak ding a ti ngancia thehmi hla fing: *the piano score of the opera*, ie with the orchestra's music arranged for a piano. (b) thuanthu cawn tivek hrangih tum ding ih nganmi hla: *a stirring film score by William Walton.* **6** (idm) **know the score** ⇒ **KNOW.** **on more scores than one** thu tampi ruangah: *I want revenge against her on more scores than one: on that score* cuih thawn pehpah in: *You need have no worries on that score.* **pay/settle an old score** ⇒ **OLD.**

□ **score-board** *n* hmat an ngah zat, an kawl zat ngannak calungpi.

**scorecard** *n* ngah zat hmat le kawl zat kluwnak cahnah sah.

**score**<sup>2</sup> /skC:R/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Tn] a kawl, hmat a ngah: *The home team has yet to score.* ○ *Hughes scored two goals before half-time.* ○ *He scored a century*, ie 100 runs in cricket. (b) [I, Tn] hniksak ah, camibuai-ah hmat a ngah: *score well/high at bridge* ○ *She scored 120 in the 1Q test.* (c) [I] ngahmi ahmat, kawl zat khum: *Who's going to score?* (d) [Dn-n] leknak ah hmat pektu in hmat pek: *The Russian judge scored our skaters 5.8.* **2** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth)

(against sb) tummi tisuak: *He has really scored with his latest book; its selling well.* ○ *She scored against him by quoting his earlier statement, score an instant success.* ○ *The programme scored a real hit with the public.* **3** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb) (sl) rualpi thar ihpi (luk): *Do you think you'll score at the party?* **4** [Tn] tan, hriat, rawt, riin: *rocks scored by a glacier* ○ *They scored the floorboards by pushing furniture about.* ○ *score the trees that are due to be felled.* **5** [Tn] (US) mawhthluk, kaw: *Critics scored him for his foolishness.* **6** [I] (sl) khammi zu, sivai tivek lei ngah: *You need a lot of money to score every day.* **7** [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (for sth)** awnmawi pakhat, lole, phun tampi tum dingah hla ngan: *scored for violin, viola and cello.* **8** (idm) **score a point/points (against/off/over sb)** = **SCORE OFF SB.** **9** (phr v) **score off sb** fim zetzetih tong in midang kha miaa vekih langter: *She knows how to score off people who ask difficult questions.* **score sth out/through** mi hmin, thil pakhat parah a rin riin (a phiat tican a si): *Her name had been scored out on the blackboard.*

▷ **scorer** *n* **1** [U] ~ (for sth) kawl le hmat pawl khumtu. **2** khawltu, hmat ngahtu: *a prolific goal-scorer.*

**scorn** /skC:n/ *n* [U] ~ (for sth) nautat zetnak, ziang siarlolak: *be filled with scorn* ○ *dismiss a suggestion with scorn* ○ *He had nothing but scorn for my ideas.* **2** [sing] **the ~ of sb** (fml) zomtaihmi, nautatmi minung/thilri: *She was the scorn of her classmates.*

▷ **scorn** *v* **1** [Tn] nautat, zomtai: *As a professional painter she scorns the efforts of amateurs.* **2** (a) [Tn] hngal zetin sang lo, cohlang lo: *scorn sb's invitation, advice, offer.* (b) [Tt, Tg] mah le mah sang tuk ih ruat-awak ruangah thil ti duh lo: *scorn to ask for help* ○ *He scorns telling lie.*

**scornful** /-fl/ *adj* nautat, zomtai a telmi: *a scornful smile, remark, look, gesture, etc* ○ *scornful of the greed of others.* **scornfully** /-fEl/ *adv.*

**Scorpio** /skC:pIEU/ *n* **1** [U] Zodiac zukih a pariatnak hminsinnak tlang kaikuang (nur nei). **2** [U] (pl ~ s) hih nikhua sungih suakmi minung.

**scorpion** /skC:pIEU/ *n* tur nei tlang kaikuang (turnei meiphir), varngen tawpir.

▷ **Scorplan** *n, adj* ⇒ Usage at **ZODIAC.**

**Scot** /skBt/ *n* Scotland ram mi: (The) Scots are *adventurous and inventive people.*

**Scotch** /skBtS/ *adj* **1** (also **Scots**) Scots thawn a pehparmi. **2** (also **Scottish**, except in certain fixed combinations) Scotland ram thawn a pehparmi. ⇒ Usage at **SCOTTISH.**

▷ **Scotch** *n* (a) [U] Scotch whisky (b) [C] Scotch whisky phun pawl: *only the best*

*Scotches.* (c) [C] Scotch whisky haikhat: *Have a Scotch!*

□ **Scotch broth** pearl barley le hanghnah hangrah rawi ih suanmi cencerh, hangti.

**Scotch cap** Highland (Scotland) thilthuam thawn hruckih theumi lukhuh perte (beret lukhuh).

**Scotch egg** sa thawn rawi ih saril sung thunmi arti buh.

**Scotch tape** (US propr) caku tlek, paisa tlek le thil dangdang bennak ih hmanmi thil bennak plastic. Cf SELLOTAPE.

**Scotch terrier** a khan a niam ih a hmul a khohmi uico fate phunkhat.

**Scotch whisky** Scotland ramih tuahmi whisky.

**scotch** /skBtS/ v [Tn] (a) zum zomi kha zum sal lo dingih cangter: *His arrival in the capital scotched reports that he was dead.* (b) (tumtahmi, tivek) pomsak ding le tuahding kha cawl sal.

**scot-free** /skBt fɹi:/ adv cawhkuan, tuahmawh tong loin: *The accused got off/escaped scot-free because lack of evidence.*

**Scotland Yard** /skBtIEnd ʃa:d/ London khua-ih palik zung pi bik, atu ahcun New Scotland Yard an ti; Scotland Yard ih misual zingzoitu zungthen khal khi Scotland yard tiin kawh a si: *They called in Scotland Yard*, ie asked for the help of this Deaprtment. ○ *Scotland Yard is/are investigating the crime.*

**Scots** /skBts/ adj Scotland ram, an rammi le a lamdang cemi Mirang tong an tongdan thawn a pehpar-awmi: *Scots law.* ⇒ Usage at SCOTTISH.

▷ **Scots** n Scotland pawl in a san sanih an hmanmi a danglam cemi Mirang tong.

□ **Scotsman** /-mən/, **Scotswoman** /-wumən/ ns Scotland rammi, mipa, nunau.

**Scottish** /skBtIS/ adj Scotland ram, an rammi le a lamdang cemi an Mirang tong thawn a pehparmi.

NOTE ON USAGE: Compare **Scottish**, **Scots** and **Scotch**. The adjective **Scottish** is used of the people and things of Scotland, **Scots** only of its people, its law and language. **Scotch** is mainly used of certain products such as whisky and broth. It is sometimes used for **Scottish** or **Scots**, but this is generally regarded as offensive or old-fashioned by Scottish people themselves. The noun **Scots** refers to the Scottish dialect of the English language and **Scotch** is whisky. A native of Scotland is a **Scot** (or **Scotsman/woman**).

**scoundrel** /skaUndrEl/ n umdan ziaza nei lo, thil tha lo tuah khalah phuhrun-awknak nei lo minung.

**scour**<sup>1</sup> /skaUER/ v 1 [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (out) thiang seh, tleu seh tiah a hrapmi thil thawn hnawt:

*scour the pots and pans* ○ *scour out a saucepan*, ie with a scourer ○ *scour the pipe* (out). 2 [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (out) tidai in a horh: *The torrent scoured a gully down the hillside.* 3 (phr v) **so scour sth away/off** baal kha thil hrap thawn hnawt/rawt hlo: *scour the grease of (the floor).*

▷ **scour** n [sing] rawt: *give the pan a good scour.*

**scourer** /skaUERER/ n (a) [C] beel rawtnak puanhrap, lole thirsam, etc. (b) [U] thil rawtnak vut.

**scour**<sup>2</sup> /skaUER/ v 1 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (for st/ sth) hawl, hriat: *Police scoured the wood (looking) for the body.* 2 (phr v) **scour about, through, etc** (sth) sb/sth thil hawlah rang zetin tawi vutvo: *hounds scouring about in the copse (after the fox)* ○ *We scoured through the fields, looking for stray sheep.*

**scourge** /sk3:dZ/ n 1 mithawinak fung (a zim ah hrihrual, savun tivek ʔawncihmi). 2 zonzaihnak, tuarharnak a suahtertu minung/thilri: *The new boss was the scourge of the inefficient.* ○ *the scourge of war.*

▷ **scourge** v [Tn] 1 thawifung thawn thawi. 2 (fml) thawi tuar: *scourged by guilt.*

**scout** /skaUt/ n 1 ral pawl umnak hmun, an thazaang tivek thlingthla dingih thlah mi minung, lawng, vanzam. 2 **Scout** (also formerly **Boy Scout**) **Scout Association** timi pawlkom sungtel kha scout an ti; annih kha mah le mah rinsan-aw thei dingin, nuncan tha nei ding ih, mi bawm duh ding in zirhmi mipa nauhak an si: [attrib] *a scout troop, hut.* Cf GIRL GUIDE (GIRL). 3 bawhlung, laam, thiltum, zukuai tivek a ce ih thiam pawl kha hawl in hnaʔuan petu minung: *a talent scout.* 4 Oxford college ah tirhfiat dingih retmi hnaʔuan nauta ʔuantu pawl.

▷ **scout** v [Ipr, Ipr] ~ **around/about** (for sb/sth) 1 hmunkip ah hawl: *We'd better start scouting about for a new sceretary.* ○ *I've been scouting around town for a better house.* 2 ralpawl umnak, an thazaang thuhla thlingthla: *scouting around (looking) for enemy troops.*

**scowl** /skaUl/ n thinsia, lole thinheng hmel.

▷ **scowl** v [I, Ipr] ~ **(at sb/sth)** thinsia, lole, thinheng mithmai thawn zoh: *The receptionist scowled at me.* ⇒ Usage at SMIRK.

**Scrabble** /skrFbl/ n [U] (propr) cafang peh ih tongfang kom ngan zuam-awk ih lehnak phunkhat: *be good at Scrabble* ○ [attrib] *a scrabble board, player, tournament.*

**scrabble** /skrFbl/ v (phr v) ~ **about** (for sth) kut dap in thilri hawl: *scrabble about under the table for the dropped sweets.*

▷ **scrabble** n [sing] *a noisy scrabble for coins on the floor.*

**scrag** /skrFg/ n 1 (also **scrag-end**) [C, U] tuu



hngawng ruh: *buy a scrag-end of mutton* ○ *a bit of scrag*. **2** vun lawng tangih a ṭawłmi minung/ramsa.

▷ **scrag** *v* (-gg-) [Tn] **1** hngawng diik in, lole thil pakhat khat thawn hngawng rek in that; hridai thawn thlai that. **2** (*infml*) mi tisia; hruhro in mi ti: *Allan's always getting scragged at school*.

**scraggly** *adj* (-ier, -iest) (*infml esp US*) a hraap, a khoh hruthri, a tiver ver lo, umdan dik nei lo: *scraggly weeds*.

**scraggy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) (*derog*) vun le ruh lawng a simi: *a scraggy neck*. **scragginess** *n* [U].

**scram** /skrFm/ *v* (-mm-) [I] (*esp in commands and in the infinitive*) (*sl*) zamrangte in tlan aw: *Scram! I don't want you here!* ○ *Tell those boys to scram*.

**scramble** /skrFmb/ *v* **1** [Ipr, Ip] vaak le kai a harmi thil le hmunah kai le vaak: *scramble up the embankment* ○ *The girls scrambled over the wall*. ○ *The children scramble out of the hollow tree*. **2** [I, Ipr, It] ~ (**for sth**) nor in cuh: *players scrambling for possession of the ball* ○ *the children scramble for coins* ○ *They were all scrambling to get the bargains*. **3** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (**up**) hnok zetin ret, cokbuai ṭheh: *Who has scrambled up my sewing things*. **4** [Tn] kio dingah arti a sungmu cok ṭheh (a rang le aire kha). **5** [Tn] telephone kha a ngainak phundang neitu lawng ih ngai thei dingin tuah. **6** [I, Tn] raldonak vanzamleng pawl kha a ra siimtu vanzamleng pawl dawi hlo ding ah zamrang zet in leilung ihsin zam.

▷ **scramble** *n* **1** [sing] feh le kai a har zetmi hmunah harzet in feh le kainak. **2** [sing] ~ (**for sth**) cuh-awknak: *There was a scramble for best seats*. **3** [C] lamzin sia zet ah motor-cycle tlan zuam-awknak.

**scrambler** /skrFmb/ *n* telephone kha a ngainak phundang neitu lawngin ngaithei seh ti ih merhnak thilri.

**scrap**<sup>1</sup> /skrFp/ *n* **1** (a) [C] hman duh nawn lomi, a fatete thil hlei: *scraps of paper, cloth, wood, etc* ○ (*fig*) *Only a few scraps of news about the disaster have emerged*. (b) **scraps** [pl] ei hleimi rawl: *Give the scraps to the dogs*. **2** (U) hlon dingmi thil sungih hman a ṭha laimi thilri eg, mawṭawka sia ih a thir tivek: *sell an old car for scrap* ○ *A man comes round regularly collecting scrap*. ○ [attrib] *scrap iron* ○ *a scrap (metal) merchant* ○ *a scrap car*. **3** [sing] malte hman: *There's not a scrap of truth in the claim*. ○ *'Does he have evidenc to support this?'* *'Not a scrap!'*

▷ **scrap** *v* (-pp-) [Tn] (a hluntuk le hman a tlak nawn lomi thilri) hlon: *Scrap a car, ship, bicycle, etc*. ○ (*fig*) *Lack of cash forced us to scrap plans for a new house*.

**scrappy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** thil hlei pawl komih tuahmi; a famkim lomi: *a scrappy book consisting of articles published elsewhere* ○ *It was a scrappy, rambling speed*. **2** (*US infml*) mi to duh, mi nor duh. **scrappily** /-ili/ *adv*. **scrappiness** *n* [U].

□ **scrap book** *n* thuthang ca tivek ta mah duhmi tete tan in ben khawmnak cabu.

**scrap heap** *n* **1** thilsia pen. **2** (*idm*) **on the scrap-heap** duh nawn lomi pawl: *Unemployed people often feel they are on the scrap-heap*.

**scrap paper** (*US* also **scratch paper**) a hrek ngan cia, ziang maw tete ngannak leh dingih retmi cahnah sia.

**scrap-yard** *n* thildang hrangah hman ṭha laimi thilsiat cia (*scrap*) pawl khawlnak hmun.

**scrap**<sup>2</sup> /skrFp/ *n* ~ (**with sb**) (*infml*) hau-awknak: *get into a scrap* ○ *He had a scrap with his sister*.

▷ **scrap** *v* (-pp-) [I, Ipr] ~ (**with sb**) mi tawng; mi thawn hau-aw: *He was always scrapping at school*.

**scrape**<sup>1</sup> /skrelp/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-p, Cn-a] ~ **sth** (**down/out/off**) fai seh, nal seh,rawn seh tiah thilhriam, thilhrap thawn hriat, hnawt, kheuh: *scrape the floor with a stiff brush* ○ *scrape out a sticky saucepan* ○ *scrape the walls clean*. ○ *She is scraping the path clear of snow*. (b) [Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth from off/sth**; ~ **sth away/off** ciarbek, sahriak, sitleu (Kawl: *tin-baw-si*) tivek coih, khoih, hriat, hlohter: *scrape the rust off (sth)* ○ *scrape paint from a door*. **2** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (**against/on/along sth**) a hriam, a hrapmi thilri thawn rawt, hnor ngah ruangah hlaim, kokter: *I fell and scraped my knee*. ○ *I scraped the side of my car against a wall*. (b) [Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth from/off sth**; ~ **sth away/off**: vun khok pang: *She's scraped the skin off her elbow*. ○ *I must have scrapped some of the paints off when I was parking the car*. **3** [Ipr, Tn-pr] ~ (**sth**) **against/along/on sth** thil pakhat in a dang thil pakhat rawt, hnawt, hnor: *Bushes scraped against the car windows*. ○ *The ship's hull scraped along the side of the dock*. ○ *Don't scrape you r feet on the floor*. **4** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (**out**) virh, khoih, coih; thil pakhat cangter: *scrape a hole (out) in the soil for planting*. **5** (*idm*) **bow and scrape** ⇒ BOW<sup>2</sup>. **pinch and save/scrape** ⇒ PINCH. **scrape** (**up**) **an acquaintance with sb** (*infml*) har zet in, mi pakhat pawl tahrat in theihthiamnak tuah: *I slowly scraped (up) an acquaintance with my neighbours*. **scrape** (**the bottom of**) **the barrel** hman tlak lo thilri, minung umsun kha vansan ah hmang: *We had to scrape the barrel to get a full team, and then we lost 6-1*. **scrape a living** nunnak ding fangfang harzet in hawl ngah: *I manage to scrape a living by selling my pictures*. **6** (phr v) **scrape along/by** (**on sth**) har zetin

nungtheiceu: *I can just scrape along on what my parents give me. **scrape in; scrape into sth** tlawng, hnaŋuan tivek ah harzet in lut ngah: *She just scraped into university with the minimum qualifications. **scrape sth together/up** harsa zetin, asilole, ralring zetih tuah ngah: *We scraped together an audience of fifty for the play. ○ Can you scrape up enough money for a holiday? **scrape through (sth)** har zet in thil tisuak, eg camibuai ong tivek: *She only just scraped through the entrance test.****

▷ **scraper** *n* thil hriatnak, eg kedan tangih ciarbek hriatnak.

**scrapping** *n* (usu *pl*) hriat, rawt tikiŋ a tlami thil tete: *scrappings from the bottom of the pan.*

**scrape**<sup>2</sup> /skrɛp/ *n* **1** (esp *sing*) kheuh, hriat, hriat awn: *the scrape of sb's pen on paper, of sb's fingernail on a black board.* **2** hnor, hriat, kheuh, rawt ruangih ngahmi hliamhma, a pilh, a kok, a hawk: *a scrape on the elbow (bah ruangah): a scrape along the paint work.* **3** (infml) at thu, ralrin lo ruangih ngahmi umnuam lo dinhmun: *She's always getting into scrapes. ○ Don't expect me to get you out of your scrape.*

**scratch**<sup>1</sup> /skrɛtʃ/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Tn] tlawngkhen, zawhte tin tivek thilzum thawn hriat, kheuh: *The cat scratches. ○ The dog is scratching at the door. ○ The knife has scratched the table. She won't scratch you. (b) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] a zummi thil thawn riin (rit), coih, khoih: scratch a line on a surface. ○ scratch (out) a hole in the soil. ○ He'd scratched his name in the bark of the tree.* **2** [I, Tn] kheuh, thakthak kheuh tivek: *Stop scratching (yourself) ○ Scratching the rash will make it worse.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (on sth) a zummi thil pakhat in a dang thil pakhat hriat pang: *She scratched herself badly while pruning the roses. ○ He'd scratched his hand on a nail.* **4** [I] hnasetza in hriatmi vekih awn: *My pen scratches.* **5** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sb/sth) (form sth) tlan le a dang zuamawknak ah tel sal lo, cawl sal: *I had to scratch (from the marathon) because of a bad cold. ○ The horse had to be scratched (from its first race).* **6** (idm)

**scratch one's head** lukheuh; ziangti ding le ŋong ding thei lohli loin mangbang/khuaruahhar in um; angतालंग (Tashon ŋong): *We've been scratching our heads for a solution to the problem. **scratch the surface (of sth)** famkim in tuah loin a dai-in dai- ceu: *This essay is so short that it can only scratch the surface of the topic. ○ The faminc is so bad, aid can only scratch the surface. ○ you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours* (saying) bom dah ruangah a mawi lo zawngin a si khalle bawm sal ve: *The contract went to a friend of the chief accountant: it's (a case of) you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours.* **7** (phr v) **scratch about***

(for sth) tin le a zummi thil tivek hmangin hinah khinah kheuh in thil hawl: *The monkey scratched about in its mate's fur for fleas. **Scratch sth away, off, etc.** hriat hlo, kheuh hlo: *Scratch the paint away from the lock. ○ scratch the rust off the wheel. ○ I'll scratch your eyes out! **scratch sth out (of sth)** phiat hlo: *Her name had been scratch out of the list. **scratched sth together/up** = SCRAPE STH TOGETHER/UP. **scratch sth up** thil pakhat kha thilzum, tin tivek thawn leilung huat in lai suak: a dog scratched up a bone in the garden. □ **scratch pad** (esp US) ziangmaw tete ngannak dingah, cabu vekih ŋhitkommi, a hrek ngan ciami cahnah sia.***

**scratch paper** (US) = SCRAP PAPER (SCRAP).

**scratch**<sup>2</sup> /skrɛtʃ/ *n* **1** [C] hriat, kheuh ruangih a suakmi hliamhma; hmarin; hmaphe hriat, kheuh vekih awnmi aw: *scratches on old record. ○ Her hands were covered with scratches from thorns. ○ It's only a scratch, ie a very slight injury. ○ He escaped without a scratch, ie completely unhurt.* **2** [sing] kheuh: *The dog gave itself a good scratch. **3** (a) [C] tlan zuam-awknak ah rualran ih lek pawl tlan thoknak rin. (b) [U] olh deuhnak um loin a lektu: *play to scratch, ie without any handicap* ○ [attrib] a *scratch player, golfer, etc.* **4** (idm) (start sth) from scratch tuahcia hman lo, ring loin, a tharte in a hram thok: *There were so many spelling mistakes, I had to write the letter out again from scratch. (be/come) up to scratch; (bring sb/sth) up to scratch sb/sth* a ŋat ding zat in a ŋa, lung kim za a si: *Is her schoolwork upto scratch. ○ We'll have to bring the house upto scratch before we sell it.**

▷ **scratch** *adj* [attrib] ngah theih poh minung, asilole, thilri thawn tuahmi: *a scratch meal, team, crew.*

**scratchy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** taksa a thakter, a zater theimi: *scratchy clothes wool, etc.* **2** (of a record) rinmi hma a um ruangah, tum/on tikah ŋik...ŋik, shi...shi...shi... ti ih a awnmi. **3** (of a pen) ngan tikah hriat awn vekin a awnmi. **4** (of writing or drawings) ralring lo, fel lo zet ih nganmi, suaimi. **scratchily** *adv.* **scratchiness** *n* [U].

**scrawl** /skrɔ:l/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] fel lo zet, mawi lo zet, ralring lo zet le thiam lo zet ih nganmi ca/zuk: *Who's scrawled all over the wall? ○ She scrawled a few words on the postcard. **2** tican neilo, ziang a riin ti thei theih lo, riin men mi riin: *The baby scrawled on the table-top.**

▷ **scrawl** *n* **1** [sing] fello, thiamlo ih nganmi kutngan: *The typical doctor's scrawl. ○ I could hardly read her childish scrawl. **2** [C] fel lo, thiam lo, ralring lozet ih nganmi ca pawl: *Her signature was an illegible scrawl.**

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## scrawny

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**scrawny** /skrC:n/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (derog) tawl ih ruh le vun lawng a simi: *the scrawny neck of a turkey*.

**scream** /skri:m/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Tf, Cn-a] raak, ai, ngeu, au: *The cats have been screaming for hours*. ○ *She screamed (out) (at me) in anger*. ○ *The fans screamed excitement when they saw him*. ○ *We all screamed with laughter*, ie kheel awn ruri in hni. ○ *'Help!' she screamed*. ○ *He screamed (out) that there was a fire*. ○ *The baby was screaming himself red in the face*. **2** [I] (of the wind, a machine, etc) thli le cet pawl awn: *The hurricane screamed outside*. ○ *I pressed the accelerator until the engined screamed*. **3** (phr *v*) **scream past, through, round, etc** ringzet, thip zet (aw femzet) ih awn phah in feh vivo, lan: *The wind screamed through the trees*. ○ *Racing cars screamed past*.

▷ **scream** *n* **1** [C] awfem in au, ai, aw: *the scream of tortured prisoners* ○ *a scream of pain, laughter, excitement, etc*. **2** [sing] (infml) hnih a suakmi minung, thilri: *He's an absolute scream*. ○ *The play's a scream*.

**screamingly** *adv* raakkio le hnihsuakter thei khop in: *screamingly funny*.

**scree** /skri:/ *n* [C, U] tlaanghraap lung hrawl.

**screech** /skri:tS/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (out) (at sb) aw hraang zet, aw saang zet in au, ɬap, aai, raak: *screech (out) in pain* ○ *monkeys screeching in the trees* ○ *old ladies screeching hymns* ○ *The child screeched insults at us*. **2** [I] aw saang aw hraang in awn: *The brakes screeched as the car stopped*. ○ *The gate screeched as it opened*. **3** (phr *v*) **screech along, past, through, etc** aw saang zet, hraang zet-ih awn phah in caang, thawn, feh: *jets screeching over the house-tops* ○ *screech to a halt*.

▷ **screech** *n* aw feem, aw saang, aw hraang awn aw: *the screech of tyres*, eg lam a kel zawngah mawɬawka awn.

□ **screech owl** *n* sumbuh ai kel ih ai loin, awfeem, awsaang, a hraangin a aimi sumbuh phunkhat.

**screed** /skri:d/ *n* **1** [C] ngaiduhza, siarduhza a si lem lomi a sau zet mi thusim, ca. **2** [C, U] naal seh tiah a lengta bik ih phulhmi mirang leilung le vunnel rawi.

**screen** /skri:n/ *n* **1** [C] a khaan dannak, thil phennak, nisa phennak, ni sa khamnak, tivek hrangih hmanmi thil (a bil thei-bil thei lo, a thawn thei thawn thei lo a um). **2** [C] phentu, khamtu: *a screen in front of trees*, eg hiding a house from a road ○ *use the blanket as a screen to keep the wind off* ○ *a sunscreen*, ie used to protect the skin from harmful rays from the sun ○ *He was using his business activities as a screen for crime*. **3** [C] (khuahlan biak-inn

pawlah) biaktheng le mipi, choir saktu pawl le mipi karlak ih um thing phar, asilole lung daw (dangtu). **4** (a) [C] baiskup ah zuk a langnak hmun puanzar. (b) [C] TV, Computer tivek ih zuk a langnak hmun thlalang. (c) (often **the screen**) [sing] lemnung tuahnak cet, lemnung zuk tiki ɬong dingmi cangan: *I work for both the big and the small screens*, ie appearing in plays and films ○ [attrib] *a screen actor, performance, writer*. (d) [C] lemnung saupi kha film then tawi tete ih an zukmi, acuih a then tete: *Two smaller screens will be opening in May*. **5** [C] fikfa, thothe tivek pawl khamnak a tlaang nei, a ong fiakmi thirsur: *a door-screen* ○ *a window-screen*. **6** [C] khohrik; lungmeihol, lungto tivek pawl hriknak kho; ong a tum, a fate nei thil hriknak.

▷ **screen** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth/sb** (off) (from **sth/sb**); ~ **sth/sb** (against **sth**) thil pakhat kha screen phenah thup, screen thawn phen, siat lo ding in screen thawn kham: *The bushes will screen us while we change*. ○ *The trees screen the house from view*. ○ *The camera lens must be screened from direct sunlight*. ○ *The wall screens us against the wind*. ○ *A bookcase screens off part of the room*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (from **sb/sth**) (fig) mi ih mawthluknak le cawhkuan peknak ihsin run, kham: *Everyone's angry with you, and I can't screen you (from their anger)*. ○ *You can't screen your children from real life for ever*. **3** [Tn] lungmeihol, lungtiak tivek pawl hrik. **4** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (from **sth**) mi pakhat, thil pakhat kha natnak, kim lonak a nei le nei lo thei duh ih zohfel, hlathlai: *screen women for breast cancer* ○ *The applications were carefully screened in case any of them contained false informations*. ○ *Government employees are often screened by the security services*, ie Their past history is checked, to ensure that they are not likely to be disloyal or subversive. **5** [Tn] baiskup, TV tivek hmuh: *The film has been screened in the cinema and on TV*. **screening** *n* baiskup, TV tivek ih hmuh dingmi hmuh: *the film's first screening in this country*.

□ **screenplay** *n* baiskup, TV tivek hrangih nganmi ca.

**screen test** mi pakhatkhat baiskup ah telh ding a tlak maw tlak lo ti ih hniksak.

**screw** /skru:/ *n* **1** [C] vokzang, ɬial nei tlawngkhen. **2** [C] vokzang vekih her thei thil reknak, thil kaihnak: *tighten the screw on a fruit press* ○ *a corkscrew*, ie palang hru phawh suahnak. **3** [C] vokzang kha merh: *The nut isn't tight enough yet: give it another screw*. **4** [C] lawng le vanzamleng fehtertu hmuier (Kala: pangka). **5** [C] (dated esp Brit) ɬial nei vekin a merhte ih um cahnah zual le a sungih ummi thilri: *a screw of salt, tea, tobacco, etc*. **6**

[sing] (Brit sl) thawnginn hotu. **8** [sing] (Δ sl) (a) luk-awk: *have a screw with sb.* (b) lukmi, luktu: *be a good screw.* **9** (idm) **have a screw loose** molh deuh, thuruahdan, umdan mizawng duh lo: *She eats nothing but nuts; she must have a screw loose!* **put the screw(s) on (sb)** mi pakhat kha a ti duh lomi tuah ko in thih, tihter: *The landlord's putting the screws on to get her out of the house.* **a turn of the screw** ⇒ TURN<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **screw** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] vokzang thawng hren, reek: *a tightly screwed joint* ○ *screw a bracket to the wall* ○ *screw a lock on the door* ○ *screw all the parts together.* **2** (a) [Tnpr, Tn-p, Cn-a] merh, her; fek deuh seh tiin merh: *screw the lid on/off (the jar)* ○ *screw the joints together* ○ *screw a bulb in* ○ *screw one's head round*, ie in order to look over one's shoulder ○ *screw the nut (up) tight.* (b) [Ipr, Ip] a tial merh in bun, ben: *This type of bulb screws into the socket.* ○ *Does this lid screw on, or does one press it down?* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (for sth)** (sl) bum: *We got screwed when we bought this house.* ○ *How much did they screw you for?* ie How much did you have to pay? **4** (Δ sl) (a) (of two people) luk; pawl: *a couple screwing in the back of a car.* (b) (esp of man) luk-awk: *He accused me of screwing his wife.* **5** (idm) **screw him, you, that, etc** (Δ sl) mi pakhat, thil pakhat parah thintok tuknak lang dingih tɔng hruakmi tɔng phun a si: *Screw you, mate!* **have one's head screwed on** ⇒ HEAD<sup>1</sup>. **screw up one's courage** mah le mah ralthater: *I screwed up my courage and went to the dentist.* **6** (phr v) **screw sth out of sth** thil pakhat ihsin thil pakhat kha merh ih suah: *screw the water out of the sponge.* **screw sth out of sb** pe ko in tuah: *They screwed the money out of her by threats.* **screw up** (sl) thil pakhat kha fel lo zet in tuah, tawrlrel, tɔan: *I was trying to help, but I screwed up again.* **screw sth up** (a) tialnei tlawngkhen thawng hren: *screw up a crate.* (b) cahnah tivek thil kha fek zetin a hlumte in hlom: *I screwed up the note and threw it on the fire.* (c) a tleu tuk, a na tuk tivek caan ah mithmai sur: *The taste of the lemon made her screw up her face.* (d) (sl) thil pakhat kha fel lo zet in tawrlrel; hnokter thluh: *Don't ask them to organise the trip, they'll only screw everything up.*

**screwy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml) a lam dangmi, midan kel lo ih ummi, a molhmi: *She's really screwy!* ○ *What a screwy idea!*

□ **screwball** *n* (US infml) mi ih nundan ruahdan zawng lo minung; mi molh: [attrib] *a screwball comedy.*

**screwdriver** *n* tialnei tlawngkhen merhnak thirfung.

**screwed-up** *adj* (sl) minung nunnak ih har

daan a ti can thei thei lo, ziang ti ih nungcang ding ti thei lo, thin hnaihok in um: *screwed-up kids* ○ *I'm still screwed-up about the accident.*

**screw-topped** (also **screw-top**) *adj* (of a jar, etc) tial neimi siin nei palang, rialti thawl.

**scribble** /ˈskrɪbl/ *v* [I, Tn, Tn-pr] **1** rang zet, ralring lo zet ih cangan, thil ngan: *scribbling (figures) on an envelope.* **2** tican nei lo riin pawl riin: *a child scribbling all over a book.*

▷ **scribble** *n* **1** [U, sing] rang zet le ralring lo zetih nganmi kutngan: *I can't read this scribble.*

**2** [C] tican nei lo ih riin reromi riin: *scribbles all over the page.*

**scribbler** /ˈskrɪblɪər/ *n* **1** rang zet, ralring lozet ih cangantu; tican nei lo riin rerotu. **2** (derog) talent nei lo pi ih cabu ngantu, thuthang hlathlai le khawmtu minung: *the scribblers of Fleet Street.*

□ **scribbling-block** *n* thil poihi tete khumnak a man ol cabu.

**scribe** /ˈskrɪb/ *n* **1** ca-rialnak cet tuahhlan sanah, ca pawl kha kut in ngankhumtu. **2** (in Biblical times) biaknak lam cangantu.

**scrimmage** /ˈskrɪmɪdʒ/ *n* **1** (also **scrummage**) hnok celcel ih el aw, to aw, cawlcaang, cuh-awk ciamconak: *a scrimmage round the bargain counter in the store.* **2** (in US football) bawhlung leh thok caan le, bawhlung lek thei lo ih um caan karlak.

▷ **scrimmage** *v* [I] hnok celcel ih el-aw, to-aw, cuh-aw, tivek ah telve.

**scrimp** /ˈskrɪmp/ *v* (idm) **scrimp and save** tangka malte hmangin nung: *We had to scrimp and save to pay the bills.*

**scrip** /ˈskrɪp/ *n* **1** [C] sumbur khawmih hnaɬuannak ah a miat kha suah sak loin, sum hramah ret sak ih, cu tiin kan ret ti theih thiamnak dingih pekmi ca: [attrib] *a scrip issue.* **2** [U] a tlun ta vekih ret betmi sumhram (share).

**script** /ˈskrɪpt/ *n* **1** [C] thuanthu cawngtu, lemnung ih a teltu pawl, radio thuthantu, thusimtu pawl tɔng ding ih ngan ciami ca: *That line isn't in the script.* ○ [attrib] *script editor.* **2** [U] (a) kut ngan. (b) kut ngan vek in type-writer le cangannak cet pawlih nganmi ca. **3** ca ngandan: *a letter in Cyrillic script.* **4** [C] (Brit) hnaɬuan diltu, camibuai tuahtu pawlih thusuhnak an lehmi ca: *The examiner had to mark 150 scripts.*

▷ **script** *v* [Tn esp passive] lemnung, TV, radio pawl ih tɔng dingmi ngan: *a film scripted by famous novelist.* **scripted** *adj* ngan cia siar: *a scripted talk on the radio.*

□ **script-writer** *n* script ngantu.

**scripture** /ˈskrɪptʃər/ *n* **1** **Scripture** [U] (also **the Scriptures**) [pl] Baibal ca: [attrib] *a scripture lesson.* **2** **scriptures** [pl] Christian siar lo



## scrofula

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biaknak dang pawl ih ca thianghlím: *Vedic scriptures*.

▷ **scriptural** /skript,fərel/ *adj* Baibal thawn a pehpármí, Baibal ca a sirhsanmí: *wide scriptural knowledge*.

**scrofula** /skriptSERel/ *n* [U] TB nat phunkhat a si ti ih zum a ummi gland thling natnak.

▷ **scrofulous** /skrofjules/ *adj*.

**scroll** /skrEul/ *n* **1** (a) cangannak ih saphaw, cahnah zual. (b) saphaw zual ih nganmi cabu. **2** saphaw zual zim hmelpu in salhmi lung, cangan.

▷ **scroll** *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] (of text on a computer screen) tlun ah an kai, lole tang ah an tum. **2** [I, Tn] (of a computer) computer ah ca kha a kai, lole, a tolh in langter: *This model scrolls far too slowly*.

**Scrooge** /skru:dZ/ *n* (derog) len duh-tirhfak le ruahnak a thiang lo minung.

**scrotum** /skrEutEm/ *n* (pl **scrotums** or **scrota** /'skrəʊtə/) tilmu tuamtu tilvun.

**scrounge** /skraʊndZ/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (from/off sb) (infml often derog) siang na loin mi ih thil lak, hlang tahrat ih pe kir lo: *She's always scrounging (money) off her brother*. ○ *I managed to scrounge the materials to build a shed*.

▷ **scrounge** *n* (idm) **on the scrounge** (infml) siannak um loin cawi, lak ngah tumnak: *If you're on the scrounge again, I have no money*. **scrounger** *n*.

**scrub**<sup>1</sup> /skrVb/ *n* [U] a thang thei lomi thingkung tete, burbuk: *clear the scrub and plough the land*. ○ [attrib] *scrub-oak, scrub pine*, ie a niam phun, lole, a thang thei lomi.

▷ **scrubby** /skrabi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** a thang thei lomi thingkung pawl ih khuhmi (hmun). **2** a fate, a tawnjai, a siava: *a scrubby little shed in a back street*.

**scrub**<sup>2</sup> /skrVb/ *n* (-bb-) **1** [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p, Cn-a] ~ **sth** (down/out) satpia, brush le tidai thawn napi in rawt/hnawtfai: *He's down on his knees, scrubbing (away)*. ○ *scrub the floor* ○ *Scrub the walls down before painting them*. ○ *scrub out a saucepan* ○ *Scrub the table-top clean*. **2** [Tn] (infml) tumtahmi siatbal sal: *We watned to go for a picnic, but we have to scrub it because of rain*. ○ *It costs £10 per metre, no, scrub that* (ie asi sal lo), *it costs £12 per metre*. **3** (phr v) ~ **sth away/off** hnawt, rawt hlo: *scrub the grease away* ○ *scrub the dirt off the shelf*. **scrub up** (medical) (of a surgeon) mi at, rai hlanah kut le ban pawl a fai thei sungin kholh.

▷ **scrub** *n* [sing] hnawt (nak): *give the floor a good scrub*.

□ **scrubbing-brush** *n* hmul a khoh zetmi thil hnawtnak burut (brush).

**scrubber** /skrVBER/ *n* (Brit infml derog) mipa tampi thawn pawl-aw/luk-awmi nunau, lole

hlawh hlangnu.

**scrudge** /skrVdZ/ *n* (Brit) phahlei innkhuh khennak tlawngkhen kawí.

**scruff** /skrVf/ *n* (idm) **by the scruff of the/one's neck** hngawng dunglam in kai ih thlir: *The cat picked up the kitten by the scruff of its neck*. ○ *She grabbed me by the scruff of my neck and threw me out*.

**scruffy** /skrVf/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml) a baal, felfai lo: *You catn't go to a job interview looking so scruffy*.

▷ **scruff** *n* (infml) a bal, a felfai lo minung: *He's a dreadful scruff!*

**scruffily** *adv*.

**scruffiness** *n* [U].

**scrum** /skrVm/ *n* **1** = SCRUMMAGE. **2** (fig) hnok celcel in tal celcel, cuh-aw long-aw celcel: *Shoppers got into scrum round thebargain counter*.

▷ **scrum** *v* (-mm-) (phr v) **scrum down** scrummage tuah dingah ralring in um.

□ **scrum-half** *n* scrummage tuahtu pawl lakah bawhlung thlatu (dunglam deuh ih tangu).

**scrummage** /skrVmldZ/ *n* **1** (also **scrum**) Rubby lehnak ah, khatlam khatlam ih hmailam pawl kha, a burin khik-aw phahin an karlak ih thlakmi bawhlung kha anmah lamah ke in thai zuam-awknak; a cuh khik-awknak ih a telmi lektu pawl: .... *and it's a scrummage just instide the Welsh half*. **2** = SCRIMMAGE **1**.

**scrumptious** /skrVmpSEs/ *adj* (infml) (esp of food) a thaw zet: *What a scrumptious meal!*

**scrunch** /skrVntS/ *n, v* = CRUNCH.

**scruple** /skru:pl/ *n* [U, C often pl] poi-sat-nak: *Have you no scruples about buying stolen goods?* ○ *She tells lie without scruple*. **2** [C] grain 20 a ritmi khing.

▷ **scruple** *v* [It] (usu in negative sentences) poi ti ruangih thiltha lo tuah ding sup: *She wouldn't scruple to tell a lie if she thought it would be useful*.

**scrupulous** /skru:pjUIEs/ *adj* **1** ralring zet, ciamciam zet; a terek tiangih thupit termi: *a scrupulous examiner* ○ *a scrupulous inspection of the firm's accounts*. **2** ~ (in sth/doing sth) thil tha lo tuah pang lo dingin a ralringmi; pumpuluk in a dingmi: *scrupulous in a all her business dealings* ○ *behave with scrupulous honesty*.

▷ **scrupulously** *adv*: *scrupulously exact, careful, honest, clean*.

**scrutineer** /skru:tl|niER; US -tn|IER/ *n* (Brit) hril-awknak le a dang thurelkhawmnak ah a daan vekin mee (vote) an pek maw pek lo ti cektu.

**scrutinize, -ise** /skru:tl|nalz; US -tEnalz/ *v* [Tn] ralring zetin, ciamciam in zoh, hlathlai, cekfel: *scrutinize all the documents relation to the trial*.

**scrutiny** /ˈskruːtɪni/ US /ˈskruːtɪni/ *n* [C, U] raling zet le ciamciam zetih zohnak: *a close scrutiny of the election result* ○ *subject the thesis to careful scrutiny.*

**scuba** /ˈskuːbɪ/ *n* tisung lut phah ih thawthawt theinak kaa ih bunmi thilri: [attrib] *scuba diving.*

**scud** /skVd/ *v* (-dd-) [I, Ipr, Ip] (esp of ship, cloud etc) dingte in, rang zetin, nal zurzo in feh, ʔhawn: *The yacht was scudding along before the wind.* ○ *clouds scudding across the sky.*

**scuff** /skVf/ *v* **1** [Tn] (a) *kedan in rawt: a badly scuffed door.* (b) *kedan tanglam paat ko in rawt: I scuffed the heel of my boot on the step.* **2** [I, Ipr, Tn no passive] *ke dir in, rawt in feh: If you scuff (your feet) like that, you'll wear the heels out.* ○ *She scuffed past in her mother's slippers.*

▷ **scuff** (also **scuff-mark**) *rawtmi, hriatmi neh: scuffs on the skirting-board.*

**scuffle** /skVfl/ *n* minung a naih tete ih umnak hmunah hnok celcel ih tal ruri, do-awkrurinak: *Scuffles broke out between police and demonstrators.*

▷ **scuffle** *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb) *hnok celcel tal ruri, do-awkrurinak ah telve: scuffle with reporters.*

**scull** /skVl/ *n* **1** minung pakhat hlaumi lawng ih lawnghlau pa-in a keh vorh-ih a hmanmi lawngzahnak fung. **2** *lawng dunglam ih retmi lawngzahnak — a cuih lawngzahnak thawn a her zawngih zap in lawng a fehter thei.* **3** *zahnung pahnih neimi pakhat ih hlaumi zuam-awknak lawng.*

▷ **scull** *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] *lawngzahnak fung pahnih hmanin lawng hlau: be able to scull.* ○ *scull (the boat) past the boat-house.*

**sculler** *n* *lawngzahnak fung pahnih hmaning lawng hlautu.*

**scullery** /skVlɛrɪ/ *rawlsuan inn kapih sakmi beelkheng kholhnak khaan fate.*

**scullion** /skVlɪən/ *n* (formerly) *beelkheng kholh tivek a olmi hnaʔuan ʔuantu dingih retmi mipa nauhak, lole pacang.*

**sculpt** = SCULPTURE *v.*

**sculptor** /skVlptɛr/ *n* (fem **sculptress** /skVlptɛr/) *thing, lung, ciarbek, thir ti-vek thawn zuk (milem) tuahtu.*

**sculpture** /skVlptɛr/ *n* **1** [U] *thing, lung, tlak, thir tivek pawl thawn milem (zuk) tuah thiamnak: the technique of sculpture in stone.* **2** [C, U] *thing, lung, tlak, thir etc thawn tuahmi lem: a sculpture of Venus.* ○ *a collector of sculptures.*

▷ **sculptural** /skVlptɛrɪ/ *adj* [esp attrib] *lem tuah thiamnak thawn a pehparmi: a sculptural quality.*

**sculpture** (also **sculpt** /skVlpt/) *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] *lem tuah: saints sculptured in marble* ○

*sculpture a statue out of hard wood.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] *thil pakhat kha lem ah tuah: sculpture the clay into a vase.* (c) [Tn] *lem thawn ceimawi: sculptured columns.* **2** [I] *lem pawl tuah; lem tuahtu-ah cang: learn to sculpture.*

**scum** /skVm/ *n* **1** [U] *ti a so mi parih a phulmi, a phuul; a luang lomi tidai parih puanmi buanbara maan.* **2** [pl *v*] (*fig derog*) *a ʔha lo, nautat tlak a si ti ih ruahmi minung: You scum!* ○ *She treats smokers like the scum of the earth, ie as the worst people there are.* ○ *I wouldn't have anything to do with those scums.*

▷ **scummy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) *scum (buanbara) thawn a pehparmi, buan bara vek a simi, buanbara, a phuul.*

**scupper** /skVpɛr/ *n* (often *pl*) *lenglam ah tidai luannak dingih tuahmi lawng sir ih a ong tete.*

▷ **scupper** *v* (Brit) **1** [Tn] *mah ih lawng kha pilter him.* **2** [Tn esp passive] (*infrm*) *hlawhsamnak, sunnak, tlolhnak, siatnak thlengter: We're scuppered!* ○ *The project was scuppered by lack of money.*

**scurf** /sk3:f/ *n* [U] *lumuat; kheuh tiki a tla theimi lumuat vek vun pat tete: cleanhair that's free of scurf.*

▷ **scurfy** *adj* *lumuat/vun paat tete a ummi, lumuat/vun pat tete in a khatmi, a khuhi.*

**scurrilous** /skVrɪɪs/ *adj* *hmuhsuam le nautatnak a telmi — ziang siar lo le ningsinza zet in: a scurrilous rumour; attack, book* ○ *She was often quite scurrilous in her references to me.*

▷ **scurrility** /skɛrɪ/ *n* (*fml*) **1** [U] (a) *surrillous a sinak: the scurrility of their journalism.* (b) *mawhthluk, hmuhsuam ʔong: a book full of scurrility and slander.* **2** [C often *pl*] *hmuhsuam, mawhthluk a telmi simrelnak: I refused to listen to these scurrilities.*

**scurrilously** *adv.*

**scurrilousness** *n* [U].

**scurry** /skVrɪ/ *v* (*pt, pp scurried*) [I, Ipr, Ip] *kal tawi tete in tlan: mice scurrying across the floor* ○ *scurry along the road* ○ *They scurried in out of the cold.* ○ *Crowds scurried past.* ○ *The rain sent everyone scurrying for shelter.*

▷ **scurry** *n* **1** (a) [*sing*] *kal tawi tete in fehnak, feh awn: a/the scurry of feet in the room above.* (b) [U] *lau, phang, nawt zet-ih cangvaih celcelnak: the scurry and scramble of town life.* **2** [C] *thli le ruah, vur, leivut, khawri pawl tak huho in sur ih haan lohli saal.*

NOTE ON USAGE: **Scamper**, **scurry** and **scuttle** indicate people or animals running with short, quick steps. **Scamper** (**around, away, off, etc**) is only used of small animals (puppies, mice, etc) and children. It suggests them playing happily or running away when startled: *The children were scampering around*

the garden. ○ The rabbits scampered away as we approached. **Scuttle/scurry** (about, away, off, etc) indicate running in order to escape from danger, bad weather, etc: The beetle scuttled away when I lifted the stone. ○ The spectators scurried for shelter as soon as it began to rain. **Scurry** can indicate great or hurried activity: We were scurrying about until the last minute before the party.

**scurvy** /sk3:v/ *n* [U] vitamin C a telmi rawl ei lo ruangih a cangmi thisen natnak.

▷ **scurvy** *adj* [attrib] (dated sl) nautat um, man nei lo, ruahnak a baal, a niammi minung: He's a scurvy wretch. ○ That was a scurvy trick to play on an old lady. **scurvily** /-li/ *adv*.

**scut** /skVt/ *n* mei, sabek mei vek.

**scuttle<sup>1</sup>** /skVt/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] kal tawi tete in tlan: small animals are scuttling about.

▷ **scuttle** *n* [sing] kal tawi tete in rang zet ih feh(nak): a scuttle down the passage.

**scuttle<sup>2</sup>** /skVt/ *n* lawng ih zial, a sir; inn ih phar, a tluu khuu tivekah ummi a sin nei, ong fate-te.

▷ **scuttle** *v* [Tn] lawngih a ong tete ong hrim, lole lawngih a sir/a tanglamah a ong vit in lawng pilter hrim.

**scuttle<sup>3</sup>** /skVt/ *n* = COAL-SCUTTLE (COAL).

**Scylla** /sIE/ *n* (idm) **between Scylla and Charybdis** (fml) thiltha lo pakhat ihsin luatnak dingah a dang thil tha lo pakhat ton a tul thothomi, a harsami dinhmun.

**scythe** /saIW/ *n* kutkaih saupi nei, hrampi vahnak namkawn sau. Cf SICKLE.

▷ **scythe** *v* [I, Tn, Tn.p] scythe namkawn thawn hrampi vat: workers scything in the meadow ○ scythe the grass (down).

**SDLP** /es di: el (pi:/ *abbr* (Brit politics) (in N Ireland) Social and Democratic Labour Party.

**SDP** /es di: (pi:/ *abbr* (Brit politics) (the former) Social Democratic Party: The SDP-Liberal alliance.

**SE** *abbr* South East(ern): SE Asia ○ London SE9 2BX, ie as a postal code.

**sea** /si:/ *n* **1** (often **the sea**) [U] (also **seas** [pl]) tipithuanthum le tiffinriat hmuahhmuah; tiffinriat lawng khal cu sea ti thotho a si: fly over land and sea ○ travel by sea ○ sail the seas ○ the high seas, ie parts away from the land, where no single country can impose its laws ○ the cold sea(s) of the Antartics ○ Most of the earth's surface is covered by (the) sea. ○ The river flows into the sea near Portsmouth. ○ [attrib] a sea animal, fish, voyage. **2** (often **Sea**, esp as part of a proper name) [C] (a) tiffinriat: the Mediterranean Sea ○ the Caribbean Sea ○ the South China Sea. (b) ramsung um a al lomi tiffinriat (tilipi): the Caspian Sea ○ the Sea of Galilee. **3** [C] (also **seas** [pl]) tisuar: a heavy/

light sea, ie a large wave ○ The ship was struck by a heavy sea. ○ The liner foundered in heavy seas. **4 ~ of sth** (fig) a tamzet: I stood amid a sea of corn. ○ The lecturer looked down at the sea of faces beneath him. **5** (idm) **at sea** (a) lawng thawn khualtlawng: spend three months at sea. (b) ziang tuah ding thei lo mangbang in um; thin buai: I'm all at sea; I've no idea how to repair cars. ○ She tried to understand the instructions, but she was completely at sea.

**between the devil and the deep blue sea** ⇒ DEVIL<sup>1</sup>. **beyond/over the sea(s)** (fml or rhet) tipi ralkhat ram/ram hlapi, ah feh/um: our cousins beyond the seas. **go to sea** lawng hnaŋuan ŋuan. **on the sea** tiffinriat kapih ummi: a town on the sea in Devon ○ Mudford-on-Sea, ie hmun (leilung) hmin. **put (out) to sea** lawng thawn pok, khualtlawng dingah lawng parah kai. **the seven seas** (rhet) tiffinriat hmuah le tipithuanthum hmuahhmuah: He sailed the seven seas in search of adventure. **there are more/other fish in the sea** ⇒ FISH.

▷ **seaward** /-wEd/ *adj, adv* tiffinriat lam (a hoi mi); tiffinriat lamah.

**seawards** /-wEdz/ *adv*.

□ **sea air** tiffinriat kapih thli, mi a harhdamter thei tiah an ruat: a breath of sea air.

**sea anemone** thildawng hmuahmel a keng ih a kaa hmur kapah pangpar tete vek taksa pawt nei tiffinriat sung um ramnung.

**sea bed** tiffinriat tawne leilung.

**sea-bird** *n* tikulh, lole, tiffinriat kap lungkham pawl ih um vate phunphun.

**seaboard** *n* tiffinriat thawn a dai-awmi hmun le ram. on the Atlantic sea-board.

**sea-borne** *adj* (esp of trade) lawng ih phurhmi, lawng ring ih ŋuanmi: sea-borne commerce, goods, etc ○ air-borne and sea-borne missiles ie carried by aircraft and ships or submarines.

**sea-bream** *n* = BREAM 2.

**sea-breeze** *n* tiffinriat lamih sin a hrangmi thlizil.

**sea-cow** *n* tiffinriat sungah a umih faate hnawi a fawhmi, thi-a-hlummi ramnung.

**sea-dog** *n* lawng hnaŋuan hlun.

**seafarer** /-feErER/ *n* lawng hnaŋuan.

**seafaring** /-feErIN/ *adj* [attrib], *n* [U] lawng hnaŋuan; lawng hna a ŋuan mi, lawng hnaŋuan nun: a sea-faring man ○ a life of sea-faring.

**sea fog** tiffinriat kapltuan ih um mero.

**seafood** *n* [U] tiffinriat ihsin ngahmi eiŋa kep nei ramnung le nga phun: [attrib] a seafood restaurant ○ a seafood cocktail.

**sea front** khuu pakhat ih tiffinriat a naih biknak hmun: a hotel on the sea-front ○ [attrib] a sea-front restaurant.

**seagoing** *adj* [attrib] **1** (of ships) tiffinriat ih hman ding hrang sakmi lawng. **2** (of a person) sea-faring.

**sea-green** *adj* mepian hring - a thiangmi tiffinriat pianzia vek.

**seagull** *n* = GULL.

**sea-horse** *n* rang pian lu a neimi nga fate.

**sea-island cotton** a phang a saumi phuntha zet pat phunkhat.

**sea-kale** *n* tiffinriat kapah a kho theimi a tuai no a rang, eitha kung phunkhat.

**sea-legs** *n* [pl] a feh reromi lawng tlun ah olte ih feh theinak, ri lo te ih um theinak: *I feel a bit odd; I haven't got my sea-legs yet.*

**sea-level** *n* tidai a thangbik caan le a tumbik caan karlak a laifang ti hmai-ih a sannak (hmunram le tlang san le niam an tah tikah *sea-level* ziangzat an ti theu): *50 metres above/below sea-level.*

**sea-lion** *n* saklam Pacific tipithuanthum ih a tlangmi seal tumpi.

**Sea-Lord** (*Brit*) tipi bawi, ti ralkap hohatu upa pali lakih a telmi minung pohpoh.

**seaman** /-mən/ *n* (pl **-men** /-mən/) **1** officer hnak ih aniam deuhmi lawng ralkap. **2** lawng hnañuan a thiamzettu pohpoh. **seamanlike** /-mənlaik/ *adj*. **seamanship** /-mənʃɪp/ *n* [U] lawng lam thawn a pehparmi thiamnak.

**sea-mile** = NAUTICAL MILE (NAUTICAL).

**sea-pink** *n* [U] THRIFT 2.

**sea-plane** *n* tidai parah a tum thei, tidai parin a kai thei vanzamleng.

**seaport** *n* tipithuanthum parih feh lawng pipi cawlnhak hmun khawpi.

**sea power** **1** [U] tiralkap rinsan in tipi thuanthum hmuahhmuah ah thuneih theinak. **2** a cak zetmi tiralkap a nei ram.

**seascape** *n* tiffinriat mawizia zuk.

**sea shell** tiffinriat-ih a ummi kharkhem vek kep nei pawl ih hawng.

**sea-shore** *n* [U] **1** tiffinriat kaptluan leilung: *Walk on/along the sea-shore.* **2** [law] tiþhang bik thlennak hmun le tiþum bik thlennak hmun karlak leilung.

**seasick** *adj* lawng ri (mi). **seasickness** *n* [U].

**seaside** *n* (often **the seaside**) [U] nunnuam colh-umnak ih hmanmi tiffinriat kap khua, hmunrawn, leilung: *two weeks at the seaside* ○ *own a house at the the seaside* ○ [attrib] *a seaside town, hotel, holiday.*

**sea-urchin** (also **urchin**) *n* hling zum serser kep nei tipi ramnung fate.

**sea-wall** *n* tidai-in leilung ei lo ding, lole, tidai kha leilung lamah liam lo dingih dawlmī cang, lole, cangawl.

**sea water** tiffinriat ti-al.

**sea-way** *n* **1** [C] leilung ih a lutmi lawng fehnak zin, **2** [U] tipi parih lawng cak vivo ih a feh zat: *The liner made good sea-way because of the fine weather.*

**seaweed** *n* [C, U] tiffinriat sung le tikap lungto pipi parih kho hrampi.

**seaworthy** *adj* (of a ship) tipithuanthum ah khualtlawn ding a tlak: *make a damaged ship sea-worthy again.* **seaworthiness** *n* [U].

**seal**<sup>1</sup> /si:l/ *n* tiffinriat kap leilung parah le, tidai sungah a duh naknak ih um thei, kut ke nei lo, ngathla vek taksa hlei a neimi, ngasa ei-ih a nung thilnung phunkhat, siil nga.

▷ **sealing** *n* [U] seal daw; peel: [attrib] *a sealing expedition.*

□ **sealskin** *n* [U] seal vun/seal hmul nemte: [attrib] *a sealskin jacket.*

**seal**<sup>2</sup> /si:l/ *n* **1** (a) tacik; hi ca, hi thilri hi a dik a si ti theih thiamnak ih khenmi tacik; a ongtu ding loin ong hlah seh tiah ca, thingkuang tivek par ih khenmi tacik; tacik par ih um ca, zuk: *The letter bears the seal of the king.* (b) a parah hminsinnak a nei-ih tacik can-ai ah hmanmi thirte, zungbruk. **2** tacik can-ai ih hmanmi thil eg ca thupi parah benmi caku hlum, lole a thlam lang dingih khenmi ca, zuk. **3** (a) thil ti, thli tivek lut, suak thei hlahseh tiah, palang sin sunglam, thilri a kak a kuainak hmun vekah retmi rabar, etc pawl: *a rubber seal in the lid of a jar* ○ *I've bought a seal to put around the edge of the bath.* (b) hitivekih phihmi: *The putty gives a good seal round the window.* **4** mizonzai bomnak hrangih zuarmi hnipuan, cabu tivek ih ben tha milu vek zuk mawi tete. **5** (idm) **a seal of approval** daan vek te ih lungkimpinak: *The deal needs the government's seal of approval.* **set the seal on sth** (fml) a sannak, a larcenak a langter, a kimter: *This award has set the seal on a successful stage career.*

▷ **seal v** **1** [Tn] tacik khen. **2** [Tn, Tn·p] (a) ~ **sth** (down) erh pit (an envelope, etc). (b) ~ **sth** (up) fekte in tawn, phit, erh-pit: *sealed order* ○ *seal the parcel (up) with adhesive tape.* (c) ~ **sth** (up) pitzetin khar, hren, erh, lole thli, tidai tivek suak lo, zun lo ding in thil pakhat khat thawn ben phit: *The jar must be well sealed.* ○ *Seal (up) the window to prevent draughts.* **3** [Tn] thilthuh; tidai lut hlah seh, sang kai hlah seh ti ih sithuh vek thilthuh: *seal the boat's hull with special paint.* **4** [Tn] (fml) lungkimtlangnak ngah; thuþhen, thutan: *seal a bargain* ○ *Her fate is sealed*, ie a parih a thleng dingmi zohman in a pelhter thei nawn lo. **5** (idm) **one's lips are sealed** ⇒ LIP. **6** (phr v) **seal sth** in khumpit: *Our foil packets seal the flavour in.* **seal sth off** khammi hmun ihsin lut, suak um lo dingin phit: *Police sealed off all the exits from the building.*

**sealant** /si:lEnt/ *n* [U, C] tidai lut thei lo ih tuahnak, a zun phihnak ih hmanmi thilri: *mend the hole and paint some sealant on.*

□ **sealed orders** khiahmi caan le hmun lawngah ong leh ding in, sim duhmi thu kha cabawm ah tacik cum ih erhpit cia-in, ralbawi



hnenih pekmi ca - ral lai hmandan a si.

**sealing-wax** *n* [U] ticik cum tiki hmanmi thalrit.

**Sealyham** /si:llEm/ *n* kawngniam, hmulkhoh ih a cakzetmi uico fate phunkhat.

**seam** /si:m/ *n* **1** (a) puan tivek a kap pahnih pehawknak hmun a tluan ih *thitmi*: *the seams down the sides of his trousers*. (b) a kap pahnih tonawknak hmun, eg lawngih thingpheng pahnih tonawknak rin. **2** khursung um thilri ah lungto thua, lei<sup>th</sup>a thua, lung meihol thua ti ih a ummi thua: *a seam of coal*. **3** hmai-ih ummi rin eg vunsawng, hmaphe rin. **4** (idm) **be bursting at the seams** ⇒ BURST.

▷ **seam** *v* [Tn] thil pahnih pehkom.

**seamed** *adj* ~ (with sth) rin a ummi (pehna rinvek): *seamed stockings* ○ *rock seamed with gold* ○ *a face seamed with wrinkle*.

**seamless** *adj* a pehawknak um lo: *seamless stockings*.

**seamstress** (Brit also **sempstress**) /semstris/ *n* hlawhman ngah thil<sup>thi</sup>-tu nunau.

**seamy** /si:ml/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) mi ih thinlung a la thei lomi; a baalmi, nautatza a simi, mahzawn lawng ruatmi: *the seamy side of life*, ie corruption, crime, etc ○ *a seamy bribery scandal*.

**seance** (also **seance**) /sela:ns/ *n* mithi thawn bia-aw thei pawl ih tonkhawmnak, a cuh khawmnak ah minung pawlin mithi thawn biak-aw<sup>h</sup> ding an tum *theu*.

**sear** /sIeR/ *v* **1** (also **sere**) [Tn] caak, kang: *a cloth seared by the heat of the oven* ○ *sear the wound to prevent infection*. **2** [Tn esp passive] (fig rhet) em cak vekih midang thin a natter; em cak vekih a nami: *a soul seared by injustice* ○ *The novel is a searing indictment of urban poverty*.

**search** /s3:tS/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sb/sth) (for sb/sth) ~ **through sth** (for sth) thilthup a um maw um lo tiah minung takpum, a khan tivek hawl; a hlomi minung, thilri tivek hawl; duhmi thilri ngahduh ah hmun pakhat, lole, thilri pakhat (bizu tivek) kha *thate* in zoh fel ih hawl: *We searched (around) for hours; but couldn't find the book*. ○ *search (through) the woods for escaped prisoners* ○ *search (through) the drawers for the missing papers* ○ *The police searched her for drugs*. ○ (fig) *I searched my memory, but couldn't remember her name*. **2** (idm) **search one's heart/conscience** (fml) mah tuardan, tuahmi, tumtahmi kha a sivek rori in cekfel: *Search your heart and ask if you're not equally to blame*. **search me** (nifml) ka thei lo: 'Where's the newspaper?' 'Search me, I haven't seen it.' **3** (phr v) **search sb/sth out** hawl ih tong: *We've search out some of your favourite recipes*. ○ *I want to search out an old school friend*.

▷ **search** *n* **1** hawl (nak); hawltu pawl: *a search for missing aircraft* ○ *make repeated searches for concealed weapons* ○ *Volunteers joined the search for the lost child*. **2** (idm) **in search of sb/sth** hawl: *go in search of a cheap hotel* ○ *Scientists are in search of a cure for the disease*.

**searching** *adj* (of an examination, a question, etc) khoih thuk zetin; a dikmi thei duh zetin: *She gave me a searching look and asked if I was lying*. ○ *a searching interview technique*. **searchingly** *adv*.

□ **searchlight** *n* a hlapi tiang tleuzet in a tlet theimi datmei tumpi.

**search-party** *n* mi hlo, thil hlo hawl dingih pok tlangmi mibur.

**search-warrant** *n* inn tivek kha a sungah duhduh in thil nan hawl thei ti siannak zungca, eg firmi thilri tivek hawl dingin.

**season** /si:zn/ *n* **1** tikcu; fur, *thal*, thlatang tikcu tivek: *the dry/rainy season* ○ *Plants grow fast in the warmest season*. **2** (a) thil tam caan, hna pakhat khat *tu*an tikcu: *the strawberry, apple, etc season* ○ *the growing season* ○ *the foot-ball, theatre, opera, etc season* ○ *the nesting season*, ie when birds build nests and lay their eggs ○ *the off season* ie (at holiday resorts, etc) the time when there are very few visitors ○ *the holiday/tourist season* ○ *the season of goodwill*, ie Christmas. (b) (usu sing) (fml) puai thupi pawl tuah tikcu: *The ball was the highlight of the London season*. (c) concert, thuanthucawn, tivek ih a *then* fate *thenkhat*: *a short season of silent film classics on Saturday afternoon*. **3** (idm) **in season** (a) (of food) a tam tikcu: *Strawberries are cheaper when they're in season*. (b) (of female animal) hur tikcu. (c) khuan lak tikcu, nunnuam tuah tikcu: *Hotels are often full in season*. (d) sadawi ding sian caan: *Grouse will soon be in season again*. **out of season** (a) (of food) ngah thei lo, a um lo tikcu. (b) khuan lak lo tikcu, nunnuam tuah le khualtlawng um lo tikcu: *Holiday prices are lower out of season*. **the season's greetings** (Christmas caan ah lawm-aw, cibaibuk, biak-awknak ih hmanmi *tong*). **the silly season** ⇒ SILLY.

▷ **season** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (with sth) thawter; cite, khasuan, masala, tivek phulh: *highly seasoned sauces* ○ *lamb seasoned with garlic and rosemary* ○ (fig) *conversation seasoned with wit*. **2** (a) [I, Tn] (of wood) ruah le ni lakih reipi ret ruangah a tha a thi ih hman theih ah a cang; a tlunih vekin a tha thi ko in tuah: *well-seasoned oak, birch, etc*. (b) [Tn esp passive] (fig) hmutam, tongtam, tuahtam ruangah thiamnak, fimnak nei: *a politician seasoned by six election campaigns*. ○ *a seasoned boxer, traveller*.

□ **season-ticket** (also *Brit infml season*) *n* teekmi caan sungah duhzat khualtlawng thei, duhzat concert, tivek ih feh theinak ticket (lethmat). Cf **COMMUTATION TICKET** (COMMUTE).

**seasonable** /sɪːznEb/ *adj* **1** (of the weather) a tikcu thawn a kaihmī: *seasonable snow showers*. **2** (of help, advice, gift, etc) ʔulcaan ih ngahmi; tikcu vekih a thleng ʔheumi. **seasonably** /-nəbli/ *adv*.

**seasonal** /sɪːznEn/ *adj* tikcu pakhat sungih a cang ʔheumi, tuah ʔheumi; tikcu vekih a thlengaw ʔheumi: *seasonal work*, eg thingrah ʔot tivek ○ *a seasonal trade*, eg Christmas card zuar tivek ○ *a seasonal increase in unemployment*. **seasonally** /-nəli/ *adv*.

**seasoning** /sɪːznEn/ *n* [U] rawl thawttertu ih hmanmi hmuimer; masala, khasuan, aithing, tivek: *not enough seasoning in the stew* ○ *adventurous seasonings, like paprika and turmeric*.

**seat**<sup>1</sup> /si:t/ *n* **1** [C] tonak thilri; khung, tokham, thinkung: *take a seat*, ie sit down ○ *a stone seat in the garden* ○ *The furniture hadn't arrived so we were using crates as seats*. ○ *The back seat of the car is wide enough for three people*. ○ *She rose from her seat to protest*. **2** [C] tokhamih tonak, taw retnak zawn: *a chair with a cane seat*. **3** [C] (a) (*fml*) tokham dainak zawn tawtit. (b) tawtit zawn khuhtu hnipuan: *a hole in the seat of his trousers*. **4** [C] man pek ih to dingmi, tokham, mawtawka, concert, tivek ah: *There are no seats left on the flight*. ○ *book two seats for the concert* ○ *expensive opera seats*. **5** [C] council, committee sungtel um ding zat hmun: *a seat on the council, in Parliament, etc* ○ *take one's seat*, ie begin one's duties, eg in the House of Commons ○ *win a/lose one's seat*, ie win/lose a place in a parliament, etc in an election ○ *a majority of 21 seats in the Senate*. **6** [C] (*esp Brit*) hril-awknak hmunhuap ih tohmun um zat: *a seat in Devon*. **7** [C] (*fml*) thil pakhat ih a hram, tonak, lole, thil pakhat ʔuannak hmunpi: *In the US, Washington is the seat of government and New York City is the chief seat of commerce*. ○ *seats of learning*, ie universities. **8** [C] (also **country seat**) (*dated*) khuapi leng lamih bulpak hmunram kaupi a laifang ih sak a si ʔheumi inn tumpi: *the family seat in Norfork*. **9** [sing] rang todan (ʔa le ʔa lo): *an experienced rider with a good seat*. **10** (idm) (**drive/fly**) **by the seat of one's pants** ruat ciamciam ih tuah si loin pianphung thinlung thawn tuah duak: *None of us had seen an emergency like this and we were all flying by the seat of our pants*. have a ringside seat ⇒ **RINGSIDE** (RING<sup>1</sup>). **the hot seat** ⇒ **HOT**. **in the driver's seat** ⇒ **DRIVER**. **take a back seat** ⇒ **BACK**<sup>2</sup>.

▷ **-seater** (forming compound ns and *adjs*)

(vehicle, etc) tlem; tokham ret thei zat: *a ten-seater minibus* ○ *a fast little two seater*, ie car.

□ **seat-belt** (also **safety-belt**) *n* vanzam, mawʔawka tokham ih retmi taikap: *Fasten your seat belt!*

**seat**<sup>2</sup> /si:t/ *v* **1** (Tn *esp passive*) (*fml*) mahte in to/ mi, toter, toh: *Seat the boy next to his mother*. ○ *a statue of a woman seated on a horse* ○ *Please seated, ladies and gentlemen*. ○ *She seated herself on the sofa*. **2** [Tn] tokham ret: *a hall that seats 500*.

▷ **seating** *n* [U] tonak, tonak hmun (ngaihtuahmi): *renew the seating in the theatre*. ○ [attrib] *seating arrangements*. ○ *How much seating room do we have?*

**SEATO** /si:tEU/ *abbr* (formerly) South East Asia Treaty Organisation. Cf **NATO**.

**sebaceous** /sɪ|beɪsEs/ *adj* [attrib] thau (thlan le riim tivek) a suahmi: *the sebaceous glands in the skin, a sebaceous cyst*.

**sec** /sek/ *n* (*Brit infml*) = **SECOND**<sup>2</sup>.

**sec** *abbr* **1** *scondary*. **2** *secretary*.

**secateurs** /sekEt3:z, ʔsekEt3:z/ [pl] (*Brit*) thinghge fate te tannak kaihci/cehrep: *a pair of secateurs*.

**secede** /sɪ|sɪ:d/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (from sth) (*fml*) pawlkhawm, ramkulhpi sungtel tivek ihsin suak: *the Southern States which seceded from the Union* (ie from the United States) *in 1860-61*.

▷ **secession** /srseʃn/ *n* [C, U] ~ (from sth) (*fml*) sungtel ihsin suaknak.

**seclude** /sɪ|klu:d/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **oneself/sb** (from sb) (*fml*) zo thawn khal tong lo, pawl loin a dange ih um/ret: *She secludes herself in her study to work*. ○ *you can't seclude yourself from the world*.

▷ **secluded** *adj* (a) (of a place) fianhrial; thiarfihlim; mi tampi in hmu lo, feh lem lonak hmun: *a secluded garden behind high walls*. (b) mi pawl lo: *led a secluded life*. **seclusion** /sɪ|klu:ʒn/ *n* [U] (a) a paak, paaksai. (b) hmunthup: *in the seclusion of one's own house*.

**second**<sup>1</sup> /sekEnd/ *det* **1** 2nd: a pahnihnak: *February is the second month of the year*. ○ *Tom is the second son — he has an elder brother*. ○ *Osaka is the second largest city in Japan*. ○ *Who was second in the race?* Cf **two**. **2** a pahnihnak, a vei hnihnak: *a second helping of soup*. ○ *You will need a second pair of shoes*. **3** a phun nauta deuh, a thupi lo deuh: *We never use second quality ingredients*. ○ (*sport*) *the sedcond eleven*, ie a team of reserves. **4** hlanta a bangmi; a pahnihnak: *He thinks he's the second Churchill!* ie believes he has Churchill's abilities. **5** (idm) **second only to sb/sth** a tlunah amah hnakin a ʔa deuh, a thupi deuh thil pakhat lawng a um tinak a si: *He's second only to my own son in my affection*. **second to**

**none** a tha bik ti tluk a si; zo sangtu khal a si lo: *As a dancer, he is second to none.* (For other idioms containing **second**, see the other major words in each idiom, eg **get one's second wind** ⇒ **WIND**<sup>1</sup>).

▷ **second** *adv* a sangsang in a pahnihnak: *The English swimmer came second.*

**secondly** *adv* a veihnihnak ah; a pahnihnak ah; cuilh hnuah: *First(ly), it is too expensive; and secondly, it's very ugly.* ⇒ Usage at **FIRST**<sup>2</sup>.

□ **second-best** *adj* **1** a tha bik sangtu: *my second-best suit.* ○ *the second-best performance of the tournament.* **2** duh bik a si deuh lomi: *I like live music: for me, records are definitely second-best.* **3** (idm) **came off second-best** a neh lo; mi tlukin si thei lo: *When they have to choose between quality and price, quality usually comes off second-best.* — *n* [U] a tha bik tluk a si lomi thilri, minung: *I'm used to high quality and won't take second-best.*

**second chamber** rampi dindand upadi tivek tuahtu tlangsuak ho.

**second class** (a) a tha bik sangtu, a niam deuh, a tha lo deuh: [attrib] *a second-class carriage on the train.* (b) carek cakuat a rang bik lakih telhsak lomi ca: *Second class is cheaper* ○ [attrib] *second-class letters.*

**second-class** *adj* **1** a tha bik sangtu, a thupi bik sangtu: *a second-class degree in history.* **2** (derog) a tha bik hnaki a niammi: *a second-class hotel.* ○ *The old are treated as second-class citizens,* ie midang hnakin ziang siar lo deuh ih zoh. — *adv*: *go/travel second-class* ○ *It takes longer if you send it second-class.*

**the second coming** Bawi Jesuh a veihnihn ratnak.

**second cousin** pa/nu ih unau faa; pakhatta, nukhatta ih faa.

**second-degree** *adj* (meisa, tisa, tivek kangmi hma) a rohbik sangtu.

**second floor** *US* inn thuah tangtabik siarin a thuah hnihnak; *Brit* a thuah thumnak: [attrib] *a second-floor apartment.*

**second-guess** *v* [Tn] (esp *US infml*) **1** thil thehzo, fiangzo hnu-ih soisel: *It's easy to second-guess the casting of the film* eg thuanthu cawngtu an hrilsual tivek ih soisel. **2** midang hnaki in thehdeuh ih pol, ruat: *The papers have all been trying the second-guess each other about the President's next move.* **3** ziang a cang leh pei ti ih (ruat cia): *Don't try to second-guess the outcome.*

**second-hand** *adj, adv* **1** mi hmancia thilri: *a second-hand car, suit, camera* ○ *a second-hand bookshop,* ie a hop selling second-hand books ○ *I rarely buy anything second-hand.* **2** (of news, information, etc) theisintu pawl hnen ihsin theihsinmi thuthang, thuhla: *second-hand gossip* ○ *get news second-hand.*

**second lieutenant** bokhat (ralbawi).

**second-rate** *adj* a thazet ti a tlak lomi, a tha lo deuh: *a second-rate actor, script, performance.* ○ *His novels are very second-rate.*

**second sight** a cang leh dingmi thil theihtheinak; lole, hmun hlapi ih thil cangmi kha a cuilh hmunah um ve vekin theihtheinak.

**second-string** *adj* [attrib] (of a sport players) airawl lektu dingih retmi.

**second**<sup>2</sup> /sekEnd/ *n, pron* **1 the second** [sing] a pahnihnak, a sangtu: *the second of May* ○ *George the Second,* ie King George II ○ *I was the first to arrive and she was the second.* **2** [sing] a pahnihnak: *She published her first book last year, and he has now written the second.* ○ *You're the second to ask me that.* **3** [C] ~ (in the) (*Brit*) a sinak niam deuh university degree: *get an upper, a lower second (in economics).* **4** [U] mawtawka, bicycle ta second gear: *Are you in first or second?* ○ *Change from second to third.* **5** [C usu pl] kimlonak, thatlonak a neih ruangah man ol deuh ih zuarmi cet zung tuah thilri: *These plates are seconds.* **6 seconds** [pl] a vei-hnihnak suahmi rawl, laih-puai: *I'm going to ask for seconds.* **7** [C] boxing thong tik, lole, mi pahni do-awknak ih a bawmtu minung.

□ **second in command** uktu, hotubik sangtu, lole, tuannak a bangrep na in hnatuannak kum tam bik minung: *The managing director and her second in command.*

**second**<sup>3</sup> /sekEnd/ *n* **1** (symb “”) nazi-ih sekan (second), lole, a kil tahnak (angular measurement) angular minit ih then sawmruk then then khat: *The winning time was 1 minute 5 seconds.* ○ *1° 6' 10",* ie one degree, six minutes, 10 seconds. **2** (also *Brit infml sec*) caan tawite sungah, rei lo te in, a rei hlanah, hmakhat te in: *I'll be ready in a sec(ond).* ○ *The food was on the table in seconds.*

□ **second hand** nazi second kut. Cf **SECOND-HANDS** (**SECOND**<sup>1</sup>).

**second**<sup>4</sup> /sekEnd/ *v* [Tn] **1** boxing thong tikah, lole, mi pahni do-awknak ah a bawmtu tuan: *I was ably seconded in this research by my son.* **2** thuburmi za-awi (thoh-khan): *Mrs Smith proposed the vote of thanks, and Mr Jones seconded (it).* ○ (joc) *Let's go away this weekend. I'll second that.* Cf **PROPOSE** 1.

**second**<sup>5</sup> /sl|kBnd/ *v* [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sb** (from sth) (to sth) (esp *Brit*) tuanvo phunkhat in a dang phunkhat ah thawn: *an officer seconded from the Marines to staff headquarters.*

▷ **secondment** *n* [C, U]: *a two-month secondment* ○ *an officer on secondment (ie seconded) overseas.*

**secondary** /sekEndr/; *US* -derl/ *adj* **1** ~ (to sth) a thupi bik ih retmi thil ih a sangtu: *Such considerations are secondary to our main aim*

of improving efficiency. ○ Her age is of secondary interest. ○ secondary stress, eg on the first syllable of 'sacrificial' ○ secondary picketing, eg of a company that is thought to be helping the employers of the workers on strike. **2** a um ciami thil par ihsin a suak neta mi: secondary literature, eg criticism or reviews of an author's work ○ a secondary colour, ie one produced by mixing two primary colours ○ secondary infection, ie one which occurs as a result of another illness. **3** [attrib] hramthok tlawng thehnhu ih tlawng (US ahcun elementary, lole junior high schools) theh nhuih tlawng: a secondary school ○ secondary education. Cf PRIMARY.

▷ **secondarily** /-drEl/; US /-drEl/ *adv.*

**secrecy** /si:krit/ *n* **1** thuthup ret, thuthup ret theinak, thuthup ret duhnak, thuthup a sinak: rely on sb's secrecy ○ his obsessive secrecy about his work ○ The meeting was arranged with the utmost secrecy, ie very secretly. ○ the secrecy that still surrounds the accident. **2** (idm) **swear sb to secrecy** ⇒ SWEAR.

**secret** /sikrit/ *adj* **1** ~ (from sb) thu/thil thu a simi: a secret marriage, document, meeting ○ keep sth secret from one's family ○ She escaped through a secret door. ○ The party was given secret financial support by some foreign backers. **2** [attrib] thuptein, zohman ih theih loin: I'm a secret fan of soap operas on TV. **3** [attrib] (of a place) mi feh tuk lonak, a dai zirziarmi: my secret cottage in the country. **4** [esp pred] (fml) thuthup duh; thuthup hmang. ▷ **secret n 1** thuthup: keep a secret, ie not tell it to anyone else ○ The wedding date's a big secret. ○ Are you going to let him in on (ie tell him) the secret? ○ He made no secret of his dislike for me, ie made it very clear. **2** thil tuahdan, tidan thuthup: the secret of success ○ What's the secret of this wonderful pastry? **3** famkimte ih theih a theih lonak, theih dingih a harnak, mangbangza a sinak: the secret of nature. **4** (idm) **in secret** a thupte in: meet in secret ○ leave the country in secret. **in the secret** (dated) thuthup theitu lakih telu: Is your brother in the secret? **an open secret** ⇒ OPEN<sup>1</sup>.

**secretly** *adv.*

□ **secret agent** (also **agent**) kumpi ih ngaithlatu a retmi; thupte ih thlingthlatu.

**secret police** ram uktu pawl ih duk vekin an nungcang maw, ti ih thupte zingzoiu palik.

**secret service** ngaitthlaknak hnañuan, cumi ðuantu kumpi zung.

**secretariat** /sekreEteEriEt/ *n* **1** uknaklam zung phun tampi a umnak zungpi. **2** Secretary general, lole cozah pakhat ih secretary (tlanguak upa) pawl ih zung, lole cuh zungih hnañuantu pawl: The UN secretariat in New

York.

**secretary** /sekreEtri/; US -rEtri/ *n* **1** sungñuan: I sometimes think my secretary runs the firm. **2** pawlkom pakhat ih ca lampang hmuahhmuah le cathupi pawl a kaitu le a tawltreitu upa pakhat. **3** **Secretary (a)** = SECRETARY OF STATE. (b) (Brit) cozah hnañuan upa. (c) (US) cozah zung pakhat ih a lubik: Secretary of the Treasury.

▷ **secretarial** /sekreEteEriEl/ *adj* secretary hnañuan thawn a peh parmi: secretarial staff, duties, training, college.

□ **secretary general** *n* (pl **Secretaries General**) UNO tivek pawlkom tumpi ih a lubik (eg the UNO).

**Secretary of State** **1** (also **Secretary, minister**) (Brit) cozah zungpi (voñhen) pakhat ih a lubik: the Secretary of State for Home Affairs, Defence, etc ○ the Home, Defence, etc Secretary. **2** (US) Ramdang tlangsuak (vuan-zi) zung ih lubik.

**secrete** /sl|kri:t/ *v* (fml) **1** [Tn] (of an organ) tibaal, tihnawm an suah, lole taksa sung a ðulnak ih hman dingah thilti an suah: The kidneys secrete urine ○ Saliva is secreted by glands in the mouth. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] thup: money secreted in a drawer.

▷ **secretion** /sl|kri:Sn/ (fml) **1** [U] suah: The secretion of bile by the liver. **2** [C] suahmi eg saliva, bile, etc. **3** [U] thup.

**secretive** /si:kreEtiV/ *adj* thuthup (ret a duhmi/a hmangmi), mah ih ruahdan, tuardan tivek a langter lo/a thupmi: a secretive nature.

▷ **secretively** *adv.* **secretiveness** *n* [U].

**sect** /sekt/ *n* (sometimes derog) biaknak lamah mipi ih zumdan pom loin, a dang cemi zumdan le ruahdan a pomtu mibur khat, pawltek: a minor Christian sect.

**sect** *abbr* section (esp of a documents): clause 3 sect 2.

**sectarian** /sekteEriEn/ *adj* **1** pawltek thawn pehparmi: sectarian violence, ie between members of different religious sects. **2** (derog) mah pawltek a si lo mi zumtu dang parah tuartheinak nei lo, ruahsakanak nei lo: sectarian view. sectarian views ○ Sectarian politics are ruining the country's economy.

▷ **sectarianism** /-IzEm/ *n* [U] (often derog) pawltek tete ih ðhen duh ringringnak; pawltek ruahdan ruahnak nei duhnak.

**section** /seksn/ *n* **1** [C] thil a ðhen a ðhen ih ðhenmi a ðhen pakhat: This section of the road is closed. ○ White lines divide the playing area into sections. ○ the practical sections of the course. **2** [C] peh thluh tikah thil pakhat a suakter theitu thil ðhen tete: the three sections of a fishing-rod ○ The shed comes in sections that you assemble yourself. **3** [C] mizapi lak ihsin ðhen sinmi mi ðhen khat: Farm workers



make only a small section of the population. ○ a discontented section of the army. **4** [C] pawlkom pakhat ah hnaŋuan ih zir in thenmi a then: the library's extensive biology section ○ the woodwind section of the orchestra, ie players of woodwind instruments. **5** [C] thukam, cabu, tivek ih a then: section 4, subsection 2, of the treaty ○ the financial section of the newspaper ○ The report has a section on accidents at work. **6** [C] (a) (US) acre 640 (260 hectar tluk) kau (lsqm = peng khat kau pengkhat sau) leilung. (b) (esp US) khawpi sung hmunhna: the business, residential, shopping section. **7** [C] thil pakhat a tlun in tangtiang sat bangtuk ih a langmi a hmai: This illustration shows a section through the timber. **8** (medical) (a) [U] surgeon pawl in taksa attan, phel: the section of a diseased organ. (b) attanmi taksa: put a section of tissue under the microscope.

▷ **section v 1** [Tn, Tn-pr] then: a library sectioned into subject areas. **2** [Tn] (medical) taksa, etc kha tan, then.

**sectional** /-SEnI/ *adj* **1** a then tete pehaw ih a cangmi thilri: a sectional fishing-rod ○ sectional furniture. **2** [usu attrib] mizapi lak ihsin thensin a simi, pawl tete: sectional interest, ie the different and often conflicting interests of various parts of the community ○ sectional jealousies, rivalry, etc. **sectionalism** /-SEnElIzEm/ *n* [U] (usu derog) mi zapi ih thatnak ding hnakin, mah ih pawl then thatnak lawng a thupitermi ruahnak.

**sector** /-sektER/ *n* **1** rinbial (circle) a laifang ihsin a tlang ih rinmi a rin pahnih karlak hmun. **2** laam pawl, pawlkom ho pawl tivek: the manufacturing sector, ie all the manufacturing industries of a country ○ the service sector, ie hotels, restaurants, etc. **3** hmun then: an enemy attack in the southern sector.

**secular** /-sekjUIER/ *adj* **1** biaknak lam, thlarau lam thawn a pehparaw lomi; leitlun thil a simi: secular education, art, music ○ the secular power, ie the State contrasted with the Church. **2** (of priests) a dang thawn pehzom-aw lo ih um biaknak hnaŋuan pawl: the secular clergy, ie parish priests, etc.

▷ **secularism** /-IErIzEm/ *n* [U] nuncan, ca, tivek zirhnak ah biaknak sirhsan lo ding ti ruahdan. **secularist** /-IErIst/ *n* secularism a pomtu a si lola a thohkhantu.

**secularize, -ise** /-IErIz/ *v* [Tn] (fml) leitlun ruahdan zawngin thilti: secularize education, court, property, church ○ Is the country more secularized nowadays?

**secure** /-sl[k]UEr/ *adj* **1** ~ (about sth) hnangam, him, hngetkhoh, lung awtawmnak um lo: feel secure about one's future ○ a secure faith, belief, etc. **2** a hlo, a sung thei lo dingmi, a

fiangmi, amkam-mi: a secure investment ○ have a secure job in the Civil Service ○ Her place in the history books is secure. **3** a khoh, a hnget, a siat lo dingmi, rin tlak: A climber needs secure foothold. ○ Is that ladder secure? **4** ~ (against/from sth) (fml) a himmi; tihphan, siatsuah tong thei lo dingih khamcia simi: The strong-room is as secure as we can make it. ○ Are we secure from attack here? ○ When you're insured you're secured against loss.

▷ **secure v 1** [Tn] fekte in tawn, ben, khen, hren: Secure all the doors and windows before leaving. ○ secure the ladder with ropes. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (against/from sth) thil pakhat khat kha humhim dingin tuah; siatnak tong lo dingin tuah, kilveng, kham: secure a building (from collapse) ○ can the town be secured against attack? ○ (fig) the new law will secure the civil rights of the mentally ill. **3** [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ sth (for sb/sth) (fml) ngah har zet in tla ngah: We'll need to secure a bank loan. ○ They've secured government backing (for the project).

**securely** *adv*.

**security** /-sl[k]UErEtI/ *n* **1** [U] thinphang, donhar lo ih umtheinak; thinphanak, donharnak um lo dingih khamnak: children who lack the security of a good home ○ have the security of a quaranteed pension. **2** [U] kilvennak: There was tight security for the Pope's visit, eg Many police officers guarded him. ○ We need greater security in car parks. ○ national security, ie rampi kilveennak. ○ [attrib] security force, eg police, troops, etc fighting terrorism ○ a security van, eg for transporting money ○ a high security prison, ie for dangerous criminals. **3** [C, U] kam-awknak thilri: lend money on security, ie in return for sth given as security. Cf GUARANTEE 1. **4** securities [pl] sumbur tlangih hnaŋuannak ah, sumburtu in stock, bond, share ziangzat man a nei ti theihthiamnak dingih pekmi ca: government securities, ie for money lent to a government. □ the Security Council Humhimnak Khonsil. **security risk** ram zuarthlai theitu a si ding ti-in, tihphan um minung: She is a poor/good security risk.

**security guard** bank pakhat ihsin pakhat ah tangka thiar caan tivek ah kilvengtu; a thupimi cozah inn pawl kilvengtu, humhimtu.

**sedan** /-sl[d]Fɪn/ *n* **1** = SALOON 4. **2** (also **sedan-chair**) kum zabi 17, 18 hrawngih an hman tammi, minung pakhat zawnnak tokham.

**sedate**<sup>1</sup> /-sl[delt/adj (of a person or his behaviour) hmaizah tlak, hoier daan dik le tha nei.

▷ **sedately** *adv* /-sl[deltSn/ **sedateness** *n* [U].

**sedate**<sup>2</sup> /-sl[deltSn/ *v* [Tn] (medical) thahri le thindaihnak sii pek, thazetnak sii pek.

▷ **sedation** /-sl[deltSn/ *n* [U] thahri, thindainak

sii peknak; a cuih sii peknak ihsin ngahmi daihnak: *the sedation of a hysterical patient* ○ *under (heavy) sedation.*

**sedative** /sedEtIv/ *n* thahri, thin daihternak sii: *give sb a sedative.* Cf TRANQUILIZER (TRANQUIL). — *adj* [usu attrib]: *a sedative drug, injection, etc.*

**sedentary** /sedntrl/; *US* -terl/ *adj* **1** (of work) tohmun ih tñanmi: *a sedentary job, occupation, etc.* **2** tohmun in caan tampi a hmanngmi, tohmun hnañuan a tñanmi: *a sedentary worker* ○ *lead a sedentary life.*

**sedge** /sedZ/ *n* [U] cerhduup le tikap ih kho hrampi phunkhat.

▷ **sedgy** *adj* sedge tampi a khomi, sedge in a kulhmi.

**sediment** /sedImEnt/ *n* [U] **1** a ne, tivek: *a wine with a gritty sediment.* **2** tidai, thli tivek pawl in an thiar thei nawn lo tiki a tla vivo mi vunnel, leivut, lungtiak, ciarbek, tivek pawl.

▷ **sedimentray** /sedImentrl/ *adj* sediment thawn a pehpar awmi, a bangmi; sediment in a cangmi: *sedimentary rocks*, eg runlung, calung, tivek.

**sedimentation** /sedImen(telSn/ *n* [U] (geology) taw ne, sediment ih a cannak.

**sedition** /sldlSn/ *n* [U] ram uktu dodal duhnak thinlung suak seh ti duhnak tòng pawl le tuahserrnak: *speeches advocating open sedition.*

▷ **seditious** /sldlSEs/ *adj* dodal duhnak thu thawn a peh-parmi, dodal duhnak a suakter theimi, a karhzaiter theimi: *seditious actions, speeches, writings, etc.* **seditiously** *adv.*

**seduce** /sldju:s/; *US* -du:s/ *v* **1** [Tn] mah hnak ih a no deuh, hmuhton a nei lo deuh kha nupa pawl-aw dingin for (luk-aw dingin leem): *He's trying to seduce his secretary.* ○ (fig) *Men are seduced (ie charmed) by her beauty and wit.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (from sth); ~ **sb** (into sth/doing sth) (fml) leemsiah: *I won't be seduced from my duty.* ○ *Higher salaries are seducing many teachers into industry.* ○ *I let myself be seduced into buying a new car.*

▷ **seducer** *n* leem, forhtu, a bikin nupa pawl-aw dingih leemtu.

**seduction** /sldVksn/ *n* **1** [C, U] leemnak, forhnak, forh tuarnak: *the art of seduction* ○ *her seduction by an older man.* **2** **seductions** [pl] (fml) mi zeel thei in a mawi, iang nei, mi hip thei cuancai, fing le tlaang: *the seductions of country life.*

**seductive** /sldVktIv/ *adj* mi a forh/leem thei, mi thlem thei, mi hip thei: *a seductive woman, smile, look.* ○ *This offer of high salary and a free house is very seductive.*

▷ **seductively** *adv.* **seductiveness** *n* [U].

**sedulous** /sedjUIEs; *US* [sedZUIEs/ *adj* (fml) khungkhai zetin, napi in, hmanhman in, raling zet in: *a sedulous researcher, journalist,*

*etc* ○ *sedulous work, study, etc* ○ *pay sedulous attention to details.*

▷ **sedulously** *adv.*

**see**<sup>1</sup> /si:/ (pl **saw** /sC:/, pp **seen** /si:n/)

► **USING THE EYES** **1** [Tn, Tf, Tw, Tng, Tni] (not in the continuous tenses) hmu; mit in hmuh ruangah cutin a si ual, cu tiin a si thei, ti ruahnak nei: *He looked for her but couldn't see her in the crowd.* ○ *I looked out of the window but saw nothing.* ○ *He could see (that) she had been crying.* ○ *If you watch carefully you will see how I do it/how it is done.* ○ *Did you see what happened?* ○ *I hate to see you so unhappy,* ie in such an unhappy state. ○ *She was seen running away from the scene of the crime.* ○ *I saw him put the key in the lock, turn it and open the door.* ○ *She was seen to enter the building about the time the crime was committed.* **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] (not usu in the continuous tenses; often used with *can* and *could*) hmu: *If you shut your eyes you can't see.* ○ *On a clear day you can see for miles from the top of the tower.* ○ *It was getting dark and I couldn't see to read.* ○ *She'll never (be able to) see again,* ie She has become blind. ○ *Move out of the way, please: I can't see through you.* ⇒ Usage at FEEL<sup>1</sup>.

► **LOOKING AT** **3** [Tn] (not usu in the continuous tenses) zoh: *In the evening we went to see a film.* ○ *Have you seen the new production of 'Hamlet' at the Playhouse?* ○ *Fifty thousand people saw the match.* **4** [Tn] (only in the imperative) theih duhmi um ruangih zoh fial: See page 158.

► **MEETING** **5** [Tn] (not usu in the continuous tenses) mi pakhat kiangah um ih a cuih umpi mi minung khal theithiam, cing; rin lo pi in tong: *I saw your mother in the town today.* ○ *Guess who I saw at the party yesterday?* **6** (a) [Tn] leng: *Come and see us again soon.* (b) [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sb** (about sth) poiha ruangah feh ih mi va tong: *I'm seeing my solicitor tomorrow.* ○ *You ought to see a doctor* (doctor va hmuh) *What is it you want to see* (ie talk with) *me about?* **7** [Tn] mileng topi, biak; tong, (eh-khan): *The manager can only see you for five minutes.* ○ *She's too ill to see anyone at present.* **8** [Tn] (used esp in the continuous tenses) pawl, kom: *She doesn't want to see him anymore.* ○ *She's seeing* (ie haveing a relationship with) *a married man.*

► **GRASPING WITH THE MIND OR IMAGINATION.** **9** [I, Tn, Tf, Tw] (not usu in continuous tenses) a ti can, a si-nak theithiam; aan-cing: *The door opens like this! 'Oh, I see.'* ○ *He didn't see the joke.* ○ *I don't think she saw the point of the story.* ○ *I can see the advantages of the scheme.* ○ *Can't you see (that) he's deceiving you?* ○ *Do you see what I mean?* **10** [Tn] (not usu in the continuous tenses)

ruahdan nei, ruat, hmu: *I see things differently now.* ○ *Try to see the matter from her point of view.* **11** [Tng, Cn-n/a] ~ **sb/sth as sth** (not usu in the continuous tenses) mit ah cuang; ruat; a si leh ding ti ih hmu: *I can't see her changing her mind.* ○ *Her colleagues see her as a future Prime Minister.*

► **DISCOVERING OR CHECKING 12** (not usu in the continuous tenses) (a) [I, Tf, Tw no passive] zoh/hawl/sut ih thei: *'Has the postman been yet?'* 'I'll just go and see.' ○ *Go and see if/whether the postman has been yet* I see (that) (ie thuthang ca-ah ka siar zo) *there is going to be a general election in France.* ○ *Could you go and see what the children are doing?'* ○ *'Is he going to recover?'* 'I don't know, we'll just have to wait and see.' (b) [I, Tw] ruahnak le khawkhannak in hmusuak/theisuak: *'Do you think you'll be able to help us?'* 'I don't know; I'll have to see.' ○ *'I'll see what I can do to help you.* **13** [Tf] (not usu in the continuous tenses) thil pakhat cang ding ko in tawlrel; zohfel: *See that all the doors are locked before you leave* ○ *Could you see (that) the children are in bed by 8 o'clock? I'll see that it is done.*

► **EXPERIENCEING OR WITNESSING 14** [Tn] (not usu in the continuous tenses) hmuhton; tuar, tong: *This coat of mine has seen hard wear;* ie vei tampi sin: *He has seen a great deal in his life long,* ie hmuhmi, tonmi, tuarmi tampi a nei. **15** [Tn] (not usu in the continuous tenses) (a) thil pakhat khat a kannak caan a si: *This year sees the tercentenary of Handel's birth.* (b) thil pakhat khat an tuah theunak hmun a si: *This stadium has seen many thrilling football matches.*

► **OTHER MEANINGS 16** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] thlah, fehpi: *He saw her to the door.* ○ *I saw the old lady across* (ie helped her to cross) *the road.* ○ *May I see you home* (ie go with you as far as your house)?: *My secretary will see you out.* **17** [Tn] paisa thawn lehnak (in gambling games) thaap; bangrep tein thaapve. **18** (idm) **for all (the world) to see** fiang te in hmuh theih. **see for oneself** mah rori in zoh: *If you don't believe that it is snowing, go and see for yourself!* **see a lot, nothing, etc of sb** tlangleng tlaang, kom-aw; pawl-aw: *They've seen a lot/nothing/little/more/less of each other recently.* **see you; (I'll) be seeing you** (infml) goodbye tican a si: *I'd better be going now. See you!* **see you around** (infml) = SEE YOU. **seeing that ...** ruangah, hrangah: *Seeing that he's ill, he's unlikely to come.* (For other idioms containing **see**, see entries for *ns, adjs, etc*, eg **see the light** ⇒ LIFHT<sup>1</sup>; **see red** ⇒ RED<sup>2</sup>.)

**19** (phr v) **see about sth/doing sth** tuanvo lak, tuah, tawrel: *I must see about* (ie prepare) *lunch soon.* ○ *I'll have to see about getting the roof*

*mended.* ○ *He says he won't co-operate, does he?* ○ *Well, we'll soon see about that!* ie I will insist that he does co-operate.

**see sth in sb/sth** a mawi, duhnungza ih hmu; ruat: *I can't think what she sees in him.*

**see sb off** (a) tlaangleng, vanzam colhnak ah feh ih thlah: *We all went to the airport to see her off.* (b) hmun pakhat ihsin dawi, tlanter: *The farmer saw the boys off with a heavy stick.*

**see sth out** (not in the continuous tenses) a cem hlan tiang daih: *We have enough coal to see the winter out.*

**see over sth** a siat a thatdan thei thluh verver ding in zoh, thlingthla: *I shall need to see over the house before I can make you an offer.*

**see through sb/sth** (not in the continuous tenses) sb/sth kha ziangvek a si ti thei kerker ruangah bum theih loin um: *We all saw through him,* ie ziangvek minung a si theu: *I can see through your little game,* ie am aware of the trick you are trying to play on me. **see sth through** (not usu in the continuous tenses) theh hlan lo tuah: *She is determined to see the job through.* **see sb through (sth)** (not in the continuous tenses): bawm, tulnak kimter: *Her courage and good humour saw her through the bad times.* ○ *That over coat should see me through the winter.* ○ *I've only got £10 to see me through until pay-day!*

**see to sth** zoh, tuanvo lak, tawlrel: *This machine isn't working; get a mechanic to see to it.* ○ *Will you see to the arrangements for the next meeting?* **see to it that ...** si tengteng dingin tuah: *See to it that you're ready on time!*

**see<sup>2</sup>** /si:/ n (fml) bishop uk ram: *the see of Canterbury* ○ *the Holy See/the See of Rome,* ie Pope ih thuneihnak.

**seed** /si:d/ n **1** (a) [C] ci, mu: *a tiny poppy seed* ○ *sow a row of seeds.* (b) [U] tuh ding, tilva pek ding rawl mufang, ci-mu pawl: *a handful of grass seed* ○ *Sweet pea seed can be sown in May.* (c) [attrib] ci: *seed corn, potatoes, etc.* **2** [U] (dated fml) bua, baw: *the fruit of his seed,* ie his child or children. **3** [C] (esp in tennis) (SEED v 4) ta vekih hrilmi minung: *a final between the first and second seeds.* **4** (idm) **go/run to seed** (a) (of a plant) ci a tuah ih paar a cawl. (b) (fig) duai: *He started to drink too much and he gradually ran to seed.* (plant/sow) **the seeds of sth** tuah, hramthok: *Are the seeds of criminal sown early in life?*

► **seed v 1** [I] ci a nei, ci a tuah. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (with sth)** thlaici vorh, tuh: *a newly-seeded lawn* ○ *seed a field with wheat.* **3** v [esp passive] a mu, a ci suah: *seeded raisins.* **4** [Tn esp passive] (esp in tennis) a thiam pawl an hril, a cuih hrilmi pawl cu hril lomi, a thiam deuh lo pawl thawn zuamawknak thok pekah lekter theu a si ih a san cu a thiam pawl

zuamawknak a netnak lamah thleng thei ciar seh ti duhnak a si: *The seeded players all won their matches.*

**seedless** *adj* mu nei lo.

**seedling** /sɪdʌlɪŋ/ *n* a kho pek, a kungno, thingfa.

□ **seed-bed** **1** *n* thingfa keuh ternak hmun. **2** (*fig*) thiltha suahternak, thansoternak hmun: *This tennis club is a seed-bed for young talent.*

**seed-cake** [C, U] *n* thilci rawi sangreu eg sangreu thawtter dingih a hmuiteru ci rawi tivek.

**seed capsule** a ci zawinak a hawng, eg sibung hawng.

**seedsman** /-men/ *n* (*pl* ~ **men**) thlaici zuartu.

**seed-pearl** pearl lungvar fate.

**seedy** /sɪ:dl/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) **1** (hnipuan) sia tuamti, nautat thlak: *a seedy old tramp* ○ *a cheap hotel in a seedy part of town.* **2** [*usu pred*] (*infml*) um nuam lo; ciangkuang lo; tha lo: *feeling seedy.* **3** a mu a tam: *The grapes are delicious but very seedy.*

▷ **seediness** *n* [U]: *the seediness of his lodgings.*

**seeing** /sɪ:ɪn/ *conj* (also **seeing that, infml seeing as**) cu tiin a si ruangah, ruangah, cuh hrangah: *Seeing (that) the weather is bad, we'll stay at home.*

**seek** /sɪ:k/ *v* (*pt, pp sought* /sɔ:t/) (*fml*) **1** (**a**) [I, Ipr esp passive, Tn] ~ (**after/for sth**) hawl: *We sought long and hard but found no answer.* ○ *seeking (for) solution to the current problems* ○ *the long sought-for cure for the disease* ○ *young graduates seeking (after) success in life* ○ *It's a very/highly/much sought-after (ie popular) make of car.* ○ *seek happiness, comfort, wealth, etc* ○ *seek shelter from the rain* ○ *The explanation is not far to seek, ie is very clear.* (**b**) [Tn] hmun pakhat ah thleng tum, hmun pakhat lamah thawn: *Water seeks its own level.* ○ *The flood started and we have to seek higher ground.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (from sb)** dil: *seek help, advice, information, etc* ○ *You must seek permission from the manager.* **3** [It] tum, zuamhnik: *seek to bring the conflict to an end* ○ *They are seeking to mislead us.* **4** (*idm*) **seek one's fortune** lennak le thil tisuaknak ding zin hawl. **5** (*phr v*) **seek sth/sb out** hawl suak, hawl ngah: *We sought her out to tell her of her success.* ○ *She sought out and acquired all his early paintings.*

**seem** /sɪ:m/ *v* [La, Ln, Ipr, It] ~ (**to sb**) (**to be sth**); ~ **like sth** (not used in progressive tense) a bang zikte, si dawh: *She seems happy (to me).* ○ *Do whatever seems best.* ○ *It seems (to me) (to be) the best solution.* ○ *It seems like a disaster at the time.* ○ *She seems (to me) to be right/It seems (to me) that she is right.* ○ *It would seem that ..., ie a cautious way of saying,*

*'It seems that...'* ○ *'She's leaving' 'So it seems.'* ie People say so. ○ *They seem to know what they're doing.* ○ *I can't seem to, (ie It seems that I can't) stop coughing.* ⇒ Usage at APPEAR.

▷ **seeming** *adj* [*attrib*] a bang (a si lo khal a si thei): **seemingly** *adv* a bang, **seemingly** *adv* a bang: *They were seemingly unaware of the decision.*

**seemly** /sɪ:ml/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) (*dated or fml*) a zin-ci (*Burmese*), a mawi, a tha: *seemly conduct, modesty* ○ *It would be more seemly to tell her after the funeral.*

▷ **seemliness** *n* [U].

**seen** *pp* of SEE<sup>1</sup>.

**seep** /sɪ:p/ *v* [Ipr, Ip] ~ **through (sth)/into sth/out (of sth)** (of liquids) a zun: *water seeping through the roof the tunnel* ○ *Oil is seeping through a crack in the tank.* ⇒ Usage at DRIP<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **seepage** /sɪ:pɪdʒ/ *n* **1** [C, U] a dok, a zun: *some seepage* ○ *reported seepage from the pipe.* **2** [U] a zunmi thil a zunnak; a doknak: *a bowl to catch the seepage.*

**seersucker** /sɪ:svkɜ:/ *n* [U] a paa ih a kor/a sawng tete um dingih tahmi puan: [*attrib*] a *seersucker table cloth.*

**see-saw** /sɪ:sc:/ *n* **1** [C] cik-ka-ling cok-ka long: *have a go on; the see-saw.* **2** [*sing*] (**a**) tlunlam, tanglam, kehlam, vorhlam ih vawr reromi: *the slow see-saw of the branch in the wind.* (**b**) (*fig*) kai thul tum thul (dinhmun le ruahdan khalah), feh thul kir thul: *Prices see-saw according to demand.* ○ *public opinion see sawing continuously.*

**seethe** /sɪ:θ/ *v* **1** [I] a phul, a buan a suak ciamco: *They fell into the seething waters of the rapids.* **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (**with sth**) (**a**) khat zet, tet zet in um: *streets seething with excited crowds.* (**b**) (*continuous tense in hman a si*) thinheng zet, thinthok zet: *She was seething (with rage) when she was told to leave.*

**segment** /seGmEnt/ *n* **1** (**a**) (*geometry*) rin pakhat in a then/a tan mi rinbial (*circle*) then. (**b**) thil pakhat ih a then pakhat; ruahnak ih thenmi then khat: *She cleaned a small segment of the painting* ○ *Lines divided the area into segment.* **2** zur, (a zur): *grapefruit segments.*

▷ **segment** /seGment/ *v* [I, Tn] then.

**segmentation** /seGmentetʃn/ *n* [U, C] a thenthen ih thennak.

**segregate** /segrɪgeɪt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth (from sb/sth)** **1** a dangte ih ret; thia: *segregate cholera patients* ○ *The two groups of fans must be segregated in the stadium.* **2** (*esp a racial or religious group*) thia, thleidang; mipi thawn peh aw loin, nautat zomtai in ret: *Why should the handicapped be segregated from the able-bodied?* ○ *a segregated society, ie one in which some groups are segregated.* Cf INTEGRATE.

▷ **segregation** /segrɪgeɪʃn/ *n* [U] thleidannak,



thleidanih umnak: *a policy of racial segregation*  
 ○ *We oppose segregation on religious ground.*  
 Cf INTEGRATION (INTEGRATE).

**seismic** /salzmik/ *adj* [usu attrib] linghnin  
 thawn a pehparmi: *seismic research, tremor, waves.*

▷ **seismograph** /salzmEgra:f/ *US -grFf/ n*  
 linghnin tahnak.

**seismology** /salzmBIEdZI/ *n* [U] linghnin  
 thuhla zirnak, thiamnak. **seismologist** /  
 sarzmolədʒist/ *n*.

**seize** /si:z/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn.pr] (a) kai, kaihrnak,  
 hmatekhat ah kai: *an eagle seizing its prey* ○  
*seize hold of sth* ○ *She seized me by the wrist.* ○  
*He seized the bag and ran off with it.* (b) thil  
 kai: *20 kilos of heroin were seized yesterday at*  
*Heathrow.* (c) long, kai, lak: *seize the airport in*  
*a surprise attack* ○ *The army has seized power.*  
**2** [Tn] caan̄tha kha thei thiam ih hngakhlap  
 zetin hmakhatte ah hmang: *seize the chance to*  
*make money* ○ *Seize any opening you can.* **3**  
 [Tn esp passive] duhdan, tuardan, hmuhdan  
 kha tuar theih lo, sup theih lo khop in, suak  
 lohli: *Panic seized us* ○ *We were seized by a*  
*sudden impulse to run.* **4** (phr v) **seize on/upon**  
**sth** thil pakhat ih tiduhtnak theithiam in,  
 thathnemnak hrangah hmang lohli: *She seized*  
*on my suggestion and began work immediately.*  
 ○ *The critics seized on my mistake and said. I*  
*was ignorant.* **seize up** (cet pawl) a sa tuk, a  
 kik tuk tivek ruangah a tar ih a caang thei lo:  
*Your engine will seize up if you don't put some*  
*more oil in.* ○ (fig) *My joints seize up in the*  
*cold weather.*

▷ **seizure** /si:ZER/ *n* **1** (a) [U] kaihnak  
 (thuneitu in an kai tivek): *the seizure of*  
*contraband by Custom officers.* (b) [C] kaihmi  
 thilri: *impressive seizure of drugs.* **2** [C]  
 dirhcaih natnak (hmakhatte ih a cangmi)  
 tivek.

**seldom** /seldEm/ *adv* dah tuk lem lo; a bengbai;  
 a hnikkhat: *I have seldom seen such brutality.*  
 ○ *We seldom go out.* ○ *We go out very seldom.*  
 ○ *The island is seldom, if ever, visited by ships.*

**select** /sl|lekt/ *v* [Tn, Tnpr, Cn-n/a, Cn-t] ~ **sb/sth**  
 (as sth) hril, tampi lak in, a tha, a tawk hril:  
*select a gift, candidate, wine* ○ *select a card*  
*from the rack* ○ *selected as the team leader.* ○  
*Who has been selected to take part in the project.*

▷ **select** *adj* **1** [usu attrib] hrilmi, a tampi  
 sungin a thabik bik kha ralring zetih hrilmi:  
*select passages of Milton's poetry.* **2** hrilmi  
 pawl lawng a tel thei mi, pawlkom, etc: *a select*  
*group of top scientists* ○ *a film show to a select*  
*audience* ○ *This area is very select, ie Only the*  
*most wealthy, respectable, etc people live here.*  
 ⇒ Usage at CHOOSE.

**selector** *n* **1** hriltu, bawhlung team ih tel  
 dingmi hriltu tivek. **2** (motor gear) tivek radio

wave (hlaing) thawn a hriltu thilri.

□ **select committee** (in the House of  
 commons) tlangsuak bawi (vuanzi) zung  
 pakhat ih hnaʔuandan, lole, a thupi cuangmi  
 thuhla pawl zohfel, cekfel, zingzoitu dingih  
 ʔuanvo pekmi kawmiʔi.

**selection** /sl|lektSn/ *n* **1** [U] hrilnak; hril: *the*  
*selection of a foot-ball team* ○ *I'm delighted*  
*about my selection as leader.* ○ [attrib] *the*  
*selection process.* **2** [C] (a) hrilmi thilri,  
 minung: *selections from 18th century English*  
*poetry* ○ *a selection of mild and plain chocolates.*  
 (b) hril theih ding ih retmi thilri pawl: *a shop*  
*with a huge selection of paperbacks.*

□ **selection committee** hriltu komiʔi.

**selective** /sl|lektlv/ *adj* **1** hrilmi lawng telmi: *the*  
*selective training of recruits, ie a bikih hrilmi*  
*pawl lawng zirhnak* ○ *a selective weed-killer,*  
*ie rawlkung that loin hrampi lawng a thattu.* **2**  
 ~ (about sb/sth) hrilce nei: *I'm very selective*  
*about the people I associate with.*

▷ **selectively** *adv.*

**selectivity** /sl|lekt|lvEtI/ *n* [U] **1** hril thei-nak. **2**  
 radio stations dangih hnaihnohtnak um loin  
 stations pakhat ta lawng ngai thei dingin  
 thiltitheinak.

□ **selective service** (US) ʔuan lo thei lo in  
 ralkap ʔuan dingih hrilmi minung pawl.

**selenium** /sl|ll:nIEm/ *n* [U] (chemistry) element  
 phun khat a si; a par ih a thlengmi khawtleu a  
 tam deuhdeuh le electric tha hruai theinak tha  
 a cak deuhdeuh:

□ **selenium cell** selenium hri peer

**self** /self/ *n* (pl selves /selvz/) **1** (a) [U] mah, mah  
 sinak; cuancai: *the commitment of the whole self*  
*to a relationship* ○ *analysis of the self* ○ *the*  
*conscious self.* (b) mah daan, ziaza phunkhat:  
*one's better self, ie one's generous qualities* ○  
*By doing that he showed his true self, ie what he*  
*is really like.* ○ *She's her old self again, ie has*  
*recovered her usual health, composure, etc.* **2**  
 [U] mah duhnak, thathnemnak, nunnomnak:  
*You always put self first.* ○ *She has no thought*  
*of self, ie is always more concerned for other*  
*people.* **3** [C] (commerce or fml or joc): *a cheque*  
*payable to self, ie to the person whose signature*  
*is on it* ○ *Mr Jones, your good self (ie you) and*  
*I.* **4** (idm) **a shadow of one's/its former self** ⇒  
 SHADOW.

**self-** *comb form* of, to or by oneself or itself: mah  
 le mah, *self-control* ○ *self-addressed* ○ *self-*  
*taught* ○ *self-closing doors.*

**self-abnegation** /self Fbnl|geIEn/ *n* [U] (fml) =  
 ABNEGATION.

**self-absorbed** /self Eb|sC:bd/ *adj* mahhrang  
 lawng ruat thei, mah le mah lawng duh thei:  
*He's too self-absorbed to care about us.*

▷ **selfabsorption** /-əb'sɔ:pʃn/ *n* [U].

**self-abuse** /self Eb|ju:s/ *n* [U] (euph) kut thawn

.....  
su/zang tham ih mah le mah hur diriam ko in tuah (mah le mah nom-awakter).

**self-addressed** /self E[drest/ *adj* [usu attrib] (of an envelope that will be used for a reply) ca khirhnak ih hman dingah kuatmi, mah ih umhmun address ngancia ca-bawm.

**self-appointed** /self E[pCIntId/ *adj* [usu attrib] mi ih lungkim pinak tel lo mah le mah cu ka si, kha ka si a timi: *a self-appointed judge, expert, critic, etc.*

**self-assembly** /self E[sembIl/ *adj* [attrib] (esp of furniture) thil leitu in buncop leh dingah a kuangan in zuarmi tokham, cabuai tivek.

**self-assertive** /self E[s3:tlv/ *adj* mah hmuhdan, duhmi, kha ring-aw zet in sim le phuan a simi.

▷ **self-assertion** /-ə'ss:ʃn/, **self-assertiveness** *ns* [U].

**self-assured** /self E[ʃC:d; US -ʃUerd/ *adj* = ASSURED (ASSURE).

▷ **self-assurance** /-ə'ʃʊ:rəns; US -ʃʊər-/ *n* [U] = ASSURANCE 1.

**self-catering** /self{kelterIN/ *adj* [attrib] (of holiday, accomodation, etc) mahte rawl suan a tulum: *self-catering chalets.*

**self-centred** (US **-centered**) /self {sentEd/ *adj* (derog) mah le mah thupiter-aw tuk ih mah lawng thupiter theimi, midang cu zianghman ah siar lomi: *her self-centred attitude.*

▷ **self-centredness** (US **-centered-**) *n* [U].

**self-confessed** /self kEn{fest/ *adj* [attrib] mah hlawhsamnak kha a si vekin a phungawmi: *a self-confessed alco-holic, liar, thief, etc.*

**self-confident** /self {kBn{fIdEnt/ *adj* mah le mah a ring awmi: *a self-confident person, manner, reply* ○ *learn to be more self-confident.*

▷ **self-confidence** /-dəns/ *n* [U].

**self-conscious** /self {kBn{SEs/ *adj* 1 mi-in ziang tiin i ruat, i hmu pei ti ah thinphang in a ummi: *a self-conscious smile* ○ *be self-conscious about one's appearance.* 2 mahih sinak, ruahnak, tuahmi thei aw ringring mi.

▷ **self-consciously** *adv.* **self-consciousness** *n* [U].

**self-contained** /self kEn{telnd/ *adj* 1 [usu attrib] (esp Brit) (of accomodation) mi thawn ziang hman (ti-dai, ek-inn, etc) hlawmaw lo, mah bul luhnak a neimi: *a self-contained flat, maisonette, etc.* 2 (of a person) umpi minung tulum lomi, milai.

**self-control** /self kEn{trEU/ *n* [U] mah le mah ukawknak, supawk theinak: *show/exercise great self-control in moments of stress* ○ *lose one's self-control.*

**self-defeating** /self dl{fi:tIN/ *adj* (of a course of action, etc) tumtahmi thil a linglet ih a suakter theimi (tuahnak): *Punishing the demonstrators is self-defeating because it only encourages further demoustrations.*

**self-defence** /self dl{fens/ *n* [U] mah le mah,

mah ih thilri, etc hum himnak, kilvennak, khamnak: *kill sb in self-defence*, ie while defending oneself against attack ○ *the art of self-defence*, ie boxing, judo, etc.

**self-denial** /self dl{naiEI/ *n* [U] mah le mah el-awknak; mah duhmi tuah lo, co lo, hman loin umnak biaknak ruahdan ruangah.

**self-determination** /self dlt3:mi{naiSn/ *n* [U] mahte thu thencat theinak; mahte thu ruat theinak.

**self-discipline** /self disiplin/ *n* [U] mahte cin le daan neihnak.

**self-drive** /self {draIv/ *adj* [attrib] (Brit) (of a hired vehicle) a hlangtu in mahte mawnmi: *a self-drive car, van, etc* ○ *self-drive hire.*

**self-educated** /self {edZUKeltId/ *adj* tlawng ih zirhmi hnakin, mahte zircop ih fimthiamnak tamsawn a ngahmi; mahte fimthiamnak a hawlmi.

**self-effacing** /self {felsIN/ *adj* mah le mah thupiter duh lo; tluangtiam le tangdor ih ummi: *She's brilliant but self-effacing.*

▷ **self-effacement** /-t'feismənt/ *n* [U].

**self-employed** /self Im{pICId/ *adj* mahte mahih hna a tuanmi.

▷ **self-employment** /-Im'ploimənt/ *n* [U]: *a person in self-employment.*

**self-esteem** /self {sti:m/ *n* [U] ziaza, thilti theinak lam ah ka tawke ko ti ih mah le mah rin-awknak, upat-awknak: *high/low self-esteem.* ○ *injure sb's esteem.*

**self-evident** /self {evidEnt/ *adj* amahte ah a fiangmi: *a self-evident truth, statement, fact* ○ *Her sincerity is self-evident.*

**self-explanatory** /self Ik{splFEntrl; US -tC:rl/ *adj* amahte a simfiang-awmi: *The diagram is a self-explanatory.*

**self-help** /self {help/ *n* [U] mi ih bomnak tel loin, mah ih thazaang, mah ih neihmi hmangin thilti suaknak: *Self-help is an important element in therapy for the handicapped.* ○ [attrib] *a self-help group.*

**self-important** /self Im{pC:tEnt/ *adj* (derog) a si ngaingai hnakin thupi ih ruat-aw.

▷ **self-importance** /-tEns/ *n* [U].

**self-imposed** /self Im{pEUzd/ *adj* mah le mah pek-awkmi, tuah-awkmi: *a self-imposed diet, exit.*

**self-indulgent** /self m{dVIdZEnt/ *adj* (derog) thlahdah-aw mi: *The novel is too long and self-indulgent.*

▷ **self-indulgence** /-dzəns/ *n* [U] thlahdah-awknak, mah duhbang ih nunnak: *a life of gross self-indulgence.*

**self-interest** /self {Intrlst/ *n* [U] mah ih duhnak lawng ruat; mah ih thathnemnak lawng a hawlmi: *do something purely from/out of self-interest.*

**selfish** /selfIS/ *adj* (derog) hamtam, tirhfak; mah

ih duhmi le t̃ulmi kha hmaisabik ah re ih, mi zawn ruat lo: *He is too selfish to think of lending me his car* ○ *a selfish refusal*.

▷ **selfishly** *adv.* **selfishness** *n* [U].

**selfless** /selflɪs/ *adj* (fml) mah hnakin mi hrang a ruat sawnmi: *selfless devotion to one's children*.

▷ **selflessly** *adv.* **selflessness** *n* [U].

**self-locking** /self ɪlɒkɪŋ/ *adj* (eg of a door) khar tikah amahte in a hren-aw theimi.

**self-made** /self ˈmɛɪd/ *adj* [usu attrib] mahte taimaknak thawn t̃hangso .

**self-opinionated** /self ɒpɪnjənɪtɪd/ *adj* (derog) sual le sual lo ti ruat loin mah ih ruahnak lawng duh.

**self-pity** /self ˈpɪtɪ/ *n* [U] (often derog) mah le mah zaangfahza zetih hmuh-awknak: *a letter full of complaints and self-pity*.

**self-portrait** /self ˈpɔːtreɪt, also ˈtrɪt/ *n* mah ih thinhna t̃lunlam, mahte'n zukmi zuk: *a self portrait by Van Gogh* ○ (fig) *The book's hero is a self-portrait of the author*.

**self-possessed** /self ˈpɛzɪst/ *adj* (thin zonzai le harsatnak ton caan ah) mah umkelte in daite ih a um theimi: *self-possessed in front of the TV cameras*.

▷ **self-possession** /ˈpɛzɪsn/ *n* [U] daite ih um theinak, um thiamnak: *keep/lose/regain one's self-possession*.

**self-preservation** /self ˈprezɪveɪsn/ *n* [U] siatsuahnak ihsin mah le mah humhimnak: *the instinct for self-preservation*.

**self-raising flour** /self ˈreɪzɪŋ ˈflaʊə/ *n* (US **self-rising flour** /ˈraɪzɪŋ/) baking powder rawi t̃ul loin, rawh tikah amahte in a puam/a t̃hang theimi sangvut. Cf PLAIN FLOUR (PLAIN).

**self-reliant** /self ˈrɪlɪənt/ *adj* mah ih thiltitheinak le thazaang a rinsanmi: *too self-reliant to want to borrow from anyone*.

▷ **self-reliance** /ˈlɪəns/ *n* [C].

**self-respect** /self ˈrɛspɛkt/ *n* [U] mah le mah upat-awknak: *lose all self-respect*.

▷ **self-respecting** *adj* [attrib] (usu in negative sentences) self-respect nei: *No self-respecting doctor would refuse to treat a sick person*.

**self-righteous** /self ˈraɪtɪs/ *adj* (derog) ka timi hmuah a dik t̃heh ti ih a ruatawmi: *self-righteous man, attitude, remark* ○ *self-righteous anger, condemnation*.

▷ **self-righteously** *adv.* **self-righteousness** *n* [U].

**self-rule** /self ˈruːl/ *n* [U] mahte uk-awknak.

**self-sacrifice** /self ˈsɛkrɪfɪs/ *n* [U] mah pumpek-awknak: *Her self-sacrifice saved our lives*.

▷ **self-sacrificing** *adj*

**selfsame** /selfseɪm/ *adj* [attrib] (used after *the, this, that*, etc) cumi thocho, a bangrepmi: *She said the selfsame thing to me*. ○ *They were both*

*born on that selfsame day*.

**self-satisfied** /self ˈsɛtsɪfald/ *adj* (derog) mahte ih lungkim aw tukmi: *a self-satisfied person, attitude, grin*.

**self-sealing** /self ˈsiːlɪŋ/ *adj* [attrib] (usu of envelope) kut in nen men ih a ben aw, a erhaw theimi ca-ik.

**self-seeking** /self ˈsiːkɪŋ/ *adj, n* (derog) mah ih duhnak lawng hmaisai ih a hawltu.

**self-service** /self ˈsɜːvɪs/ *n* [U] rawldaw; petrol zuarnak hmun, etc ah, mah ih duhmi mahte in lak t̃heh hnuah paisa kaitu hnenih paisa pek thil zuardan.

▷ **self-service** *adj*: *a self-service canteen* ○ *Are these pumps self-service?*

**self-starter** /self ˈstaːtɜː/ *n* 1 mah palung pok ih t̃uan ding a theitu: *The advertisement read 'Young self-starter wanted as salesperson'*. 2 (dated) (usu electrical) merh/her ciamco t̃ul loin engine nunternak thil.

**self-styled** /self ˈstald/ *adj* [attrib] (sometimes derog) mahte sinak a bun-awtu: *the self-styled leader of the sect, Mr Baker*. ○ *The self-styled 'Reverend' Harper is not a real clergyman at all*.

**self-sufficient** /self sɪfɪsɪənt/ *adj* ~ (in sth) mahte a khopkham mi; mahte a cawm-aw theimi: *She is handicapped but very self-sufficient*. ○ *a country self-sufficient in coal, ie producing all the coal it needs*.

▷ **self-sufficiency** /-sɪfɪsɪ/ *n* [U].

**self-supporting** /selfsɪpɔːtɪŋ/ *adj* (eg a person or a business) midang bom t̃ul loin mahte ke ih a ding theimi.

**self-willed** /self ˈwɪld/ *adj* (derog) duh hnuhnu tuah a tum t̃engt̃engmi; lungruh: *a troublesome self-willed child*.

**self-winding** /self ˈwaɪndɪŋ/ *adj* (nazi-ah) amahte in tawh a pe-aw theimi.

**sell** /sel/ *v* (pt, pp **sold** /sɔʊld/) 1 [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ (sth) (to sb) (at/for sth) zuar, zorh: *Can she be persuaded to sell (the house)?* ○ *I won't sell to a stranger*. ○ *sell (sth) at a high price, a loss, a discount* ○ *sell (one's bike) for £80* ○ *sell sth by auction* ○ *sell sb into slavery*, ie as a slave ○ *Will you sell me your camera?* ○ *I sold my car (to a friend) for £750*. 2 [Tn] (a) zuar ding nei; zuartu, zuar: *I sell insurance*. 3 [Tn] khawng tertu, mi ih lei duh tertu: *It is not price but quality that sells our shoes*. ○ *Her name will help to sell the film*. 4 [I, Ipr, In/pr] khawng: *Will such a long novel sell?* ○ *The car is selling well*. ○ *Umbrellas sell best in winter*. ○ *The badges sell at 50p each*. ○ *The group's record has sold millions*. 5 (infml) (a) [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ sth/sb (to sb) a t̃ha, a santlai, man a nei ti ah mi ih zum dingin tuah, lei dingah forh: *You'll never sell changes like that to the work-force*. ○ *a high poster campaign selling the new party* ○ *You have to sell yourself*

at a job in the view, ie ka tawk bik a si tiin langter. (b) [Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth to sb** thuphanper in sim: *sell sb an excuse, story, etc* ○ *He tried to sell me a line about losing his wallet.* 6 [Tn, Dn-pr] ~ **oneself (to sb)** nawhthuh ei: *Are artists who work in advertising selling themselves?* ○ *The police had sold themselves to the gang leaders.* 7 [Tn esp passive] (dated infml) bum: *You've been sold again. That car you bought is a wreck.* 8 (idm) **be sold on sth/sb** duh: *I like the house but I'm not sold on the area.* **be sold out (os sth)** khawng theh zo (ticket-lethmat, etc): *The match was completely sold out, ie ticket khawng theh* ○ *We're sold out of Sunday papers, sir.* **sell one's body** (rhet) taksa (taw/su) zuar: **sell sb down the river** (mai thatnemnak hrangah) phatsan, zuarthlai. **sell one's life dearly** (fml) ral tamzet thah hnuah mah khal that tuah (ral in). **sell like hot cakes** ⇒ HOT. **sell the pass** maih/kompi ih thatnemnak, thilthup kha phuang. **sell sb a pup** (infml) thil tha lo kha a tha vekin mi zawrh: *You've been sold a pup — that house is nearly falling down.* **sell sb/sth short** (a) (commerce) um hrih lomi thil mi zawrh - man ol deuh in ka lei ngah leh dingih ka miat ding ti ruat in. (b) thil/mi/mah kha hmuniam/zuamtai: *Don't sell her short: She's very gifted in some area.* (c) a man zat, a um zat hnakin sangdeuh/tamdeuh in sim, bum. **sell one's soul (to the devil)** tangka, hmin thannak malte ngah duh ruangih nautat tlak thil tuah: *She'd sell her soul to get the job.* 9 (phr v) **sell sth off** hman duh nawn lomi, khong thei lomi thil kha man ol deuh in zuar: *sell off the old stock.* **sell out** zuar theh zo: *The show has sold out, ie ticket a tang nawn lo.* **sell out (of sth)** khawng theh zo: *We've sold out (of milk) but we'll be getting some more in later.* **sell out (to sb)** daan pah: *She's sold out and left the party.* **sell (sth) out (to sb)** sumtuahnak ih sumburmi tangka hram a thenkhat, lole a zate in zuar: *She had decided to sell out (her share of the company) and retire.* **sell sb out** phatsan: *They've sold us out by agreeing to work during the strike.* **sell (sth) up** vaih zik vek ah neih hmuah zuar theh verver. ▷ **sell** n [sing] 1 (infml) bumnak; thincemnak: *It's a real sell: the food seems cheap but you pay extra for vegetables.* 2 (idm) **the hard/soft sell** nor ciamco ih thil zuar: *They're certainly giving the book a hard sell, with advertisements every night on TV.* □ **sell-by date** thilri parih nganmi niteek tiang lawng zuar a tlak ti in, niteek nei ih thilzuar. **selling-point** mi in leiduh dingih, a duhnunnak te: *Double glazing is often a good selling point for houses.* **selling price** thil man. Cf COSTPRICE (COST<sup>2</sup>).

**sell-out** n 1 ticket cem ko ih zuar thehnak. 2 (infml) phatsannak: *The agreement is a compromise, not a sell-out.*

NOTE ON USAGE: **sell, vend, peddle, push** and **flog**. 1 **Sell** is the most general verb, meaning 'give in exchange for money': *They are selling their house and moving to the country.* ○ *Do you sell magazines here?* 2 **Vend** is formal and indicates the selling of small articles. The noun **vendor** is much more common than the verb: *a street vendor, a news-vendor*. It is also a legal term used especially in the selling of a house: *The vendor signs the contract with the purchaser.* **Vending-machine** is also common and is a coin-operated slot machine for the sale of small items. 3 **Peddle** indicates the selling of small, inexpensive goods byu going from house to house: *He peddled small household articles around the town.* 4 **Push** is informal and is used for the selling of illegal drugs: *He was caught pushing heroin to the school children.* 5 **Flog** is slang. It often suggests that what is to be sold is of little value, possibly stolen and therefore difficult to sell: *He tried to flog me a broken TV set.*

**seller** /sɛlɛr/ n 1 **zuartu**: a bookseller ○ *the buyer and the seller.* 2 khong ol, lole, khong har thilri: *This model is a poor seller,* ie Not many have been sold ○ *This dictionary is a best seller.*

□ **seller's market** mi ih cuhmi thil pawl zuar a si ruangah a zuartu pawlin mi an nehtheinak dawr: *It's a seller's market for vintage cars,* ie man tampi pek an duh.

**Sellotape** /sɛləʊtɛp/ n [U] (Brit propr) (also **sticky tape**) thil erh, bennak plastic kual: *mend a torn map with Sellotape.*

▷ **sellotape** v [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] selotape thawn ben, erh, belh: *sellotape the parcel (up)* ○ *sellotape torn pieces of paper (together)* ○ *sellotape a notice to the wall.*

**selvage** (also **selvedge**) /sɛlvɪdʒ/ n poih thei lo dingih tahmi puantlang.

**selves** pl of SELF.

**semantic** /sɪˈmɒntɪk/ adj [usu attrib] tongfang ih a tican thawn a pehpar awmi; tongfang, tongtluan pawlih tican: *the semantic content of a sentence.*

▷ **semantics** n [sing v] tongfang, tongtluan pawl ih tican thlingthlaknak; ziangzoinak, zirnak.

**semaphore** /semɛfɔːr/ n 1 puan pahnih, lole kut pahnih zaap in biakawnak: *send a message by semaphore.* 2 tlangleng feh a thlengaw tertu, meisen le meihring.

▷ **semaphore** v [I, Tn, Tf, Dpr-f, Dpr-w, Dpr-t no passive] semaphore hmang in biak, thu-



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kuat: *semaphore* (to sb) that help is needed/to send help.

**semblance** /semlEns/ *n* [sing U] ~ of sth vekin (thil pakhat khat vekih langnak): *put on a semblance of cheerfulness* ○ *bring the meeting to some semblance of order.*

**semen** /si:men/ *n* [U] bua, baw.

▷ **seminal** /semlnl/ *adj* **1** [usu attrib] ci, bua thawn a pehpami: *the seminal fluid* ○ *a seminal duct.* **2** (fig often approv) neta ih cang leh ding thil parah nekhhuhtu a simi: *a seminal idea, essay, speech* ○ *Her theories were seminal for educational reform.*

**semester** /sɪlmestɜr/ *n* (esp in US universities and colleges) tlawng cazir caan, caanthen pahni: *the summer/winter semester.* Cf TERM **3**.

**semi** /seml/ *n* (pl **semis** /semlz/) (Brit infml) a peh-aw ziktemi inn pahni (inn neitu a dangdang).

**semi-** *pref* (*adjs*, *ns* thawn kom in hman a tam) a hrek, a hrekhat: *semi-circular* ○ *semi-detached* ○ *semifinal.*

**semibreve** /semlbri:v/ *n* (US whole note) hman thangmi hla vuak pawl lak ihsin a saubik mi a si ih *minim* pahni thawn a vuak an bang-aw.

**semicircle** /semls3:kɪ/ *n* rinbial (*circle*) ih hrek, rinbial hrek ih a tlang, rinbial hrek ih a tlang vek in a kual ih retmi thilri: *a semicircle of chairs* ○ *sitting in a semicircle round the fire.*

▷ **semicircular** /semls3:kjuɪər/ *adj* rinbial-hrek pian a kengmi.

**semicolon** /semlkEUIEn/ US /semlk-/ *n* ( ; ) a hih kulh sungih nganmi vek hminsinnak, colhte. Cf COLON **2**.

**semiconductor** /semlkEn(dvktɜr/ *n* electric tha a tawkfang lawng a hruai theimi thilri (thir tlukin a hruai thei lo).

**semi-conscious** /semlkBnSEs/ *adj* malte lawng lung a fim (mi): *a semi-conscious patient recovering from an anaesthetic.*

**semi-detached** /seml dlɪtɪtSt/ *adj* (of a house) innhnen inn thawn an karlak ih phar a hlawm-awmi inn.

**semifinal** /semlfaiɪn/ *n* final thlang ding cuh-awknak ih zuammi/lekmi puai, eg in football.

▷ **semifinalist** /faiɪnElst/ *n* semifinal tiang thlang theitu minung/zuamtu (*teams*).

**seminal** ⇒ SEMEN.

**seminar** /semlna:R/ *n* thu reltlangnak, lole thu pakhat zirtlang dingah saya pakhat thawn tongkhawmmi university tlawngta burkhat.

**seminary** /semlnɛrɪ/ US -nerɪ/ *n* **1** Baibal tlawng, biaknak hohatu ding pawl zirhnak college. **2** (*dated*) nauhak kum upa deuh pawl le mino pawl tlawng.

▷ **seminarist** /semlnɛrɪst/ *n* seminary tlawngta.

**semiotics** /semlBtɪks/ *n* [sing *v*] ca ngan tikih hmanmi hminsinnak pawlih an tican le an

hmandan zirnak.

**semiprecious** /semlpreSes/ *adj* [usu attrib] (lungvar thawn pehparin) mankhung deuh lo.

**semiquaver** /semlkweivɜr/ *n* (US **sixteenth note**) hla vuak ah *quaver* ih hrek a neimi hla vuak.

**semi-skilled** /seml skild/ *adj* [usu attrib] (of a worker) a thiam zet pawl hnakihi niam deuh hnaʔuantu: *a semi-skilled machine operartor, job.*

**Semite** /si:malt/ *n* Jew le Arab pawl telcihmi miphun.

▷ **Semitic** /sɪ'mɪtɪk/ *adj*: *Semitic languages, tribes.*

**semitone** /semltEUn/ *n* (US **half tone**) awnmawi scale sungih awhrek a hlat-awmi.

**semitropical** /semlaUEɪ/ *adj* [attrib] (*tropics*) khawhlum hmun kiangkak hmun ram: *Semitropical weather, vegetation, countries.*

**semivowel** /semlvaUEɪ/ *n* vowel aw a nei na-in consonant vekih hman a simi w/,j tivek cafang pawl.

**semolina** /semlEli:nE/ *n* [U] deen le hrik rero hnu ih a tang laimi sangvut (wheat) muril: [attrib] *semolina pudding.*

**sempstress** /semstrɪs/ (Brit) = SEAMTRESS.

**SEN** /es i: ɛn/ *abbr* (Brit) State Enrolled Nurse (with 2 year training): *be an SEN* ○ *Judy Green SEN.* Cf SRN.

**Sen** *abbr* **1** Senate. **2** Senator: *Sen John K Nordqvist.* **3** (also **Snr, Sr**) senior: *John F Davis Sen,* ie to distinguish him from his son with the same name. Cf JNR.

**senate** /senɪt/ *n* (often **Senate**) **1** [CGp] rampi tlangsuak upa deuh ho pawl (France, US le Australia pawlih hmandan a si): [attrib] *a senate committee, decision.* Cf CONGRESS **2**, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE (HOUSE **1**). **2** [CGp] university hrekhat ih uktu council. **3** [Gp] (khuahlan Rome sanah) ramsung ih a sang bik council.

▷ **senator** /senEtɜr/ *n* (often **Senator**, *abbr Sen*) *senate sungtel.* **senatorial** /senEtɜ/ *adj* [attrib]: *senatorial rank, powers, office.*

**send** /send/ *v* (pt, pp **sent** /sent/) **1** [Tn, Tnpr, Tn-p, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ sth/sb (to sb) kuat, fehter: *send a letter, telegram, message, etc* ○ *send goods, documents, information* ○ *I've sent the children to bed.* ○ *Send out the invitations to the party.* ○ *His mother sent him to the shop to get some bread.* ○ *We sent him a letter/we sent a letter to him.* **2** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ sth (out) radio/wireless in thu kuat: *The radio operator sent (out) an appeal for help to the headquarters.* **3** [Tn-pr, Tn-p, Cn-g] thazaang thawn khulrang zet in thawn/fehter: *Whenever he moved, the wound sent pains all along his arm.* ○ *Space rockets are being sent up all the time.* ○ *She bumped against the table and sent all the*

crockery to the ground, ie knockec it to the ground. ○ *The explosion sent us running in all directions.* ○ (fig) *The difficult words sent me to the dictionary.* ○ *The storm sent the temperature down.* 4 (a) [Cn-a] aater tivec: *send sb mad/crazy/insane/berserk.* (b) [Tn-pr] ~ **sb to/into sth** ter, itter tivec: *send sb to sleep* ○ *send sb into rage, a frenzy, fits of laughter* ○ *The news sent the Stock Exchange into a panic.* 5 [It](fml) thuthan/thucuh kuat: *She sent to say that she was safe and well.* 6 [Tn] (dated infml) hmulto khop, therkhop, laukhop in lungawinak/mangbangnak suakter; hip: *That music really sends me!* 7 (idm) **give/send sb one's love** ⇒ LOVE<sup>1</sup>. **send sb about his business** = SEND SB PACKING. **send sb/sth flying** thong thluk tlu ko, bah ko, dunglam ah ngal ko in thong/thawi: *The blow sent him flying.* **send things flying** thil pawl kha sukso ah deng: **send sb packing** (infml) hngalzet/hrangzet in dawihlo: *She tried to interfere, but I sent her packing!* **send sb to Coventry** zohman ih biak loin pherh: *Men who refuse to strike were sent to Coventry by their colleagues.* 8 (phr v) **send away (to sb) (for sth)** = SEND OFF (for sth) **send of down** (Brit) (a) university ihsin tlawngsuah. (b) (infml) thawngthlak: *He was sent down for ten years for armed robbery.* **send for sth; send for sb (to do sth)** ko, cah: *send for a fresh supply of paper* ○ *send for a taxi, an ambulance, a doctor.* ○ *send for sb to repair the TV.* **send sb thlah:** *Soldiers were sent in to quell the riots.* **send sth in** kuat (ca-rek in): *Have you sent in your application for the job?* **send off (for sth)** cakuat in cah: *I've sent off for those bulbs I saw advertised in the paper.* **send sb off** (Brit) (of a referee) lehnak ihsin dawi/suah. **send sth off** ca-rek in kuat: *Have you sent that letter off yet?* **There's something I want to add to it.** **send sth out** (a) a cerh: *The sun sends out light and warmth.* (b) a suah: *The trees send new leaves in spring.* **send sb to ...** tlawng, sizung, thawngah ret, toh, thlak: *They send their daughter to one of the best schools in the country.* ○ *He was sent to hospital/prison.* **send sb up** (US infml) thawng thlak. **send sb/sth up** (Brit infml) umdan cawngin capohnak ah hman: *comedians who send up members of the government* ○ *Bill is constantly being sent up by his children.* □ **send-off** n thlahnak: *She was given a good send-off at the airport.* **send-up** hnihsuak duh ih mi nun cawnnak: *Her book is a hilarious send-up of conventional spy story.*

**sender** /sendER/ n kuattu: *If undelivered return to sender, eg on letter.*

**senescent** /sl[nesnt/ adj (fml or medical) a tar.

▷ **senescence** /sl[nesns/ n [U] (fml or medical)

tar vivo, tar vivonak.

**senile** /si:nall/ adj tar ruangih thazaang, thinlung der: *He keeps forgetting things: I think he's getting senile.*

▷ **senility** /sl[nillEt/ n [U] senile sinak.

□ **senile dementia** /si:nall dl[menSE/ thu cing thei nawn lo, thu hngilh vivo, cawlcangdan hman nawn lomi, tarnat.

**senior** /si:nIER/ adj ~ (to sb) (a) upa (kum in): *He is ten years senior to me.* (b) hnañuan, thuneihnak a upami: *There are separate rooms for senior and junior officers.* ○ *He is the senior partner (ie the head) in the firm.* (c) ñuan hmasa deuh, mihlun deuh: *She is senior to me since she joined the firm before me.* 2 (often **Senior**, abbr **Sen**) fapa ih hmin thawn a bangawmi a pa ih hmin dungah ngan ñeu a si: *John Brown Senior.* 3 [attrib] (of a school) kum 11 tlun nauhak pawl kainak (tlawng). Cf JUNIOR.

▷ **senior** n 1 kum upa deuh minung: *She is my senior by two years/two years my senior.* 2 senior pawlih tlawng/tlawngta: *a football match between the juniors and the seniors.* 3 (US) college/high school kum neta bik kum: [attrib] *her senior year at college.*

**seniority** /si:nllBrEt/ US -C:r- n [U] 1 kum upa deuhnak, hnañuan upa deuhnak: *Should promotion be through merit or seniority?* 2 ñuan hmaisa sinak: *a doctor with five years seniority over his colleagues.*

□ **senior citizen** (esph) a tar, hnañuan cawl zo minung.

**senna** /senE/ n [U] sungdok (ñatnak) si kung (Kawl: pui-kaing).

**señor** /se[n]C:R/ n (pl **señores** /se[n]jo:reiz/) (before a name, **Señora**) Spain ñong hmangtu pawl hrangah Mr lole, Sir tican a si.

▷ **senora** /se[n]C:rE/ n Mrs, lole, Madam tinak a si.

**senorita** /sen]C:ri:tE/ n Miss, lole, Madam tinak a si.

**sensation** /sen[selSn/ n 1 (a) [C] kan taksa ih theihnak (a sa, a na, a nuam, tivec pawl theihnak): *a sensation of warmth, dizziness, falling* ○ *Massage produces wonderful sensations.* (b) [C] ziang ruangah ka thei ti simtheih lomi thinlung in theihnak: *I had the sensation that I was being watched.* (c) [U] tham/dai tikah taksa-ih theih theinak: *lose all sensation in one's legs* ○ *Some sensation is coming back to my arm.* 2 [C, U] lau, mangbang, theiduh ih um celcelnak: *The news caused a great sensation.* ○ (derog) *Sensation-seeking news papers tried to cash in on her misery.*

▷ **sensational** /SEn/ adj 1 (a) thinlung mi a khoih thei, mangbangter thei: *a sensational crime, victory, etc.* (b) (derog) lau, mangbang; thei duh celcel cangter ding a tummi: *a sensational newspaper, write.* 2 (infml) a ñha

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tuk; mangbangza: *You look sensational in that dress.* ○ *That music is sensational!*  
**sensationalism** /-SENElzEm/ *n* [U] (derog) lau, mangbang, thei duh celcel suak seh tiah, tuk sumza tong pawl hmang hrim, mipi thintok thinheng thei dingin thu pawl tuahhrimnak: *Avoid sensationalism in reporting crime.* ○ *the sensationalism of the popular press.*

**sensationalist** /-SENElst/ *n.* **sensationalize, -ise** /-SENElalz/ *v* (derog) sensation cang thei zawngin tuah, sim: *a sensationalized account of a squalid crime.* **sensationally** /-SENEl/ *adv*: *Newspapers reported the incident sensationally, making it appear worse than it really was.*

**sense** /sens/ *n* **1** [C] mit, hna, hnar, lei, vun (taksa) tivek ih theihnak: *the five senses* ○ *have a keen sense of hearing.* **2** [U, sing] (a) a sinak, tiduwnak thei ih duh, uar, lungawi, nuam ti, lole a thathnemnak, a man theithiam: *a sense of the* (ie the ability to know what is) *absurd, ridiculous, etc* ○ *not have much sense of humour*, ie a liking for jokes, funny situations, etc ○ *a person with no sense of direction*, ie who cannot find his way easily. (b) thil umzia, sizia theihnak: *a sense of one's own importance, worth, etc* ○ *have no sense of shame, guilt, etc* ○ *feel a sense of security in her arms.* **3** [U] a mawitawk zetih thu tan thiamnak; thu ruat thiamnak: *have the sense to come in out of the rain.* ○ *There's a lot of sense in what she says.* **4 senses** [pl] thu ruat theinak: *lose/regain one's sense.* **5** [U] thuhla, tican, duhsannak: *What's the sense of doing that?* ○ *There's no sense in going alone*, ie It would be better not to. **6** [C] (a) tongfang, tongfangbur ih sullam, a tican: *a word with several senses* ○ *The sense of the word is not clear.* (b) tongfang, tong tuan ih a sullam kan pomdan: *in the strict literal/figurative sense of the expression* ○ *I am a worker only in the sense that I work; I don't get paid for what I do.* **7** [sing] **the ~ of sth** (fml) mi tamdeuh ih lungduh, ruahdan: *The sense of the meeting was* (ie Most people present thought) *that he should resign.* **8** (idm) **beat, knock, drive, etc (some) sense into sb** (infml) mi pakhat ih umdan, ruahdan kha napi in, lole rumro in thlengsak: *She's a wild uncontrollable girl, but that new school should knock some sense into her.* **bring sb to his/come to one's senses** (a) atthlakza le a zawn lo tukih thiltuah cawlter: *He was finally brought to his senses and agreed to let the hostages go.* (b) lungmit ziang thei lomi lungfim sal: *When I came to my senses, I was lying on the floor.* **in a sense** ruahdan, tican theisak asile: *What you say is true in a sense.* **in one's senses** fimhring tein: *No one in their right sense would let a small child go out alone.* **make sense** (a) tican nei: *What you say makes no sense.* ○ *These words*

*are jumbled up and don't make sense.* (b) ruahnak nei, tican nei: *It doesn't make sense to buy that expensive coat when these cheaper ones are just as good.* ○ *It would make sense to leave early.* **make sense of sth** a har, tican nei lo vek a simi thil tican theihnak: *Can you make sense of this poem?* **out of one's senses** atsuak, aa: *You sold it! you must be out of your senses!* **see sense** a si vekin thil hmu thei, thu ruat thei: *I hope she soon sees senses and stops fighting a battle she cannot win.* **a sense of occasion** a cemi thil a cang, a suak, kan tuah tikah kan ngahmi cemi thinlung umdan. **a sixth sense** theihnak a paruknak; taksa ih theih thei lomi thinlung ih theihnak: *A sixth sense told her that he would be waiting for her when she got home.* **take leave of one's senses** ⇒ LEAVE<sup>2</sup>. **talk sense** ⇒ TALK.

▷ **sense v 1** [Tn, Tf, Tw] thinlung in theithiam, kai ngah: *Although she didn't say anything, I sense (that) she didn't like the idea.* **2** [Tn] (of a machine, etc) a um/um lo tivek thei, kai: *an apparatus that senses the presence of toxic gases.* □ **sense-organ** thil theihtertun hna, mit, hnar, lei, vun tivek ruangpum then.

**senseless** /senslsls/ *adj* **1** tican nei lo; aat thu, ruahnak nei lo: *a senseless idea, action* ○ *It would be senseless to continue any further.* **2** [use pred] lungmit, zianghman thei nawn lo: *fall senseless to the ground.*

▷ **senselessly** *adv.* **senselessness** *n* [U].

**sensibility** /sensEblEt/ *n* **1** [C usu pl] thil theihthamlote, thil fate, a menmente khal theithiam, duhthiam uarthiamnak: *the sensibility of a poet* ○ *a man of subtle and refined sensibilities.* **2 sensibilities** [pl] thinheng ol, lau ol: *wound/offend/outrage readers' sensibilities.*

**sensible** /sensEbl/ *adj* **1** (a) a tawk a zawn le a tuldan taktak vekih um thiam, thil a hmu theimi; a fimkhurmi; a cang theimi, a awm, pompi theihmi, tican neimi: *a sensible person, idea, course of action, suggestion* ○ *It was sensible of you to lock the door.* (b) mawinak hrang a si lomi, a taktak hrangih a santlaimi: *wear sensible shoes for long walks.* **2** [attrib] **~ of sth** (fml) thil cang dingmi theihthiamnak: *Are you sensible of the danger of your position?* **3** [attrib] (dated) mit, hnar, lei, hna, vun pawl in theih a theihmi, theihthei khop a simi: *a sensible rise in temperature.*

▷ **sensibly** /-Ebll/ *adv* a tawk a zawn, a tuldan vekin: *sensibly dressed for hot weather.*

NOTE ON USAGE: The noun **sense** can mean **1** 'the way the body experiences its surroundings': *the sense of touch, sight, etc*, or **2** 'reason, good judgement': *She talks a lot of good sense.* The adjective **sensitive** relates to

meaning 1: *She's got very sensitive hearing, skin, etc.* ○ *Don't laugh at him; he's very sensitive.* **Sensible** relates to meaning 2: *She gave me some sensible advice.* ○ *You must try to be more sensible.*

**sensitive** /sensEtIv/ *adj* **1** (a) a nemno tukih tuahmawh, siatsuah a ol tukmi: *the sensitive skin of a baby.* ○ *A sensitive nerve in a tooth can cause great pain.* (b) theitham lo thilte in, olte in, lole nasa takih a thlengter theimi: *Photographic paper is highly sensitive to light.* ○ *This material is heat sensitive, ie a sa a dai ruangah olte in a thlengaw thei.* **2** ~ (about/to sth) thinheng, ningna, thinnuam lo, lohli thei: *a frail and sensitive child* ○ *He's very sensitive about being small, so don't mention it.* ○ *A writer mustn't be too sensitive to criticism.* **3** (approv) a tuldan, a sidan, a hardan tivek theihsak thei lohli le zaang a fah theimi: *When I need advice, he's a helpful and sensitive friend.* **4** ~ (to sth) (thil tahnak thilri, etc thawn peh parin) a khing zaang zet, a fate zetmi thlengnak, thil cangmi tla a tah theimi: *a sensitive thermometer, balance, ammeter, etc* ○ (fig) *The Stock Exchange is sensitive to likely political changes.* **5** ralringzet, thupzet le fimkhur zetih finkhaw, tawlrel a tulmi: *sensitive military information* ○ *a sensitive issue like racial relations.* ⇒ Usage at SENSIBLE. ▷ **sensitively** *adv.* **sensitivity** /sensEtIvEtI/ *n* [U] ~ (to sth) theih tham lo thil fate khal theih vervonak; thinheng, ningna, thintok olnak: *sensitivity to pain, light, heat* ○ *the sensitivity of a writer.*

**sensitize, -ise** /sensItalz/ *v* [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth/sb (to sth) zaran in olte in theih thei lohli lomi thilih a sidan, a that a siatdan, a duhnun zia, tivek pawl kha theithiam thei dingin duh, uar thei dingin zirh: *sensitize students to a poet's use of language.* **2** (in photography) cahna, film tivek pawl kha khawtleu mal ngaite pek ih theng-awter.

**sensor** /sensER/ *n* khawtleu, tikhu, meikhu, tivek mal terekte ummi hman tah theitu, thiltahnak: *Smoke sensors warned us of the fire.*

**sensory** /sensER/ *adj* [usu attrib] theihtheinak (sense, lole sensation) thawn a pehpar-awmi: *sensory organs/nerves* ○ *a sensory stimulus* ○ *sensory deprivation.*

**sensual** /sensUEI/ *adj* (sometimes derog) taksa nomnak lam thawn a pehpar-awmi (often sexual pleasure); taksa hiarnak a suakter theimi: *the sensual feel of a warm bath* ○ *a life devoted entirely to sensual pleasure* ○ *the sensual curves of her body.*

▷ **sensualist** *n* hleifuan in taksa nomnak lam lawng a duh, a thlunmi.

**sensuality** *n* [U] hleifuan in taksa nomnak

duhnak/hiarnak.

**sensually** *n* /-SUEI/ *adv.*

**sensuous** /senSUEs/ *adj* mit, hna, tivek thil theihtheinak hmun pawl nomnak a pe theimi: *the sensuous appeal of her painting* ○ *his full sensuous lips.*

▷ **sensuously** *adv.* *She swayed her hips sensuously as she danced.* **sensuousness** *n* [U].

**sent** *pt, pp* of SEND.

**sentence** /sentEns/ *n* **1** [C] (grammar) tongtluan (tican a kimmi). **2** [C, U] (law) thuthenak: *The judge passed/pronounced sentence (on the prisoner), ie said what his punishment would be.* ○ *She had served her sentence, and will now be released.* ○ *under sentence of death, ie to be officially killed as a punishment* ○ *a sentence of ten years imprisonment.*

▷ **sentence** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-t] ~ sth (to sth) thuthen: *sentence a thief to six months' imprisonment.* ○ *He has been sentenced to pay a fine of £1000.* ○ (fig) *a crippling disease which sentenced him to a lifetime in a wheelchair.*

**sententious** /sen(ten)SEs/ *adj* (fml derog) a ti awtermi, a thupi awtermi: *a sententious speaker, speech, remark, book.*

▷ **sententiously** *adv.* *'He should have thought of the consequences before he acted.'* *She concluded sententiously.* **sententiousness** *n* [U].

**sentient** /senSnt/ *adj* [attrib] (fml) ruahnak, thinlung tuardan a nei theimi (thingkung, ramsa pawl vek si lo, milai vek): *a sentient being.*

**sentiment** /sentImEnt/ *n* **1** [U] (usu derog) phurnak (lunghnonak) ruangih a suakmi duhnak, zaangfahnak tivek: *act from rational motives rather than sentiment* ○ *a love story full of cloying sentiment* ○ *There's no room for sentiment in business.* **2** [U, C usu pl] nasa zetih a suak curcomi thinlung tuardan; love, joy, hate, fear, jealousy ruangih a suakmi tongdan, umdan, ruahdan: *a speech full of lofty sentiments* ○ *Sentiment in the City* (ie the financial centre of London) *is now in favour of a cut in taxes.* **3** **sentiments** [pl] (fml or rhet) hmuhdan, ruahdan: *What are your sentiments on this issue?* ○ *My sentiments exactly!* ie I agree!

**sentimental** /sentImEntl/ *adj* **1** lunghnonak ruangih a simi, ruah a simi: *do something for sentimental reason* ○ *have a sentimental attachment to one's birth-place* ○ *a watch with sentimental value, ie which is precious eg because it was given by sb one loves.* **2** (usu derog) (a) (of things) porhdeuh, luandeuh le a si lo zawng, a tul lo zawng in lunghnonak, hlanlai caan le thilri ngainak a suakter theimi: *sentimental music* ○ *a sloppy, sentimental love*



story. (b) ~ (about sb/sth) (of people) a hleifuan ih lunghnonak nei: *She's far too sentimental about her cats.*

▷ **sentimentalist** /-tElIst/ *n* (derog) a hleifuan, a si lo, a ʔul lo tiangtiang ih lung a hno thei milai.

**sentimentality** /sEntImen(tFIETI/ *n* [U] (derog) lunghno luan tuk ruangih a suakmi ruahnak: *the sickly sentimentality of a romantic novel.*

**sentimentalize, -ise** /-tElalz/ *v* [I, Tn] (derog) lunghnoza zawngin ʔong, ca ngan; lunghnoza, zaangfahza zawngin thil hmu, thil zoh: *Don't sentimentalize when you talk about animals.* ○ *This book sentimentalizes the suffering of the disabled.*

**sentimentally** /-tElI/ *adv.*

**sentinel** /sEntInI/ *n* (fml or dated) sentry (san-ta-ri) ralvengtū: (fig) *The Press is a sentinel (ie guards or protects) of our liberty.*

**sentry** /sEntri/ *n* kilvengtū dingih thiahmi ralkap: *People approaching the gate were challenged by the sentry.* ○ [attrib] *sentry duty.* □ **sentry-box** *n* sentry (san-ta-ri), kiltu umnak thlaam fate.

**sepal** /sepl/ *n* (botany) pangpar a mum lai ah a tuamtu hnahhring.

**separable** /sepErEbl/ *adj* ~ (from sth) ʔen theih, phoih theih: *The lower part of the pipe is separable from the upper part.*

▷ **separably** /-EblI/ *adv.* **separability** /sepErEblIETI/ *n* [U].

**separate**<sup>1</sup> /sepErEt/ *adj* 1 ~ (from sth/sb) a dangdang ih a um ciarmi: *The children sleep in separate beds.* ○ *Violent prisoners are kept separate from others.* ○ *They lead separate lives, ie do not live or do things together* ○ *We can't work together any more; I think it's time we went our separate ways, ie parted.* 2 [usu attrib] bang-aw lo, phundange ciar: *It happened on three separate occasions.* ○ *That is a separate issue and irrelevant to our discussion.*

▷ **separately** *adv* a dangdang in: *They are now living separately.* ○ *Can the engine and the gearbox be supplied separately?*

**separates** *n* [pl] hnipuan dang thawn duh zawngzawng kom vivo ih hruk ʔheu leh dingih ʔhit hrinni hnipuan tete.

**separatism** /sepErEtIzEm/ *n* [U] mahte ukawknak lak in a dang ciar in um a ʔha ti ruahdan (mahte um a ʔha ti ruahdan).

**separatist** /sepErEtIst/ *n* [attrib]: *the Basque separatist organisation ETA.*

**separate**<sup>2</sup> /sepErEt/ *v* 1 [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] (a) ~ (sb/sth) (from sb/sth); ~ sth (up) (into sth) ʔen, ʔhek, ʔen-aw: *The two parts of the pipe have separated at the joint.* ○ *The branch has separated from the trunk of the tree.* ○ *This patient should be separated from others.*

○ *The land has been separated (up) into small plots.* ○ *The children were separated into groups for the game.* (b) ~ (sth) (out) (from sth) a ʔen-aw; ʔen-awkter: *Oil and water always separate out.* 2 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (from sth) ʔen, ʔhenter: *A deep gorge separates the two halves of the city.* ○ *England is separated from France by the Channel.* ○ (fig) *Politics is the only thing which separates us, ie on which we disagree.* 3 [I] (of people) ʔen-aw, ʔhek: *We talked until midnight and then separated.* 4 [I] ʔen aw: *After ten years of marriage they decided to separate.* 5 (idm) **separate the sheep from the goats** mi ʔha le mi sia thleidang. **separate the wheat from the chaff** man neimi le man nei lomi thia haa: *We have to sift through the application forms very carefully to separate the wheat from the chaff.*

▷ **separated** *adj* [pred] ~ (from sb) nupa ʔen-aw (maak aw cu si hrih lo): *I'm separated from my wife.* ○ *We're separated.*

**separator** *n* thil ʔhennak, ʔhiatdannak thilri, eg cawhnawi le a khirh, a hlap tivek.

**separation** /sepErEISn/ *n* 1 ~ (form sb/sth) (a) [U] ʔhennak, ʔhenawknak: *the separation of infectious patients from other patients.* ○ *Separation from his friends made him sad.* (b) [C] ʔen aw ih um caan (ʔen aw): *after a separation of five years from his parents.* 2 [U, sing] ʔen-aw suak a si hrih lo nain, nupa dangdang ih um ding upadi daan vekin tuah: *decide on (a) separation.*

**sepia** /si:pIə/ *n* [U] 1 a pawlmi rong. 2 a sen-pawlmi rong.

▷ **sepia** *adj* [usu attrib] *sepia pianzia nei: an old sepia photograph.*

**sepsis** /sepsis/ *n* [U] (medical) bacteria nathrik ruangih a ngah thei suan-aw thei nat. Cf SEPTIC.

**Sept** *abbr* September: 17 Sept 2003.

**September** /sep'tembER/ *n* [U, C] (*abbr* **Sept**) September thla: A hmandan cu April ah zoh aw. For the use of *September* see the examples at April.

**septet** /sep'tet/ *n* awnmawi pasarih ih tum ding, lole, mi pasarih sak dingih nganmi hla.

**sept(i)-** *comb form* hmailam bettu, ʔongfang thoknak ah ngan a si ih pasarih, sawmsarih tican a si: *septilateral, septemvir, septuagint, septuagesima, septuagenarian.*

**septic** /septIk/ *adj* nathrik a lutmi hma: *a septic wound* ○ *A dirty cut may become septic, ie affected by bacteria.* Cf SEPSIS.

□ **septic tank** ek tivek a khal, a balmi thilri a zawimi, tidai bal pennak khur; bacteria in thil khal pawl ei in a ti ah cangter ʔheh seh, cun a ti lawng luangter thei leh seh ti duhnak a si, septik tikuang.

**septicaemia** (US **-cemia**) /septI'si:mIE/ *n* [U]

(medical) tur a lut ruangih a cangmi thisen natnak.

**septuagenarian** /sɛptʃuːdʒɪˈneəriən/ *n*, *adj* [attrib] (*fml*) kum 70 in kum 79 tiang a kim minung.

**sepulchre** (*US sepulcher*) /sɛpʌlˈkɛr/ *n* (*arch*) **1** thlan; lungkham vit ih, lole, lungto dawl ih, tuahmi thlan: *the Holy Sepulchre*, ie the one in which Jesus Christ was laid. **2** (*idm*) **a whited sepulchre** ⇒ *WHITE*.

▷ **sepulchral** /sɪˈpʌlkrəl/ *adj* (*fml*) **1** [usu attrib] thlan lole, vuinak/phumnak thawn a pehparmi. **2** rehsiat mithmai nei: *a sepulchral face* ○ *speaking in sepulchral tone* ○ *look quite sepulchral*.

**sequel** /siːkwɛl/ *n* ~ (**to sth**) **1** thil pakhat hnuah, lole, thil pakhat ruangih a cang, a suakmi thil: *His speech had an unfortunate sequel, in that it caused a riot.* ○ *Famine is often the sequel to war.* **2** thuanthu le lemnung tivek ah, a hmaisa thuanthu peh ih nganbetmi thuanthu – a minung pawl khal thuanthu hmaisa ta thothon si: *He is writing a sequel to his latest best seller.*

**sequence** /siːkwɛns/ *n* **1** [C, U] a hmaisa le a sangtu pawl pehzom-aw, a sangaw te ih ummi thuhla, thil, nambat: *deal with events in historical sequence* ○ *describe the sequence of events*, ie in the order in which they occurred ○ *a sequence of dance movements* ○ *a sequence of playing-cards*, ie three or more next to each other in value, eg 10, 9, 8. **2** [C] thuhla pakhat, lole, a cangmi thil pakhat an hmuhnak zawn lemnung ih a then, a caang: *a thrilling sequence that include a car chase.*

□ **sequence of tenses** (*grammar*) tense pawl kaih-aw dingih hmadaan.

**sequential** /sɪkwɛnsɪəl/ *adj* a tikcu/a caan, a hmun pawl sang-awte ih a simi; a sangsang ih a ummi.

▷ **sequentially** /-fəli/ *adv*: *files of correspondence arranged sequentially.*

**sequester** /sɪkwɛstɛr/ *v* (*fml*) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/oneself (from sth)** mi/mah le mah kha a dangte in ret/um; mi thawn tong aw lo, pawl aw lo in um: *sequester oneself from the world.* **2** [Tn] (*law*) *SEQUESTERATE*.

▷ **sequestered** *adj* [usu attrib] (*fml*) mi thawn tong-aw lo, paksai in dai zirziar ih ummi: *lead a sequestered life* ○ *a sequestered island far from the island.*

**sequesterate** /siːkwɛstreɪt/ *v* [Tn] **1** leibak kuan hlan sung, lole, tuah dingmi tuah hlan sung daan (upadi) vek in thilri long. **2** uktu, thuneitu in man loin thilri long/laksak.

▷ **sequestration** /iːkwɛstreɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**sequin** /siːkwɪn/ *n* (mawinak hrangah hnipuan parih thitcih dingmi) a tleumi thilbial tete: *Her dress was covered in sequins which twinkled as*

*she moved.*

**sequoia** /sɪkwɔːsi/ *n* redwood le the giant sequoia an timi California-ih a khomi a tumzet phun thingkung.

**seraglio** /sɛˈraːliu/ *n* (*pl* ~ **s**) Muslim inn ah nunau pawl, lole, nunawn (nupi suun) pawl umnak inn dan.

**seraph** /sɛˈrɛf/ *n* (*pl* ~ **s** or ~ **im** /-flm/) (in the Bible) phun u bik vanmi. Cf *CHERUP*.

▷ **seraphic** /sɛˈræfɪk/ *adj* (*fml*) **1** vanmi vekih mawi le thinlung thianghlim mi: *a seraphic child, nature.* **2** lungawizet ti a langmi: *a seraphic smile.*

**sere** = *SEAR* 1.

**serenade** /sɛˈrɛnd/ *n* zan ah sak ding lole tum ding ih a remcangmi hla, a bik in tlangval in a fala nu ih tukvirh tang ih sak, lole, tummi. ▷ **serenade** *v* serenade hla sak sak.

**serendipity** /sɛˈrɛndɪpɪti/ *n* [U] mi hnak ih a hleice in, ruah lo pi in lungawiza thil ton theinak.

**serene** /sɪˈriːn/ *adj* daizirziar, daihnak um, hnaihknoknak um lo: *a serene sky* ○ *a serene look, smile, etc* ○ *In spite of the panic, she remained serene and in control.*

▷ **serenely** *adv*: *He seemed serenely unaware that any thing has gone wrong.*

**serenity** /sɪˈrenəti/ *n* [U].

**serf** /sɜːf/ *n* **1** (formerly) feudal san lai ah, ramneitu in a ram tuan dingah, hramhram ih a fialmi minung. **2** (*fig*) zaangfahnak um loin, sal vekih hnatuantu.

▷ **serfdom** /-dəm/ *n* [U] **1** serf pawl hmangih lo thlawhdan: *abolish serfdom.* **2** serf nun/umtu khawsakdan: *released from his serfdom.*

**serge** /sɜːdʒ/ *n* [U] hnipuan thit tha sahmul puan: [attrib] *a blue serge suit.*

**sergeant** /sɜːdʒənt/ *n* (often **Sergeant**: *abbrs* **Sergt**, **Sgt**) **1** ralkap senthum. **2** (**a**) (*Brit*) inspector sangtu palik bawi. (**b**) (*US*) captain (bothum) sangtu palik bawi.

**sergt** (also **Sgt**) *abbr* Sergeant: *Sergt (Collin) Hill. Sgt-Maj*, ie Sergeant Major.

**serial** /sɪˈriːəl/ *adj* **1** [usu attrib] a sangsang a simi, pakhat hnu pakhat a simi: *number files in serial order* ○ *a serial murderer*, ie one who kills several people one after another. **2** [attrib] (of a story, etc) cabu, TV, radio tivek ah a sangsang te ih ngan le suahmi nunthuleng tivek: *Our new serial thriller begins at 7:30 this evening.*

▷ **serial** *n* a sangsang a then tete ih suahmi nunthuleng (thuanthucawn): *a detective, romantic, thriller, etc serial* ○ [attrib] *serial right*, ie rights to make a serial out of a novel, story, etc.

**serialize**, **-ise** /-riˈeɪlɪz/ *v* [Tn] a then tete in suah: *serialized on radio in twelve parts.*

**serialization**, **-isation** /sɪˈriːəlɪz(ə)ʃn/ *US* -ɪlɪz-/

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*n* [C, U].

**serially** /-IEI/ *adv.*

□ **serial number** tangka ca, cheque tivek parih nganmi a sang-awmi nambat pawl.

**seriatim** /sɪəriˈeɪtɪm/ *adv* (fml) thil pakhat hnu pakhat; thukhat hnu thukhat.

**series** /sɪəriːz/ *n* (pl ah a thleng lo) **1** pakhat hnu pakhat um vivomi, lole, cang vivomi a bang-awmi thil: *a series of good harvests* ○ *a series of brilliant leaders* ○ *a series of interconnected caves* ○ *a television/radio series*, ie a number of programmes, each complete in itself, linked to each other by characters, theme, etc ○ *a series of stamps/coins*, eg of different values, but issued all at one time ○ *publish a new series of readers for students of English* ○ *the world series*, of important baseball or football games int he US. **2** [C, U] lole, bulbs sungah lut ciar dingih electric hri pehdan: *batteries connected in series* ○ [attrib] *a series circuit, connection, etc.* Cf PARALLEL.

**serif** /sɛrɪf/ *n* cafang zim ih a pawtmi a ki tete: [attrib] *printed in a serif typeface*. Cf SANSERIF.

**serio-comic** /sɪəriˈeɪk/ *adj* a thupi le sifawn, hnihsuak za le a sifawn mi: *a serio-comic remark, style, play*.

**serious** /sɪəriəs/ *adj* **1** hnih mithmai a keng lomi, thu ruat zet a simi, menmen ih um huahho lo mi, a ti remrem mi: *a serious person, mind, appearance* ○ *Her face was serious as she told us the bad news.* ○ *He seems very serious, but in fact he has a delightful sense of humour.* ○ *Please be serious for a minute, this is very important.* **2** [usu attrib] (cabu, hla, tivek thawn pehpar in) siar nuam men ah si loin thu ruat cuahco seh ti duhsan ih nganmi, phuahmi: *a serious essay about social problems.* ○ *Do you ever read serious work?* **3** a nasa, a thupizet, tihnung zet: *a serious illness, mistake, accident* ○ *a serious decision about giving up a steady job.* ○ *That could cause serious injury.* ○ *The international situation is extremely serious.* **4** ~ (about sb/sth) a ngai te in, lungtak in: *a serious suggestion* ○ *Are you really serious about him?* ie Do you have sincere affection for him? ○ *Is she serious about learning to be a pilot?*

▷ **seriously** *adv* **1** thutak, nasa, besia, thupi zet in: *speak seriously to her about it.* ○ *seriously ill, injured, etc.* **2** (infml) (thupi pa, thu poimawh sim duh tikah tɔngthoknak ah hman a si): *Seriously though, you could really hurt yourself doing that.* **3** (idm) **take sb/sth seriously** thupi zet in, laktlak zet in: *You can't take her promise seriously: she never keep her word.* ○ *I take the threat seriously.*

**seriousness** *n* [U] **1** hmaizah tlak mitmen neihnak, thuruat thei zet ti a langmi mithmai neihnak, a thupitnak, a poimawh zetnak: *the*

*seriousness of his expression* ○ *the seriousness of the crisis.* **2** (idm) **in all seriousness** (infml) capoh thu loin, thutak in: *You can't in all seriousness go out in a hat like that!*

**serjeant-at-arms** /səˈdʒɛnt Et ʔa:mz/ *n* law court, city council, parliament tivekah dun le daan vek ih tuah a tɔlmi hmuah tuahtu bawi upa.

**sermon** /sɜ:mən/ *n* **1** (a) biaknak thusim. (b) cabu ih tuahmi cuvek thusimnak: *a book of sermons.* **2** (fig infml) ziata lam, lole, mi ih mawhnak lam thawn pehpar in nunsimnak: *We had to listen to a long sermon about not wasting money.*

▷ **sermonize, -ise** /-aɪz/ *v* [I, Ipr] (derog) si-awter zet in mi nunsim (mi ngai duh a si lem tɔeu lo).

**serous** /sɪərəs/ *adj* [usu attrib] serum thawn a pehpar awmi; tidai vek a simi.

**serpent** /sɜ:pənt/ *n* (dated) **1** rul, a bik in rul tumpi. **2** tukforhtu minung, mi zer: *the old Serpent*, ie the Devil.

▷ **serpentine** /sɜ:pəntaɪn/; US -ti:n/ *adj* (fml) rul vekih a merh a kawimi: *the serpentine course of the river.*

**serrated** /sɪˈrɛɪtɪd/; US [sɛrɛɪtɪd/ *adj* a tlaang hluahha nei: *a knife with a serrated blade* ○ *serrated leaves.*

**serration** /sɪˈrɛɪʃən/ *n* **1** [U] hluahha vek a sinak. **2** [C] hluahha vek a simi a kap ah v vekih a kaknak pawl.

**serried** /sɛrɪd/ *adj* [usu attrib] (dated or fml) (a tluantluan ih um minung, thilri thawn pehpar in) remte in, naih tete ih ret, tuahmi: *serried rows/ranks/lines.*

**serum** /sɪərəm/ *n* (pl sera /sɪərə/ or ~s) (medical) **1** [U] (a) ramnung taksa sung um tidai vek a ti. (b) thi a khal hnu ah a tangmi a aihre nawn a ti. **2** nat a kham thei ruangah, dawh ding si ih hmanmi, ramsa taksa sungih lakmi a ti (serum).

**servant** /sɜ:vənt/ *n* **1** hnen-um: *have/employ a large staff of servants.* **2** [C, U] ~ (of sb/sth) (a) company tivek ih hlawnman ngahmi hnaʔuan – a bik in pum a pe-aw ih rinsan a tlakmi hnaʔuantu: *a trusted servant of the company.* (b) mi pakhat hnenah, thil pakhat hrangah pum a pe-awtu: *a servant of Jesus Christ*, eg a Christian priest. **3** (idm) **your obedient servant** ⇒ OBEDIENT.

**serve** /sɜ:vənt/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] ~ (sb) (as sth) rian; hnen-um veki mi hrangah tɔuan sak: *serve as (a) gardener and chauffeur* ○ *He has served his master for many years.* **2** [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (in sth/as sth) ralkap tivek hna tɔuan, rian: *serve (a year) in the Army* ○ *served as a naval officer during the war* ○ *serve on* (ie be a member of) *a committee, board, etc* ○ *serve under sb*, ie be under the command of (a superior officer,

leader, etc) ○ *She has served her country well*, eg as a civil servant, Member of Parliament, etc. ○ (*fig*) *This desk has served me well* (ie been very useful to me) *over the years*. **3** (a) [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Dn-n] ~ **sb (with sth)**; ~ **sth (up) (to sb)** rawl pek (mi rawl ei lai ah mah cu ei ve loin mi rawl pek); rawl suah (cabuai parah rawl ret theh): *learn to serve at table*, ie as a waiter ○ *Who is going to serve?* ○ *Dinner is served*, ie is ready. ○ *We serve coffee in the lounge*. ○ *Have all the guests been served (with) food and drink* ○ *Four waiters served lunch to us/served us lunch*. (b) [I, Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-n] ~ **sb (with sth)**; ~ **sth (to sb)** thil leitu pawlih an t̃ulnak tuahsak, lole dawr ih thilri pawl suahsak, pek: *He serves in the shoeshop*. ○ *Are you being served?* ○ *He served some sweets to the children*. (c) [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] vt ~ **sb sth with sth** a t̃ul pek, tuahsak, retsak: *The town is well served with public transport*. **4** [I, Ipr, It, Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-n/a no passive] ~ (**sb**) (**for/as sth**) (*fml*) t̃ulnak a kimter, a remcang, hman theih: *This room can serve as/for a study*. ○ *This serves to show how foolish you have been*. ○ *It's not exactly what I wanted but it will serve my pur-pose*. **5** [Tn] (of a portion of food) a tawk, a daih: *This packet of soup serves two*. **6** [Tn] (*fml*) tuah: *They have served me shamefully*, ie ningzakza in in tuah. **7** [In/pr, Tn] (a) caan pakhat kha pumcawmnak thiam zirnak ah hman: *serve two years as an apprentice/a two-year apperenticeship*. (b) caan pakhat kha thawnginn sungah cemter: *serve ten years for armed robbery*. ○ (*infml*) *serve time for fraud*. **8** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (on sb)**; ~ **sb with sth (law)** daan vekin sth kha sb hnenah pek, keng: *serve a summons, writ, warrant, etc* ○ *serve a court order on sb/sb with a court order*. **9** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (**sth**) (**to sb**) (in tennis, etc) bawhlung serve, thawi: *It's your turn to serve (to me)*. ○ *She's already served two aces this game*. **10** [Tn] (of a male animal) a ci hrangih sanmi a pa in a nu pawl ngah: *His bull will come to serve our cows tomorrow*. **11** [no passive: I, Tn] khawm caan ah puithiam ih t̃ulmi rak bawm: *Who will serve (at) mass today?* **12** (idm) **first come, first served** ⇒ FIRST<sup>2</sup>. **if memory serves** ⇒ MEMORY. **serve sb right** (of a misfortune, etc) a phu, a mawi: *'I got soaked in the rain.'* *It serves you right — I told you to take an umbrella.* **serve one's/its turn** t̃hathnempi zo: *I finally had to sell the car, but it had served its turn*. **serve sb's turn** a t̃ha, a santlai: **serve two masters** a kalh awmi, a ral awmi party pahnih, daan pahnih, tivek thlun veve. **13** (phr v) **serve sth out** (a) rawl (ei t̃ha) kha tampi mi pek, suah: *Shall I serve out the soup or would you like to help yourself?* (b) khiah ciami caan cem hlan

tiang t̃uan: *You'll have to serve out your notice before you leave the firm*. **serve sth up** (*infml derog*) pek; sim: *She served up the usual excuse for being late*.

▷ **serve** *n* (in tennis, etc) a thoknak thawi: *Whose serve is it?* ie *Whose turn is it to serve?* ○ *a first serve*.

**server** *n* 1 a thoknak thawitu (eg at Mass or in tennis), bawmtu (Mass ah). **2** hai le hmeh kheng tete toh ih mi zemnak khengper; salver tiin khal kawh a si. **3** (usu *pl*) rawl suahnak hai: *salad servers*.

**serving** *n* mi pakhat hrangih a tawkmi rawl, suah khat, khop tawk: *This recipe will be enough for four servings*.

**service** /s3:vls/ *n* **1** ~ (**to sth**) ralkap, cozah, company, tivek hnaťuan: *ten years' service in the navy, police force, etc* ○ *conditions of service* ○ *a life of public service* ○ *many years of faithful service to the company*. **2** [U] (*fig*) mawťawka cet, tivek pawl ih t̃uanmi hnaťuan: *My car has given me excellent service*. ○ *You will get good service from this typewriter*. **3** [C] (a) zungťek pawl ih hnaťuantu pawl: *the Civil Service* ○ *the Diplomatic Service* ○ *the National Health Service, etc*. (b) ralkap zungťek pawl: *the three services*, ie the Navy, the Army, the Air Force. ○ *Which service is she in?* ○ [attrib] *a service rifle, family, house*. **4** [U] (*dated*) hnenum t̃uan: *be in/go into service*, ie be/become a domestic servant. **5** [C, usu *pl*] ~ (**to sb/sth**) mi hrangih tuanmi hnaťuan; a santlai, a t̃hahnemmi tuahsernak; zaangfah cuang, duhsak cuangih bomnak: *You did me a great service by showing me the truth*. ○ *They need the service of a good lawyer*. ○ *Her services to the state have been immense*. **6** [C] (a) misenpi ih a t̃ulmi thil um ding ih tawlrelnak: *a bus/train service* ○ *the telephone service* ○ *a good postal service* ○ *Essential service* (ie tidai, electricity, etc peknak lampang) *will be maintained*. (b) thil zuar le mi hrangih t̃uannak: *We get export earnings from goods and services*. ○ *banking and insurance services* ○ *a new carpet-cleaning service*. ○ [attrib] *a service industry* ○ *the service sector*. **7** [U] hotel, riahnak inn tivek ah mileng pawl kilkhawi, a t̃ulmi tuahsak: *The food is good at this hotel, but the service is poor*. ○ *An extra 10% was added to the restaurant bill for service*. ○ [attrib] *a quick-service restaurant*. ○ *service entrance*, ie one for staff, rather than the public. **8** [C] Biakkhawmnak, thlacam khawmnak: *three services every Sunday* ○ *attend morning/evening service* ○ *the marriage, burial, communion, etc service*. **9** [C, U] a caancaan ah hmanhman in, cet, leng, etc, etc pawl rem: *take a car for (a) service every 3000 miles*, eg to have the oil changed, the

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brakes checked, etc ○ a service for a gas boiler ○ We offer (an) excellent after-sales service. ○ [attrib] a service department engineer. **10** [C] a kop kimmi rawl suahnak pakan, kheng pawl: a 30-piece dinner service.

**11** (law) thuthen zung ihsin ca thupi pek. **12** [C] (a) (in tennis, etc) thawi daan, thawi caan: a fast service ○ Her service has improved. ○ Whose service is it? (b) mah thawi caan ah neh, sung tivek: win/lose/hold/drop one's service ○ break sb's service, ie win a game in which one's opponent serves ○ [attrib] a service game. **13** [U] (SERVE 10) a ci hrangih retmi tilva in a nu pawl ngah. **14** (idm) at sb's service bawm dingah ralring cia in um: If you need advice, I am at your service. (be) of ~ (to sb) santlai, thahnem: Can I be of service to you in organizing the trip? press sth into service ⇒ PRESS<sup>3</sup>. see service (in sth) (a) ralkap (hna) tuan: He saw service as an infantry officer in the last war. ○ He has seen service in many different parts of the world. (b) (infml) santlai, rintlak tivek: These old boots have certainly seen some service.

▷ service v [Tn] **1** a caan hmante in leng, cet, tivek rem tha ringring: service a car, boiler, washing machine. ○ Has this mower been regularly serviced? **2** a tulmi pek, tuahsak: This power station is serviced (ie fuel is delivered to it) by road transport. **3** tangka thang pek: The company hasn't enough cash to service its debts. **4** = SERVE 4.

**serviceable** adj **1** hman theih: The tyres are worn but still serviceable. **2** a menmen ah, lole, hnatuannak ah hrak dingih a thami, a khohmi: serviceable clothes for children.

**serviceably** /-əbli/ adv.

□ **service area** lamzin naih ih a um petrol, ei in, tivek dawr hmun.

**service break** = BREAK<sup>2</sup> 6.

**service charge** rawl, tivek manhleih ih betmi tangka, eg a cemmi zate ih 10% — cabuai kiltu pawl tuanman dingah: Does my bill include a service charge?

**service flat** (Brit) inn neitu in, inn sangtu kha, innsung hna a tuan sak ih, rawl khal a pek ruangah, inn sanman, rawlman le hnatuan man pek bet a tulmi inn.

**serviceman** /-mEn/ n (pl -men /-mEn/) ralkap.

**service road** zinpi si loin, khawlak zinte pawl: service station petrol station.

**service station** = PETROL STATION (PETROL).

**servicewoman** nunau ralkap.

**serviette** /s3:vIet/ n (esp Brit) rawl einak cabuai ih kut hnawtnak cahnah nemte, lole puante: paper serviettes.

**servile** /s3:vall/ US -vI/ adj **1** (derog) mi duh zawng ih a nung tukmi (mi a tlon dumdotu — mi ih taw a liaktu): servile flattery ○ I don't

like his servile manner. **2** hnen-um thawn a pehparmi, hnenum vek a simi, hnenum hrang a simi: made to do servile tasks.

▷ **servilely** /-allI/ adv.

**servility** /s3:vIIetI/ n [U] (usu derog) mi duhzawng a thlun tukmi umdan, lungput.

**servitude** /s3:vItju:d/ US -tu:a/ n [U] (fml) duhdudh in um thei lo, mi hrangah hramhram ih tuanmi hnatuan: Such ill-paid farm work is a form of servitude.

**servo** /s3:vEU/ n (pl ~s) (infml) = SERVOMECHANISM.

**servo-** comb form (cet thawn peh parin) cet tumdeuh kiltu cet fate: servo-assisted brakes, eg in a large car.

**servo-mechanism** /s3:vEU/ n cet thilri a tum deuh kiltu cet thilri fate.

**servo-motor** /s3:vEU (mekEnIzEm/ n cet thilri a tum deuh a uktu motor.

**sesame** /sesEmI/ n **1** [U] sibung, sihmui: [attrib] sesame seeds, oil. **2** (idm) open sesame ⇒ OPEN<sup>1</sup>.

**session** /seSn/ n **1** parliament, lawcourt pawl ah, thuruat khawm ding, lole, thutan ding ih tuahmi miting, lole a peh vivomi meeting: the morning session of the Crown Court ○ the next session of arms negotiations ○ the autumn session (ie autumn ah tuahmi) of parliament. **2** (a) tlawng, university tlawngkai kum. (b) (US) tlawngpit hlan, tlawng on sal hnu tivek tlawng caan, lole cazir caan. **3** a peh in reipi hmanmi caan: a recording session, ie one at which material is recorded on tape or discs, etc ○ After several sessions at the gym, I feel a lot fitter. **4** Presbyterian kawhhran uk-awknak ih thu neitu ho. **5** (idm) in session (a) hnatuan, thurel dingih pumkhawm: The court is now in session. (b) lawnglak lo caan, hnatuan caan: Is Parliament in session during the summer?

**set**<sup>1</sup> /set/ n **1** ~ (of sth) kopkhat, burkhat (tuakhat): a set of cutlery, golf clubs, hand tools ○ a set of six dining chairs ○ a set of Dickens novels ○ a set of false teeth ○ a tea set, ie teapot, cups, saucers, etc ○ a new set of rules to learn. **2** [CGp] mi pawlkhat (duhdan, ruahdan bangaw ih pawl aw zet le tlang tlaang ringring pawl): the literary, racing, golfing set ○ the smart set, ie rich fashionable people ○ the fast set, eg people who gamble, spend a lot of money, etc. **3** [C] [C] subject (Kawl: ba-ta) pakhatkhat ah thiamdan a bangawmi tlawngta pawlkhat: She's in the top set of maths. **4** [C] (mathmetics) bangawknak a neimi thil burkhat. **5** [C] aw, zuk pawl kaihnak thilri: a transistor set ○ Do not adjust your (TV) set. **6** [sing] ~ (of sth) thilretndan, umdan sidan (Kawl: a-ni-a-tha): She admired the firm set of his shoulders. **7** [sing] a khaldan (SET2 13, 14, 15): You won't get a good set if you put too much water in the jelly. **8** (in a tennis match) set khat, set hnih ...

ti ih siarmi neh-awknak puaipi. **9** (also **sett**) [C] lamzin, tivek ah phah dingih tanmi kaplinei lungpheng. **10** (also **sett**) [C] vawrvok kua. **11** [C] (a) thuanthu cawn, lemnung zuknak hmun, hmunram: *We need volunteers to help build and paint the set.* (b) thuanthu cawn, lemnung ih a then pakhatkhat hmuhnak hmun: *The cast must all be on (the) set by 7 pm.* **12** [C] phun ding tha thingno, thinghng: *onion set.* **13** [C] samkhohnak: *A shampoo and set costs £8.* **14** (idm) **the jet set** ⇒ JET. **make a dead set at sb** ⇒ DEAD.

□ **set theory** (mathematics) set zirnak, hmunnak (SET<sup>1</sup> 4).

**set<sup>2</sup>** /set/ v (-tt-, pt, pp **set**)

► Umdan PAKHAT AH RET. **1** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] tek ciami hmun ah ruahcia mi duhdan vekin ret, bun, phun, sak, umter: *She set a tray down on the table.* ○ *He set a post in the ground.* ○ (fml) *We set food and drink before the travellers.* ○ *The house is set in fifty acres of rolling parkland.* ○ *Her eyes are set very close together.* **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **sth to sth** thil pakhat kha a dang thil pakhat naih dingin, lole, dai dingin tuah: *She set the glass to her lips/her lips to the glass.* ○ *He set a match to the dry timber*, ie in order to burn it. ○ *set pen to paper*, ie begin to write. **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] hmun pakhat ah, lole, caan khat lai ih rak cangvek in ngan: *The novel is set in pre-war London.*

► A CANGTER, DINHMUN PAKHAT AH THLENGTER. **4** [Tn-pr, Cn-a] dinhmun pakhat ah thlengter, lole, pakhatkhat cangter, umter: *The revolution set the country on the road to democracy.* ○ *The firm's accounts need to be set in order.* ○ *She untied the rope and set the boat adrift.* ○ *The hijackers set the hostages free*, ie released them. **5** (a) [Cn-g] cangvaiter: *set the pendulum swinging* ○ *The sudden noise set the dog barking.* ○ *The sight of her set his heart beating faster.* ○ *Her remarks set me thinking.* (b) [Cn-t] hnatuan pakhat tuan fial, tuan dingin thok, tim-aw: *We set them to chop wood/set them to work chopping wood in the garden.* ○ *I've set myself* (ie resolved) *to finish the job by the end of the month.*

► RE, MERH, BUN, TUAH, THUTAN, CAANKHIAH: **6** [Tn, Tn-pr] hman theih lohli dingin bun, merh, rem: *set the controls.* ○ *She set the camera on automatic.* **7** [Tn] (a) nazi merh (a caan kaih dingah): *I always set my watch by the time signal on the radio.* (b) nazi kha mah duh tikcu ah awn dingin merh: *She set her alarm for 7 o'clock.* **8** [Tn] rawl ei zikah, namte, darhai, tivek cabuai parah ret, rawl tuah: *Could you set the table for supper?* **9** [Tn-pr esp passive] ~ **A in B**/~ **B with A** fau, thi,

zunghruk tivek ah lungvar tivek bun: *She had the sapphire set in a gold ring.* **10** [Tn, Tn-pr] caankhiah, thutan: *They haven't set a date for their wedding yet.* ○ *The government plans to set strict limit on public spending this year.*

► UM DAH LO UMTER, CANGTER, PE, TUMTAHNAK NEI: **11** [Tn] (used esp with the ns shown) thokter, umter: *Imposing a lenient sentence for such a serious crime set as a dangerous precedent.* ○ *She set a new world record for the high jump.* ○ *Rock stars often set fashions in clothes.* ○ *I rely on you to set a good example.* **12** [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth (for oneself/sb)** mi, lole, mah le mah kha hnatuan, lole ruat rero a tulmi thil harsa pek: *Who will be setting* (ie writing the questions in) *the Fernch exam?* ○ *What books have been set* (ie are to be studied) *for the Cambridge First Certificate next year?* ○ *She's set herself a difficult task/set a difficult task for herself.* ○ *The sudden drop in share prices has set the government a tricky problem.* ○ *We must set ourselves precise sales targets for the coming year.*

► A KHANG, KHANGTER, UMDAN PHUNKHAT AH UMTER, TUAH: **13** [I, Tn] a ti, a man mi khang: *Some kinds of concrete set more quickly than others.* ○ *The jelly hasn't set yet.* **14** [Tn esp passive] hmai phengter, hmai tuah: *He set his jaws in a determined fashion.* **15** [Tn] sam kha a hul tikah mah duhdan in um seh tiah a ciar lai ah hriat, tuah: *She's having her hair set for the party this evening.* **16** [Tn] ruh kiak pawl anmah umnak kel ah ret: *The surgeon set her broken arm.*

► A PIAN (PUNG-SAN) HMAAN AH RE, HRIL, HLA-AW PHUAH: **17** [Tn] mah hrilmi cafang thawn ca-rial: *This dictionary is set in Nimrod.* **18** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (to sth)** phuah ciami hla hrangah a aw phuah: *Schubert set many of Goethe's poems (to music).*

► A THAWN, A LUANG **19** [I] (of the sun, moon or stars) ni, thla, arsi tlak: *In Britain the sun sets much later in summer than in winter.* ○ *We sat and watch the sun setting.* Cf RISE 2 7. **20** [Ipr, Ip] tisuar, tidai thang hmunkhat hoiih in feh: *The current sets strongly eastwards.* ○ *The current sets in towards the shore.* ○ (fig) *The tide of public opinion has set in his favour*, ie He has the support and approval of the public. ○ (fig) *Opinion seems to be setting against* (ie People are not in favour of) *the proposal.*

**21** (idm) **be all set (for sth/to do sth)**; **be set for sth to do sth** tim cia, ralring cia, ti thepthepp

cia in um: *Are we all set?* ○ *We were all set to go when the telephone rang.* ○ *The socialists look set for victory in/set to win the general election.* (For other idioms containing **set**, see entries for *ns*, *adjs*, etc, eg **set the pace** ⇒ *PACE*; **set fair** ⇒ *FAIR*<sup>1</sup>)

**22** (phr v) **set about sb** (infml) thawi, thong, kaw, hro: *He set about the intruders with a stick.* **set about sth/doing sth** (no passive) thok, tawthok, hramthok: *I must set about my packing.* ○ *I don't know how to set about this job.* ○ *The new government must set about finding solution to the country's economic problems.*

**set sb against sb** (no passive) pakhat le pakhat hua aw dingin tuah, tukfor: *The civil war set brother against brother.* ○ *She accused her husband of setting their children against her.*

**set sth (off) against sth** khingkhai: *You must set the initial cost of a new car against the saving you'll make on repairs.* ○ *Set against her virtues, her faults don't seem nearly so bad.*

**set sb/sth apart (from sb/sth)** a dang, a ce, a cuangter: *Her clear and elegant prose sets her apart from most other journalists.*

**set sth aside** (a) a thai; a kap ah ret ziar: *She set aside her book and lit a cigarette.* (b) duh sanmi pakhat hrangah khawl, ret: *She sets aside a bit of money every month.* ○ *I try to set aside a few minutes each day to do some exercises.* (c) ret ta hrih, tan ta hrih; thupitter hrih hlah sehla: *Let's set aside my personal feelings.* ○ *Set aside for a moment your instinctive dislike of the man.* (d) (law) hlon sak, hnong sak: *The judge's decision was set aside by the Appedal Court.*

**set sth back** (sth) hnuter, tlaiter: *Financial problems have set back our building programme.* ○ *Work on the new theater has been set back three months.* **set sb back sth** (infml) tangka heuter: *The meal is likely to set us back £15 each.* **set sth back (from sth)** hlatter, kangter: *The house is set well back from the road.*

**set sb down** thum: *The bus stopped to set the lady down.* ○ *I'll set you down on the corner of your street.* **set sth down** ngan, khum: *Why don't you set your ideas down on paper?*

**set forth** (fml) pok. **set sth forth** (fml) than: *The Prime Minister set forth the aims of his government in a television broadcast.*

**set in** (ruah, nikhua sia, tlangrai, tivek) a thok, a tla (a peh thei): *I must get those bulbs planted before the cold weather sets in.* ○ *Those beams will need to be replaced; it looks as though woodworm has set in.*

**set off** pok, suak, thok: *What time are you planning to set off tomorrow?* ○ *They've set off on a journey round the world.* ○ *If you want to*

*catch that train we'd better set off for the station immediately.* **set sth off** (a) puah, puakter: *Do be careful with those fire works; the slightest spark could set them off.* (b) cangter: *Panic on the stock market set off a wave of selling.* (c) mawi deuh in langter: *That jumper sets off the blue of her eyes.* **set sb off (doing sth)** (thil pakhat) thok: *Don't set him off talking politics or he'll go on all evening.* ○ *Her imitations always set me off (laughing).*

**set on sb** do, tawng: *I was set on by their dog as soon as I opened the gate.* **set sb/sth on sb** doter, keuter: *The farmer threatened to set his dogs on us.*

**set out** pok, feh, suak: *She set out at dawn.* ○ *They set out on the last stage of their journey.*

**set sth out** (a) ret, hmuh: *We need to set out chairs for the meeting.* ○ *She set out the pieces on the chess-board.* ○ *Her work is always well set out.* ○ (fig) *You haven't set out your ideas very clearly in this essay.* (b) sim, simfiang: *He set out his objections to the scheme.* ○ *She set out the reasons for her resignation in a long letter.* **set out to do sth** tumtahnak thawn thok: *She set out the world land speed record.* ○ *They succeeded in what they set out to do.*

**set to** (a) thatho zetin thok: *The engineers set to on a repair work to the bridge.* ○ *If we really set to we can get the whole house cleaned in an afternoon.* (b) el aw, tawng aw thok: *The boys set to and had to be separated by a teacher.*

**set sb up** (infml) (a) dam deuhter, cak deuhter, thengvarter deuh: *A hot drink will soon set you up.* ○ *A week in the country will set her up nicely after her operation.* (b) paisa hram pek, bawm, hramtoh sak: *Her father set her up in business.* ○ *His father set him up as a bookseller.* ○ *Winning all that money on the pools set her up for life.* **set sth up** (a) phun, bun, ret; tuah: *set up a memorial, statue, etc* ○ *Police set up road blocks on routes leading out of the city.* (b) bun, hman theih dingin tuah: *How long will it take to set up the projector?* (c) tuah: *The government has set up a working party to look into the problem of drug abuse.* ○ *A fund will be set up for the dead men's family.* (d) tuah: *She set up a new world record time in the 100 metres.* (e) cangter, suakter: *The slump on Wall Street set up a chain reaction in stock markets around the world.* (f) aw suah; raak: *set up a commotion, din, row, etc* ○ *The cats set up a frightful yowling when the dog appeared.* **set (oneself) up as sb** hnañuan pakhat ñuan: *He moved to Leeds and set up as printer.* **set onelf up as sb** si-awter: *He likes to set himself up as an intellectual.*

□ **set-back** n dawntu, khamtu, hnaihnoktu: *Hopes of an early end to the strike received/suffered a severe set-back yesterday.* ○ *Defeat*

in the bye-election is a major set-back to the ruling party. **set book** (also **set text**) tlawngta zirni cabu: *What are your set books for English 'A' Level?*

**setline** = TRAWL LINE (TRAWL).

**set-to** *n* (pl **set-tos**) tong-awknak, ðong el-awknak: *They had the most frightful set-to.*

**set-up** *n* (usu *sing*) (infml) tuahdan, dindan: *What's the set-up (like) in your company?* ○ *I've only been here for a couple of weeks and don't really know the set-up.*

**set**<sup>3</sup> /set/ *adj* **1** [usu *pred*] umdan phunkhat in ret, ummi: *a house set on a wooded hillside* ○ *She has deep-set eyes.* **2** [usu *attrib*] a ti remrem, a khoh: *Her face wore a grim, set look.* ○ *a set* (ie insincere) *smile.* **3** [usu *attrib*] a thawn lo, a thleng-aw lo, tawlrel cia: *The meals in this hotel are at set times.* ○ *There is a set procedure for making formal complaints.* ○ *Are there set hours of work in your company?* **4** khiahmi, a thleng-aw lomi: *He's a man of set opinion.* ○ *She has very set ideas about politics.* ○ *As people get older they become more set in their ways.* **5** [attrib] a teuhti: *We've come here for a set purpose.* **6** (idm) **be (dead) set against sth/doing sth** duh lo lawlaw: *The government are set against (the idea of) raising taxes.* **be set on sth/doing sth** tuah dingah ruatcat: *He's set on going to university.* ○ *She's absolutely set on publishing as a career.* □ **set piece** thleng lo ih hmankel a simi daan thlun in tuahmi thuanthi cawn, etc: *The play contains a number of typical Stoppard set pieces.*

**set square** /set skweER/ *n* geomtry thil tahnak kuang (compass box) sung ih kilthum nei thiltahnak plasitic per tete.

**sett** /set/ *n* = SET<sup>1</sup> 9, 10.

**settee** /setti:/ *n* hngauhsannak le baan thluannak um, mi pahnihi, pathum tohkham nem sau, tohkham burkhat.

**setter** /setə(r)/ *n* **1** ramsa, vate a ton tikah daite in um dingih zirhmi uico. **2** (often in compounds) tuahtu, buntu, thoktu: *the setter of an examination paper* ○ *a type-setter* ○ *a trend-setter.*

**setting** /setIN/ *n* **1** [C] ben, bunnak hmun: *The ring has a ruby in a silver setting.* **2** [C] (a) hmun (kiangkak): *The castle stands in a picturesque setting surrounded by hills.* (b) a cannak hmun, caan: *The setting of the story is a hotel in Paris during the war.* ○ *a gruesome setting for the murder.* **3** [C] cet, lolle thil pakhat hman a theihnak, hnatanter a theihnak: *The cooker has several temperature settings.* **4** [C] ðongfang lawng a ummi biaza pawi hrangah hla aw bunsak, phuahsak: *Schubert's setting of a poem by Goethe.* **5** [sing] ni, thla tlak, pil (a liam).

**settle**<sup>1</sup> /setl/ *n* kutretnak le zaunak a neimi thing tokham sau.

**settle**<sup>2</sup> /setl/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Tn esp passive] khuato, ramsat, luah: *The Dutch settled in South Africa.* ○ (fml) *This area was settled by immigrants over a century ago.* (b) [I, Ipr] hmun pakhatat inn nei in hmunkhuar: *After years of travel, we decided to settle here.* ○ *settle in London, Canada, in the country, near the coast.*

**2** [I, Ipr] ~ (on/over sth) thil pakhat parah ðum-aw, a rei a tang, a daih: *Will the snow settle?* ie *Will it remain on the ground without melting?* ○ *The bird settle on a branch.* ○ *Clouds have settled over the mountain tops.* ○ *The dust has settled on everything.* ○ *The cold has settled on my chest,* ie *It is making me cough, etc.* ○ (fig) *A tense silence had settled over the waiting crowd.* **3** [I, Ip, Tn] nuam ding in ummi tuah: *settled (back) in one's armchair.* ○ *The nurse settled her patient for the night,* ie *made him comfortable, gave him medicine, etc.* ○ *He settled himself on the sofa to watch TV.* **4** [I, Tn] dai, daiter: *Wait until all the excitement has settled.* ○ *Have a drink to settle your stomach.* ○ *The thunderstorm may settle the weather.* ○ *This pill will help to settle your nerves.* ○ *He had been quite anxious, but I managed to settle his mind.* **5** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tf, Tw] ~ sth (with sb) lungkim tlangnak tuah, thu daiko in rel tlang: *settle a dispute, an argument, an issue, etc* ○ *That settles the matter.* ○ *Nothing is settled yet.* ○ *You should settle your affairs before you leave.* ○ *It's time you settle your dispute with him.* ○ *We have settled that we will leave next week.* ○ *Have you settled how it will be done?* (b) [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb) zungah thlenpi loin maih daan te in remnak tuah (ci-ii): *The parties in lawsuit settled (with each other) out of court,* ie *reached an agreement before the case was heard in court.* **6** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn] ~ (up) (with sb) bakmi kuan: *You owe a lot, and it's now time to settle (with your creditors).* ○ *Have you settled (up) with her for the goods?* ○ *If you pay for both of us now, we can settle up later.* ○ *The insurance company has settled her claim.* ○ *Please settle your bill before leaving the hotel.* (b) [Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (with sb) (fig) lehrul: *He thinks he can laugh at me, but I'll settle with him soon.* ○ *settle a score, grievance, etc.* **7** (a) [I, Tn] a ne tlak, to; ben aw: *The dregs have settled at the bottom of the bottle.* ○ *Stir the coffee to settle the grounds.* ○ *The shower of rain has settled the dust.* (b) [I, Tn] a ne tlak ðeh zo ruangah a fim sal: *Has the beer settled?* ○ *Leave the wine on a shelf for a week to settle it.* (c) [I] a com, a tla, a dek-aw, a tom-aw, a khal: *The wall sagged as the earth beneath it settled.* ○ *The content of the packet have*



*settled in transit*, ie come closer together, so that there appears to be less. **8** (idm) **pay/settle an old score** ⇒ OLD. **settle one's/an account** (with sb) phuhlam, lehrul: *She insulted my mother, so I have an account to settle with her.* **settle sb's hash** (infml) a puarthau ringring minung kha a netnak ah fim ko in tuah. **when the dust has settled** ⇒ DUST<sup>1</sup>. **9** (phr v) **settle down** (a) a nuam zawngin ti, zau: *She settled down in an armchair to read her book.* (b) hnget khoh le daite in um; umdan thar, hnañuan tharthar kha daan ah canter: *When are you going to marry and settle down?* ○ *She is settling down well in her new job.* **settle (sb) down** caang ruri lo, dai in um, umter: *Wait until the children settle down before you start the lesson.* ○ *After all the recent excitement things have begun to settle down again.* ○ *The chairman tried to settle the audience down*, ie get them to stop talking, etc. **settle (down) to sth** thungai-tein thil pakhat thok dingah: *The constant interruptions stopped me settling (down) to my work.* **settle for sth** lungkim tawk a si lo nain cohlang men: *I had hoped to get £1000 for my old car but had to settle for a lot less.* **settle (sb) in/into sth** inn thar ah thawn, hnañuan ngah, tivek ah bawm ih hngetkhoh in umter: *We only moved house last week and we haven't settled in yet.* ○ *We settled the children into new schools when we moved to London.* **settle on sth** hril ding, hmang dingah ruatcat: *Have you settled on the wall paper you prefer?* ○ *We must settle on a place to meet.* **settle sth on sb** (law) neihmi thilri midang hmin ah thleng, pek: *He settled part of his estate on his son.* **settled** /setld/ adj a thleng-aw lomi, thleng-aw ding a bang lomi, a hngetkhohmi: *a settled spell of weather* ○ *lead a more settled life.* **settlement** /setlmEnt/ n **1** (a) [U] leiba samnak, thu thiango ih relnak: *the settlement of a debt, dispute, claim.* (b) [C] lungkim tlangnak: *a lasting settlement of the troubles.* ○ *The strikers have reached a settlement with the employers.* **2** [C] (law) tangka, thilri kha upadi vekin pe-aw dingih kam-awknak, kammi. **3** (a) [U] colony timi ramthar tlaknak: *the gradual settlement of the American West.* (b) colony an tuahnak hmunram: *Dutch and English settlements in North America.* ○ *penal settlements in Australia.* **4** (idm) **in settlement (of sth)** thil pakhat man hrangah tangka pek: *I enclose a cheque in settlement of your account.* **settler** /setlER/ n ramthar tlatu pawl, a thangso hrih lo ram ah vai ih umtu pawl: *Welsh settlers in Argentina.* **seven** /sevn/ pron, det 7; pasarih. ▷ **seven** n **1** nambat 7. **2** (idm) **at sixes and**

**sevens** ⇒ SIX.

**seven-** (in compounds) pasarih a simi thil: *a seven-line poem.*

**seventh** /sevnT/ pron, det 7th; a pasarihna. — n then sarieh then thenkhat. **seventhly** adv.

For the uses of *seven* and *seventh* see the examples at five and fifth.

□ **the seventh day** Sabbath ni (Jew pawl ih Sabbath cu Saturday a si ih Christian pawl ih Sabbath cu Sunday a si).

**seventeen** /sevn(t):n/ n pron, det 17; hleisarih.

▷ **seventeen** nambat 17.

**seventeenth** /sevn(t):nT/ pron, det 17th; a hleisarihna. — n then hleisarih then thenkhat:

For uses of *seventeen* and *seventeenth* see the examples at five and fifth.

**seventy** /sevnTET/ pron, det 70; sawmruk le kua hnu ih nambat; sawm-sarih.

▷ **seventieth** /sevnTET/ pron, det 70th; sawmsarihna.

**seventy** n **1** [C] nambat 70. **2 the seventies** [pl] 70 le 79 karlak a simi nambat, kum, temperature. **3** (idm) **in one's seventies** kum 70 le 80 karlak.

For uses of *seventy* and *seventieth* see the examples at five and fifth.

□ **seventy-eight** minute pakhat ah vei 78 her in tum dingmi khuahlan dardawng (dar hlasa).

**sever** /sevER/ v (fml) **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (from sth) tan, sattan hlo: *sever a rope* ○ *a severed limb, artery* ○ *His hand was severed from his arm.* (b) [Tn] (fig) cat, cemter: *sever relations with sb* ○ *She has severed her connection with the firm.* **2** [I] a cat: *The rope severed under the strain.*

▷ **severance** /sevEREns/ n (fml) [U] catternak; cemternak: *the severance of diplomatic relations, of communications, of family ties.*

□ **severance pay** contract a cem tikah hnañuantu pawl hnenih pekmi tangka.

**several** /sevrEI/ indef det, indef pron pathum hnakin tamdeuh, tam zet hnakin maldeuh, thenkhat. (a) (date): *Several letters arrived this morning.* ○ *He's written several books about India.* ○ *Several more people than usual came to the lunchtime concert.* (b) (pron): *If you're looking for a photograph of Alice you'll find several in here.* ○ *There was a fire in the art gallery and several of the paintings were destroyed.* ○ *Several of you need to do a lot more work.*

▷ **severally** /sevrEII/ adv (date or fml) a dang ciarin, mahte ciarin, a dangdang in: *They had all severally reached the same conclusion.*

**severe** /slVIER/ adj (-r, -st) **1** ~ (on/with sb/sth) a fek, a hrang, umdan a fek tukmi, zaangfah a nei lomi, mi har, a feekfeek tukmi: *a severe look, punishment, measure* ○ *a severe critic of*

modern drama ○ *be severe with one's children*  
 ○ *Was the judge too severe on the thief?* **2** a sia zet, a nasazet, a besiazet, tivek pawl: a severe storm ○ *severe pain, injuries, etc* ○ a severe attack of toothache ○ *The drought is becoming increasingly severe.* **3** thiamnak, thinsaunak, tivek tam pi a tulmi: a severe test of climbers' stamina. ○ *severe competition for university places* ○ *The pace of the race was too severe to be maintained for long.* **4** (of style, appearance, clothing, etc) a menmen, mawiter ciamco lem lomi: *Her plain black dress was too severe for such a cheerful occasion.*

▷ **severely** *adv* punish sb severely ○ *severely handicapped* ○ *dress very severely.*

**severity** /sɪˈvɛrɪti/ *n* **1** [U] nazet, rohzet: *punish sb with severity* ○ *the severity* (ie extreme cold) of the winter. **2** **severities** [pl] (fml) natuk ih mi tuah, lole, a natukmi dinhmun: *the harsh severities of life in the desert.*

**sew** /səʊ/ *v* (pt **sewed**, pp **sewn** /səʊn/ or **sewed**)

**1** (a) [I, Ipr] thit: *sitting sewing by the fire* ○ *sew by hand/by machine* ○ *sew round the hem.* ○ *sew over the seam again.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] hnipuan ah thit: *sew a dress, skirt, etc* ○ *a hand-sewn shirt* ○ *sew a button onto the shirt* ○ *sew the parts of the shirts together* ○ *sew the flap of the pocket down.* **2** (phr v) **sew sth in/into sth** thitkhum, thitcih: *sew money into the lining of a coat.* **sew sth up** (a) (a tlekmi) thit, peh, belh: *sew up a hole in a sock* ○ *The suit was sewn up along the seams by hand.* (b) (esp passive) (infml) tawrel, tisuak: *sew up a deal, a project, etc* ○ *By the end of the meeting everything should be nicely sewn up.*

▷ **sewer** /sɛʊər/ *n*.

**sewing** *n* [U] **1** thil thit. **2** takmi thil, thit dingmi thil: *Where is my sewing?* ○ *I've got a pile of sewing to do* ○ *a sewing table, basket, etc.* **sewing-machine** *n* puanthitnak cet.

**sewage** /suːɪdʒ/ *or, British use*, [sjuː-/ *n* [U] sewer sungih luantermi zun, ek, cet-zung ih baal, khuasung ih a bal a ti a man pawl: *chemical treatment of sewage* ○ [attrib] *sewage disposal*. □ **sewage farm** sewage tibaal ihsin dawm tuahnak hmun.

**sewage works** sewage kha ol deuhin tiva lamah luang theiseh ti ah thianfai ternak hmun.

**sewer**<sup>1</sup> /suːər/ *or, British use*, [sjuː-/ *n* tibaal luannak ding lei tangih phummi tidawng pipi. ▷ **sewerage** *n* [U] sewer, lihong pawl.

**sewer**<sup>2</sup> ⇒ SEW.

**sewn** pp of SEW.

**sex** /seks/ *n* **1** (a) [U] nu maw pa sinak: *What sex is your dog?* ○ *Everyone is welcome, regardless of sex* ○ [attrib] *sex discrimination*, ie treating sb differently because of his/her sex. (b) [C] a nungmi thil hmuahhmuah kha cizaihnak

lamih tuanho an lakdan ih zirin thenhnih ah then a simi a nu pawl, a pa pawl (*male and female*): *Is this behaviour typical of the male sex?* ○ *There has always been some conflict between the sexes.* **2** [U] ~ (**with/sb**) luk-aw: *have sex (with sb)* ○ *They often had sex together.* ○ [attrib] *sex organs*, ie penis, vagina, etc. **3** [U] mi a hur terih lukawknak tiang a thlen pi theimi, khat le khat taksa lam ih duh-awk vevenak: *a film with lots of sex in it* ○ *During puberty young people become more interested in sex.* ○ [attrib] *a sex manual*, ie giving information on sexual behaviour ○ *a sex shop*, ie selling pornography, devices to make sex more enjoyable, etc. **4** (idm) **the weaker sex** ⇒ WEAK.

▷ **sex** *v* [Tn] rannung pawl a nu le a pa then, thia: *sexing very young chicks.*

**-sexed** (forming compound *adjs*) hur: *a highly-sexed youth* ○ *over-sexed*, ie too interested in sexual matters.

**sexless** *adj* **1** a hur lomi, hur ko-in mi a hip thei lomi, lukaw loin ummi: *a dry, sexless person* ○ *a sexless relationship.* **2** a nu khal si lo, a pa khal si lo; laklawh, lailak.

**sexy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml) **1** hur le luk-awk thu telmi: *a sexy book, film, etc.* ○ *making sexy suggestions.* **2** (a) mi a hurter thei: *You look very sexy in that dress.* (b) hur: *get/feel sexy.*

**sexily** *adv.* **sexiness** *n* [U].

□ **sex act** luk-awk.

**sex appeal** hur ko in mi hip theinak: *a man with lots of sex-appeal.*

**sex life** luk-awk lampang thawn pehpar in umtlandan: *How's your sex life?*

**sex-starved** *adj* duhzat ih luk ding ngah lo.

**sex-** *comb form* paruk: *sexcentenary*, ie 600th anniversary.

**sexagenarian** /seksEdʒɪneəriən/ *n*, *adj* [attrib] (fml) kum 60 in 69 a simi minung.

**sexism** /seksɪzəm/ *n* [U] (*derog*) nunau, lole mipa (a ce in nunau an si theu) thleihdannak: *blatant sexism in the selection of staff.*

▷ **sexist** /seksɪst/ *adj* (*derog*) nunau le mipa thleihdan a hmanmi: *a sexist person, attitude, remark, book* ○ *It is sexist to say that women are less intelligent than men.* — *n* (*derog*) nunau, lole mipa si ruangih thleihdan a hmanngu.

**sexology** /sekʃɪEdʒɪ/ *n* nunau, mipa pawl ih duh-awkdan hlathlainak.

▷ **sexologist** /sekʃɪEdʒɪst/ *n* sexology a thiamzettu.

**sextant** /sekstEnt/ *n* ni ziang tluk a sang ti tahnak thilri, tahthimnak ah, tangphawlawng pawl in an umnak hmun an theihfiang duh tikah.

**sextet** (also **sextette**) /seks(tet/ *n* minung paruk

ih sak ding, lole tum ding hla.

**sexton** /seksEn/ *n* biakinn kilkhawitu, biakinn velkim thianfaitertu, darkhing tumtu.

**sexual** /seksUEI/ *adj* **1** (a) nunau, mipa thuhla, lole luk-awknak lam thu, lole nunau le mipa duh-awknak lam thu thawn a pehparmi: *sexual feeling, activity, desire* ○ *Her interest in him is primarily sexual.* (b) nunau mipa sinak lam thawn a pehpar-awmi: *sexual differences, characteristics, etc.* **2** [attrib] ci-zaihnak lam thawn a pehparmi: *sexual organs, ie penis, vagina, etc* ○ *sexual reproduction in plants.*

▷ **sexuality** /seksU(FIETI/ *n* [U] nunau, mipa pawlih nundan, lole an sinak.

**sexually** /-EI/ *adv*: *sexually active* ○ *a sexually transmitted disease.*

□ **sexual intercourse** (also **intercourse**) luk-awk; luk.

**SF** /es (ef/ *abbr* (*infml*) science fiction, science (tik-pan) thawn pehpar-aw, ruahnak ih nganmi thuanthu.

**sgd** *abbr* signed (on a form, etc), lethmat a/ka thu zo tican a si.

**Sgt** *abbr* = SERGT.

**sh** /S/ *interj* daitein um, thawthawng nei hlah: *Sh! You'll wake the baby!*

**shabby** /SFbI/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** (a) (of things) a tet, kilkhawi tha lo, ti tha lo ruangih zohmawi lo, a ti tuamtimi: *a shabby dress, chair, room* ○ *a tramp in old shabby dress.* (b) (of people) felte ih a thuam-aw lomi: *You look rather shabby in those clothes.* **2** (fig) (of behavior) a baal a niam, a dingthlu (Kawl: ta-za) lo, upat tlak lo: *a shabby excuse* ○ *play a shabby trick on sb.*

▷ **shabbily** /'fæbɪli/ *adv*: *I think you have been treated shabbily.* **shabbiness** *n* [U].

**shack** /SFk/ *n* sak hluahhlo menmi thlaam, buuk, inn.

▷ **shack** *v* (phr *v*) **shack up** (with *sb/together*) (*Brig sl*) thit-aw lo in nupa vekin hmunkhat ih umtlang: *They've decided to shack up together in her flat.*

**shackle** /SFkI/ *n* **1** [C usu *pl*] thawngtla kut ke tawnnak thir cikcin. **2** **shackles** [pl] **the ~ s of sth** (fig) duhduh ih um le tong thei lo ih mi dawntu thuhla, thil umdan, daan: *the shackles of convention.*

▷ **shackle** *v* **1** [Tn] cikcin thawn khit. **2** [Tn esp passive] (fig) duhduh ih um le tong thei loin dawn: *shackled by the outdated attitude.*

**shad** /SFd/ *n* (*pl* unchanged) sakta America ramih Atlantic tipi um eiṭha nga tumpi phunkhat.

**shade** /Sel/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (from *sth*) hnem, daihnem: *a temperature of 35° C in the shade* ○ *sit in the shade of a tree, wall, etc* ○ *Stay in the shade — it's cooler.* ○ *The trees give some welcome shade from the sun.* **2** [C] (often in compounds)

a tleu ngah tuk lo dingih phentu thil: *an eye-shade* ○ *a new shade for the lamp/lampshade.*

**3 shades** [pl] **the ~ s of sth** (*fml*) khuathim: *the shades of evening/night.* **4 shades** [pl] (*infml* esp *US*) mit thlalang dum. **5** [U] zuk ih a thimdeuhnak zawn pawl: *There is not enough light and shade in your drawing.* **6** [C] pianzia ih a cahdan, rong cahdan, eg a sen fingfing si nain, sen zet, sendup, senau tivek kha *shades of red* an si: *material in several shades of blue* ○ *choose a lighter shade* ○ *Do you like the blouse in this shade?* **7** [C] ~ of *sth* thil pawlih mal ngaite an dan-awknak: *a word with many shades of meaning* ○ *people with all shades of opinion.* (b) [sing] **a shade** (*better, worse, etc*) mal ngaite: *She feels a shade better than yesterday.* ○ *I think it's a shade warmer today.*

**8 shades** [pl] ~ s of *sb/sth* (*infml*) mangsal tertu: *'Shades of Hitler!' I thought, as I listened to the dictator haranguing the crowd.* ○ *In some modern fashions we can see shades of 1930's.* **9** [C] (*fml*) thla, mithla: *the shades of my dead ancestors.* **10** (*idm*) **put sb/sth in the shade** tenauter: *I thought I was quite a good artist, but your painting puts mine in the shade.*

▷ **shade** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ *sb/sth* (from *sth*) a tleu kham, hnemter: *She shaded her eyes (from the sun) with her hand.* **2** [Tn] phen: *shade the bulb with a dark cloth.* **3** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ *sth* in khedan rin thawn thimter dumter: *shades (in) this area to represent the person's shadow* ○ *the shaded area of the map.* **4** [Ipr, Ip] ~ from *sth into sth*; ~ (off) into *sth* (esp of colours) a dang rong ah nuam tetein thleng vivo: *scarlet shading (off) into pink* ○ *a colour that shades from blue into green* ○ (fig) *socialism shading into communism.* **shading** *n* [U] zuk a thim deuh ih langtertu khedan rin tete.

**shadow** /SFdEU/ *n* **1** [C, U] thlaam: *The chair casts a shadow on the wall* ○ *Shadows are longer when the sun is low in the sky.* ○ *Her face was in deep shadow.* ○ (fig) *the bad news cast a shadow on/over our meeting, ie made us sad.* **2** [C] a thim a dup nawn vekih langmi hmun: *have shadows under/round the eyes, eg because of illness or lack of sleep.* **3** [U] zuk ih thim termi hmun: *areas of light and shadow* ○ *The light from one side leaves half the subject's face in shadow.* **4 shadows** [pl] a thim fangfang (unau hmel palh): *a figure standing in the shadows* ○ *the shadows of evening.* **5** [C] (a) mi pakhat kil ringringtu, umpi ringringtu: *The dog is his master's shadow.* (b) a thuptein mi thlun ih mi thlingthlatu: *The police put a shadow on the suspected robber.* **6** [C] cang thei ding a harmi, a ngaingai a si lomi: *catch at shadows, ie try to obtain sth that does not exist* ○ *You can't spend your life chasing after shadows.* **7** [sing] ~ of *sth* (usu in negative

sentences) malte hman: *not a shadow of (a) doubt* ○ *There's not a shadow of justification for your behaviour.* **8** [sing] **the ~ of sb/sth** nasa zet ih nehkhuhnak: *For years he lived in the shadow of his famous mother.* ○ *The shadow of this early tragedy has affected her whole life.* **9** (idm) **be afraid of one's own shadow** ⇒ AFRAID. **a shadow of one's/its former self** hlanlai vekin thil a ti thei nawn lo: *She used to be a great player, but now she's only a shadow of her former self.*

▷ **shadow** *v* [Tn] **1** a thlamin khuh: *The wide brim of his hat shadowed his face.* **2** thlingthlak duh ah thupte ih mi thlun ringring: *A police in plain clothes shadowed the criminal all day.*

**shadow** *adj* [attrib] (*Brit politics*) dodal (Kawl: *a-taih-khan*) party in hril-awknak ah a neh le, zo khi ziang a si leh pei tiih retciam ian hruaitu pawl (cuih pawlin an tuan leh dingmi hnatuan ciar thawn pekhai in an tumtahnak pawl an sim): *the shadow Cabinet* ○ *the Shadow Foreign Secretary.*

**shadowy** *adj* **1** thlaam, le hnem tam: *the shadowy interior of the barn* ○ *cool, shadowy woods.* **2** (fig) thlaam vek a simi; a fiangfai lomi: *a shadowy figure glimpsed in the twilight.*

□ **shadow-box** *v* [I] a um lomi khatlam pakhat thong-awter rero (zirnak ah): *shadow-boxing alone in the ring.*

**shadow-boxing** *n* [U].

**shady** /Seldl/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** a daihnemmi: *a shady orchard* ○ *shady corner of the garden.* **2** (infml derog) ding lo zet, upat tlak lo: *a shady business-deal, organization* ○ *a shady looking person.*

▷ **shadily** /-III/ *adv.* **shadiness** *n* [U].

**shaft** /Sa:ft/ *US Sft/ n* **1** [C] (a) thal le feipi kutkaih a fem, a saumi. (b) [C] (arch) thal; feipi. **2** [C] ~ (of sth) (fig) (a thinna seh, lole, a lung tho seh ti duh ah) maih hmuhdan phuannak: *shafts of malice* ○ *her brilliant shafts of wit.* **3** [C] hreitlung, golf tivek pawl ih kutkaih, ha; hlok. **4** [C] rang kehvorh ih an temmi leng dirhnak fungsau. **5** [C] lungto thuan a hram le a zim karlak. **6** [C] (often in compound) cet ih hmun khat le hmunkhat pehawknak, lole, tha tannak fung: *a crankshaft* ○ *a driveshaft.* **7** [C] (often in compound) tlunlam in tanglam ah a tung zawng ih a ummi ong kua (fiak): *a lift-shaft* ○ *a mine-shaft* ○ *sink a shaft.* Cf GALLERY 6. **8 the shaft** [sing] (*US infml*) a dik (ta-za) lo in mi tuah: *give sb/ get the shaft* ○ *We were given the shaft, and lost a lot of money.* **9** [C] ~ (of sth) phar ong ihsin lutni vek, a fem zerzermi khatleu nika: *a shaft of light/sunlight/moonlight/lightning.*

▷ **shaft** *v* [Tn] (*US infml*) midang kha dik lo, ti hruphro in tuah, thilri, sumpai bum.

**shag**<sup>1</sup> /SFg/ *n* [U] a hrol pipiih ahmi kuhsi.

**shag**<sup>2</sup> /SFg/ *v* [I, Tn] (Δ *Brit sl*) luk.

**shagged** /SFgd/ *adj* [pred] (also **shagged out**) (*Brit sl*) baang zet.

**shaggy** /sFgl/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** a hrap, a sah, a hnokmi sam, hmul, etc thawn khuhmi, a khuh-awmi: *a shaggy dog, mat, coat.*

▷ **shaggily** /-III/ *adv.* **shagginess** *n* [U].

□ **shaggy-dog story** duhduh in a tek vivo, tican nei lem lo capoh.

**shah** /Sa:/ *n* khuahlan Iran siangphahrang kawhnak hmin.

**shake**<sup>1</sup> /Selk/ *v* (pt **shook** /ʃuk/, pp **shaken** /'ʃeikən/) **1** (a) [La, I, Tn, Tn-p, Cn-a] ~ **sb/sth** (about/around) ti sutso in hnin, thing, hlok: *a bolt shaking loose in an engine* ○ *The earth shook under us, ie linghnin* ○ *Shake the bottle before taking the medicine* ○ *He shook the carpet to get rid of the dust.* ○ *Great sobs shook his whole body.* ○ *The bumpy car ride shook us around a bit.* (b) [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) khur, hnin: *laughed until their sides shook* ○ *shaking with laughter, fear, rage, cold.* **2** (a) [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sb** (up) khurter, lauter: *shaken by the news of her death* ○ *They were badly shaken (up) in the accident.* ○ *This surprising development quite shook me.* (b) [Tn] fiang deuh loin umter, tha nauter, demter: *shake sb's faith, courage, belief, etc* ○ *Her theory has been shaken by this new evidence.* **3** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) (of sb's voice) a dimdeuh, a thir, a dik lo, a khur: *His voice shook (with emotion) as he announced the news.* **4** [I, Ipr] ~ (on sth) (infml) kut kai aw: *We're agreed, so let's shake (on it).* **5** (idm)

**shake the dust (of ...) off one's feet** kir sal nawn lo ding tican ah ke ih leivut thingta in feh, tlan, suak: **Shake one's fist (at sb)** kuttum hnin phah in hmuh - ka thin a heng, ka lo thawi duh ti langter. **Shake sb's hand/shake hands (with sb)/shake sb by the hand** kut kai-aw ih hnin phah. **shake in one's shoes** (infml) tih/phang tukah khur: *He was shaking in his shoes at the thought of flying for the first time.* **shake a leg** (dated *Brit sl*) cang, thok, nawt: *Come on, shake a leg, we're late already.* **shake like a leaf** tih, phang tukah khur.

**6** (phr v) **shake down** (a) siarem zo: *The new office staff are shaking down well.* (b) ihkhun um lonak ah it: *You can shake down on the floor.*

**shake sb down** (*US infml*) thihnak le tahrum hmangih tangka long. **shake sb/sth down** cip seksek in hawl (hrelhmi um loih hawl): *Police shook the club down, looking for narcotics.*

**shake sth from, into, onto, out of, etc sth** theh, vorh, thing: *shake scouring powder into the bath* ○ *shake salt from the salt-cellar onto one's food* ○ *shake sand out of one's shoes.*

**shake sb off** duh lo mi minung kha tlansan, hrial, hnong: *shake off one's pursuers* ○ *She tried to shake him off but he continued to pester*



her. **shake sth off** hlón hlo: *shake off a cold, a fit of depression. shake sth off (sth)* thingthla, hlo: *shake the snow off (one's coat).*

**shake sth out** thing in ong, pharh: *shake out a sheet, sail, etc.*

**shake sth up** rawi-aw ðeh seh ti in hlok: *Shake up the salad-dressing before you put it on.*

**shake sb up** ðhangphawk: *We've got to shake up all these people with old-fashioned ideas.*

▷ **shaker** *n* (often in compound) thil hloknak bawm, kuang, palang: *a cocktail-shaker* ○ *a dice-shaker.*

**shaking** *n* [sing] hlok rero a sinak: *give sth a good shaking, ie ðhate in hnin.*

□ **shakedown** *n* 1 tuahhruakmi ihhmun: *a shakedown on the floor.* 2 (US infml) tangka lon duh ih hmanmi tahrum, ðihhnak. 3 (US infml) cip neknek ih hawl: *a shakedown of drug dealers.* 4 a netabik hniksakkak: [attrib] *a shakedown voyage, flight, trial, etc.*

**shake-up** (also **shake-out**) *n* tuahdan, ruahdan hlun pawl hlón in a thar pawl thawn thleng: *The only thing that will save the company is a thorough shake-up of the way it is run.*

**shake**<sup>2</sup> /Selk/ *n* 1 [C usu sing] hnin, thing (nak): *a shake of the head, ie 'No' tican a si* ○ *I gave my purse a shake and a coin fell out.* 2 **the shakes** [sing *v*] (infml) nasa takih khur: *a high temperature and a fit of shakes.* 3 (idm) **a fair shake** ⇒ FAIR<sup>1</sup>. **in a couple of shakes/in two shakes (of a lamb's tail)** (infml) hmakhat te in, rei lo te ah: *Hang on! I'll be back in two shakes!* **no great shakes** ⇒ GREAT.

**Shakespearian** (also **Shakesperean**) /ʃeɪkˈspɪəriən/ *adj* Shakespear thawn a pehkaimi: *Shakespearean sonnets* ○ *Shakespearian quotations.*

**shaky** /Selk/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) 1 hnin derdo: *a shaky walk, voice* ○ *Her hands are shaky because she's nervous.* ○ *He looks a bit shaky on his feet.* 2 a hninmi; a khoh lo, rinsan tlak lo: *a shaky chair, table, wall* ○ *The tripod is too shaky.* ○ (fig) *a shaky argument* ○ *The government is looking very shaky at the moment.* ○ *My French is a bit shaky, ie ka thiam deuh lo.*

▷ **shakily** /-ɪli/ *adv.* **shakiness** *n* [U].

**shale** /Sell/ *n* [U] lungto muat phunkhat.

▷ **shaly** *adj.*

□ **shale-oil** *n* [U] shale lungto ihsin ngahmi hriak.

**shall** /SEI/ *strong form* SFI/ *modal v* (esp Brit) (neg **shall not** a tawi zawngin **shan't** /Sɑ:nt/; pt, **should** /SUD/ neg **should not**, a tawi zawngin **shouldn't** /Sunt/) 1 ding, pei, kei: *We shan't know the result until next week.* ○ *Shall we be there in time for tea?* ○ *This time next week I shall be sitting on the beach in Greece.* ○ *I said*

*I should be glad to help.* ⇒ Usage 1. 2 (fml) tengteng ding: *I shall write to you again at the end of the month.* ○ *You shall have a new dress for your birthday.* ○ *He insisted that the paper should be destroyed.* ○ *She was determined that we should finish on time.* 3 pei maw? aw nem ih biak tikah hman a si: *Shall I (ie Would you like me to) do the washing-up?* ○ *What shall we do this weekend?* ○ *Let's look at it again, shall we?* 4 (fml) ti rori, ti tengteng ding (thupek tikih hman a si): *Candidates shall remain in their seats until all the papers have been collected.* ○ *The lease stated that tenants should maintain the property in good condition.*

NOTE ON USAGE: 1 PREDICTIONS (**shall, will**) (a) **Shall** is used with *I* or *we* to predict a future event: *I shall be in touch with you again shortly.* **Will** (when speaking usu contracted to 'll) is used with *you, he, she, it, they* as well as *I* and *we*, often in more informal contexts than **shall**: *She'll never finish in time.* ○ *It'll be our first holiday for years.* (b) In indirect speech, **should** and **would** (when speaking usu contracted to 'd) are used: *I estimated that I should finish in ten days.* ○ *Bill said he'd soon be back.* 2 VOLITION (**shall, will**) (a) Both **shall** and **will** can express determination. **Shall** is more formal, especially when used with pronouns other than *I* or *we*: *He shall be given a fair trial.* ○ *You'll have your radio back on Tuesday.* ○ *We will get the thing right!* (b) **Should** and **would** are used in clauses after *be* certain, *be* determined, *insist*, etc: *He insisted that we should make a fresh start.* 3 SUGGESTIONS (**shall, can, could**) (a) **Shall I** and **shall we** are used to make suggestions: *Shall I drive?* ○ *Shall we take our swim-suits?* **Can** (often with *of course* and/or *always*) is also used for this purpose: *We can always come back tomorrow if you prefer.* **Could** is used to make more tentative suggestions: *You could try pushing the car.* ○ *Couldn't we ask a policeman?* (b) Any of these verbs can be used to ask for suggestions: *Where shall we go now?* ○ *Can we perhaps try another route?* ○ *How could we make them listen?*

**shallot** /SEIbt/ *n* a baa pathumli nei khasuansen phunkhat.

**shallow** /FIEU/ *adj* (-er, -est) 1 a puan: *shallow water* ○ *a shallow saucer, dish, bowl, etc* ○ *the shallow end eg of a swimming pool* ○ *shallow breathing.* 2 (derog) (of a person) thukpi in thu ruat thei lo; (of ideas, remarks, etc) thukpi in thu ruatnak a tel lomi: *a shallow writer, argument, conversation, book.* Cf DEEP.

▷ **shallow** *v* [I] a puanah a cang; puanter.

**shallowly** *adv.*

- .....
- shallowness** *n* [U].
- shallows** *n* [pl] tiva, tiffinriat ih a puannak hmun.
- sham** /SFm/ *v* (-mm-) [I, Tn] si-awter, ti-awter: *He's only shamming.* ○ *sham illness, death, sleep* ○ *sham dead*, ie pretend to be dead.
- ▷ **sham** *n* (usu derog) **1** [C] (a) thiamter-aw, titheiter-awtu minung: *She claims to know all about computers, but really she's a sham.* (b) (usu sing) titer-aw mi: *His love was a sham; he only wanted her money.* ○ *Their marriage had become a complete sham.* **2** [U] titer-aw: *What he says is all sham.*
- sham** *adj* [attrib] (usu derog) ti-awtermi; a ngaingai lo: *sham piety, sympathy, anger, etc* ○ *sham jewellery.*
- shamble** /SFmb/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] ke cawi thei hnai loin feh, zoh harsa in feh, tlan: *a shambling gait* ○ *The old tramp shambled up to me.* ○ *The hungry marchers shambled slowly along (the road).* ⇒ Usage at SHUFFLE.
- ▷ **shamble** *n* [sing] ke cawilemlo ih feh (nak).
- shambles** /SFmb/ *n* [sing *v*] (infml) thil pawl hnok thluh ih umnak hmun: *Your room is (in) a shambles. Tidy it up!*
- shambolic** /SFmb/ *adj* (Brit infml joc) hnokzet, buaizet.
- shame** /Selm/ *n* **1** [U] ningzahnak: *feel shame at having told a lie* ○ *hang one's head in shame* ○ *To my shame* (ie I feel shame that) *I never thanked him for his kindness.* **2** [U] ningzak: *How could you do such a thing? Have you no shame?* ○ *She is completely without shame.* **3** [U] ningzahnak: *bring shame on sb/oneself*, eg by doing sth wrong or unworthy ○ *How can we make people forget the family's shame?* **4 a shame** [sing] (derog infml) (a) mi ningzahtertu santlai lo minung: *It's a shame to take money from those who can't afford it.* (b) thintokza; thin hnaihnokza: *What a shame you didn't win.* ○ *Isn't it a shame that the rain spoiled our picnic?* **5** (idm) **put sb/sth to shame** ningzahter: *Your beautiful hand writing puts my untidy scrawl to shame.* **shame on you** ka lo zahpi, ningzakza: *How could you treat her so badly? Shame on you!*
- ▷ **shame** *v* **1** [Tn] (a) ningzakter: *He was shamed by how much more work the others had done.* (b) ningzah, thangsiat phurh: *You've shamed your family.* ○ *It's quite shaming that our society cares so little for the poor.* **2** (phr *v*) **shame sb into/out of doing sth** thil pakhat tuah ko in, lole, tuah lo ko in ningzakter: *shame sb into apologizing.*
- shameful** /f/ *adj* ningzakza: *shameful conduct, deceit, etc.* **shamefully** /-fəl/ *adv.* **shamefulness** *n* [U].
- shameless** *adj* (derog) ningzahnei lo: *a shameless hussy* ○ *a shameless cheat, liar, etc.*
- *She's quite shameless about wearing sexy clothes at work.* **shamelessly** *adv.* **shamelessness** *n* [U].
- **shamefaced** /Selm/ *adj* ningzak hmel: *a shame-faced expression, a pology, culprit.* **shamefacedly** /-felstl/ *adv.*
- shammy** /SFml/ *n* [C, U] (also **shammy leather**) (infml) = CHAMOIS-LEATHER (CHAMOIS).
- shampoo** /SFm/ *n* (pl ~ s) **1** [C, U] (a) lukholhnak shampoo: *a new perfumed shampoo* ○ *dry shampoo*, ie a powder brushed into the hair to clean it without wetting it. (b) pher, tokham, mawṭawka tivek pawl kholhnak shampoo. **2** [C] (a) lukholh: *give sb a shampoo* ○ *a shampoo and set.* (b) pher tivek kholh, sawp.
- ▷ **shampoo** *v* (pt, pp -pooed, pres p -pooing) [Tn] sam, pher, tokham tivek pawl shampoo thawn kholh.
- shamrock** /SFnd/ *n* [C, U] Ireland ram um hnah pathum ṭek thingkung: *wearing some shamrock on his lapel.*
- shandy** /SFnd/ *n* (Brit) (a) [U] beer le lemonade, lole, ginger-beer thawn rawimi inṭha. (b) [C] shandy hai khat: *Two lemonade shandy, please.*
- shanghai** /SFnh/ *v* (pt, pp -haied /-hald/, pres p -haing /-halln/) **1** [Tn, Cn-pr] ~ **sb (into doing sth)** (infml) bum, lole, hramhram in tuahter: *tourists shanghai'd into buying expensive fakes.* **2** [Tn] (sl) (formerly) zu, lole, sii ri ko mi tuah hnuah lawng hnaṭuantu dingah thiar hlo.
- shank** /SFnk/ *n* **1** thilih fung a fem, a dingnak zawn, shaft: *the shank of an anchor, a key, a golf-club.* **2** (usu pl) (often of joc or derog) kemit le khuk karlak: *long thin shank.* **3** (idm) **on shank's pony/mare** (dated infml joc) ke in feh: *If you won't drive me, I'll have to get there on shank's pony.*
- shan't** contracted form of SHALL NOT (SHALL).
- shantung** /SFnt/ *n* [U] (but lomi) pu puan sah.
- shanty<sup>1</sup>** /SFnt/ *n* ṭuktak tukih sakmi thlam, buk, inn; shack.
- **shanty town** khuasung, lole, khuapak um inn sia umnak veng.
- shanty<sup>2</sup>** (US **chantey, chanty**) /'fænti/ *n* (also **sea-shanty**) (hlanah) hridai hnuk phah ih sakmi lawng hnaṭuan hla.
- shape<sup>1</sup>** /Selp/ *n* **1** [C, U] pianhmang, hmuhihmel: *clouds of different shapes in the sky* ○ *a garden in the shape of a semicircle* ○ *trees in all shapes and size* ○ *the odd shape of his nose* ○ *a dress that hasn't got much shape* ○ *The picture is round in shape.* ○ (fig) *He's a devil in human shape.* **2** [C] felfaite ih hmuh a harmi; a fiangfai lo hmuhihmel: *I made out two dim shapes in the gloom.* ○ *A huge shape loomed up out of the fog.* **3** [U] (infml) umdan; dinhmun:

*She's in good shape* (ie fit) *after months of training.* ○ *What shape is the team in after its defeat?* ○ *The illness has left him in rather poor shape.* **4** (a) [C] thil burnak kuang, bawm. (b) bur cia sang: *Have some more shape.* **5** (idm) **get (oneself) into shape** harhdamnak ding hrangah cangvainak (*exercise*) *tuah: I've been jogging a lot to get myself into shape.* **get/knock/lick sth/sb into shape** umdan, dinhmun hman ding in *tuah, rem: We need a new manager to get the business into shape.* ○ *A sergeant soon knocks new recruits into shape.* **give shape to sth** fiangfaite in sim, phuang: *I'm having trouble giving shape to my ideas in this essay.* **in any shape (or form)** (infml) ziangvek in a si khalle: *I don't drink alcohol in any shape or form.* **in shape** cakvak zet: *You'll never be in shape until you eat less and take more exercise.* **in the shape/form of sb/sth** (infml) hmuimel pu in: *Help arrived in the shape of our next-door neighbours.* ○ *I received a nasty surprise in the shape of a letter from the taxman.* **out of shape** (a) mah hmuimel kel si loin: *The children have been playing with my hat — they've knocked it out of shape.* (b) cakvak lo, mahkel si lo: *Take exercise if you're out of shape.* **press sth into shape** ⇒ PRESS<sup>2</sup>. **the shape of things to come** hmailam ah ziangti in a si leh ding ti langternak thil. **take shape** a lang thlang, hmuh ding a um thlang: *The plan is beginning to take shape in my mind.* ○ *After months of work, the new book is gradually taking shape.*

▷ **shapeless** adj hmuimel setsai nei lo: *The book is rather shapeless.* ○ *a shapeless mass, form, dress.* **shapelessly** adv. **shapelessness** n [U].

**shape<sup>2</sup>** /Selp/ v **1** [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sth** (into sth) pianhmag hmuimel nei dingin *tuah: shape the wet clay on a potter's wheel* ○ *shape the sand into a mound.* **2** [Tn] thil pakhat cang koin *tuah: These events helped to shape her future career.* ○ *His attitudes were shaped partly by early experiences.* **3** [I, Ip] ~ (up) hmuh theih a si thlang, hmuh ding a um thlang: *Our plans are shaping (up) well, ie giving signs that they will be successful.* ○ *How is the new team shaping up?* **4** [Tn esp passive] taksa umdan thlunin hnipuan thit: *The jacket is shaped* (ie becomes narrower) *at the waist.*

▷ **-shaped** (in compounds) thil pakhat khatih hmuimel a kengmi: *a kidney-shaped swimming pool* ○ *His figure is somewhat pear-shaped.* ○ *Rugby is played with an egg-shaped ball.*

**SHAPE** (also **Shape**) /Selp/ abbr Supreme Headquarters of Allied powers in Europe.

**shapely** /SelpII/ adj (-ier, -iest) (approx) (esp of a

woman's body) *ruang mawi, form tha: a shapely bosom* ○ *shapely legs.*

▷ **shapeliness** n [U].

**shard** /Sa:d/ (also **sherd** /S3:d/) n leibeel le thlang kuaite tvek pawl. Cf POTSHERD.

**share<sup>1</sup>** /SeER/ n **1** [C] ~ (in/of sth) vo: *a fair share of the food* ○ *the robber's share of stole money* ○ *Your share of the cost is £10.* ○ *Everyone who helped gets a share in the profit.* **2** [U, sing] ~ (in/of sth) tuan ding vo, ngah ding vo: *What share did he have in their success?* ○ *She must take her share of the blame, ie accept that she was partly responsible.* ○ *You're not taking much share in the conversation, ie you're saying little.* **3** [C] hnañuan pakhat tuannak dingih a cem ding zat tangka kha a zatrep te in duh zat ah then, cule a then pakhat ah let hmat pakhat in zuar, acuih lethmat cu share ti a si. Share duh zat ciar lei a theih ih share tam le mal neih zat in a hlawk co a si: *stocks and shares* ○ *buy/hold 500 shares in a shipping company* ○ *£2 shares are now worth £2.75.* ○ [attrib] *share capital, dealing, price* ○ *a share certificate.* **4** **get, etc a/one's fair share of sth** ⇒ FAIR<sup>1</sup>. **get, etc a slice/share of the cake** ⇒ CAKE. **go shares (with sb) (in sth)** (Brit infml) co ding, liam ding kha zatrep in co, liam: *Let me go shares with you in the taxi fare.* **the lion's share** ⇒ LION.

▷ **share** v **1** (a) [Tn.pr, Tn.p] ~ **sth** (out) (among/between sb) zem: *share £100 equally between five people.* ○ *share the sweets among the children* ○ *The profits are shared (out) equally among the partners.* (b) [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn.pr] ~ (sth) (with sb) then aw: *Let's share (the last cake); you have half and I'll have half.* ○ *He would share his last pound with me.* **2** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn.pr] ~ (sth) (with sb) hlawm, ðawm: *There's only one bed, so we'll have to share.* ○ *share a bed, room, house, etc* ○ *share sb's belief, faith, optimism, etc* ○ *he shares my fears about a possible war* ○ *We both share the credit for this success.* ○ *Will you share your pen with me?* **3** [Ipr, Tn] ~ (in sth) tel ve, hlawm/ðawm ve: *I will share (in) the cost with you.* ○ *She shares (in) my troubles as well as my joys.* **4** [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sth** (with sb) hlawm, sim ve, theihter ve: *She won't share her secret (with us)* ○ *I want to share my news with you.* **5** (idm) **share and share alike** (saying) bangrep te in zem: *Don't be selfish — it's share and share alike in this house.*

□ **share-cropper** n (esp US) leiram sanman ah lo-ngatu thlairawl thenkhat a petu lo-nga.

**shareholder** n share neitu.

**share index** atu laifang ih shares pawl man zat catar: *Financial Times share index went up five points yesterday.*

**shareout** n [sing] vo zem-awknak: *After the*

robbery the crooks had a share-out (of the stolen money).

**share**<sup>2</sup> /SeER/ *n* = PLOUGHSHARE (PLOUGH).

**shark** /Sa:k/ *n* **1** nga-maan nga. **2** (infml derog) mi ðih ih tangka ngah tumtu; a ðang tamtuk lakih paisa mi coihtu; hrokhrawl le bumih paisa ngah tumtu.

□ **shark-skin** *n* [U] kawt vek lenghruk hnipuan hrang hman dingih a ðami a nal, a tleu nawn Shark-vun ih tuahmi puanthan: [attrib] a shark-skin jacket, suit, etc.

**sharp** /Sa:p/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** a hriam, a zum: a sharp knife, pin, needle, etc. ○ The shears aren't sharp enough to cut the grass. **2** (a) (of curves, bends, slopes, etc) hmakhat te thleng-aw hruak mi: a sharp bend on the road ○ a sharp turn to the left. (b) [usu attrib] rinlo pi le hmakhat te ih a cangmi: a sharp drop in prices ○ a sharp rise in crime. **3** a fiang zetmi: a sharp outline ○ a sharp photographic image, ie one with clear contrasts between areas of light and shade ○ in sharp focus ○ The TV picture isn't very sharp. ○ There is a sharp contrast between the lives of the poorest and the richest members of society. **4** [usu attrib] (of sounds) a ring ih a femzetmi: a sharp cry of distress ○ the sharp raucous cawing of a crow. **5** (of tastes or smells) a cak, a khoh, mi a nater thei: the sharp taste of lemon juice ○ the sharp smell of the acid ○ The cheese is a little too sharp for me, ie tastes too strong. **6** a at vek, a sun vekih theih a simi: a sharp frost/wind ○ a sharp pain in th back. **7** hmakhatte ih theihtheimi; a fim, a cak: sharp eyes, ears, reflexes ○ a sharp person, mind, intelligent ○ a sharp sense of smell ○ keep a sharp look-out ○ It was very sharp of you to notice that detail straight away. **8** ~ (with sb) (derog) mi siatsuah, soisel, mawhthluk duh zet: a sharp criticism, rebuke, remark, etc. ○ She was very sharp with me (ie rebuke me) when I forgot my book. ○ He has a sharp tongue, ie often speaks harshly or angrily. **9** [usu attrib] khulrang, cakvak, nasa: a sharp struggle, contest, etc ○ sharp competition for the job ○ That was a sharp work, ie It was done quickly or energetically. **10** (often derog) mi ih dernak kha mah ih ðathnemnak ah a hmang theimi, umdan ruahdan ðha lo, mumal lo: a sharp lawyer, accountant, etc ○ She was too sharp for me, ie outwitted me. **11** [usu attrib] (infml) style tuk, a mawi a cuang, faituk: a gambler in a sharp suit ○ be a sharp dresser. **12** (music) (a) (of a sound, instrument, etc) awkel, aw dik hnakin a sang deuhmi: That note sounded sharp. (b) (usu following *ns*) (of notes) aw-kel hnakin aw-hrek a sang deuhmi: in the key of C sharp minor. Cf FLAT<sup>2</sup> 10. **13** (idm) look sharp manmawh; zamrang tein: You'd better look

sharp or you'll be late. (as) sharp as a needle fimzet, thluak rangzet. sharp practice a ding tuk lemlo mi sumdawng hnañuan.

▷ **sharp** *n* (symb #) (music) sharp aw-suah: a difficult piano piece full of sharps and flats. Cf FLAT<sup>4</sup> 2. NATURAL<sup>6</sup>.

**sharp** *adv* **1** (infml) (a caan) dik in; cekci in: Please be here at seven (o'clock) sharp. **2** (infml) hmakhatte in, rinlopi in, hlukhli in: stopped sharp ○ turn sharp left. **3** (music) aw-kel hnakin a hrek a sang deuhmi: sing sharp.

**sharpen** /Sa:pEn/ *v* [I, Tn] zum, tat (hriamter): The tone of his letters has sharpened (ie become less friendly) recently. ○ sharpen a pencil ○ This knife needs sharpening. ○ This incident has sharpened public awareness of the economic crisis. ○ sharpen sb's wit, ie make sb more mentally alert. **sharpen** /Sa:pEn/ *n* (usu incompounds) zumnak, tatnak thilri: a pencil, knife-sharpen.

**sharper** (also **card sharper**) mibum in phelek ih pum a cawm-awmi.

**sharpish** *adj* a hrokhrawl nawn. — *adv* (infml) khul rang zet in, cakvak zet in.

**sharply** *adv* **1** hriam zet in, hlukhli; hruak, vutvi, rinlopi in, hmakhatte in, style zet in, hrang zet in: The road bends sharply. ○ prices dropping sharply ○ a sharply contrasted style ○ speak sharply to sb. **2** (idm) bring/pull sb up short/sharply ⇒ SHORT<sup>2</sup>.

**sharpness** *n* [U].

□ **sharp-eyed** *adj* mitfim, thil olte in hmu thei: A sharp-eyed police officer spotted the stolen car.

**sharpshooter** *n* meithal kah hmui a thiam zetmi minung.

**sharp-sighted** *adj* mit a ðami:

**sharp-witted** *adj* rang zet ih thu ruat lohli thei, thluak rang, rang zet: She was sharp-witted enough to dodge her attackers.

**shat** *pt, pp* of SHIT.

**shatter** /SFtER/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] khuai, kuaiðeh: The pot shattered as it hit the floor. ○ The explosion shattered all the windows. ○ (fig) What an ear-shattering noise! **2** [Tn] (infml) pumhlum in siatsuah thluh: Shatter sb's hope. ○ This event shattered all my previous ideas. **3** [Tn esp passive] (fml) lauter: We were shattered by the news. **4** [Tn esp passive] (brit infml) bang, cauter: We were totally shattered after the long journey.

▷ **shattering** /SFtERIN/ *adj* hnaihnokza, lauum: a shattering experience ○ the news was shattering.

□ **shatter proof** *adj* kuaiparh thei lo: shatter proof glass for car windscreen.

**shave** /Selv/ *v* **1** [I, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ sth (off sth/off) met, ziat, at: I shave every morning. ○ The nurse washed and shaved the patient. ○



*Buddhist priests shave their heads.* ○ *She sometimes shaves the hair off her legs.* ○ *Why don't you shave your beard off?* **2** [Tn] thil par in a pat tete, (a hawng) met. ⇒ Usage at CLIP<sup>2</sup>. **3** [Tn] (infml) hnur zik, hnur ceu in lan, hnawt: *The bus just shaved me by an inch.* ○ *The ball narrowly shaved his off stump.* ○ *The lorry shaved the barrier scraping its side.* **4** (phr v) **shave sth off** (sth) (sam) met, (a lu) met tan: *shave a millimeter (of wood) off the block.*

▷ **shave n 1** tan, at, met: *a sharp razor gives a close shave* ○ *Have a shave before you go out.* **2** (idm) **a lose shave** ⇒ CLOSE<sup>1</sup>.

**shaven** /Selv/ adj met(mi): *close-shaven* ○ *The heads were shaven.* ⇒ Usage at PROVE.

**shaver n 1** (also **electric razor**) electric sammetnak. **2** (dated infml) tlangval no: *You cheeky young shaver!*

**shavings n** [pl] zi-baw-haar: *The floor of the carpenter's shop was covered with shavings.*

□ **shaving-brush n** khahmul, hmurmul metnak siithunak brush.

**shaving-cream, shaving-foam ns** khahmul, hmurmul met hlanih hmur le kha-ah thuhmi sii.

**shaving-stick n** khahmul metnak ih hmanmi satpia pumzaul te.

**shawl** /SC:l/ n puante, naupuan.

**she** /Si:/ ⇒ Detailed Guide 6.2, 3. pers pron (used as the subject of a v) amah (nunau): *My sister's very strong — she can swim 5 miles.* ○ *Doesn't she* (ie the woman we are looking at) *look like her mother?* ○ *Do you remember our cat? She had kittens last week.* Cf HER<sup>1</sup>. ⇒ Usage at HE.

▷ **she n** [sing] ramsa a nu: *We didn't know it was she until it had puppies.*

**she-** (forming compound ns) a nu: *a she-goat.*

**sheaf** /Si:f/ n (pl **sheaves** /Si:vz/) **1** di, fangcang tel, tom. **2** a sau zawng ih teelmi cahnah tom.

**shear** /SIEr/ v (pt ~ **ed**, pp **shorn** /SC:n/ or ~ **ed**) **1** [Tn] shear timi thiltannak thawn tuhumul tan: *sheepshearing time.* **2** [I, Ip, Tn, Tn·p] ~ (sth) (off) merh kawi, lole nentuk ruangah kiak: *The bolt sheared (off) and the wheel came off.* ○ *The bar fell into the machinery and sheared off the connecting-rod.* **3** (phr v) **be shorn of sth** thlong sak, long hlo: *The room looks bare, shorn of its rich furnishings.* ○ *a deposed king shorn of his former power.* **shear sth off** (sb/sth) shear thawn tan hlo: *All her beautiful tresses have been sheared/shorn off.*

▷ **shearer n** tuu hmul mettu minung.

**shears** /SIEz/ n [pl] tuu hmul, hawikung tivek met, tannak kaihci tumpi: *a pair of shears* ○ *gardening shears* ○ *pinking shears.*

**sheath** /Si:T/ n (pl ~ **s** /Si:Wz/) **1** (a) nam tivek ih a kawng: *Put the dagger back in its sheath.* (b) a kawng, a tuamtu, a kawm: *the sheath round an electric cable* ○ *the wing-sheath of an insect.*

**2** su-luk tiki hmanmi zang tuamnak raba (rubber) pate; condom: *a contraceptive sheath.*

**3** ruangpum parah ben ko ih a tetmi nunau thilthuam: [attrib] *a sheath gown.*

□ **sheath-knife n** (pl **-ves**) kawng a neimi nam, khawngbawh, namte.

**sheathe** /SiW/ v **1** [Tn] (fml) a kawng ah thun: *He sheathed his sword.* **2** [esp passive: Tn, Tn·pr] ~ **sth** (in/with sth) a tuamtu tuahsak, a tuamtu sungah ret: *electric wire sheathed with plastic.*

▷ **sheathing n** [U, C] siatsuahnak ihsin kham dingih khuhmi, tuam tu.

**sheaves** pl of SHEAF.

**shebang** /Si:bFN/ n (idm) **the whole shebang** ⇒ WHOLE.

**shebeen** /Si|bi:n/ n thupte zureu dawr - Ireland le Africa ah.

**shed<sup>1</sup>** /Sed/ n (often in compound) tilva, thilri, leng tivek retnak thuahkhat buuk, inn: *a tool-shed* ○ *a wood-shed* ○ *a cattle-shed* ○ *an engine-shed* ○ *a bicycle-shed.* Cf HUT.

**shed<sup>2</sup>** /Sed/ v (-dd-; pt, pp **shed**) **1** [Tn] thleng; til, lip: *Trees shed their leaves and flowers shed their petals.* ○ *Some kinds of deer shed their horns.* ○ *The snake sheds its skin regularly.* ○ *The lorry has shed its load,* ie a thlau pang. **2** [Tn] (fml) luangter, suakter: *shed tears,* ie weep ○ *shed blood,* ie be wounded or killed. **3** [Tn] lak hlo, hlon hlo, phoi hlo: *shedding one's clothes on a hot day* ○ *The duck's feathers shed water immediately.* ○ (fig) *You must learn to shed* (ie get rid of) *your inhibition.* **4** [Tn, Tn·pr] ~ **sth** (on sb/sth) pharh, suah, thleng ter: *a fire shedding warmth* ○ *The lamp shed soft light on the desk.* ○ (fig) *She sheds happiness all around her.* **5** (idm) **cast/shed/throw light on sth** ⇒ LIGHT<sup>1</sup>.

**she'd** /Si:d/ contracted form **1** she had ⇒ HAVE. **2** she would ⇒ WILL<sup>1</sup>, WOULD<sup>2</sup>.

**sheen** /Si:n/ n [U] a tle, a tleu: *the sheen of silk* ○ *hair with a glossy golden sheen.*

**sheep** /Si:p/ n (pl unchanged) **1** tuu. Cf EWE, LAMB **1**, RAM **1**, BLACK SHEEP (BLACK<sup>1</sup>) **2** (idm) **like sheep** thulung, thulun a ol tukmi, mi in olte ih hruai theihmi. **make sheep's eye at sb** (infml) duh zet le aa zet in mi zoh. **one may/might as well be hanged/hung for a sheep as a lamb** ⇒ HANG<sup>1</sup>. **separate the sheep from the goats** ⇒ SEPARATE<sup>2</sup>. **a wolf in sheep's clothing** ⇒ WOLF.

□ **sheep-dip n** [C, U] tuu hrik pawl thi seh tiah tuu an ciahnak sii tel tidai.

**sheep-dog n** tuukhal le kil thiam dingih zirhmi uico; hi vekih zirh a theih phun uico: [attrbi] *sheep-dog trial*, ie contests for trained sheep-dogs.

**sheep-fold n** tuu kulh; tuu inn; tuu duum.

**sheepskin n 1** [C] (a) a hmul um tuu phaw tangphah. (b) a cu vek tuu phaw pahnih thum komih tuahmi sinfen. **2** [U] tuu vun thawn

tuahmi saphaw, cangannak saphaw. **3** [C] (US *joc*) diploma.

**sheepish** /Si:pIS/ *adj* ningzah ruangah umnuam lo miaa vekih ummi: *a sheepish smile, grin, look, expression, etc.*

▷ **sheepishly** *adv.* **sheepishness** *n* [U].

**sheer**<sup>1</sup> /SIEr/ *adj* **1** [attrib] pumhlum in, pumpuluk in: *sheer nonsense* ○ *sheer waste of time* ○ *by sheer chance*. **2** [usu attrib] (of textile, etc) thlaam lang ko ih a patmi, a zaangmi: *sheer nylon*. **3** a bir zetmi; a khaam zet: *sheer rock, cliff, etc* ○ *a sheer drop of 50 feet*.

▷ **sheer** *adv* tlunah, lole, tengah ding tein (bir zet in): *a cliff that rises sheer from the beach* ○ *The ground dropped away sheer at our feet*.

**sheer**<sup>2</sup> /SIEr/ *v* (phr v) **sheer away (from sth)/sheer off sth** duh lomi thu, zin hrial/pial hlo: *When he saw me coming he sheered off in the opposite direction.* ○ *She tends to sheer away from any discussion of her divorce*.

**sheet**<sup>1</sup> /Si:t/ *n* **1** killi nei puan kaupi, tivek ihphah khuh ah hman theu a si, a thua in ihkhun ah phah ih a thua karlak ah tla it a si: *put clean sheets on th bed*. **2** (a) a pheng a pat, a kau mi thil pohpoh: *a sheet of glass, tin, copper, paper* ○ [attrib] *sheet metal, copper, tin, etc*, ie rolled or hammered into thin sheets. (b) cangan, carialnak cahnah, - nambat an nei theu: *two sheets of A4* ○ *put a fresh sheet in the typewriter*. **3** hmun kaupi luaumi (tidai, vur, tikhal, meisa thawn peh parin): (*infml*) *The rain came down in sheets*, ie very heavily. ○ *After the heavy frost the road was a sheet of ice*. **4** (idm) **a clean sheet/slate** ⇒ CLEAN<sup>1</sup>. **white as a sheet** ⇒ WHITE<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **sheeting** *n* [U] ihphah khuh ih hmantha puan.

□ **sheet lightning** kauzet zetih a tleumi nimthlakau.

**sheet music** cahnah in si loin a hnah tete ih suahmi hla.

**sheet**<sup>2</sup> /Si:t/ *n* lawng puanzar tanglam kil ah tawnmi hri, lole, cikcin thir - a tultul ih her le kaihnak dingah a si.

□ **sheet anchor** vansan mangbang tiki kan hngohsan mi minung, thilri (siathngah): *I have a small income from shares, which is my sheet anchor if my business should fail.* ○ [attrib] *She played a sheet anchor role for the team when things were going badly*.

**sheikh** (also **sheik**) /Selk/ US Si:k/ *n* **1** Arab mi-uk, khuabawi, hnam hruaitu, etc. **2** Muslim biaknak hruaitu.

▷ **sheikhdum** (also **sheikdom**) /-dəm/ *n* sheikh uk ram.

**sheila** /Si:IE/ *n* (Australia, NZ sl) nunau, nauhak, fala no.

**shekel** /Sekl/ *n* **1** [C] (a) khuahlan Judah pawlih

ngun tangka. (b) Israel ramih an tangka fangkhat. **2** shekels [pl] (*infml joc*) tangka: *She's raking in the shekels* (ie earning a lot of money) *in her new job*.

**sheldrake** /Seldrelk/ *n* (pl **shelduck** /ʃeldak/) hmul tleu zet tipikam a um hramlak rampai.

**shelduck** /SeldVk/ *n* (pl unchanged) sheldrake a nu.

**shelf** /Self/ *n* (pl **shelves** /Selvz/) **1** thilretnak zaute, hrawl, tiril: *put up a shelf* ○ *a shelf full of crockery* ○ *a book-shelf*. **2** zaute bangih kham ihsin a pawt mi lung, lole, titang ih sin a pawt mi leilung: *the continental shelf*. **3** (idm) **on the shelf** (*infml*) (a) (of a person) hman tlak lo tihi ret, hnong: *A retired person should not be made to feel he's on the shelf*. (b) (often sexist) (of unmarried woman) pasal nei dingah a tar tuk zo tihi ruatmi, lengtar: *Women used to think they were on the shelf at 30*.

□ **shelflife** *n* (usu sing) siat lo ih um theinak caan: *packets of biscuits with a shelf-life of two to three weeks*.

**shelf-mark** *n* (library ih) cabu parih nambat hminsinnak, retnak ding hmun zaute hmin.

**shell** /Sel/ *n* **1** [C, U] arti, thilci, thingrah hrekkhat ih a hakmi a hawng; cumkheng, kharkhem, cangai tivek thilnung pawl ih phawhak: *collecting sea shells on the beach* ○ *empty coconut shells*. **2** [C] (a) inn, lawng tivek pawlih thet hrih lomi, lole, a kang hnu ih a tangmi phar, a leng tuamnak thilri: *Only the shell of the factory was left after the fire had been put out*. (b) a ruh (inn ruh-rang); a tuamtu: *the metal shell of the aircraft engine* ○ *the rigid body shell of a car*. **3** [C] (a) pukpi cerek suan tuamtu phaw: *the building was destroyed by an artillery shell*. Cf CARTRIDGE 1, SHOUT 4. (b) (US) = CARTRIDGE 1. **4** [C] a zaang zetmi lawng zap zuamawknak lawng. **5** (US) **come out of one's shell** (thurel le tong tivekah) ningzak in um nawn lo, raltha thlang: *She used to be so quiet, but now she's coming out of her shell and chatting to everyone*. **go, retire, withdraw, etc into one's shell** mi hmaisong, ningzak, tong lo, daite in um: *Her rejection of him seems to have made him go back into his shell*.

▷ **shell** *v* **1** [Tn] (US also **shuck**) a hawng khek: *shell peas, peanuts, almonds, etc* ○ (saying) *It's as easy as shelling peas*, ie a ol zet. **2** [Tn] pukpi thawn kap: *Shell the enemy positions*. **3** (phr v) **shell out (sth) (for sth)** (*infml*) paih lemlo ih pek: *I shall be expected to shell out (the money) for the party*.

□ **shell bean** (US) a hawng ei tha lo, a mu lawng ei tha be.

**shellfish** *n* (pl unchanged) (a) [C] kaikuang, cangai, mussel, lobster, tivek pawl, ei tha tisung um thilnung pawl. (b) cuvek pawlih sa: *I eat lots of shellfish*.

**shell-shock** *n* [U] raldonak ah reituk tel ralkap pawl ih ngah theimi, thinkhur, thakhur nat.

**shell-shocked** *adj* **1** thinkhur thakhur (shell-shock) nat nei. **2** (*fig*) lau dukdi; thinlung hnok; lung aa, ziang tuah ding thei lo: *I felt totally shell-shocked after coping with five boisterous children all day.*

**she'll** /Si:l/ *contracted form* she will ⇒ WILL<sup>1</sup>.

**shellac** /SElFk/, also [SelFk/ *n* [U] tlorsi tuahnak ih hmanmi farhnaivek phun thil (a per tete tla in a um).

▷ **shellac** *v* (-ck-) [Tn] **1** shellac hmaning tlorsi tuh. **2** (*US infml*) nasa zet in mi neh.

**shellacking** *n* (*usu sing*) (*US infml*) nasa zet ih nehnak, nehnak: *We gave their team a real shellacking.*

**shelter** /SElTER/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (*from sth*) beunak, dornak, thupnak, phennak, khamnak: *seek/ take shelter from the rain*, eg under a tree ○ *get under shelter*, eg when bombs are dropping during ah air-raid ○ *They found shelter from the storm in a barn.* ○ *The high fence gives/ affords (us) shelter from the wind.* **2** [U] (often in compounds) (**a**) beunak dingih sakmi inn, thlam: *busselter*, ie one in which people wait for buses ○ *an air-raid shelter.* (**b**) inn nei lo, raltlan, meikang etc tong pawl beunak inn.

▷ **shelter** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (*from sb/sth*) beunak pek, hupphen, humhim: *trees that shelter the house from the wind* ○ *shelter* (ie hide, protect) *an escaped prisoner* ○ *The wall sheltered the soldiers from gunfire.* ○ *He is trying to shelter his boss from criticism.* ○ *Is our industry sheltered from foreign competition?* **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (*from sth*) beu: *shelter under the trees* ○ *shelter from the rain.*

**sheltered** *adj* **1** (of place) ruah, thli tivek in hnaihnoknak a pek thei lomi: *find a sheltered spot for a picnic.* **2** ziaza sia suan thei lo, rehsiat um lonak hmunah ret: *a sheltered childhood* ○ *He has led a sheltered life in the countryside.*

**shelve**<sup>1</sup> /Selv/ *v* [Tn] **1** zaute, thilri hrawl parah ret. **2** (*fig*) hnong, neta ah tuah leh ding ih ret ta hrih, a tikcu thawn: *The plans for a new theatre have had to be shelved because of lack of money.*

▷ **shelving** *n* [U] zaute tiril tivek tuahnak ih hmanmi thilri: *wooden shelving.*

**shelve**<sup>2</sup> /Selv/ *v* ~ (*away/down/off*) (of land) maltete in niam vivo: *The river-bottom shelves here.* ○ *The shore shelves down to the sea.*

**shelves** *pl* of SHELF.

**shemzzle** /SlmBzl/ *n* (*usu sing*) (*infml*) to-aw, tawng-aw ih hnaihnokza in awn aumi: *I've never heard such a shemzzle!*

**shenanigans** /SlmFnIGEnz/ *n* [pl] (*infml*) **1** hnaihnokza; huatsuak, capoh phah in siatsuahnak mi a pe theimi, toklak tuk. **2**

hrokhrawl in, theithei lo dingih ðongmi phundang tuahmi, phundang tivek in mi bum.

**shepherd** /SepEd/ *n* tuukhalpa.

▷ **shepherd** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] tuu hruai vekin mi hruai: *A guide shepherded the tourists into the coach.* ○ *The children were shepherded around by two teachers.*

**shepherdess** /SepE(des; US {SepErdIs/ *n* tuukhalnu.

□ **shepherd's pie** (also **cottage pie**) cipte ih satmi sa parah aalu phom dip ret ih rawhmi rawl.

**Sheraton** /SerEtEn/ *n* [*usu attrib*] kum zabi 18 a net lam ah style phunkhat ih an tuahmi tokham cabuai, bizu, tivek pawl: *Sheraton chairs.*

**sherbet** /S3:bEt/ *n* [C, U] a neem deuhmi thing thei ti in ðha thil thlum. **2** (*esp Brit*) a phul ciamco theimi a thlummi in ðha ti, thingthei rah ti, lole, a cuhi in ðha tuahnak thil vut. **3** (*US*) = SORBET.

**sherd** = SHARD.

**sheriff** /SerIf/ *n* **1** (often **High Sheriff**) England le Wales ram ah peng pakhat, lole, khua pakhat uktu siangpahrang ih retmi bawi. Cf REEVE **1**. **2** (Scotland ah) peng pakhat ih thuthentu lubik. **3** (in the US) peng pakhat ih mipi pawl upadi vekih nungter dingah ðuanvo neitu bik bawi, palik bawi.

**sherry** /SerI/ *n* (**a**) [U, C] a pekah Spain ih tuahmi, tha cahnak sii pawl rawi mi aire, lole, sendupmi zu: *Do you like sweet or dry sherry?* ○ *High quality sherries.* (**b**) [C] sherry hai khat: *have a sherry before dinner.*

**she's** /Si:z/ *contracted form* **1** she is ⇒ BE. **2** she has ⇒ HAVE.

**Shetland** /SetlEnd/ *n* (also **the Shetlands** [pl]) Scotland saklam um tikulh pawl.

□ **Shetland pony** rang fate phunkhat.

**Shetland wool** Shetland ih suakmi tuu hmul neem.

**shew** = SHOW.

**shibboleth** /SibEleT/ *n* (atu ahcun an thupiter nawn lo nain hlan deuh ahcun hman a ðha tiah an aupi reromi) thuhram pawl: *elderly politicians still clinging to the outmoded shibboleths of party doctrines.*

**shield** *pt, pp* of SHY<sup>1</sup>, SHY<sup>2</sup>.

**shield** /Si:ld/ *n* **1** (**a**) phaw. (**b**) (in heraldry) a parah hminsinnak zuk (coat of arms) a um ih, mi hmuter ding ah tuahmi pung-san thar phaw. (**c**) lehzuumnak laksawng; phaw hmel in an tuahmi laksawng: *win the school boxing shield.* **2** ~ (*against sth*) (*fig*) khamtu minung, thilri: *This car polish is an effective shield against rust.* **3** (in machinery, etc) cet hnañuantu le a cet lala siatsuah lo dingih an tuahmi khamnak thir pheng, le phentu thil pawl; thli, leivut tivek khamnak thil: *a shield*

around the grip of a chainsaw ○ the heat shield on a space capsule ○ a welder's eye shield, ie to stop sparks getting into the eye.

▷ **shield** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth (against/from sb/sth)** siatsuahnak ngah lo dingin kham; soiselnak, donak ngah lo dingin kham: *shield one's eyes (from the sun) with one's hand* ○ *They can't shield this criminal from prosecution.* ○ *I tried to shield him against prying journalists.*

**shift**<sup>1</sup> /Sift/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ (sth/sb/oneself) (from...to...); ~ (sth/sb/oneself) (about/around) thin, thawn: *The cargo has shifted, ie has been shaken out of place by the movement of sht ship.* ○ *the wind shifted from east to north* ○ *The tools shifted around in the car boot every time we turn a corner.* ○ *The audience shifted uneasily in their seats.* ○ (infml) *Soap won't shift that stain, ie wash it off* ○ *Help me to shift the sofa away from the fire.* ○ *You'll have to shift yourself to another room — I want to clean in here.* ○ *The teacher shifted the chairs around in the classroom.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (from A to/onto B)** thawn: *Don't try to shift the responsibility on to others: you must do the job yourself.* ○ *He shifted the load from his left to his right shoulder.* **2** [Ipr, Ip, Tn] ~ **out of sth/into sth; ~ up/down** (esp US) gear thleng: *shift out of first into second* ○ *Shift up when you reach 30 mph.* ○ *You have to shift down to climb steep hill.* ○ *Learn to shift gear at the right moment.* **3** [I] (Brit infml) rang zetin feh, thawn: *You'll have to shift if you want to get there by nine o'clock.* ○ *That car can really shift!* **4** (idm) **shift one's ground** thu-el-awak laiah dinhmun thar, lole, tidan dangah thleng. **5** (phr v) **shift for oneself** zo ih bomnak tel loin umtukhuasakdan tawrel: *When their parents died, the children had to shift for themselves.*

□ **shift-key** *n* typewriter ah, cafang tumpi ngan duh tik ih hmehmi thil.

**shift**<sup>2</sup> /Sift/ *n* **1** ~ (in sth) thawn, thawnnak, thleng, thlen: *a gradual shift of people from the country to the town* ○ *shifts in public opinion* ○ *There has been a shift in fashion from formal to more in formal dress.* **2** hnatuantu burkhat an tuan caan a cem tikah a dang burkhat lut in tuan - (a haha) in hnatuan: *the day/night shift* ○ *work an eight-hour shift* ○ *work in shifts* (fig) *a shift worker* ○ *shift work, pay.* Cf RELAY **1.** **3** thil pakhat duh ruangah mibum, a si lo zawngin tumtah; thil har tuah ding kha hrial: *use some dubious shifts to get money* ○ *As a temporary shift, he covered up the leak with a plastic bag.* **4** (a) nunau pawlih a ding le a teetmi thuum. (b) (arch) nunau pawlih sunghruk thuum. **5** ca cuknak parih cafang tum (capitals) cuk theinak dingih tuahmi thil

hmehnak: *Press the shift and type 'A'.* **6** (idm) **make shift (with sth)** (becoming dated) a tha tawk, a daih tawk lo nain, a ummi kha a sitheinaknak in hmang men: *We haven't really enough food for everyone but we'll have to make shift (with what we've got).*

▷ **shiftless** *adj* (derog) zaangzel, tumtahnak nei lo, thil tuah suak dingah khua ruat thei lo: *a shiftless individual who never works and constantly borrows from others.* **shiftlessness** *n* [U].

**shifty** /Sift/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) zumtlak lo; mibum hmang; dingfel lo: *a shifty-looking person* ○ *shifty behaviour* ○ *shifty eyes, looks.*

▷ **shiftily** /-III/ *adv.* **shiftiness** *n* [U].

**shilling** /SIIN/ *n* **1** (1971 tiang) British tangka, khuahlanih penny12 thawn, lole, £ (pound) then 12 then then 1 (1/12) thawn a bang-aw. **2** Kenya, Uganda le Tanzania rampawl ih an tangka fang khat; 100 cents.

**shilly-shally** /SIIL SFII/ *v* (pt, pp **shallied**) [I] (infml derog) thuthen thei zaang lo, awk thuptho, thukthun deuh ih um: *If you keep shilly-shallying like this we'll be late.*

**shimmer** /SImer/ *v* [I] a hnin tleu derhdo: *moon light shimmering on the lake* ○ *The surface of the road shimmered in the heat of the sun.*

▷ **shimmer** *n* [U] a cang derhdomi khuatleu: *the simmer of pearls.*

**shin** /SIn/ *n* ngalcar: *get kicked on the shin.*

▷ **shin** *v* (-nn-) (phr v) **shin up/down (sth)** kut le ke thawn kai/tum: *shin up a tree* ○ *shin down a rope.*

□ **shinbone** (also **tibia**) *n* a tum sawnmi ngalruh.

**shinpad** (also **shin-guard**) *n* bawhlung le lehnak dang lektu pawl ih ngalkhamnak thilri (ngaltuam).

**shindig** /SIndig/ *n* (infml) **1** thathozet le awn celcelmi nunnomnak. **2** = SHINDY.

**shindy** /SInd/ (also **shindig**) *n* (usu sing) (infml) a ring celcelmi hnaihnohknak; tawng-awak rurinak: *kick up* (ie cause) *a shindy.* ○ *There was a dreadful shindy in the pub last night.*

**shine** /Saln/ *v* (pt, pp **shone** /Sɔn; US *ʃəʊn* or, in sense3, ~ **d**) **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] tleu, tlang; vang: *Clean the glasses until they shine.* ○ *The moon is shining (through the window).* ○ *The clouds parted and the sun shone (out).* ○ (fig) *His face shone with excitement.* **2** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] cerh, tlet: *The police shone a searchlight on the house.* ○ *Shine your torch into the drawer.* ○ *I hate lights being shone on my face.* **3** [Tn] (infml) tleu ko in hnawt: *shine shoes, brassware.* **4** [I, Ipr] ~ (at/in sth) a cuang deuh in ti thei: *He's a shining* (ie outstanding, excellent) *example of hard working pupil.* ○ *She does not shine in conversation, ie is not a good talker.* ○ *I've never shone at tennis.* **5** (idm) **a knight in**



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**shining armour** ⇒ KNIGHT. **make hay while the sun shine** ⇒ HAY. **rise and shine** ⇒ RISE<sup>2</sup>.

▷ **shine** **1** [sing, U] a tleunak, hnul (hnawt) tleumi hmel: *Give your shoes a good shine.* ○ *There's too much shine on the seat of these old trousers.* **2** (idm) **come rain, come shine; rain or shine** ⇒ RAIN<sup>1</sup>. **take a shine to sb/sth** (infml) hmakhatte in duh thok lohli: *I think that dog has taken a shine to me: it follows me everywhere.* **shiner** *n* (dated sl) mit dum, dup: *That's quite a shiner you've got there.*

**shiny** *adj* (-ier, -iest) a tle, a tleu (hnawt ih tleuvek), a de: *the shiny head of a bald man* ○ *shiny black leather* ○ *All the cups are clean and shiny.*

**shingle**<sup>1</sup> /SInɡl/ [U] tipi kaprawn um lungtiak hlum tete.

▷ **shingly** /SInɡl/ *adj* lungtiak hlum a tammi: *I prefer a sandy beach to a shingly one.*

**shingle**<sup>2</sup> /SInɡl/ *n* **1** inn tlunkhuh, lole, phar ih hmanmi thingphel tawi tete. **2** (US infml) a parah hmin, tivek; nganih inn hmai, zungmai, tivek ih tarmi thingphel.

▷ **shingle** [Tn esp passive] thingphel in inn khuh: *a shingled church spire.*

**shingles** /SInɡlz/ *n* [sing v] (also **herpes zoster**) suumvel hma (taksa ruangpi kimvel in a hma theh).

**ship**<sup>1</sup> /Slp/ *n* **1** tangpawlawng: *a sailing-ship* ○ *a merchant ship* ○ *a warship* ○ the ship's company, ie the entire crew ○ board a ship for India. **2** (infml) (a) vantlun sangpi ah fehnak vanlawng (spacecraft): *aboard an alien ship.* (b) (US) vanzamleng. **3** (idm) **jump ship** ⇒ JUMP<sup>2</sup>. (like) **ships that pass in the night** malte sung lawng tongaw duakmi minung pawl (a tam sawn cu veikhat lawng ton a si theu). **when one's ship comes home/in** lian tikah (hlawhtlin tikah): *I'll buy a house in the country when my ship comes in.*

□ **ship biscuit** (also **ship's biscuit**) hlanlai ah lawng thawn khual reipi an tawn tikah rawl ih an hmanmi biscuit hak: *a diet of ship biscuit.*

**shipboard** *adj* [attrib] lawng parih thil cangmi: *a shipboard romance.* — *n* (idm) **on shipboard** lawng parah.

**shipbuilding** *n* [U] lawng sak, tuah: [attrib] *shipbuilding company, yard.* **shipbuilder** *n.*

**ship-canal** *n* tangphawlawng feh thei khopih a thuk a kaumi ti-hriat.

**shipload** *n* lawng phurhkhat thilri, minung: *set sail with a shipload of grain.*

**shipmate** *n* lawng parih hnaŋuanpi: *He and I were shipmates on a trawler once.*

**shipowner** *n* lawng neitu, lole, lawng leinak sumbur vetu.

**ship's chandler** lawng sungih tirawl le thilripawl tawreltu.

**shipwreck** *n* (a) [U] lawng siat, lawng hlo: *suffer*

*shipwreck.* (b) [C] lawng siatsuah khawnden tonnak: *He died in a shipwreck off the south coast.* — *v* [Tn usu passive] lawng khawnden a tongmi, tong: *shipwrecked sailors* ○ *we were shipwrecked on a deserted island.*

**shipwright** *n* lawng sak ding, lole, rem dingih saanmi minung.

**shipyard** lawng saknak, remnak hmun.

**ship**<sup>2</sup> /Slp/ *v* (-pp-) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] kuat, a bik in lawng thawn kuat: *Are the goods to be flown or shipped?* ○ *We shipped grain to the Soviet Union.* ○ *Fresh supplies were shipped out by lorry.* **2** [Tn] tidai, ihsin lawng zahnak lawng sungah ret: *We shipped (the) oars and moored alongside the bank.* **3** [Tn] (of boat) thlisia, tilet ruangah lawng kap ihsin lawng suangah tidai lut: *The waves were very high, and the boat began to ship water.* **4** [I] lawng sung hnaŋuantu ah cang: *ship* (ie take a post) *as a steward on an Atlantic liner.* **5** (phr v) **ship sb/sth off** (infml) kuat hlo, thlah hlo: *The children had been shipped off to boarding schools at an early age.*

▷ **shipment** /ʃɪpmənt/ *n* **1** [U] lawng ah thilri ret, ziang thawn khal siseh thilri phur, kuat: *immediated shipment of the cargo* ○ *safe shipment by air.* **2** [C] lawng thawn kuatmi thilri: *a shipment of grain for West Africa.*

**shipper** *n* kuat ding thilri pawl tawreltu:

**shipping** *n* [U] **1** ram pakhat ta, lole, lawng colhnak hmun ta, lawng pawl: *The canal is now open to shipping.* ○ [attrib] *shipping office* ○ *busy shipping lane* ○ *the shipping forecast*, ie tipi-thuanthum ih nikhua umdan phuang. **2** lawng thawn thilri kuat: *the shipping of oil from the Middle East.* **shipping-agent** *n* lawng colhnak hmunah lawng neitu ai-awh in hnaŋuantu.

**-ship** *suff* (with *ns* forming *ns*) a sinak, dinhmun, hnaŋuan: *friendship* ○ *ownership* ○ *professorship.* **2** thil pakatah a tawkzetmi; thiamnak: *musicianship* ○ *scholarship.* Cf -MANSHIP (MAN).

**shipshape** /SlpSelp/ *adj* [usu pred] a sidan ding vekin thate ih thil um; felfai zet: *get the room all nice and ship-shape.*

**shire** /ʃaɪə/ *or, in compounds, -SER/* *n* **1** [C] (arch) Britain ah, peng timi bial thawn a bangaw (now chiefly used in the names of certain counties, eg *Hampshire, Yorkshire.* **2** the **shires** [pl] England ramih a laifang peng hrekkhat, cinghnia dawi ramtawihnak ih an that ruangah mi in an thei ce.

□ **shire-horse** *n* leng dirtu rang, rang phunkhat.

**shirk** /ʃɜ:k/ *v* [I, Tn, Tg] (derog) (zaangzel, tihhrut ruangah maih ŋuan ding) ŋuan lo ih hrial: *You're supposed to tidy up, so stop shirking and do it!* ○ *He always shirks the unpleasant tasks.* ○ *She is shirking going to*

the dentist.

▷ **sharker** *n.*

**shirt** /S3:t/ *n* **1** siat angki (mipa kor): *sports shirt*, ie one with short sleeves for casual wear ○ *a dress shirt*, ie a formal one worn with a dinner-jacket, etc. **2** (idm) **keep one's shirt on** (*infml*) thintawi lo ding: *Keep your shirt on! No body means to offend you.* **lose one's shirt** ⇒ LOSE. **put one's shirt on sth** (*sl*) neihmi tangka hmuah (rang tlan zuamawknak, tivek) ah thaap: *He has put his shirt on his team winning the trophy.* **a stuffed shirt** ⇒ STUFF<sup>2</sup>.

▷ **shirting** *n* [U] siat thit ding tha puan.

□ **shirt-front** *n* caan thupi ih hrak ding siat angki raang (a hmailam khohzet dingih hnawt a si theu.)

**shirt-sleeve** *n* siat angki ban: *in one's shirt sleeve*, ie not wearing a jacket over one's shirt.

**shirt-tail** *n* shirt angki tai tanglam hmuah.

**shirtwaist** *n* (US) a hmailam tlunlam ihsin tai tiang, korhren sih thehmi nunau kor.

**shirty** /S3:t/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (*infml*) hnaihok; thinheng, aithok: *Don't get shirty with me!*

▷ **shirtily** *adv.* **shirtiness** *n* [U].

**shit** /Slt/ *n* (Δ *sl*) **1** [U] eek: *a pile of dog shit on the pavement.* **2** [sing] eek thawh: *have/need a shit.*

**3** [U] aat tong, cangan; thulolak, tican nei lo thu: *You do talk a load of shit!* **4** [C] (*derog*) nautatza, fihnungza: *That little shit stole my money.* **5** (idm) **in the shit** buainak, harsatnak sungah.

**not give a shit (about sb/sth)** eek hmanah siar lo: *He doesn't give a shit about anybody else.* **scare the shit out of sb** ⇒ SCARE.

▷ **shit** *v* (-tt; pt, pp **shitted** or **shat** /ʃæt/) (Δ *sl*)

**1** *v* [I, Tn] eek thawh. **2** [Tn] ~ **oneselt** (a) eek thlau. (b) tih tuk, eek thlau ko in tih.

**shit** *interj* (? *sl*) lungkim lo, thin hnaihok lang ternak tong: *Shit! I've missed the train!*

**shitty** /Slt/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (? *sl* esp Brit) **1** fihnung; thincem: *I'm not going to eat this shitty food.* **2** nautat-um; a bal a niammi; ziangsiar tlak lo: *What a shitty way to treat a friend!*

**shiver**<sup>1</sup> /SivEr/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) a dai ruangah, tih ruangah khur, thir: *She shivered at the thought of going into the dark house alone.* ○ *shivering all over with cold.*

▷ **shiver** *n* **1** [C] khurhnak: *The gruesome sight sent a shiver down my spine.* **2 the shivers** [pl] taksa, lole, thinlung ruangah nasa tukih khurhnak: *lying in bed with about of the shivers* ○ *Having to make a speech always gives me the shivers.*

**shivery** /SivEr/ *adj* khur tum; khuasik, tihnak, tivek a suakter theimi: *feel shivery in the damp atmosphere* ○ *a cold, shivery breeze.*

**shiver**<sup>2</sup> /SivEr/ *n* (usu *pl*) thlalang kuai tiak, a tiak: *break sth into shivers* ○ *cut one's foot on a small shiver of glass.*

**shiver** *v* [I, Tn] parh seksek.

**shoal**<sup>1</sup> /SEUl/ *n* ngarual: *a shoal of herrings, cod, etc* ○ *swimming in shoals* ○ (*fig*) *Shoals of tourists came here in the summer.*

▷ **shoal** *v* [I] a rualruai in um (vaak).

**shoal**<sup>2</sup> /SEUl/ *n* **1** [C] tiffinriat a puannak (ponnak) hmun leilung a lang theinak: *run a ground on a shoal* ○ *steer away from the shoal.* **2 shoals** [pl] (*fig*) a lang lomi tihnnunnak, harsatnak.

▷ **shoal** *v* [I] puan deuh ah a cang.

**shock**<sup>1</sup> /SBk/ *n* **1** [C] (thilri pawl an khawn-awk tikah, lole, thil a puak tikah napi-ih thong vek, hninvetik) hnin sutsinak: *earth quake shocks* ○ *The shock of the blast shattered many windows.* ○ *I felt the shock as the aircraft hit the ground.* **2** [C] = ELECTRIC SHOCK (ELECTRIC):

*If you touch this live wire, you'll get a shock.* **3** [C] thusia thei tikah, nasa tuk ih thinpemnak; ziang thei lo tiang a cang thei: *The news of his mother's death was a terrible shock to him.* ○ *The result of the election came as a shock to us all, ie None of us expected it.* ○ *It gave me quite a shock to be told I was seriously ill.* **4** [U]

tih tuk, na tuk, tuahmawh tuarnak, si ei sualnak tivek ruangah nasa tukih thazaang dernak: *be in/go into shock* ○ *suffering from shock* ○ *What is the correct medical treatment for shock?* ○ *She died of shock following an operation on her brain.*

□ **shock absorber** lampi tha lo ih feh tikah a hnin sutsomi rehtertu dingih tuahmi mawtawka parih thil.

**shock-proof** *adj* (esp of a watch) khawng, tlak tikah olte ih siat thei lo ding/khamtu.

**shock tactics** thil pakhat duh ruangah rinlo-paralin, rumro in, lauter theimi thil tuah: *The group used shock tactics to get publicity: one of them took his clothes off on TV.*

**shock therapy** (also **shock treatment**) thinlung dam lo mina kha electric shock pek in, lole, electric shock ngah tluk a siter theimi sii pek in tuamhlawm.

**shock-troops** *n* [pl] rumro in cakzet ih raldo dingah a ce ih zirhmi ralkap pawl.

**shock wave** thil nasa tuk in a puak ruangah, lole, aw hnakihi cak sawn in vanzam a zam ruangah teet zetin a thawnmi thlitha: (*fig*) *As soon as news of the tragedy was announced, shock waves spread rapidly to all parts of the country.*

**shock**<sup>2</sup> /SBk/ *n* (usu **shock of hair**) a khoh, a hnokmi sam.

□ **shock-headed** *adj* (*dated*) samkhoh, a hnokmi lu.

**shock**<sup>3</sup> /SBk/ *v* [Tn esp passive] hmakhatte ah thintok; thinhennak, tihnak tivek suakter: *I was shocked at the news of her death.* ○ *He was shocked to hear his child swearing.* ○ *I'm not easily shocked, but that book really is obscene.*

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▷ **shocker** *n* **1** shock mi petu minung. **2** (*infml*) **(a)** shock mi petu thil: *Some of these horror stories are real shockers.* **(b)** cawntlak lomi thil (a sia tuk): *You've written bad essays before, but this one is shocker!*

**shocking** *adj* **1** thinhennak, thintoknak, thiltha lo, thilsual a suakter theimi: *shocking behaviour, words, insults* ○ *What she did was so shocking that I can hardly describe it.* **2** shock mi a pe theimi: *shocking news*, eg of an accident in which many died. **3** (*infml*) a tha lo, a sia zet: *shocking luck, weather, handwriting, work* ○ *The food here is shocking.*

**shockingly** *adv* **1** siazet in: *You're playing shockingly.* **2** (*infml*) a luan tukin: *a shockingly expensive dress.*

**shod** *pt, pp* of SHOE *v*.

**shoddy**<sup>1</sup> /SBdl/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) a menmen, thate ih tuah lomi: *shoddy goods, clothes, etc* ○ *shoddy workmanship.*

▷ **shoddily** *adv*: *shoddily made.*

**shoddiness** *n* [U].

**shoddy**<sup>2</sup> /SBdl/ *n* [U] hri, pat hlun (puan hlun phoihmi) thawn tahmi man ol hnipuan.

**shoe** /Su:/ *n* **1** shu kedan, ketuam kedan: *a pair of shoes* ○ *walking shoes* ○ *tenis shoes* ○ *put on/take off one's shoes.* ○ [attrib] *a shoe brush, shop* ○ *shoe polish, leather.* Cf BOOT<sup>1</sup> **1**, SANDAL. **2** = HORSESHOE (HORSE): *cast/throw a shoe*, ie a tlong, a hlo. **3** bicycle, mawtawka ah, brake a kaitu rabar tlangtete (Kawl: *ba-rik-dung*), lole, cuvek brake hrangih hmanmi thilri. **4** kedan hmel a simi, lole, kedan vekih hmanmi thilri. **5** (idm) **be in/put oneself in sb's shoes** mi ih dinhmun ah ding: *I wouldn't like to be in your shoes if they find out what you're doing.* **dead men's shoes** ⇒ DEAD. **fill sb's shoes** ⇒ FILL<sup>1</sup>. **shake in ones shoes** ⇒ SHAKE<sup>1</sup>. **step into sb's shoes** ⇒ STEP<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **shoe** *v* (*pt, pp shod* /ʃɒd/) [Tn] rang kedan dan sak: *a blacksmith shoeing a pony.*

**shod** *adj* [attrib] kedan hrukmi: *shod in leather* ○ *well shod for wet weather* ○ (*fig*) *an iron-shod stick*, ie a zimah thir bunmi kiahghrol.

□ **shoehorn** *n* kedan sungah kedil ol te ih tolhternak thil, kedan hruknak thil.

**shoe-lace** *n* [U] kedan hri.

**shoemaker** *n* [C], **shoemaking** *n* [U] kedan tuahtu, kedan thitu.

**shoe-string** *n* **1** (*esp US*) shoe-lace. **2** (idm) **on a shoestring** tangka malte lawng hman: *living on a shoe string.*

**shoe-tree** *n* kedan hmel siat hlah seh tiah kedan sungih thuahmi, plastic, thing, thir, tivek thawn tuahmi thil.

**shone** *pt, pp* of SHINE.

**shoo** /Su:/ *interj* ramsa, lole nauhak pawl feh uh, tlan uh tihi dawinak tɔng: *Shoo, all of you. I'm busy.*

▷ **shoo** *v* (*pt, pp shooed*) (*phr v*) **shoo sb/sth away, out, off, etc** 'shoo' tiin dawi: *shooing away the children away/into the barn* ○ *He shooed the little children out of the shop.*

**shooin** /ʃu:ln/ *n* (*US infml*) midang an neh tengteng ding tihi ruahmi minung pawl, lekho tivek.

**shook** *pt* of SHAKE.

**shoot**<sup>1</sup> /Su:t/ *v* (*pt, pp shot* /ʃɒt/) **1** **(a)** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (**at sb/sth**); ~ **sth** (**from sth**); ~ **sth** (**off**) meithal, tivek puah, kap; meithal le thal thawn kap: *Aim carefully before shooting.* ○ *Don't shoot — I surrender.* ○ *What are you shooting (your gun) at?* ○ *He shot an arrow from his bow.* ○ *The police only rarely shoot to kill*, ie try to kill the people they shoot at. ○ *the missiles were shot at the air craft from a ship* ○ *He shot (off) several bullets before hitting the target.* **(b)** [I] meithal hman; meithal hmangin ram tawi: *Can you shoot well?* ○ *learn to shoot straight* ○ *I need more practice at shooting.* ○ *He enjoys riding, fishing and shooting*, ie as sport. **(c)** [Tn, Cn-a] that, lole hmapu, hliamter: *She went outshooting rabbits.* ○ *The soldier was shot* (ie executed by shooting) *for desertation.* ○ *She was shot in the leg.* ○ *The hunters shot the stage dead.* **(d)** [I] (of a gun, bow, etc) meithal, conkiang, etc kap: *This is just a toy gun: it doesn't shoot.* ○ *Get a rifle that shoots straight.* **(e)** [Tn-pr] kap ong, kapkuai, etc: *The gun/gunman shot a hole in the door.* **2** [Tn] hmun, ram pakhat khat kha ramtawihnak ah hman: *shoot a covert, an estate, etc.* ⇒ Usage at HUNT<sup>1</sup>. **3** **(a)** [Ipr, Ip, Tn-pr, Tn-p] hmakhate in hmunkhat ah rangzetin feh vukvi, hlon tupti; thingthla: *The sports car shot pass us.* ○ *A meteor shot a cross the sky.* ○ *He shot out of the door after her.* ○ *The runner shot ahead* (of the rest). ○ *Flames were shooting (up) from the burning house.* ○ *The snake's tongue shot out.* ○ *The driver was shot out of the open car as it crashed.* ⇒ Usage at WHIZ. **(b)** [I, Ipr] ~ (**down, up, etc sth**) (of pain) sun sutsi, nat vek suak: *a shooting pain in my back* ○ *The pain shot up her arm.* **(c)** [no passive: Tn-pr, Dn-n] ~ **sth at sb** thil pakhat kha sb lam hoih in tuahhruak: *journalists shooting questions at the minister* ○ *She shot an angry glance at him/shot him an angry glance.* **4** [I] (of plants and bushes) tek thar, hnah-no cerh: *Rose bushes shoot again after being cut back.* **5** [I, Tn, Tng no passive] (*esp cinema*) zuk: *Cameras ready? OK, shoot!* ○ *We're ready to shoot* (the ballroom sequences). ○ *the film was shot in black and white* ○ *shoot a woman riding a horse.* **6** [Tn] (of a boat or a person in a boat) hmun pakhat tlang ko in, lan ko in rang zetin feh: *shooting the rapids* ○ *shoot the bridge*, ie rang zetin, a tangin lan. **7**

[Tn] kothren fung kha a hrolhnak ong ah hrolh. **8** [Tn] (*infml*) (in golf) thiamzet, dik zetin thawi ngah zat: *shot a 75 in the first round*. **9** [Tn] (*esp US*) lehpannak pakhat khat lek: *shoot craps/pool/dice*. **10** [I, Ipr] ~ (**at sth**) (in football, hockey, etc) kaw! tun: *She's looking for an opportunity to shoot (at goal)*. (**b**) [Tn no passive] a kaw! *He shot a goal from twenty yards out*. **11** [I] (*US infml*) (only imperative) sim aw, ruah aw! *You want to tell me something? Well, shoot!* **12** [Tn no passive] (*sl*) sisun, daw! *shoot heroin*. **13** (idm) **be/get shot of sth/sb** (*infml*) hlon, daw! hrial hlo. **shoot one's bolt** (*infml*) (rekpi kap) ti theihmi a neta bik ti. **shoot the breeze** (*US infml*) thluak ih a pawt copcopmi, mi thu, tulai thu pawl reltlang rero: *We sat around in the bar, shooting the breeze*. **shoot it out (with sb)** (*infml*) thilcuah awknak, thu-el awknak kha meithal hmangin thu then: (*fig*) *rival politicians shooting it out in a television debate*. **shoot a line** (*infml*) porh deuh in tong; thuphan sim: *She said she was an expert skier but I think she was just shooting a line*. **shoot one's mouth off (about sth)** (*infml*) (**a**) a si ngaingai hnak ih porhdeuh in, uar aw in tong: *He's always shooting his mouth off about his success with women*. (**b**) tong ding le ding lo thia loin ralring loih tong hluahhlo, tong phutpho: *It's a secret, so don't go shooting your mouth off about it*. **shoot pool** (*US*) pool lek (pool<sup>2</sup> 4). **shoot one's way in/into sth; shoot one's way out/out of sth** lut/suaknak dingih meithal kap phah: *The gangster stole a gun and shot his way out of prison*. **shoot the works** (*US infml*) neih hmuah hmangral theh. **14** (phr v) **shoot sb down** siava zet in mi kap that: *His victims were all shot down in cold blood*. **shoot sth/sb down** vanzamleng/a mawngtu kap thlak: *ships shooting down fighter planes* ○ (*fig*) *His latest theories have been shot down in flames by the experts*. **shoot sth off** (**a**) tan/then: *His arm was shot off in the war*. (**b**) vanah meithal, meisapar (mi-paan) tivek pawl kap: *People were shooting off pistols in the streets to celebrate the victory*. **shoot sth up** mi in tih theh seh, lau theh seh ti duh ah meithal kap ciamco: *The gangsters ran into the bar and started shooting it up*.

□ **shooting-brake** *n* (*Brit dated*) = ESTATE CAR (ESTATE).

**shooting-gallery** *n* rifle meithal, tivek thawn hmuibat zirnak inn, lole, a khan.

**shooting match** (idm) **the whole shooting match** ⇒ WHOLE.

**shooting star** (also **falling star**) arsi zam.

**shooting-stick** *n* a zim a zummi, a kutkaih ah tokham fate nei kianghrol.

**shoot-out** *n* meithal thawn raldo: *The robbery led to a shoot out between the robbers and police*.

**shoot<sup>2</sup>** /Su:t/ *n* **1** tekno, tuai, cerhthar hnahno: *train the new shoots of a vine*. **2** (*Brit*) (**a**) mi burkhat nomnak ah ramtawi pawl: *members of grouse shoot*. (**b**) a tlunih vek ramtoihnak hmunram. **3** (idm) **the whole (bang) shoot** (*infml*) ziang hmuahhmuah.

**-shooter** (in compound ns) **1** kaptu: *a sharpshooter*. **2** kapnak thil, kap theimi thil: *a pea-shooter* ○ *a six-shooter*.

**shop** /SBp/ *n* **1** (*US store*) daw: *a butcher's, chemist's, etc shop* ○ *a sweet-shop* ○ *a bookshop* ○ *serve in a shop*. **2** (also **workshop**) (*esp in compounds*) thil tuahnak, thil remnak hmun: *an engineering shop* ○ *a machine shop* ○ *a paint shop*, eg where cars are painted. **3** (*infml*) sumdawnnak hmun; pawlkhawm, tlawng tumpi: *I want this shop as smooth as possible*. **4** (idm) **all over the shop** (*sl*) (**a**) hnokzetin, pharhdarh thluh in: *His clothes lay all over the shop*. (**b**) hmunkipah: *I've looked for it all over the shop*. **a bull in a china shop** ⇒ BULL<sup>1</sup>. **come/go to the wrong shop** ⇒ WRONG. **keep shop** daw kil, thil zuar: *Will you keep shop while I go out for lunch?* **set up shop** daw phuan, dawr tuah: *She set up shop as a book seller in the High Street*. **Shut up a shop** ⇒ SHUT. **talk shop** ⇒ TALK<sup>2</sup>.

▷ **shop v (-pp-)** **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (**for sth**) (usu **go shopping**) thil lei ding daw ah feh: *go shopping every day* ○ *I'm shopping for Christmas presents*. **2** [Tn] (*US*) thil lei dingah daw leng: *shopping the stores looking for bargains*. **3** [Tn] (*Brit sl*) palik hnenah zuar: *The gang leader was shopped by one of the robbers*. **4** (phr v) **shop around (for sth)** (*infml*) a man ol fawn a tha fawnmi thil hawl ih tawi, lole, thil zuartu tha hawlih tawi: *Don't buy the first car you see: shop around a bit*. ○ *People must shop around for the best school for their children*. **shopper** *n* thil leitu: *crowds of Christmas shoppers*. **shopping** *n* [U] **1** dawr feh thil lei(nak): *do one's shopping* ○ [attrib] *a shopping street*, ie one with many shops ○ *a shopping bag, basket, etc*. **2** dawrih leimi thilri: *Where did I leave my shopping?* **shopping centre** dawr tampi um khawmnak hmun. **shopping mall** (*US*) mawtawka pawl feh lo ding ih khammi, tlunkhuh nei, dawr tampi umnak hmun.

□ **shop-assistant** (*US salesclerk*) *n* dawr ih thil zuartu (cazi).

**shop-floor** *n* [sing] **1** cetzung ih thil tuahnak hmun: *working on the shop-floor* ○ [attrib] *a shop-floor worker*. **2** cetzung ih thazang hnaŋuantu pawl — zung hnaŋuan pawl a si lomi: *How does the shop-floor feel about these changes?*

**shopkeeper** (*US storekeeper*) *n* dawr fate neitu/tuahtu.

**shoplift** *v* [I] dawrthil fir: *started to shoplift as a*



*fifteen-year old.* **shoplifter** *n.* **shoplifting** *n* [U]: arrested for shoplifting.

**shop-soiled** *adj* dawrah reituk ret ruang ih a bal, a hlunmi thilri pawl: a sale of shopsoiled goods at half price.

**shop-steward** *n* dawr hnaŋuantu pawl in an zate ai-awh ih ŋongtu ding hrilmi.

**shore**<sup>1</sup> /SC:R/ *n* [C, U] tipikap: a house on the shore(s) of Lake Geneva ○ swim from the ship to the shore ○ go on shore, eg eg of sailors from a ship ○ This island is two miles off shore. ⇒ Usage at COAST<sup>1</sup>.

**shore**<sup>2</sup> /SC:R/ *v* (phr v) **shore sth up** thil pakhat thawh do: shore up the side of an old house to stop it falling down ○ (fig) She used this evident to shore up her argument.

▷ **shore** *n* do, thil donak ih hmanmi thingtluan.

**shorn** *pp* of SHEER.

**short**<sup>1</sup> /SC:ɪ/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** (a) tawi: a short stick, line, dress, journey ○ short, grass, fur ○ a short distance between the two houses ○ You've cut my hair very short. ○ She walked with short quick steps. ○ The coat is rther short in the sleeves. Cf LONG<sup>1</sup> 1. (b) niam: a short person ○ short in stature ○ too short to become a police officer. Cf TALL. (c) (tikcu) a rei lo, tawi, a tawimi: a short holiday, speech, film, ceremony ○ have a short memory, ie remember only things that have happened recently ○ The days get shorter and shorter as winter approaches. Cf LONG<sup>1</sup> 1. **2** ~ (of sth) sam, a si ding zat kim lo: Water is short at this time of year. ○ The shopkeeper gave us short weight; we got 7.5 kilos instead of 10 kilos. ○ The soldiers complain that they are getting short rations. ○ The goods are in short supply, ie There are not enough to satisfy the demand for them. ○ This packet is supposed to contain ten screws, but it's two short. ○ The missile landed ten miles short (of its target). ○ We've only raised £2000 so far; we're still £500 short (of the amount we need). **3** [pred] (a) ~ (of sth) a sam, ŋul zat nei lo: short of time, money, ideas ○ The hospital is getting short of clean line. ○ We cant' lend you any sugar, we're a bit short (of it) ourselves. ○ (infml) I'm a bit short (ie of money) this week. (b) ~ on sth (fml) a sam: He's short on tact. ○ Her speeches are rather short on wit. **4** [pred] ~ for sth thil/hmin ih a tawi zawng: 'Ben' is usually short for 'Benjamin'. **5** (a) [pred] ~ with sb (of a person) mawhthluk duh phun in, tawi zetin, tanbul in, ti hlukhlo in ŋong: She was rather short with him, when he asked for help. (b) (of a remark or sb's manner of speaking) ŋong malte in sim, tawibul in ŋong: He gave her a short answer. ○ All his observations were short and to the point. **6** (a) (of a fielder or his position in cricket) bats man pa thawh a nai deuh: short leg, slip, etc. (b) (of

a bowled ball in cricket) bowler pa thawh naih deuh in a khir. **7** (of vowels or syllables) vowels le syllables thawh peh par in aw a tawi deuh: the short vowel in 'pull' and the long vowels in 'pool'. **8** (of an alcoholic drink) a mal nain a cak zetmi zureu: I rarely have short drinks. **9** [usu attrib] (commerce) (of a bill of exchange, etc) tuan in a cu: a short bill, bond, etc ○ a short date, ie an early date for the maturing of a bill, bond, etc. **10** [usu attrib] (of cake or pastry) hriak tampi a tel ih phel ol zet (a hngam) mi: a flan with short crust. **11** (idm) **be on short rations** ngah kel zat hnak in maldeuh ih pek, ngah. **by a short head** (a) (rang tlan zuamnakah) rang lu can hnak ih tawi sawn in (a hleih): win/lose by a short head. (b) maltein: I got 96 per cent, he got 94, so I bet him by a short head. **for short** a tawi zawngin: Her name is 'Francis', or 'Fran' for short. **get/have sb by the short hairs** (infml) mi kha harsa zetin ngah, lole maih kut sungah re. **give full/short measure** ⇒ MEASURE<sup>2</sup>. **give sb/sth get short shirfts** hngal zet, tawi zet in mi tuamhlawm, mi tuah: He went to complain to the boss, but got very short shift; she told him to get out and stay out. **in long/short pants** ⇒ PANTS. **in the long run** ⇒ LONG<sup>1</sup>. **in the long/short term** ⇒ TERM. **in short** a tawinak in: Things couldn't be worse financially: In short, we're bankrupt. **in short order** rangzet le tawite in: When the children are naughty she deals with them in very short order: they're sent straight to bed. **in short supply** a tam lo; a har, a mal. **little/nothing short of sth** a si ko, tiding/titluk a si ko: Our escape was little short of miraculous. **make short work of sth/sb** hmakhatte ih thil tuah, hlon hlo, center: make short work of one's meal ○ The team made short work of their opponents. **on a short fuse** a thin a tawi: Don't irritate her, she's on a short fuse today. **out of/short of breath** ⇒ BREATH. (on) **short commons** (deated) eiding khopkham nei lo. **a short cut** (a) lamtan, pumpelh: I took a short cut across the field to get to school. (b) a rang zawngin thiam zet ih thil ti: Becoming a doctor requires years of training — there are really no short cuts. **short and sweet** (often ironic) malngaitte sung lawng a si na in a nuam: I only needed two minutes with the doctor — the visit was short and sweet. **thick as two short planks** ⇒ THICK. **short-ness** *n* [U].

□ **shortbread** *n* sangvut, thanthling le thawpat pawl thawh tuahmi a hnipmi sangreu.

**shortcake** *n* [U] (a) (Brit) = SHORTBREAD. (b) rawlkhawh hnu ih ei dingmi, biscuit sang phunkhat (dessert): strawberry shortcake.

**short-change** *v* [Tn] pek ding zat hnakin thil pek, bum.

**short circuit** (also infml **short**) (usu faulty)

electric tha a zawh kelmi zin hnakin a tawi deuhmi zin zawh. **short-circuit** (also *infml* **short**) *v* **1** [I, Tn] sawtter: *The lights short-circuited when I joined up the wires.* ○ *You've short-circuited the washing-machine.* **2** [Tn] (*fig*) hrial, pial; a tawi zawngin tuah: *short-circuited the normal procedures to get sth done quickly.*

**shortcoming** *n* (usu *pl*) hlawhsamnak: *a system/person with many shortcomings.*

**shortfall** *n* ~ (in *sth*) hman ding zat hnakin a luan ih hmanmi paisa: *a shortfall in the annual budget.*

**shorthand** (also *esp* US **stenography**) *n* [U] hminsinnak hmangin rang zetih cangan daan – shorthand kan ti veko: [attrib] *a shorthand course, typist, letter.*

**short-handed** *adj* [use *pred*] hnaṭuantu, bawmtu, daih lo: *The shop is short handed, so we are all having to work harder.*

**shorthorn** *n* a ki a kawī, a tawi mi caw phunkhat.

**short list** hnaṭuan diltu mi tampi lak ihsin, hril sungmi minung maltepawl a cuih pawl lak ihsin hnaṭuna ngahtu ding ngaingai pawl hril sin a si ding: *draw up a short list* ○ *Are you on the short list?* **short-list** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (for *sth*) shortlist cazin sungah telh: *Have you been short listed for the post?*

**short-lived** /ˈfɔːtˈlɪvd/; US /ˈlaɪvd/ *adj* malte sung lawng a awhmi, rei a daih lo: *a short-lived triumph, relationship* ○ *Her interest in tennis was very short-lived.*

**short order** (US) a rang zetih ngah theimi rawl cah: [attrib] *a short order chef.*

**short odd** (in betting) a bangrep aw nawn ih nehtu a si thei veve, tlan zuamnak rang, etc.

**short-range** *adj* [usu attrib] **1** caan khiah tawite sung hrangih tuahmi, lole, caankhiah tawite sung lawng a awhmi: *a short-range plan, project, etc* ○ *short ranger weather forecasts, ie for one or two days ahead.* **2** (of missiles, etc) naite kahnak hrang a simi.

**short sight** a naite lawng fiangte ih hmuh theinak. **short-sighted** *adj* a naite lawng a hmu thei, mit ṭhatlonak ngahmi. **2** (*fig*) ziang a cang leh ding ti hmuh cia thei lomi, thu saupi ruat thei lo: *a short sighted person, attitude, plan.*

**short-staffed** *adj* [usu *pred*] zungah, hnaṭuantu daih lomi: *We're very short-staffed in the office this week.*

**short story** thuanthu tawi.

**short-temper** thintawinak.

**short-tempered** *adj*: *Being tired often makes me short-tempered.*

**short-term** *adj* [usu attrib] caan tawite hrang: *a short-term plan, loan, agreement, appointment.*

**short time** zarhkhat sungih ṭuan ding caan

hnakih mal deuh ih ṭuanmi hnaṭuan: *workers on short time* ○ [attrib] *sort-time working.*

**short-wave** (abbr **SW**) radio hlaing tawi metre 100 le 10 kar sau: [attrib] *a short-wave radio, broadcast, etc.*

**short-winded** *adj* tlan, thapi suahih thiltuah tikah thawthawt rang, bang ol.

**short<sup>2</sup>** /SC:t/ *adv* **1** rinloin, hmakhatte ah: *He stopped short when he heard his neme called.* **2** (idm) **be caught/taken short** (*infml*) eek pah.

**bring/pull sb up short/sharply** ⇒ **PULL<sup>2</sup>**. **fall short of sth** tinmi zat thleng/ngah lo: *The money collected fell short of the amount required.* ○ *His achievements had fallen short of his hopes.* **cut sth/sb short** a tikcu hlan ah cemter, neet hlo: *a career tragically cut short by illness* ○ *The interviewer cut short his guest in mid sentence.* **go short (of sth)** ṭul zat kim lo, a sam: *If you earn well, you'll never go short.* ○ *The children must not go short of food.* **run short (of sth)** a tamsawn hman ṭheh, cem: *Go and get some more oil so we don't run short.* ○ *I'm late for work every day, and I'm running short of excuses.* **sell sth/sb short** ⇒ **SELL**. **short of sth** loin; a cang lole: *Short of a miracle, we're certain to lose now.* **stop short of sth/doing sth** ⇒ **STOP<sup>1</sup>**. **cut a long story short** ⇒ **LONG<sup>1</sup>**.

**short<sup>3</sup>** /SC:t/ *n* (*infml*) **1** = **SHORT CIRCUIT** (**SHORT<sup>1</sup>**). **2** a ngaingai hmuh hlanah hmuhmi film tawite.

**3** (*esp pl*) a cak/a khoh zetmi zureu (spirit, u-zi) malte. **4** (idm) **the long and short of it** ⇒ **LONG<sup>2</sup>**.

▷ **short** *v* [I, Tn] (*infml*) = **SHORT-CIRCUIT** (**SHORT<sup>1</sup>**).

**shortage** /SC:t/ *n* [C, U] ṭulnak, samnak, daihlonak: *food, fuel, housing shortages* ○ *a shortage of rice, funds, equipment* ○ *owing to (a) shortage of staff* ○ *a shortage of 50 tons* ○ *There was no shortage of helpers.*

**shorten** /SC:tr/ *v* [I, Tn] tawite, a tawideuh: *The days are beginning to shorten,* ○ *take two links out of the chain to shorten it* ○ *They want to shorten the time it takes to make the car.* Cf **LENGTHEN** (**LENGTH**).

**shortening** /SC:tn/ *n* [U] sangreu hnip deuh le puamtertu dingih rawimi hriak, thau.

**shortly** /SC:tl/ *adv* reilote ah; atute ah; caantawite ah; malte ah; deuhthe ah: *shortly afterwards* ○ *coming shortly* ○ *shortly before noon* ○ *I'll be with you shortly.* **2** thintok nawn, thintawi nawn, hngal nawn in, tawitein: *spoke to me rather shortly.*

**shorts** /SC:ts/ *n* [pl] **1** bawngbi tawi: *a pair of tennis shorts.* **2** [US] mipa sunghruk bawngbi.

**shorty** /SC:tl/ *n* (*infml*) (**a**) (sometimes *derog*) zaran hnakh tawi deuh minung, (mi kawhnak ah hman a si shorty ti in kawh le patawi, nutawi tinak a si). (**b**) zaran hnakin a tawimi thuanthil: [attrib] *a shorty mackintosh.*

**shot<sup>1</sup>** /SB:t/ *n* **1** [C] ~ (at *sb/sth*) kahnak (kap): *fire*

a few shots ○ hear shots in the distance ○ take a shot at the enemy ○ Two of her shots hit the centre of the target. ○ (fig) His remark was meant as a shot at me. **2** [C] ~ (at sth/doing sth) tum, tihnik: have a shot at (solving) this problem ○ After a few shots at guessing who did it, I gave up. **3** [C] cricket, tennis, billiard, tivek ah, bawhlung thawi; bawhlung sit: backhand shot ○ good shot! ○ The striker had/took a shot at goal, ie kaw! tun. **4** [C] (a) (pl unchanged) meithal, pukpi (cerek), Cf CARTRIDGE 1, SHELL 3. (b) (often the shot) [sing] lungden zuamnak thirhlum: put (ie throw) the shot. **5** [U] (also lead shot) cerek. **6** [C] meithal kah thiam minung: a first-class, good, poor, etc shot. **7** [C] (a) zuk: a long shot, ie taken with a long distance between the camera and the thing photographed ○ a shot of the politician making a speech. (b) camera pakhat in a pehphe ih zukmi lemnung cang khat: an action shot of a car chase. **8** [C] vantlun hlapi fehmi rocket, bomb tel rocket, etc thlah, kap: the second space shot this year. **9** [C] (infml) rit theinak sii sun: Have you had your typhus shots yet? **10** [C] (infml) whisky, gin malte: a shot of vodka. **11** (idm) a big noise/shot ⇒ BIG. call the shots/tune ⇒ CALL<sup>2</sup>. a leap/shot in the dark ⇒ DARK<sup>1</sup>. like a shot (infml) (a) hmakhatte in; awkkai loin: If I had the chance to go I'd take it like a shot. (b) cak zetin, cerek vekin: The dog was after the rabbit like a shot. a long shot ⇒ LONG<sup>1</sup>. not by a long chalk/shot ⇒ LONG<sup>1</sup>. a parting shot ⇒ PARTING. a shot in the arm thapetu, lole tharthawtu: The improved trade figures are a much-needed shot in the arm for the economy. shotgun n 1 thal pak, thal phir (sa kahnak). **2** (idm) a shotgun wedding raih-aw! ruangah thit hruaknak mopuai. shot-put n [sing] (also putting the shot) lungden zuam-awknak (pound 4 a ritmi thirhlum an deng theu).

**shot<sup>2</sup>** /SBt/ adj **1** ~ (with sth) (of cloth) hmun dangdang ihsin zoh tikah pianzia dangdang in lang dingih thami, butmi hnipuan: Shot silk a black curtain shot with silver. ○ (fig) brown hair shot with grey. **2** [usu pred] (infml esp US) hmantlak lo tiangih a tetmi; cem ko in hmang theh; siatsuah thluh: Her patience was completely shot. **3** (idm) shot through with sth a khat: conversation shot through with humour ○ comedy shot through with sadness.

**shot** pt, pp of SHOOT<sup>1</sup>.

**should<sup>1</sup>** /SEd/ strong form SUD/ model v (neg **should not**, contracted form **shouldn't** /SUDnt/) **1** (a) (indicating obligation) ding/lo ding a si (na-in): You shouldn't drink and drive. ○ Visitors should inform the receptionists of their arrival. ○ We should have bought a new lock for the front door. ⇒ Usage 1 at MUST. (b) (indicating

advice or recommendation) sehla/hlah sehla (a tha ding): he should stop smoking. ○ You shouldn't leave a baby alone in the house. ○ They should have called the police. ⇒ Usage 2 at MUST. **2** (drawing a tentative conclusion) (thei) ding: We should arrive before dark. ○ The road should be less crowded today. ○ I should have finished reading it by Friday. ⇒ Usage 3 at MUST. **3** (infml) (used to describe the consequence of an imagined event) ka/kan ti ding: If I was asked to work on Sundays I should resign. ○ We should move to a larger house if we had the money. **4** (used in a that-clause after the adjs anxious, sorry, concerned, happy, delighted, etc) tivek pawl thluntu that-clause ah hman a si: I'm anxious that he should be well cared for. ○ We're sorry that you should feel uncomfortable. ○ That he should speak to you like that is quite astonishing. ○ I am delighted that he should take that view. **5** (used after if and in case, or with subject and v reversed, to suggest that an event is unlikely to happen) if, in case dungah hman a si – asile, a si pang le tinak a si: If you should change your mind do let me know. ○ If he should have forgotten to go to the airport, nobody will be there to meet her. ○ Should anyone phone please tell them I'm busy. **6** (fml) (used after so that/in order that to express purpose) so that/in order that dungah hman a si, dingah, dingin ti can a si: He put the cases in the car so that he should be able to make an early start. ○ She repeated the instruction slowly in order that he should understand. **7** (a) (used to make polite requests) tong nem ih dil, (mi fialnak ah hman a si: I should like to make a phone call, if possible. ○ We should be grateful for your help. ⇒ Usage at WOULD. (b) (used with imagine, say, think, etc to give tentative opinions) imagine, say, think, etc pawl thawn hman a si – a si thei ding, a si men ding ti in ruahnak a langter: I should imagine it will take three hours. ○ I should say she's over forty. ○ 'Is this long enough?' 'I should think so'. **8** (a) (used with question words to express lack of interest, disbelief, etc) zum lem lo, lung tho lo ti a langmi thusuhnak: How should I know? Why should he think that? (b) (used with question words to express surprise) mang a bang ti a langmi thusuhnak: I was thinking of going to see John when who should appear but John himself. ○ I turned round on the bus and who should be sitting behind me but my ex-wife.

**should<sup>2</sup>** pt of SHALL.

**shoulder** /SEULdER/ n **1** [C] (a) liang, kodar: look back over one's shoulder. ○ Shrug one's shoulders. ○ This coat is too narrow across the shoulders. (b) kawt, angki pawlih a liang: a jacket with padded shoulders. (c) [C, U] sa

liang: *some shoulder of lamb, beef, etc.* **2** **shoulders** [pl] (a) liang le liang karlak zaang: *a person with broad shoulders.* ○ *a coalman carrying a sack on his shoulders.* ○ *give a child a ride on one's shoulders.* (b) (fig) tuanvo, mawhphurnak, tivek liang parah thleng: *Shift the blame onto sb else's shoulders.* ○ *The duty fell upon her shoulders.* **3** [C] palang, tlang, thilri, etc par ih liang a bangnak hmun. **4** (idm) **be/stand head and shoulders above sb/sth** ⇒ HEAD<sup>1</sup>. **a chip on one's shoulder** ⇒ CHIP<sup>1</sup>. **give sb/get the cold shoulder** ⇒ COLD<sup>1</sup>. **have a good head on one's shoulders** ⇒ HEAD<sup>1</sup>. **an old head on young shoulders** ⇒ OLD. **put one's shoulder to the wheel** napi in tuan: *Come on, everyone, shoulders to the wheel—we've got a lot to do.* **rub shoulders with sb** ⇒ RUB<sup>2</sup>. **shoulder to shoulder** (a) liang le liang dai-aw in, sang-aw in: *soldiers standing shoulder to shoulder.* (b) lungruai in tangtlang: *shoulder to shoulder with one's fellow-workers in the dispute.* **straight from the shoulder** ⇒ STRAIGHT<sup>2</sup>.

▷ **shoulder** v **1** [Tn] (a) liangah baat: *She shouldered the rucksack and set off along the road.* (b) (fig) tuanvo lak, mawhphur: *shoulder the duties of chairman.* ○ *She won't shoulder all the blame for the mistakes.* **2** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] liang thawn tet, liang in eng: *shoulder sb to one side* ○ *he shouldered off the defender and shot at goal.* **3** (phr v) **shoulder one's way in, through, past, etc** liang thawn pah in feh: *shoulder one's way into the room* ○ *shoulder one's way through (the crowd).*

□ **shoulder-bag** n zaal.

**shoulder-blade** n liang ruh (a per pahnih).

**shoulder-strap** n (a) liangbah nunau sunghruk angki, zan sin hnipuan tivek. (b) bo bennak tivek ih hmanmi, liang parah a hleite ih thit mi puan tawite.

**shout** /SaUt/ n **1** au aw, au: *shout for joy, alarm, excitement, etc.* ○ *Her warning shout came too late.* ○ *She was greeted with shouts of 'Long live the President!'* **2** (sl esp Austral or NZ) zuu lei caan: *What will you have? It's my shout.*

**shout** v **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip, Cn-a, Dpr-f, Dpr-t no passive, Dpr-w] ~ (at/to sb); ~ (out) au, auhnawh, au in tong, biak, ko, sim, raak: *shout for joy* ○ *shout (out) in pain* ○ *We had to shout because the music was so loud.* ○ *Don't shout at me!* ○ *She shouted to me across the room.* ○ *She shouted herself hoarse cheering on the team.* ○ *He shouted to me that the boat was sinking.* ○ *I shouted to him to shut the gate.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Tf no passive] ~ sth (at/to sb); ~ sth (out) au in, aw ring in sim, tong: *I shouted out my name to the teacher.* ○ *'Go back,' she shouted.* ○ *She shouted that she couldn't hear properly.* **2** (phr v) **shout sth down** au in, raakin mi tong

phit: *The crowd shouted the speaker down.*

**shouting** n [U] **1** au, au aw: [attrib] *within shouting distance*, ie near enough to hear sth shouted. **2** (idm) **be all over bar the shouting** (of a performance, contest, etc) zo in a neh, a hmat ziang vek a ngah ding ti a fiang zo, tuanvo neitu pawl ih thuthan le mipi in kut beng le rak kio ih porh, hlorh ding lawng a sam: *Now that most of the election results have been declared, it's all over bar the shouting.*

NOTE ON USAGE: Compare **cry** (out), **shout**, **yell** and **scream**. These verbs indicate people making different kinds of noise for various reasons. **We cry out** by making a sharp noise as an automatic reaction to pain, surprise, etc: *He cried out in fright as the dark figure approached.* **We shout** in anger or to get attention: *I don't like our teacher; he's always shouting at us.* ○ *I had to shout to make myself heard.* **Yell** is to make a high-pitched shout of pain, fear or excitement: *We heard him yelling for help.* It can also indicate loud shouting: *You don't have to yell; I can hear you.* People **scream** in pain, fear or excitement. It is a very loud, high-pitched noise: *The baby woke up screaming.* These verbs can all be used instead of 'say' to indicate ways of speaking: *'Get out!' She screamed/yelled/shouted.* ○ *'Who's there?' he cried (out).*

**shove** /SVv/ v **1** [I, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] napi in tawt, tul, sep, thai: *a crowd pushing and shoving to get in.* *Who shoved me?* ○ *He shoved her out of the way.* ○ *The policeman shoved me inside.* **2** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] (infml) tiduhsannak nei loin thil ret menmen: *shove papers (away) in a drawer.* *'Where shall I put the case?'* *'Shove it on top of the car.'* **3** (idm) **put/shove/stick one's oar in** ⇒ OAR. **4** (phr v) **shove off** (a) lawng sungah dingin, thing tuansau thawn leilung sawhin lawng kha tisung lamah tul hlo. (b) (infml) (often imperative) (fialnak tong) feh hlo aw; thawn hlo aw; tlan hlo aw: *You aren't wanted here, so shove off.* **shove up** (infml) thawn deuh (mi tlem seh ti duh ah). *We can get one more in if you shove up.*

▷ **shove** n (use sing) napi in tul, tawt: *give sb/sth a good shove.*

□ **shove-halfpenny** /SVv/ n [U] hminsinnak rin pawl a neimi thing phel parah thir tangka pawl, kut thawn tul ih lekmi lehnak.

**shovel** /SVv/ n **1** cawhlele (kawpia) phunkhat. **2** leilung lawtnak cet tumpi ih a cawhlele (a ha).

▷ **shovel** v (-ll- US -l-) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] cawhlele thawn thil hrut: *spend hours shovelling snow* ○ *shovel sand into the hole* ○ *Shovel up coal into the container.* ○ (fig derog) *shovelling food into their mouths.* **2** [Tn, Cn-a] cawhlele



hmangin tuah, sial: *shove a path through the snow* ○ *shovel the pavement clear of snow.*  
**shovelful** /-fʊl/ *n* cawhle khat: *two shovelfuls of earth.*

**show**<sup>1</sup> /SEU/ *n* **1** [C] nunnuam zoh dingih tuahmi laam, hlasak (stage show), circus, tivek: *a TV quiz show* ○ *She has her own chat show.* ○ *The most successful shows in the London theatre are often musicals.* **2** [C] mizapi zoh dingah tarlangmi thil, zuam-awknak ah, lole, tuahtharmi thilri hmuh duhah: *a flower, horse, cattle show* ○ *the motor show*, ie where now models of cars, etc are displayed ○ *the Lord Mayor's show*, ie a procession through the streets of London when a new Mayor is appointed. ⇒ Usage at DEMONSTRATION. **3** [C, U] (a) lenglam hmuhnak: *a show of defiance, strength, friendship, sympathy* ○ *His public expressions of grief are nothing but show.* (b) thupi zet, famkim zetih a mawinak uar-aw, porh-aw, mawiter-aw, thupiter-aw zet in langternak: *a fine show of blossom on the apple tree* ○ *all the glitter and show of the circus* ○ *They are too fond of show*, ie too ostentatious. **4** [C usu sing] (Brit fml) thil tidan: *a poor show*, ie sth done badly ○ *put up a good show*, eg do well in examinations or a contest. **5** [C] (infml) thil cangmi, pawlkhawmnak, sumtuahnak: *She runs the whole show.* ○ *Let's get this show moving*, ie start work. ○ *This is the manager's show: you must ask him about it.* **6** (idm) **for show** hman ding si loin mi zoh dingih retmi: *She only has those books for show-she never reads them.* **good show** (Brit infml) lungawi pi, lungkim pi tiki salmi tong: *You pass your exams? Good show!* **on show** hmuh rero a si: *All the new products are on show at the exhibition.* **a show of hands** mipi kut tungin thuthen: *The issue was decided by a show of hands.* ○ *Who is in favour of the proposal? Can I have a show of hands, please?*

▷ **showy** adj (-ier, -iest) (often derog) mi in in zoh seh tiah pianzia tleu zet thuamthil hruk; a hlei deuh ih thil tuah: *a showy dress, hair style, manner.*

**showily** /-III/ adv: *dress very showily.*  
**showiness** *n* [U].

□ **showbiz** /SEUblz/ *n* [U] (infml) = SHOW BUSINESS.

**show business** mipi nunnomnak hrangah laam, lemnung, TV tivek ih hnaŋuan: *working in show business* ○ [attrib] *show business people, news.*

**show-case** *n* **1** dawr, museum le hmun dangdang ih retmi zohŋha thil retnak thlalang kuang. **2** (fig) remcang zetih midang hmuhnak, langternak: *The programme is a show-case for young talent.*

**show-down** *n* a nehtu zo a si ti fiangter dingih

zuamawknak, doawknak: *The two contenders for the world championship will meet for a show-down next month.* ○ *Management are seeking a show-down with the unions on the issue of illegal strikes.*

**showgirl** *n* paisa hlauh in hlasak le laamtu nunau.

**show-jumping** *n* rangpar to in tleng lan zuamawknak: [attrib] *a show-jumping competition.*

**showman** /-mEn/ *n* (pl -men /-mEn/) **1** paisa hawlnak ah hlasak, laam, tivek tawlreltu, hohatu. **2** mi ih thupitter hlauh thiamtu: *He's always been a bit of showman*, ie fond of drawing attention to himself.

**showmanship** *n* [U] mah ih zuar duhmi, mah ih thil titheinak tivek pawl kha mipi duhko, theithiamko tuah thiamnak.

**show-piece** *n* mi hmuh dingih hmanmi a ŋha bik thilri.

**show-place** *n* tlawn duhza a simi hmun: *old castles, palaces and other show-places.* **show-room** *n* zuar ding thilri mi hmuh dingih retnak innkhan.

**show**<sup>2</sup> /SEU/ *v* (pt **showed**, pp **shown** /SEUn/ or, rarely, **showed**) **1** (a) [Tn, Cn-a, Cn-g, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (to **sb**) hmuh: *You must show your ticket at the barrier.* ○ *The film is being shown at the local cinema.* ○ *Her paintings are being shown* (ie hmuh) *at a gallery in London.* ○ *The photo shows him dressed in black.* ○ *In the portrait he is shown lying on a sofa.* ○ *He showed me his pictures.* ○ *She has shown them to all her friends.* (b) [Tn, Tf, Tw] hmuh thei dingin umter, lang: *A dark suit doesn't show the dirt so much.* ○ *My shoes are showing signs of wearing.* **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] a lang, hmuh theih in a um; hmuh ol: *Your petticoat is showing, Jane.* ○ *Does the scar still show?* ○ *His fear showed in his eyes.* ○ *Her laziness showed in her exam results.* ○ *His shirt was so thin that his vest showed through (it).* **3** [Tn no passive, Dn-n, Dn-w] a hmuh, a sawh, a khihhmuh: *The clock shows half past two.* ○ *Show me which picture you drew.* **4** [Tn no passive] (a) ~ **itself** a um, langter, lang hmelhmuh: *He showed himself briefly at the party.* ○ *The leader rarely shows herself in public.* **5** [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] (zaangfahnak, upatnak, puarnak thawn) mi tuah; pek; tlon: *The king often shows mercy (to prisoners).* ○ *The priest showed me great understanding.* ○ *They showed nothing but contempt for him.* **6** [Tn, Cn-a, Cn-n no passive] a si, a nei, a um ti langter, fiangter (hmel zoh in a fim a si, fimnak a nei ti lang): *show no signs of intelligence.* ○ *a soldier who showed great courage/showed himself to be very brave.* ○ *She showed herself unable to deal with the money.* ○ *He showed himself (to be) a dishonest rascal.* **7**

[Tn, Tf, Tw, Tnt, Dn-n, Dn-pr, Dn-f, Dn-w] fiangter, hmuh, a dik a si ti in fiangter: *show the falseness of her claims/that her claims are false.* ○ *Show him how to do it/what to do.* ○ *His expression shows how unhappy he is.* ○ *Her new book shows her to be a first rate novelist.* ○ *They were shown the tragedy of war.* ○ *She showed her methods of analysis to her pupils.* **8** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] hruai, lamhmuh, hmuh: *We were shown into the waiting room.* ○ *Please show this lady out (of the building).* ○ *The usherette showed us to our seats.* ○ *Our trained guide will show you round (the museum).* **9** [Tn no passive] (infml) mah ih ti theinak hmuh, langter: *They think I can't win, but I'll show them.* **10** (sl esp US) pawt: *I waited for you all morning but you never showed.* **11** [I] (US) rang tlan zuamawknak ah, a pathumnak, lole, cuh hnak ih tha sawn ih neh. **12** (idm) **do/show sb a kindness** ⇨ KINDNESS (KIND<sup>1</sup>). **fly/show/wave the flag** ⇨ FLAG<sup>1</sup>. **go to show** a dik ti a langter, a hmuh: *You've got no money now. It all/only goes to show you shouldn't gamble.* **show (sb) a clean pair of heels** (infml often joc) tlan hlo. **show sb the door** daw, tlanter: *After having insulted his host, he was shown the door.* **show one's face** mi hmai-ah lang; hmaihmuh: *She daredn't show her face in the street.* **show one's hand/cards** tumtahnak langter: *I suspect they're planning sth but they haven't shown their hand yet.* **show sb/known/learn the ropes** ⇨ ROPE. **show a leg** (infml joc) ihkhun ihsin tho. **show one's teeth** mahih thiltitheinak huham hmangin tihphang ko in mi tuah, mi cawh. **show (sb) the way** (a) a fehdan ding sim: *show him the way to the station.* (b) zohthim dingah cang: *Let's hope her bravery will show the way for other young people.* **show the white feather** ralhrut in cang, tih ti langter. **show willing** tuah dingah timcia ti langter: *I don't think I'm needed as a helper, but I'll go anyway, just to show willing.* **(have) something, nothing, etc to show for sth** hmuh ding tha: *All those years of hard work, and nothing to show for it!* ○ *I've got only £100 to show for all the stuff I sold.* **13** (phr v) **show off** (infml often derog) in lawm, in porh seh tiah mahih thiamnak, neihmi, fimnak langter; tluangkhangng: *Do stop showing off-it's embarrassing.* ○ *The child danced around the room, showing off to everybody.* **show sb/sth off** mi thei ding, hmu ding tuah: *a dress that shows off her figure well* ○ *She was showing off her new husband at the party.* ○ *He likes showing off how well he speaks French.* **show up** (infml) thleng, suak caan luan deuh hnu ah pawt: *It was ten o'clock when he finally showed up.* ○ *We were hoping for a full team today but only five players showed up.* **show (sth) up** a

lang: *The dust on the shelf shows up in the sunlight.* ○ *Close inspection shows up the cracks in the stonework.* **show sb up** (infml) umdan dik lo ruangih mi thin hnaihokter: *He showed me up by falling asleep at the concert.* **show sb up (as/for sth/to be sth)** dik lo, fel lo, hminsia ti a langter: *His diary shows him up as/shows him up to have been a greedy, arrogant man.*

▷ **showing** n 1 hmuh, hmuhnak: *two showings of the film daily.* **2** (usu sing) pakhat khat thansonak, thiltitheinak thawn pehpar in hmainsinnak, theihthiamnak: *the company's poor financial showing in recent years.* ○ *On (ie Judging by) last week's showing, the team is unlikely to win today.*

□ **show-off** (derog) mi-in in thei, lawm, porh, uar seh ti ih tong le cangvai thei minung: *Take no notice of him — you know what a show-off he is.*

**shower** /ʃəʊə/ n 1 (a) malte sung surmi ruah, thal ruah, vur, rial; hmakhatte sung thehmi tidai: *be caught in a shower* ○ *a shower of spray.* (b) ruahsur vekin tampi-ih a tla, a thlengmi thilri: *a shower of stones, arrows, dust, ash.* ○ (fig) *a shower of blessings, insults.* **2** (a) hmuah tipaihnak vekih a paih theimi tilu nei tikholhnak khan: *I'm in the shower.* ○ [attrib] *a shower cap*, ie lu ciar lonak ding lukhuh. (b) **shower** hmangin tikholh: *take a shower.* **3** (US) pasal nei zik, lole, naute nei pawl laksawng pek puai.

▷ **shower** v 1 [Ipr, Ip] ~ (down) on sb/sth; ~ down a sur in a sur; surh: *Small stones showered (down) on us from above.* ○ *good wishes shower (down) on the bride and the bridegroom.* **2** [Tn-pr] ~ sb with sth; ~ sth on/upon sb (a) mi parah thil tampi tlakter; vorh, theh: *shower the newly-weds with confetti.* ○ *the falling wall showered dust on us.* (b) tampi in pek, kuat: *The dancer was showered with praise.* ○ *Shower gifts on sb.* ○ *Honours were showered upon the heroes.* ⇨ Usage at SPRAY<sup>2</sup>.

**showery** /ʃəʊəri/ adj (ni khua) tu le tu ruah a surmi, ruah sur tam: *a showery day.*

□ **shower-proof** adj (hnipuan) ruahti kham thei/a lut thei lomi.

**shown** pp of SHOW<sup>2</sup>.

**shrank** pt of SHRINK.

**shrapnel** /ʃræpnel/ n [U] bomb phel fatete: *be hit by (a piece of) shrapnel.*

**shred** /ʃred/ n 1 (esp pl) fatete, tiak tete ah thlek, tan, hriatmi thil: *The jacket was torn to shreds by the barbed wire.* **2** ~ of sth (usu sing, in question and negative sentences) (fig) a malte: *not a shred of truth in what she says.* ○ *Can they find a shred of evidence against me?*

▷ **shred** v (-dd-) [Tn] a fatete ah thlek, tan, aat: *shredded cabbage* ○ *shredding top secret*

documents.

**shredder** *n* ca thupi kha fatete in mi ih siar thei lo ding ih tannak thilri.

**shrew** /Sru:/ *n* 1 **sinthir**. 2 (dated) mikawh hman, thinsiaa nunau.

▷ **shrewish** *adj* thinsiaa, thintawi; mikawh hman. **shrewishly** *adv*. **shrewishness** *n* [U].

**shrewd** /Sru:d/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) a si zawngin thil hmu thei, hmuhtonnak ih ngahmi finnak nei, a fimkhurmi: a *shrewd* argument, plan, measurement, investment. ○ make a *shrewd* guess, ie one that is likely to be right. **shrewdly** *adv*. **shrewdness** *n* [U].

**shriek** /Srik:/ *v* (a) [Ipr, Ip] ~ **with sth**; ~ **(out)** aw fem in au, rak: *shrieking with laughter, excitement*. ○ *shriek (out) in fright*. (b) [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth (out)** aw femte in au ih thusim: *shriek (out) a warning* ○ 'I hate you,' he *shrieked*.

▷ **shriek** *n* aw fem au aw: *shrieks of laughter*. ○ He gave a loud *shriek* and dropped the pan.

**shriff** /Srift/ *n* (idm) **give sb/sth get short shriff** ⇒ **SHORT**.

**shrike** /Sral:/ *n* a hmu a kur/kawimi vate phunkhat, a dehmi vate, cucik kharbok pawl kha hling parah tlang ko-in sunter a hman.

**shrill** /Srl:/ *adj* 1 (-er, -est) (of sound, voice, etc) a fem, a sang, a ring: a *shrill* cry, whistle. ○ a *shrill* call of the parrot. 2 (fig sometimes derog) ring zetin thlah lo bang loin pek lo theih lo ih dil, phunzai: *his shrill protest about cruelty* ○ The Opposition were *shrill* in their criticism of the Government's action.

▷ **shrilly** /Srl:/ *adv*: *scream shrilly*. ○ *complain shrilly in a letter*. **shrillness** *n* [U].

**shrimp** /Srlmp/ *n* 1 kaikuang fate phun, tiso ah thlak le a sen thei. 2 (joc or derog) mi fate: a *pale skinny shrimp*.

▷ **shrimp** *v* vi (usu **go shrimping**) kaikuang dawi/kai.

**shrine** /Sram/ *n* 1 a thiag ih retmi hmun; mi thupi, lole, a cangzomi thil thawn a pehkaihaww ruangah a thiag, a tha, a thupi, sunlawih tlakih retmi hmun: He built a chapel as a shrine to his dead wife. ○ (fig) Wimbledon is a shrine for all lovers of tennis. 2 mi thiaghlum ih ruangpum then (a ruh), a thilri le a hnipuan tivek pawl retnak thlan, lole, kuang.

**shrink** /Srink/ *v* (pt **shrank** /Srfnk/ or **shrunk** /Srvnk/, pp **shrank**) 1 [I, Tn] (cause sth to) a con, a com, a sawng, a tum: Will this shirt shrink in the wash? ○ The dough *shrank* slowly in the cold air. ○ Car sales has been *shrinking* (ie Fewer have been sold) recently. ○ The hot water *shrank* my pullover. 2 (idm) a **shrinking violet** (joc) tihhrut, lole, mi hmaisong, ningzah nei minung: She's no *shrinking violet* – always ready to speak up for herself. 3 (phr v) **shrink (away/back) from sb/sth** tih, lole, duh lo tukih

luaksuak, fih, ningsin ruangah sip, kir: As he moved threateningly forward she *shrank* (back) from him. **shrink from sth/doing sth** paih lo, hrial: He *shrinks from hurting animals*.

**shrink** *n* (sl joc esp US) psychiatrist.

**shrinkage** /Srinkldz/ *n* [U] a con, a com, a conmi, a connak: You can expect some shrinkage when the jeans are washed. ○ There has been some shrinkage in our export trade.

**shrunk** /Srvnk/ *adj* [usu attrib] a sawng, a con, a commi: an old, *shrunk* apple ○ the *shrunk* body of a starving child.

□ **shrink-wrap** *v* (-pp-) [Tn esp passive] (eg food) tetsong tukih rawl fun: *shrink-wrapped* cheese.

**shrive** /Sralv/ *v* (pt **shrived** or **shrove** /Sruv/, pp **shrived** or **shriven** /Srlvn/ [Tn]) (arch) (of a priest) sual phuanmi ngai-le sual thlah.

**shrivel** /Sralv/ *v* (-il-; US -l-) [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] khuasa, khuadai, a car, a ro ruangah sawng, kor, zual, con, com: The leaves *shrivelled* (up) in the sun. ○ The dry air *shrivels* the leather. ○ He has a *shrivelled* face, ie with many wrinkles.

**shroud** /SraUd/ *n* 1 (also **winding-sheet**) [C] mithi funnak/zualnak puan. 2 [C] ~ (of sth) (fig) khuhtu, phentu: a *shroud* of fog, smoke, etc. ○ cloaked in the *shroud* of mystery/secretcy. 3 **shrouds** [pl] puanzar lawngih a thuan kaitu, tungtu hri pawl.

▷ **shroud** *v* [Tnpr esp passive] ~ **sth in sth** khuhtu, thup, phen: *shrouded in darkness, mist, etc*. ○ a crime *shrouded in mystery*.

**Shrove Tuesday** /Sruv (tju:zdl, -del; US (tu:z- /Lent thok hlan nikhat; cuhni ah sualthlahnak tuah a si theu. Cf **ASH WEDNESDAY** (ASH<sup>3</sup>).

**shrub** /Srvb/ *n* burbuk – thingkung fatete: [attrib] *shrub* roses. Cf **BUSH**.

▷ **shrubbery** /SrvbErl/ *n* [C, U] burbuk kung pawl keuhnak, phunnak hmun: plant a *shrubbery* ○ *hiding in some shrubbery*.

**shrug** /Srvg/ *v* (-gg-) 1 [I, Tn] zum lo, thei lo, ziang siar lo, poisa lo, etc tican ah liang pahnih sangter zukzi: I asked her where Sam was, but she just *shrugged* (her shoulders), ie to show she didn't know or didn't care. 2 [phr v] **shrug sth off** ziangsiar lo poisa lo ih um: I admire the way she is able to *shrug off* unfair criticism.

▷ **shrug** *n* (usu sing) liang sangter zukzi; liang comternak: with a *shrug* of the shoulders ○ She gave a *shrug* and walked away.

**shrunk**, **shurunken** ⇒ **SHRINK**.

**shuck** /Svk/ *n* (US) 1 [C] thingrah hak, thailci mu pawlih hawng, heng. 2 **sucks** [pl] man nei lo thil: not worth *shucks*.

▷ **shuck** *v* [Tn] (US) a hawng, a heng suah: *shuck* peanuts, maize, peas.

**shucks** *interj* (US infml) (used to express annoyance, regret, embarrassment, etc) thintok, thinnuam lo, ningzak tivek caan ih

tong.

**shudder** /SVdER/ *v* (a) [I, Ipr, It] ~ (with sth) khuasik, ñih, etc ruangah khur, thir: *shudder with pleasure in a hot bath* ○ *shudder (with horror) at the sight of blood* ○ *I shudder to think of the problems ahead of us.* (b) [I] khur vekin hnin durdo: *The ship shuddered as it hit the rocks.*

▷ **shudder** *n* khur, hnin (nak): *A shudder of fear ran through him.* ○ (infml) *It gives me the shudders, ie terrifies me.*

**shuffle** /SVfl/ *v* 1 (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] ke khai loin leilung ke rawt ih feh: *Walk properly — don't shuffle.* ○ *The prisoners shuffled along the corridor and into their cells.* ○ *The queue shuffle forward slowly.* (b) [I, Tn] umhar, ning, khop tivek ruangah, to phah in siseh ding phah in siseh ruang umdan hoiher rero, ke vek thawn rero, cang rero: *The audience began to shuffle (their feet) impatiently.* 2 (a) [I, Tn, Tn-p] phe cokrawi: *Who is going to shuffle?* ○ *She shuffled the pack (up).* (b) [Tn, Tn-p] cahnah pawl hinah khinah thawn rero: *He shuffled the papers (around) on the desk, pretending to be busy.* 3 [I] dik lo, fel lo, ñuanvo hrial rero vekin um; fiangfai fukfi ih thil ti ding hrial: *Don't shuffle: give us a clear answer.* 4 (phr v) **shuffle sth off (onto sb)**; **shuffle out sth** mah ñuan ding hñañuan hrial in, mi ih ñuan dingah tuah: *He tries to shuffle his work off onto others.* ○ *She shuffled out of the chores by saying she fell ill.*

▷ **shuffle** *n* (usu sing) 1 ke rawt (hnawt) phah ih feh(nak): *walk with an exhausted shuffle.* 2 phe cokrawi(nak): *give the pack a good shuffle.* 3 ñuanvo, tohmun siamrem saalnak: *a shuffle in the cabinet, ie reallocating responsibilities among its members, etc.*

**shuffler** /SVfIER/ *n*.

NOTE ON USAGE: There are a number of verbs which describe abnormal ways of walking. **Shuffle** and **shamble** indicate moving without lifting the feet completely off the ground. **Shuffle** suggests a slow, tired movement; **shamble** may be faster and more careless: *The queue of prisoners shuffled towards the door.* ○ *The beggar shambled past us.* **Stagger** and **stumble** suggest unsteady or uncontrolled movement. A person **staggers** when carrying a heavy load or when drunk. We **stumble** when we hit our feet against unseen objects. **Waddle** is used humorously to describe someone swaying from side to side like a duck because of fatness or while carrying heavy bags. **Hobble** and **limp** describe the uneven movement of someone whose legs are injured. **Limp** is used especially when only one leg is damaged or stiff.

**shuffy** (also **shufti**) /SufI/ *n* (idm) **take/have a shuffy (at sth/sb)** (dated Brit sl) zoh: *Take a shuffy at this box and tell me if it's big enough.*

**shun** /SVn/ *v* (-nn-) [Tn, Tg] hrial; pawl duh lo, hmang duh loin hrial: *shun temptation, publicity, other people* ○ *She shunned being photographed.*

'**shun** /SVn/ *interj* (infml) = ATTENTION.

**shunt** /SVnt/ *v* 1 (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] tlangleengih alu, tlangleeng ih a ñhen tete kha zin pakhat ihsin zin pakhat ah thawn: *shunting a train into a siding.* (b) [I, Ipr, Ip] (of a train) zin pakhat in pakhat ah thawn. 2 (fig infml) (a) [Tn] ~ **sb/sth away, off, etc** hmun thupi deuh lonak ah thawn: *She's been shunted off to an office in the annexe.* ○ *The luggage was shunted slowly into the lift.* (b) [Tn] simmi, thuhla phun dangah thleng: *shunt the conversation towards more pleasant topics.*

**shush** /SUS/ *interj* daitein um aw!; hush!

**shush** *v* [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sb (up)** thawthang lo te ih um fial.

**shut** /SVt/ *v* (-tt-, pt, pp **shut**) 1 (a) [Tn] khar: *shut the doors and windows at night.* ○ *shut the drawers.* ○ *I can't shut the suitcase lid when it's so full.* ○ *He shut the door on her/in her face, ie wouldn't let her in.* (b) [I] khar thei/thei lo: *The window won't shut.* ○ *The supermarket doors shut automatically.* 2 (a) [Tn] a ongmi khar, phit, sing, cip: *shut one's eyes/mouth.* ○ *I can't shut my briefcase.* ○ *The cashier shut the till and locked it.* (b) [I] (esp of the eyes or mouth) sing, cip: *His eyes shut and he fell asleep.* ○ *Her mouth opened and shut, but no sound came out.* 3 [Tn] bil, khup, phit, khar: *shut a book, wallet penknife.* 4 [I, Tn] dawr tivek khar, pit, hñañuan cawl: *It's time to shut the shop.* ○ *When do the pubs shut?* ⇒ Usage at CLOSE<sup>4</sup>. 5 (idm) **keep one's mouth shut** ⇒ MOUTH<sup>1</sup>. **shut one's ears to sth/sb** ngai duh lo: *I begged her for help but she shut her ears to all my appeals.* **shut/close one's eyes to sth** ⇒ EYE<sup>1</sup>. **shut/slam the door in sb's face** ⇒ DOOR. **shut the door on sth** ruat duh lo, relsak duh lo: *The union accused the management of shutting the door on further negotiation.* **shut one's mouth/face** (sl) (esp imperative) tong hlah: *Shut your mouth, nobody asked you!* **shut sb's mouth** (infml) tong ding, thuthup phuan ding kham. **shut up shop** dawr phit, sumtuah cawl: *I've lost much money this year that I'm being forced to shut up shop.* 6 (phr v) **shut sb/sth away** mi ih ton thei lonak ah khum, lole, ram hla ah kuathlo: *shut the letters away where no one will find them.* ○ *I hate being shut away in the country.*

**shut (sth) down** (cet-zung, etc) khar, pit, phit, cawl, hñañuan bang: *The workshop has shut down and the workers are unemployed.* ○

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*They've shut down their factory.*

**shut sb/oneself in (sth)** kharhkhum, kulh: *She shuts herself in her study for hours.* ○ *We're shut in (ie surrounded) by the hills hours.* **shut sth in sth** thangih awk vekin cep, rial: *I shut my finger in the car door, ie between the door and the door-pillar.*

**shut sth off** tidai, gas steam tivek pawl phit: *you must shut the gas supply off if there's a leak.*

**shut sb/sth off (from sth)** kha thil pakhat thawnt pehtlai aw thei loin umter: *His deafness shuts him off from the lives of others.* ○ *The village is shut off from the world by lakes and marshes.*

**shut sb/sth out (of sth)** lut siang lo, kham, phen, phit: *The government wants to shut the refugees out.* ○ *These trees shut out the view.* ○ *He tried to shut all thoughts of her out of his mind.*

**shut (sb) up** (infml) tɔŋg loin umter: *Oh, shut up, you fool!*

**shut sth up** sangka le tukvirh hmuahhmuah khar: *We shut up the house before going on holiday.* **shut sb/sth up** (in sth) khum: *We shut him up in his room.* ○ *Shut the jewels up in the safe.*

□ **shut-down** *n* cetzung, tivek pawl khar, a langte, lo le, kumkhua in: *strikes causing shut-downs in the steel industry.*

**shut-eye** *n* [U] (infml) it: *Try to get a bit of shut-eye.*

**shutter** /SVtER/ *n* **1** khuatleu, fifir, khamtu ding ah tukvirh tivek ih retmi, a ong thei a khar thei, phentu thilri: *The shop-front is fitted with rolling shutters.* **2** camera parih a hmehnak hmet tikah camera sungah khuatleu lut dingin a ong zukzi mi durbing hmai ih phentu thilri te. **3** (idm) **put up the shutters** (infml) (zanlam ah lole kumkhua in) hnaŋuan cawl: *After managing the shop for thirty years she decided it was time to put up the shutters.*

▷ **shutter** [Tn esp passive] shutter khar; shutter bun: *The house was empty and shuttered.*

**shuttle** /SVtI/ *n* **1** (a) thiamtahnak ah a phei pathri kehvorh ih thiartu thiamfung, thiamhrolh. (b) puanthitnak cet ah a tangta pathri retnak bawnte. **2** hmun pahnih karlak ah hmanhman te in a feh-tlung ringringmi baska, vanzamleng, etc: *I'm flying to Boston on the shuttle.* **3** (infml) = SHUTTLE COCK.

▷ **shuttle** [I, Tn] thil pakhat kha hmunkhat in hmun khatah feh thul kir thul in tuah.

□ **shuttlecock** *n* badminton lehnak ih hmanmi arthla.

**shuttle diplomacy** palai pawl feh thul, kir thul, tuah leuhleuh a ŋulmi ram pahnih pehzom-awknak.

**shuttle service** khua pahnih karlak ah

hmanhman te in feh le kir a tuah ringring mi, baska, vanzamleng, etc.

**shy**<sup>1</sup> /Sal/ *adj* (**shyer, shyest**) **1** (a) (of people) ningzah nei, tihhrut mi: *He was too shy to speak to her.* ○ *The child isn't at all shy with adults.* (b) (of behaviour, etc) ruahnak langter a harmi, mi tihnei: *a shy look, smile, etc.* **2** (of animals, birds, etc) milai ih hmuh a duh lo, milai kiang naih a ngam lo, tihhrut (ramnung). **3** ~ of sb/doing sth minung, lole, thil tuah ding a tihtuk, a ralring tukmi: *The dog is shy of strangers.* ○ *I'm shy of buying shares, in case I lose money.* **4** ~ (on/of sth/sb) (US infml) a um lo; a sam: *We've plenty of wine, but we're shy of beer.* ○ *We're still two men shy (of a full team).* **5** (idm) **fight shy of sb/sth** ⇒ FIGHT. **one bitten, twice shy** ⇒ BITE<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **shy** *v* (pt, pp **shied** /Sald/) **1** [I, Ip] ~ (at sth) (of a horse) tih-ih dungsip, khatlam her: *The colt shied at the fence and refuse to jump over it.* **2** (phr v) **shy away from sth/doing sth** ningzak tihhrut ruangah hrial, tuah loin um: *I've always shied away from close friendship.*

**-shy** (forming compound adjs) hrial, duhnak nei lo: *camera-shy*, ie reluctant to be photographed ○ *a publicity-shy politician* ○ *You've been work-shy all your life.*

**shyly** *adv.*

**shyness** *n* [U].

**shy**<sup>2</sup> /Sal/ *v* (pt **shied** /Sald/) [Tn, Tn-pr] (dated infml) deng; hlon: *shy stones (at a bottle, over a wall).*

▷ **shy** *n* (infml) dennak: *have/take a couple of shies at the tin can in the lake.* Cf COCONUT SHY (COCONUT).

**shyster** /SalstER/ *n* (infml esp US) daan nei lo, thu hman lo, dik lo, fello; *shyster politicians.*

**SI** /jes [al/ *abbr* International System (of unit of measurement) (French *System international*): *SI units.*

**Siamese** /SalE[mi:z/ *adj* Siam (now called Thailand) miphun, tɔŋg.

▷ **Siamese** **n** **1** (a) [C] (pl unchanged) Thailand ram mi. (b) [U] Thailand tɔŋg. **2** [C] (pl unchanged) = SIAMESE CAT.

□ **Siamese cat** nisuahnakram zawhte-a hmul a tawi, a pianzia a rau nawn, a hmai, a hna, a mei le a ke a dum deuh.

**Siamese twins** taksa kopaw ih hrinmi faphir.

**sibilant** /sblIEnt/ *adj* saal tikah aw netnak ih 'si' ti ih suak aw vek: *the sibilant noise of steam escaping.*

▷ **sibilant** *n* si-i-i, ti aw a suakmi cawang le tɔŋg pawl, eg /s, z, ʃ, ʒ, tʃ, dʒ/.

**sibling** /sblIIn/ *n* (fml) suahpi unau: *I have two brothers and a sister: three siblings in all.* ○ [attrib] *sibling rivalry.*

**sibyl** /sbl/ *n* hlanlai ih hmailam thu a sim theitu nunau.

▷ **sibylline** /sɪbɪlaɪn, slɪllaɪn or, rarely US, /sɪbɪli:n/ *adj* pol nu ih umzia le tɔŋmɪ, hmailam thu theithe: *a sibylline utterance*.

**sic** /sɪk/ *adv* a hman lo, lole, a hman lo hmang ti ih tɔŋfang dungah ret a si – a hmanin ngan ding ti hmuhnak a si: *The notice read: 'Skool (sic) starts at 9 am'.*

**sick** /sɪk/ *adj* (~ **er**, ~ **iest**) **1** na; taksa, lole, thinlung dam lo: *a sick person, animal, plant*. ○ *She has been sick for weeks*. ○ *He's off (work) sick*. **2** [usu *pred*] luaksuak: *feeling sick* ○ *a sick feeling in the stomach* ○ *You'll make yourself sick if you eat all these sweets*. ⇒ Usage. **3** [*pred*] ~ **of sb/sth/doing sth** (*infml*) ning, khop: *I'm sick of waiting around like this*. ○ *She has had the same job for years and is heartily sick of it*. ○ *Get out! I'm sick of the sight of you!* **4** [*pred*] ~ (**at**) **about sth/doing sth** thinnau, thin nuam lo, thin hnawm: *We were pretty sick about losing the match*. **5** (*infml*) a puar, thinlung dam lo, a peng, mitok misawh hmang: *a sick joke, mind* ○ *sick humour* ○ *She made a sick remark about dead babies*. **6** (*idm*) **be sick** luak: *The cat's been sick on the carpet*. **eat oneself sick** ⇒ EAT. **fall sick** (**with sth**); (*infml*) **take sick** naa: *He fell sick with malaria on a trip to Africa*. **laugh oneself silly/sick** ⇒ LAUGH. **make sb sick** thin tokter, thin teuter: *His hypocrisy makes me sick*. ○ *It makes me sick to see her being treated so badly*. **on the sick-list** (*infml*) na-ih zung kai lo, hnatuannak ah feh lo: *She's not at her desk today: she's on the sick-list*. (**as**) **sick as a parrot** (Brit *joc catchphrase*) beidong, thincem. **sick at heart** (*fml*) thinharnak, tihnak, ninghannak in khat: *She left her home reluctantly and sick at heart*. **sick to death of/ sick and tired of sb/sth** (*infml*) ningtuk, khoptuk, bang neknek, hnaihok: *sick to death of eating boiled cabbage with every meal*. ○ *I'm sick and tired of your constant complaint*. **sick to one's stomach** (US) thinheng nasa, lungkim lo zet.

▷ **sick** *n* **1** [U] (*infml*) luak: *The basin was full of sick*. **2 the sick** [pl *v*] mina pawl: *all the sick and wounded* ○ *visit the sick in hospital*.

**sick** *v* (phr *v*) **sick sth up** (*ifml*) luak: *The baby sicked up a little milk*.

-**sick** (forming compound *adjs*) mawtawka, lawng, vanzam tivek ri: *seasick* ○ *airsick* ○ *travel-sick* ○ *car-sick*.

□ **sick-bay** *n* lawng, boarder tivek sungih mina khan.

**sick-bed** *n* mina ihnak ihkhun: *lying pale on his sick bed* ○ *The President left his sick-bed to attend the ceremony*, ie attended it although he was ill.

**sick-leave** *n* [U] nat ruangih lakmi, pekmi khuan: *be granted sick-leave* ○ *two weeks'*

*sick-leave*.

**sick-pay** *n* [U] nat sung hlawh-man.

**sick-room** *n* mina umnak khan: *You should go to the sick-room if you're not feeling well*.

NOTE ON USAGE: **1 (Be) sick** in informal British English means 'bring food up from the stomach' (US **vomit**): *Johnny's been sick again — should we call the doctor?* ○ *Do you get seasick/airsick?* ○ *I feel sick — I think it was that fish I ate*. **Sick** in British English is used only before a noun when it means 'ill': *a sick child* ○ *He's looking after his sick mother*. **2 Sick** in US English and 'ill' in British English mean 'not well' or 'in bad health', usually as a result of a disease: *I've been too sick/ill to go to work for the last few months*. **3 Poorly** (informal British English) means 'ill'. It is often used of or by children: *My daughter's a bit poorly today, so she didn't go to school*.

**sicken** /sɪkən/ *v* **1** [Tn] thinhengter, lungkimloter, beidongter: *Cruelty sickens most of us*. ○ *Their business methods sicken me*. ○ *I was sickened at/by the sight of the dead body*. **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (**for sth**) (Brit) dam lo a thok; a na, a dam lo: *slowly sickened and died* ○ *She looks so pale. Is she sickening for something?* **3** (phr *v*) **sicken of sth** (*fml*) duh lo tuk, thincem tuk: *I began to sicken of the endless violence shown on television*.

▷ **sickening** *adj* duh umloza, thinnuamloza a si mi: *a sickening sight, smell* ○ *sickening cruelty* ○ *The car hit the tree with a sickening crash*. **sickeningly** *adv*.

**sickle** /sɪkle/ *n* namkawi, darteri, favah. Cf SCYTHE.

□ **sickle cell** nu le pa ihsin fa ah suan-awkw vingvomi thisen mal nat, favah pianzia red blood corpuscle.

**sickly** /sɪkli/ *adj* (-**ier**, -**iest**) **1** na ringring, a derthawmmi: *a sickly child*. **2** dam lo hmuhihmel keng: *sickly, dried-out plants* ○ *a pale, sickly complexion* ○ *He looked weak and sickly*. **3** [usu *attrib*] lungawi lo, thanei lo ti lang: *a sickly smile, look*. **4** luaksuaknak, duhlonak a suakter thei: *a sickly smell, taste, etc* ○ *a sickly green colour* ○ (*fig*) *a sickly, sentimental story*.

**sickness** /sɪknɪs/ *n* [U] **1** natnak, damlonak: *Is there much sickness in the village now?* ○ *They were absent because of sickness*. **2** [U, C usu *sing*] natnak phunkhat: *sleeping sickness* ○ *suffering from altitude sickness*. ○ *air-/sea-/travel-/car-sickness* ○ *a sickness common in the tropics*. **3** [U] luaksuahnak: *The sickness passed after I lay down for a while*. ○ *The symptoms of this disease are fever and sickness*.

□ **sickness benefit** (Brit) nat ruangih nihlawh

ngah thei lo pawl hnenah cozah ih pekmi tangka: *entitled to sickness benefit.*

**side**<sup>1</sup> /sald/ *n* **1** [C] (a) a kap, a tlaang: *The six sides of a cube.* (b) a sir: *A box has a top, a bottom and four sides.* (c) a sir (a tang le tlun, a dung le hmai si lomi): *There is a garage built onto the side of the house.* ○ [attrib] a side door; entrance, window. **2** [U] (mathematics) triangle, rectangle, tivek pawl ih a kap. **3** [C] kiangah, kapah, tlangah: *a table by one's bedside/by the side of one's bed* ○ *people sitting on both sides of the table*, ie on the two longer sides of a rectangular one ○ *standing at the side of the road* ○ *the south side of the field* ○ *We planted tulips along the side of the lawn.* **4** [C] a per, a pa mi thil ih khatlam khatlam hmai, eg cahnah, puanthan, thirper tivek: *write on one side of the paper only* ○ *Which is the right side of the cloth?* (ie the one intended to be seen) ? **5** [C] a tungmi thil ih a sir, a kap: *the side of the mountain, tower, haystack* ○ *a steep hillside* ○ *paint the side of the cylinder* ○ *paintings on the sides* (ie walls) *of the caves* ○ *a puncture in the side of the tyre.* **6** [C] (a) hnak: *wounded in the left side* ○ *lying on one's side.* (b) sirah, kiangte: *sit at/by sb's side* ○ *On my left side stood Fred.* **7** [C] a hnak sa: *a side of beef, bacon, etc.* **8** [C] (a) kap, lam, lamkap: *the left side of the brain* ○ *the left, right, shady, sunny, etc side of the street* ○ *the eastern side of the town* ○ *the debit/credit side of the account* ○ *Go over the other/far side of the room.* ○ *Which side of the theatre would you like to sit?* (b) kapkhat lam: *She stood on the other side of the fence.* ○ *He crossed the bridge to this side of the river.* **9** [C] (Brit dated infml) TV channel: *Switch over to the other side.* **10** [C] (a) kap, lam, lamkap: *the two sides in the strike*, ie employers and workers ○ *There are faults on both sides.* (b) lamkap dinhmun: *She argued her side of the case well.* ○ *You must hear his side of things now.* ○ *Will you keep your side of the bargain?* **11** (Brit) lehnak lam ih tangkhat (sports team): *five-a-side foot-ball* ○ *the winning/losing side* ○ *pick sides*, ie choose who will play on each side ○ *Austria has a good side, and should win.* **12** [C] kap, lam, lamkap: *study all sides of a question* ○ *the gentle side of her character* ○ *approach the problem from a different side.* **13** [C] lam: *a cousin on my father's side*, ie a child of my father's brother or sister. **14** [U] (dated fml) mi hnakin ka tha sawn ti ruahnak thinlung porh-aw, zum-aw, mi ziangsiar lonak: *a person quite without side* ○ *There's absolutely no side to him.* **15** (idm) **born on the wrong side of the blanket** ⇒ BORN. **come doen on one side of the fence or the other** pahnih sungah pakhat sangsang hril: *The jury is considering its verdict and waiting*

*to see which side of the fence they will come down.* **err on the side of sth** ⇒ ERR. **get on the right/wrong side of sb** mi lungawi/lungawi loter. **have got out of bed on the wrong side** ⇒ BED<sup>1</sup>. **know which side one's bread is buttered** ⇒ KNOW. **laugh on the other side of one's face** ⇒ LAUGH. **let the side down** zum tluk in mi bawm lo, mi beidongter: *You can always rely on Angela, she'd never let the side down.* **look on the bright side** ⇒ BRIGHT. **on/from all sides; on/from every side** kakip in, hmunkip ah: *soldiers attacking on all sides* ○ *There was devastation on every side.* **on the big, small, high, etc side** (infml) tum, fate, tivek: *These new trousers are a bit on the large side.* **on the distaff side** ⇒ DISTAFF. **on the right/wrong side of forty, fifty etc** (infml often joc) kum 40, 50, tivek hnakin tar/no deuh. **on the safe side** ⇒ SAFE<sup>1</sup>. **on the side** (infml) (a) tuahkelmi hlei in a bet ih tuan menmi: *a mechanic who buys and sells cars on the side.* (b) a thupte: *He is married but has a girl-friend on the side.* (be) **on the side of sb** tan, tang; ruahdan bang: *Whose side are you on anyway?* ie You should be supporting me. ○ *I'm on George's side in this debate.* **on/from the wrong side of the tracks** ⇒ WRONG. **the other side of the coin** kapkhat lam thuhla/thilri: *Every one assumes he's to blame but they don't know the other side of the coin.* **put sth on/to one side** (a) kapkhat, hmunkhat ah ret: *I put the broken glass to one side.* (b) neta-ah tuah leh, tawlrel leh dingih ret, taan: *I put his complaint on one side until I had more time.* **side by side** (a) a sir le sir rual-aw in: *two children walking side by side.* (b) khat le khat tan-aw, ding tlang: *We stand side by side with you in this dispute.* **split one's sides** ⇒ SPLIT. **take somebody on(to) one side** pumpak poihei thup deuh ih rel dingin hmundang deuh ah hrui: *I took her on one side to ask about her odd behaviour.* **take sides** (with sb) tang, tan: *You mustn't take sides in their dispute. She took sides with me against the teacher.* **a thorn in one's flesh/side** ⇒ THORN. **time is on sb's side** ⇒ TIME<sup>1</sup>. **wrong side out** ⇒ WRONG.

▷ **-sided** (forming compound adjs) kap nei h zat, a kap ziang phun ti simnak a si: *a six-sided object* ○ *a glass-sided container.*

**side-board** *n* **1** [C] dirkuang (an-suai) le bizu a neicihmi cabuai. **2 sideboards** (US sideburns) [pl] mipa sammet tikah keh le vorh depdep le hna hmai hrawngah a kilnei te ih metmi sam.

**side-car** *n* saihka; minung phur thei dingah mawtawsaikal, asilole, saikal sir ih benmi leng. **side-dish** *n* pek dingmi hmeh ngai hlei ih pekcihmi hmeh.

**side-drum** *n* khuang fate.

**side-effect** *n* (often pl) sisun, si ei tiki, a suak

theimi nat dang.

**side-issue** *n* a thupibik hnak ih a nauta thuhla: *What I earn is the side issue. What matters is that I don't like my work.*

**sidekick** *n* (infml esp US) bawmtu, lole, tlangleng tlaang ringringmi rualpi: *the gangster and his two sidekicks.*

**sidelight** *n* 1 mawṭawka mitpi kiangih mit fate pahnih. 2 ~ (on sb/sth) (fig) thil pakhat ih thuhla fiangtein thei thei dingih a bawmtu, thuhla daan fatete: *The article about the theatre gave us a few sidelights on the character of its owner.*

**sidelong** *adj* [attrib], *adv* mit sir in, mitki in: *a sidelong glance* ○ *look sidelong at sb.*

**side-on** *adv* a sirlam in: *The other car hit us side-on* ie a sir-in in khawng.

**side order** (esp US) cahmi hmeh hlei ah pakan dangtein pekmi hmehdang: *a side order of French fries.*

**side-rood** *n* lamzin pi ih lamṭek fate.

**side-saddle** *n* ke pahnih rang hnakkhat lamah retih to thei dingih tuahmi, nunau torang tokham. — *adv* **side-saddle** par to-in: *riding side-saddle.*

**side-show** *n* 1 circus (sarkas) tivek ah, mi nunnuam seh tiah a hlei in tuahmi zohnuam tete. 2 (fig) tuahmi thil ngaingai lengih tuahmi fatete.

**side-slip** *n* (a) mawṭawka a sir lamin nal, tolh. (b) vanzamleng a her tikah a sir lam in a ṭhawnmi. — *v* [I] (-pp-) sir in ṭhawn.

**side-splitting** *adj* (infml) hnihsuakza tuk: *the clown's side-splitting antics.*

**side-step** *n* thong ngah hlah seh tiah sir lamah ṭhawn ih pial, kian. — *v* (-pp-) 1 [Tn] (a) sir ṭhawn in pial: *The footballer side-stepped the tackle.* (b) thusuhnak, ṭuanvo tivek kian, hrial, pial: *he side-stepped the issue by saying it was not part of his responsibilities.* 2 [I] hrialnak.

**side-street** *n* khuasung zinpi ih a ṭek.

**side-stroke** *n* [U] sirih tileuh: *Can you do side stroke?*

**side-swipe** *n* (US) 1 a sir zawng in hnur in thong. 2 (infml) thil pakhat soisel lai ah thildang rak soiselnak: *When taking about performance she couldn't resist (taking) a side-swipe at the orchestra.*

**side-track** *v* [Tn esp passive] thurel laimi a pengah hruai; thu pakhat ṭong lai ah thudang ṭong ko in tuah: *The lecturer was discussing politics but got side-tracked by a question from the audience into talking about religion.*

**side-view** *n* a sir ihsin zoh ih a langmi: *The picture is/shows the side-view of the house.*

**sidewalk** *n* (US) = PAVEMENT 1.

**sideways** *adv, adj* [attrib] 1 sirlamah, sirlamin, a sirin: *a crab moves sideways* ○ *He looked sideways at me.* ○ *a sideways glance.* 2 a sir in:

*carry the sofa sideways through the door.* 3 (idm) **knock sb sideways** ⇒ KNOCK<sup>2</sup>.

**side-whiskers** *n* [pl] kha tiang thleng lo ih khomi bianghmul.

**side-winder** /saldwandER/ *n* a ruang kha a kul bial tete ah tuah in, a sir zawngih fehmi (rattlesnake) a mei a awnter theimi rul.

**side<sup>2</sup>** /Sald/ *v* (phr v) **side with sb (a gainst sb)** lamah ṭang: *She sided with her brother against the others in the class.*

**sideline** /saldlaIn/ *n* 1 [C] zuarmi ngaingai hlei ih, zuar phahmi thilri: *a butcher selling groceries as a sideline.* 2 [C] ṭuanmi ngaingai bet ih ṭuanphahmi hnaṭuan: *I'm a teacher really, my writing is just a sideline.* 3 **sidelines** [pl] (space immediately outside the) bualrawn, tenis court, tivek keh le vorh a sir rintlang lengte ih hmuntluan: *some spectators on the sidelines.* 4 (idm) **on the sidelines** a leng in zoh rero ih tel ve lo: *As journalist, I was on the sidelines during the political crisis.*

▷ **side-line** *v* [Tn] (esp US) lehnak ihsin dawihlo: *Our best player was sidelined by jury.*

**sidereal** /saldlERlEl/ *adj* (fml) arsi thawn a pehparmi, arsi hmangih thiltahmi: *sidereal time* ○ *sidereal year*, ie 365 days, 6 hours, 10 minutes.

**siding** /saldIN/ *n* tlangleng zin pialnak ih tuahmi tlangleng zinpi sirih tlangleng zin tawite.

**sidle** /saldl/ *v* [Ipr, Ip] ~ **up/over (to sb/sth)**; ~ **along, past, away, etc** tihpah, hmaisong ningzak phahih ra/feh: *sidling up to the bar* ○ *She sidled over to me and asked me if I recognized her.* ○ *He sidled past, trying to seem casual.* ⇒ Usage at PROWL.

**siege** /si:dZ/ *n* 1 (a) ral pawlih khua, lole, hmun pawl kha long dingah, lole, a sung peter dingah kulhnak: *a siege of 50 days* ○ *be in a state of/ under siege* ○ *rise, lift* (ie end) *a siege* ○ *By the time the siege ended, the citizens were nearly starving.* ○ [attrib] *siege guns.* (b) mi umnak/ relhnak inn kha palik in kulh. 2 (idm) **lay siege to sth** khua/umnak hmun pakhat kulh thok.

**sienna** /sl|enE/ *n* [U] rong pianzia hrangih hmanmi tlak phunkhat: *burnt sienna*, ie reddish-brown ○ *raw sienna*, ie brownish-yellow.

**sierra** /sl|erE/ *n* [U] a kap pawl tla a hrap zetmi tlangtluan sau (Spain ram le an ṭonghmang America ram pawl ah himi hmin hman a si deuh).

**siesta** /sl|estE/ *n* [U] khuasatnak ramah sunhnua it in cawl: *have/take a siesta.*

**sieve** /slv/ *n* 1 thil hriknak – lakphaksaw, sangvut, lunghrawl, tivek hriknak hmuah hmuah (khohrik). 2 (idm) **have a memory/ mind like a sieve** ⇒ MEMORY.

▷ **sieve** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] hrik: *sieve the flour into*



a bowl.

**sift** /slft/ *n* **1** (a) hrik: *sift the flour, sugar, etc.* (b) [Tn] ~ **sth** (out) **from sth**; ~ **sth** out khohrik thaw n hrikin a vut le a khal tivek then: *sift (out) the lumps from the flour, the wheat from the chaff.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] thilhriknak thaw n hrik phahin hnin, theh: *sift the flour (into the mixture)* ○ *sift sugar onto a cake.* **3** [Ipr, Tn] ~ (through) **sth** (fig) ralring zet in cekfel, thate in coklet ih zoh theh: *sift through the piles of correspondence* ○ *sift the evidence, data, etc.* ▷ **sifter** *n* (often in compounds) hriknak (khohrik): *a flour-sifter.*

**sigh** /sal/ *v* **1** ~ [I, Ipr] (with **sth**) thaw napi in hip; thawpisuah – rehsia, bang, tivek tikah: *She sighed as she layback on the bed.* ○ *He sighed with pleasure after the excellent meal.* **2** [I] (of the wind) thawpi suah vekin thli hrang. **3** [Tn] thawpi suah phahin tong (hui, vuihram): *'I wish I didn't have so much to do,' she sighed.* **4** (phr v) **sigh for sth** (fml) a hlo, a thi, hlatpi ih ummi thilri, minung, tivek kha nasa zet in ngai: *an exile who sighs for home.* ▷ **sigh** *n* thawpi, lole, thawpi suah awn: *breathe/utter/heave/give a sigh* ○ *with a sigh of sadness, relief, pleasure, etc.*

**sight<sup>1</sup>** /salt/ *n* **1** [U] khuahmuh theinak: *lose one's sight*, ie a mit a caw ○ *have a good, poor, etc sight*, ie mit ih hmuh theinak a tha, mit a fim/fim lo: *Some drugs can effect your sight.* **2** [U] ~ **of sb/sth** hmu: *Their first sight of land came after ten days at sea.* ○ *We laughed at the sight of his strange clothe* ○ (fml) *when can we have sight of your house?* **3** [U] hmuhban ah, hmuh theinak hmuna: *in/within/out of (sb's) sight*, ie (of objects, etc) visible/invisible ○ *The train is still in sight.* ○ *The ship came into sight out of the fog.* ○ *The plane crashed out of our sight*, ie where we could not see it. ○ *The house was out of sight behind a wall.* ○ *We are not yet out of sight of land*, ie can still seet it. ○ *You must keep out of sight*, ie stay where you cannot be seen. ○ *Get out of my sight!* ○ (fig) *The end of the project is almost in sight.* **4** (a) [C] hmuh tha thilri: *The flowers are a lovely sight in spring.* ○ *He saw some amazing sights at the zoo.* ○ *A suffering animal is a distressing sight.* (b) **sights** [pl] zohnuam, zohtlak inn, hmun, fing le tlang tivek: *Come and see the sights of London.* **5 a sight** [sing] (infml) hnihsuakza, hnihsan tlak, a felfai lo, a hnokmi: *What a sight you look in those old clothes!* ○ *This kitchen is a sight.* ○ *Clean it up at once!* **6** [C usu pl] meithal hmuise, thocuang: *the sights of a gun.* **7** (idm) **ar first glance/sight** ⇒ FIRST. **at/on sight** hmu vetein: *play music at sight*, ie when seen in printed form without previous study or practice ○ *They were told to shoot looters on sight.* **catch sight/a glimpse of sb/sth** ⇒ CATCH<sup>1</sup>.

**hate, loathe, be sick of, etc the sight of sb/sth** (infml) huazet: *I can't stand the sight of you anymore.* ○ *She hates the sight of that old car.* **heave in sight** ⇒ HEAVE. **in the sight of sb/in sb's sight sb** ih ruahdan, hmuhdan: *Do what is right in your own sight.* ○ *All men are equal in the sight of God.* **keep sight of sb/sth; keep sb/sth in sight** (a) hmu ringring dingin tuah: *Follow that man and keep him in sight all the time.* (b) ralring in um: *You must keep sight of one fact: your life is in danger.* **know sb by sight** ⇒ KNOW. **lose sight of sb/sth** ⇒ LOSE. **out of sight, out of mind** (saying) hmuh lole hngilh (vivo). **raise/lower one's sights** (na mit a sang, na mit thum aw tivek) duhdan, tumtahdan, ruahsandan tivek sangter/thum: *They had to lower their sights and buy a smaller house than they would have liked.* **set one's sights on sth** tumtah (ti dingah ruatcat): *I've set my sights on winning the championship.* **a (damn, etc) sight better, etc (than...); a (damn, etc) sight too good, etc.** (infml) a tha deuh ngaingai: *My car goes a (damn) sight faster than yours.* ○ *That child is a damn sight too cheeky.* **a sight for sore eyes** (infml) hmuh tikah mi lung a nuamter, thin a zaangkhaiteutu: *You're a sight for sore eyes – I thought you'd gone for good!* **a sight of sth** (infml) a tampi: *It costs him a sight of money/trouble.* **sight unseen** hmu ta lo, cekfel ta loin: *You should never buy a car sight unseen.* **take a sight** khih, bih: *take a careful sight before firing* ○ *take a sight with a compass/quadrant.*

▷ **sighted** *adj* khua hmu thei: *the blind and partially sighted* ○ *Those of us who are sighted don't understand the problems of the blind.*

**-sighted** (in compound *adjs*) khua hmuh theidan: *short-/long-/far-sighted.*

□ **sight-read** [I, Tn] zir cia lomi hla zoh in sak thiam, tum thiam.

**sight-reading** *n* [U].

**sight-screen** (also **screen**) *n* (in cricket) bawhlung hmuh ol dingih ret mi thil rang.

**sightseeing** *n* [U] zohtha thil le hmun zoh dingah feh vivo. **sightseer** *n* zohtha thilri le hmun zohtu.

**sight<sup>2</sup>** /salt/ *v* [Tn] **1** hmu thei (naih vivo hnuah): *After three days at sea, we sighted land.* **2** telescope hmang in arsi zoh (SIGHT<sup>1</sup> 4b).

▷ **sighting** *n* hmuhmi: *several reported sightings of the escaped prisoner* ○ *the first sighting of a new star.*

**sightless** /saltlls/ *adj* khua hmu thei lo, mitcaw: *a sightless species of bat.*

**sign<sup>1</sup>** /saln/ *n* **1** hminsinnak, thil pakhat can ai-ih hminsinnak tuahmi zuk: *mathematical signs*, eg +, -, ×, ÷. **2** khui lam ah feh ding, ziang thil lei ding a um tivek theiher dingah thingphel, lole, thirpheng parih nganmi catar:

traffic sign, eg for a speed limit, a bend in the road, etc ○ a shop-sign, pub-sign, etc ○ Look out for a sign to the motorway. **3** kut, ke, lu tivek cangih thusimnak: the sign of the cross, ie a movement made with the hand outlining a cross as a blessing, prayer, etc ○ She gave us a sign to leave the room, eg by pointing to the door. **4** ~ (of sth) theihtheinak khihhuhtu: signs of suffering on his face ○ some signs of improvement in her work ○ There wasn't a sign of life in the place, ie It appeared deserted. ○ She shows no sign of being interested. ○ There are some signs of sales increasing. **5** (also **sign of the zodiac** zodiac then hleihnih-ih then khat ciar ai-awh ih zukmi, zuk: What sign were you born under? **6** (idm) **a sign of the times** (often derog) caan pakhat ih a sinak langtertu: The rising level of crime is a sign of the times.

□ **sign language** kut, ke, lu, mit cang tahrat ih biak-awknak tong – hnaset, mi aa pawl ih hmanmi:

**signpost** *n* khuilam zawh ding, peng ziat a hlatlai ti theihternakah lamtek ih tarmi ca. — *v* [Tn usu passive] signpost phun: Is the road well signposted? ○ Our village is so small it's not even signposted.

**sign**<sup>2</sup> /saln/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] hminkhen, hminkar, hminthu, zungpi nam: sign (your name) here, please. ○ sign a letter, cheque, contract, etc. ○ The painting isn't signed so we don't know who it's by. **2** [no passive: Dpr-f, Dpr-w, Dpr-t, Dn-t] kut in hmuh; kut cangvai in ziang ti in um ding ti sim: sign to sb that it is time to go/where to go. ○ The policeman signed (for) them to stop. ○ He signed me to be quiet. **3** [I, Ipr, Tn] (esp sport) ~ (for/with sb) lungkim tlangnak ca in ngan ih hminkar: He signed for Arsenal yesterday. ○ Arsenal have just signed a new striker. **4** (idm) **sign on the dotted line** (infml) a thupimi ca parah hminkar: Just sign on dotted line and the car is yours. **sign sb's/one's own death-warrant** mah thihnak, sungnak thil tua: By informing on the gang, he was signing his own death-warrant. **5** (phr v) **sign sth away** thukam ca ah hminkar in mah ih thil sung thluh: I'll never get married — it's like signing your life away. **sign for sth** thilri ka ngah tinak hminkar: The postman asked me to sign for the parcel. **sign (sb) in/out** feh/tlun ni pawl tha tein ngan: You must sign guests in when they enter the club. ○ Soldiers sign out when they leave the barracks. **sign off** (a) hnatuan cawl, bang: sign off early to go to the dentist. (b) cakuat cawl, net, center: She signed off with 'yours ever, Janet'. (c) radio thuthang than cawl: This is your resident DJ signing off for another week with our signature tune. **sign on** (Brit infml) hnatuan nei lo cazin ah hmin pe. **sign (sb) on/up** midang hrangih hnatuan dingah

lungkimnak hminkar: sign on for five years in the army ○ sign up more workers to boost production. ○ The club has signed up a new goal-keeper this season. **sign sth over (to sb)** neitu sinak kha midang hnenah hminkar in daan bangtuk ih aap: She has signed her house over to her daughter. **sign up (for sth)** club ah lut, thilzir dingah hmin pekih lut: sign up for a secretarial course.

**signal**<sup>1</sup> /sɪgnəl/ *n* **1** simhmuhnak; cu ti-in, kha ti in tua ding, um ding ti khi kut, a lan tivek in simhmuhnak: a signal made with red flag ○ hand signals, ie made by the driver of a car, etc to show which way it will turn, etc ○ She flashed the torch as a signal. ○ He raised his arm as a signal for us to stop. ○ A red light is usually a signal for/of danger. **2** mi in an hmuh tikah ziang tua ding ti theihtheinak dingih retmi thilri: traffic signals, ie for cars, etc in the streets ○ The railway signal (ie light) was on red, so the train stops. **3** (a) mizapi ziang ti in um ding ti, a khihhuhtu thil cang: The President's arrival was the signal for an outburst of cheering. (b) thil/thu pakhat kha a um, lole, hmailamah cu ti in kha ti in a cang leh ding ti theihternak: Her speech yesterday was a signal that her views have changed. ○ Is this announcement the signal of better times ahead? **4** transmitter ihsin thlahmi electronic tha, lole, radio tha (hlaing): receive a signal from a satellite. ○ an area with a poor/good TV signal. ○ [attrib] signal strength.

▷ **signal** (-ll-; US -l-) [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr Tf, Tw, Dn-f, Dpr-f, Dn-w, Dpr-w, Dnt, Dpr-t no passive] ~ (to sb/sth) (for sth) cangvaihnak ih sim (tong in si loin kut le thil dang cangternak in siseh, thil awnter in siseh mi biak) mi thu theihter: He seems to be signalling ○ signal wildly with one's arms ○ signal a message (to sb) ○ (fig) signal one's discontent by refusing to vote ○ (fig) an event signalling a change in public opinion ○ signal that one is to turn/which way one is going to turn signal (to) the commanding officer (that....) ○ signal to the regiment for the attack to begin ○ signal (sb) which way to go ○ signal (to) the waiter to bring the menu. **signaller** (US **signaler**) /sɪgnəliə/ *n* signal kuat/tuahtu; signal tua dingih zirhmi ralkap.

□ **signal-box** *n* (Brit) tlangleng zinkap um signal pawl hertertu umnak inn.

**signalman** /-mən/ *n* (pl **men** /-mən/) **1** tlangleng signal hertu minung. **2** army, navy ah, signal tuahtu minung.

**signal**<sup>2</sup> /sɪgnəl/ *adj* [attrib] hminsin tlak; a cuang zetmi: a signal victory, success, failure, etc.

▷ **signally** /-nelli/ *adv* hminsin tlak zetin, cuangzet, langzet in: You have signally failed to do what was expected of you.

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**signatory** /sɪɡnɪtɔː/ *n* ~ (to sth) lungkimtlangnak hminkartu minung, ram: the signatories to the treaty ○ [attrib] the signatory powers.

**signature** /sɪɡnɪtʃə/ *n* **1** (a) hminkar, hminkhen: a document with two signatures on it ○ Her signature is almost illegible. (b) [U] hminkar: a contract ready for signature. **2** [C] cahnah hnah khat bil ih thermi, cabu ih a cuilh zawnte.

□ **signature tune** (also **theme tune**) radio, lole, puai pakhat thok zik tiki tum theumi hlatawite.

**signet** /sɪɡnɪt/ *n* hminkar can ai-ih khennak ih hmanmi bulpak tacik.

□ **signet ring** signet tacik a telmi zunghruk (hlanlai ahcun cozah seal tacik can ai-ah siangpahrang pawl in an hmang).

**significance** /sɪɡnɪfɪkəns/ *n* [U] **1** a tican, a sullam: understand the significance of remark ○ What is the significance of this symbol? **2** a thupitnak: a speech of great significance ○ Few people realized the significance of the discovery.

**significant** /sɪɡnɪfɪkənt/ *adj* **1** (a) theihthei lohlimi tican nei: their change of plan is strange but I don't think it's significant. (b) tican nei zet; a thupi zet: a significant remark, look, smile. **2** a thupi, ruat ding tlak: a significant rise in profits.

▷ **significantly** *adv* **1** tican nei zet in: smile, nod, wink significantly ○ Significantly, he did not deny that there might be an election. **2** thu ngaihlak, ruah tlak: Profits have risen significantly.

**signification** /sɪɡnɪfɪkəʃn/ *n* (fml or linguistics) tɔngfang ih tican, tivek.

**signify** /sɪɡnɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp -fied) **1** [Tn] tican langter, tiduhnak theihthiamter: What do these marks signify? ○ Do dark clouds signify rain? **2** [Tn, Tf no passive] theihter, khiihmuh, langter: signify one's agreement/that one agrees by nodding ○ She signified her approval with a smile. **3** [I] a si lo tilam ih hmanmi (negative sentence) le thusuhnak tɔng thupi, a poi zet: It doesn't signify, so needn't worry about it.

**Sikh** /sɪk/ *n* kum zabi 16 hrawngah Hinduism biaknak ihsin a tɛkmi, pathian pakhat lawng a um ti ih a pommi shikhism biaknak a zumtu.

**silage** /sɪlɪdʒ/ *n* [U] thlatang caan hrangih khawlm i hrampi hring (caw rawl).

**silence** /sɪləns/ *n* **1** [U] dai zirziarnak: the silence of the night ○ A scream shattered the silence. ○ In the library silence reigned, ie pumhlum in a dai. **2** (a) [U] tɔngmi, nganmi, soiselmi, tivek kha sawn lo, let loin daite umnak: All my questions were met with silence from him. ○ The teacher's stern look reduced him to silence. ○ I can't understand her silence

on this matter. ○ I assumed that your silence implied consent. ○ After a year of silence I got a letter from her. ○ They tried to buy his silence, ie to pay him not to reveal a secret. (b) [C] daite in tɔng lo ih um caan tawite: a conversation with many silences. ○ There was a brief silence, followed by uproar. **3** (idm) **in silence** daite: listen to sb in silence ○ The whole ceremony took place in complete silence. **silence is golden** (saying) tɔng lo ih um hi man a nei bik.

▷ **silence** *v* [Tn] daiter: try to silence a noisy crowd, a crying baby. ○ silence one's critics, eg by doing sth they cannot criticize ○ silenced the enemy's gun, eg by destroying them ○ This insult silenced him completely. **silencer** *n* (a) (Brit) (US **muffler**) motor exhaust pipe ih aw deemtertu. (b) meithal puak-awn deemter dingin meithal zim ih bunmi thil.

**silence** *interj* daitein um uh! thawmvang nei hlah uh!: 'Silence!' shouted the teacher.

**silent** /səllənt/ *adj* **1** (a) a dai, a awn lomi, a awn tuk lomi: with silent steps ○ the smooth, silent running of the engine ○ The children went out, and the room was silent. (b) aw ringih tɔng lomi: a silent prayer, curse, etc. **2** (a) tɔng lo; tɔng in siseh, ca-in siseh a sia a tɛa rel lo: He was silent for a moment, then began his answer. ○ She was silent for months before I got a letter from her. ○ On certain important details the report remains strangely silent. (b) tɔngmal: He is the strong silent type. **3** (ca ah) aw suah lomi cafang: The 'b' in 'doubt' and the 'w' in 'wrong' are silent. **4** (idm) **the silent majority** ruahnak, hmuhdan tawkfang cu an nei ko na in, tɔng thei lo le tɔng paih lo mipi. **silently** *adv*.

□ **silent film** aw suak lo zuksin.

**silent partner** (US) = SLEEPING PARTNER (SLEEP).

**silhouette** /sɪluːet/ *n* **1** (a) a tleu sansiah ih zoh ruangah thim ih a langmi: the silhouettes of the trees against the evening sky. (b) a tleunak hmun sirhsan ih a dummi zuk. **2** (idm) **in silhouette** silhouette vekih dum in: see sth in silhouette ○ paint sb in silhouette.

▷ **silhouette** [usu passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (against sth) silhouette vekih lang: She stood in front of the windows, silhouetted against the dawn sky.

**silica** /sɪlɪkə/ *n* [U] silicon le thildang rawi ih a cangmi quartz thilri lungvar, tɛklung tivek pawl (quartz or flint).

**silicate** /sɪlɪkət/ *n* [C, U] ziang thawn rawi khalih a zum thei lomi (compound) thil phunkhat.

**silicon** /sɪlɪkən/ *n* [U] oxygen thawn komcihmi thir tel lo chemical thil (quartz le sandstone tivek in ummi).

□ **silicon chip** integrated circuit tuahnak

dingih hmanmi; silicon thawn tuahmi microchip.

**silicone** /sɪlɪkEʊn/ *n* [U] paint, varnish, lubricant tinbawsi pawl tuahnak ih hmanmi silicon thawn a kopaw mi thilri pawl.

**silicosis** /sɪlɪkEʊsɪs/ *n* [U] silica vut khu dawkuangih ngahmi natnak eg lung-meihol laitu pawlih natnak vek.

**silk** /sɪlk/ *n* 1 [U] pu. 2 pu hri, pu puan: *dressed all in silk*. ○ [attrib] *a silk scarf, dress, etc.* 3 **silks** [pl] (dated) pu hnipuan: *dressed in fine silks*. 4 [C] (*Brit infml*) thuthentu zung a kai tikah pu thawn tuahmi lenghruk angki fual a hrak theumi kumpi upadi daan bawi (sih-ni). 5 (idm) **take silk** cozah upadi bawi tuan: *After fifteen years as a barrister, she took silk*.

□ **silk-screen printing** a pit tuk lomi pupuan phah ih carialnak (stencil hmangih carial daan).

**silkworm** *n* pu pangang.

**silken** /sɪlɪkEn/ *adj* [usu attrib] 1 [usu approv] a nem a nal; pu vekih a tleumi: *a silken voice* ○ *silken hair*. 2 (*arch*) pu thawn tuah mi: *a silken gown*.

**silky** /sɪlki/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (*usu approv*) pu vek: *silky hair, skin* ○ (*fig*) *a silky manner, voice*.

□ **silkeness** *n* [U].

**sill** /sɪl/ *n* tukvirh, sangka-pi pawl ih a tang lam tlang-thing, lole lungto in tuah a si: *a window sill, a door sill*.

**silly** /sɪli/ *adj* (-ier, -est) 1 (a) khuaruah nei lo, ziang thei lo, mi aa: *a silly little boy* ○ *Don't be silly!* ○ *silly mistakes* ○ *What a silly thing to say!* (b) hnihsuakza hmuhihmel le umtlandan ah: *made us play silly game*. 2 [attrib] (of a fielder in cricket) batsman naih ih a dingmi: *silly mid-on*. 3 (idm) **laugh oneself sick/silly** ⇒ LAUGH. **play silly buggers** (*Brit sl*) tuanvo nei lo vek, aa vekin um: *Stop playing silly buggers and help me lift this*. **the silly season** thuthang suah ding um cuca lo ruangih thu terek pawl suah rero caan.

□ **silliness** *n* [U].

**silly** (also **silly-billy**) *n* (*infml*) (often used to or by children) khuaruah neilo mi aa: *Of course I won't leave you alone, you silly!*

**silo** /saɪlEʊ/ *n* (pl ~ s) 1 (a) khurthuk, lole, sumhnam rawl siat lo te in, hring ringring ih retnak (tilva rawl reipi ret theinak silo - khur, silo-innsang). (b) thlairawl cinmi, Mirang leilung (*cement*), lole, radioactive waste pawl retnak hmun silo (*Mirang*) kua. 2 rocket pawl kap lohli thei dingah a ringring ih retnak khurthuk.

**silt** /sɪlt/ *n* [U] tiva luan netnak tipi kapte ih a tangmi vunnel le ciarbek.

□ **silt** *v* (phr *v*) **silt (sth) up** (cause sth to) vunnel le ciarbek in a kham, luang thei nawn lo in a pit: *The harbour has silted up*. ○ *The*

*sand has silted up the mouth of the river*.

**silty** *adj* (-ier, -iest) vunnel le ciarbek in a khuh/a khat: *silly rocks* ○ *silty soil*.

**silvan** (also **sylvan**) /sɪlvEn/ *adj* (*arch or rhet*) (a) tupi, hramlak thawn a pehparmi: *silvan glades*. (b) thinkung tam; khuate lam, khuapi ihsin a hlatnak hmunram.

**silver** /sɪlvER/ *n* 1 [U] ngun: *solid silver* ○ [attrib] *silver mine*. 2 [U] ngun, lole, ngun hmel vek thir (alloy) thawn tuahmi tangka: *£ 20 in notes and £ 5 in silver* ○ *a handful of silver* ○ *have you any silver on you?* 3 [U] (a) ngun thawn tuahmi le ngunhai a phunphun, inn sung mawinak ih tuahmi thilri tivek pawl: *have all one's silver stolen by burglars* ○ *sell one's family silver to pay one's debt*. (b) thir, ngun, dar tivek ih tuahmi pohpoh — rawl einak ih hmanmi namte, haitek, haite, etc: *We keep the silver in this sideboard*. 4 (idm) **born with a silver spoon in cone's mouth** ⇒ BORN. **cross sb's palm with silver** ⇒ CROSS<sup>2</sup>. **every cloud has a silver lining** ⇒ CLOUD<sup>1</sup>. **the silver screen** lemnung hna<sup>2</sup>uan: *stars of the silver screen*. **a silver tongue** mi lungduh zawng le miforh zawngih tong thiamnak: *It was his silver tongue that got him the job*.

▷ **silver** *v* 1 [Tn] ngunti, lole, ngun vekih a tleumi thil ti thawn thuh: *metal silvered to make ornaments* ○ *silver a mirror*, ie coat glass to make it reflect things. 2 [I, Tn] ngun vekin tleu: *Her hair had silvered*. ○ *The years have silvered her hair*.

**silver** *adj* ngun thawn tuahmi, lole, a bangmi: *a silver plate, dish, watch, etc* ○ *a silver car, paint, thread* ○ *the silver moon*.

**silvery** /sɪlvErl/ *adj* 1 a tleu; ngunvek a simi: *a silvery surface*. 2 [attrib] (*approx*) (of sound) a sang a fiangmi aw: *the silvery notes of the little bells*.

□ **silver birch** a hawng dumpawl pian a kengmi birch thingkung phunkhat.

**silver-fish** *n* cabu phaw ei thei ngun vekih tleu cepte vek cucik kharbok phunkhat.

**silver jubilee** kum 25 kimnak puai. Cf DIAMOND JUBILEE (DIAMOND), GOLDEN JUBILEE (GOLDEN).

**silver paper** (*infml*) cigarettes, chocolates, tivek tuamnak ih hmanmi tin, lole, aluminium tlep.

**silver plate** ngunti khutmi thir thilri.

**silver-plated** *adj*: *silver plated dish*.

**silverside** *n* [U] (*Brit*) cawsa phei, cawn/dar/kawng a tlunlam lenglam sa.

**silversmith** *n* ngun thilri tuahtu le zuartu.

**silver-tongued** *adj* mi leem le forh zawngih tong thiam: *a silver-tongued lawyer*.

**silverware** *n* [U] ngun ih tuahmi thilri pawl.

**silver-wedding** thitawknak kum 25 kimni. Cf DIAMOND WEDDING (DIAMOND), GOLDEN WEDDING (GOLDEN).

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## simian

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**simian** /sɪmiən/ *adj, n (fml)* *zawng pawl thawn a pehparmi, a bang-awmi: a simian appearance, posture, movement.*

**similar** /sɪmlɪər/ *adj ~ (to sb/sth)* *bangaw: We have similar taste in music. Gold is similar in colour to brass. The brothers look very similar.*

▷ **similarly** *adv* **1** *bangaw in: The two bays dress similarly. 2 ve; cuti ve in: She was late and I similarly was delayed.*

**similarity** /sɪmlɪˈrɪti/ *n* **1** [U] *bang-awknak: points of similarity between the two men. 2 [C] bang-awkdan: similarities in age and background.*

**simile** /sɪmlɪ/ *n* [U, C] *‘as brave as a lion’, ‘a face like a mask’, ti vek in thil pakhat kha a dang thil pakhat thawn thimih hmannak: use daring similes. Her style is rich in similes. Cf METAPHOR.*

**similitude** /sɪmlɪˈtjuːd/ *US -tuːd/ n (fml)* **1** [U] *a bangawknak. 2 [C] thimnak, thimawknak: talk in similitudes.*

**simmer** /sɪmər/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] *soter: let the soup simmer (for) a few minutes. Simmer the stew for an hour. 2 ~ (with sth) sup theih loin a so ih so in thinheng: She simmered for a minute or two, then began shouting uncontrollably. simmer with rage, annoyance, etc about sth. 3 [I] (of a quarrel, dispute, etc) thinheng zet le thawi-aw rero tivek lang cuang loin tlokcier rero in tɔngcu-aw ringring, thilri cuhaw ringring: This row has been simmering for months. 4 (phr v) simmer down (infml) thin hennak, launak, thawi-awknak vek a dai sal: Simmer down, now, and stop shouting. Things have simmered down since the riot last week.*

▷ **simmer** *n* **1** [sing] *soh(nak): give the vegetables a five minute simmer. 2 (dim) keep sth at a/on the simmer soh: Keep the potatoes on the simmer for ten minutes.*

**simony** /sɪmənɪ/ *n* [U] (formerly) *biakinn thilri, thianghlim thilri tivek pawl zuar le lei.*

**simoom** /sɪmuːm/ (also **simoon** /sɪmuːn/) *n* [sing] *vunnel a thiarmi Sahara le Arabian nelrawn ih a hrangmi thli.*

**simper** /sɪmpər/ *v* [I] *aa nawn, titeraw nawn in hni: a simpering waiter.*

▷ **simper** *n* [sing] *aa nawn, titer-aw nawn ih mi - hnihsan.*

**simperingly** /sɪmpərɪnli/ *adv.*

**simple** /sɪmpl/ *adj (-r, -st)* **1** *a ol: a simple task, sum, problem. written in simple English. The machine is quite simple to use. When speaking to young people, keep it simple, ie speak in a way they can understand. 2 ce le cuangih tuahmi si lo, a menmen: simple food, furniture. a simple style of architecture. the simple life, ie a way of living without luxury,*

*expensive entertainments, etc. I like my clothes to be simple but elegant. 3 [usu attrib] (a) then tampi nei lo thilri: a simple substance, mixture. a simple tool, toy. a simple sentence, ie one without subordinate clauses. (b) a thangso tuk hrih lo, a tuahdan le a hmandan (a hnaʔuandan) a niamzet: simple forms of life, like one-cell organisms. a fairly simple system of classification. 4 (a) umdan kel, umdan tuang; umdan theih har lo: behave in a simple, open way. as simple as a child. (b) dinhmun sang lo, a menmen: I'm just a simple soldier. My father was just a simple farm-worker. 5 (a) hmuhtonnak mal, ruahnak nei lo, bum ol: Are you so simple enough to believe what that liar tells you? I'm not so simple as to think it will be easy. (b) (infml) zaran neihmi fimnak a nei lo: She doesn't understand you. She's a bit simple. 6 (infml) a fiang a ol: It's a simple fact. a simple unbiased account of events. Was it simple grced that made you steal it? 7 (idm) pure and simple ⇒ PURE.*

▷ **simple** *n* (arch) *hma le nat sii ih hmanmi hramkung fate (thakser kung tivek).*

**simply** /sɪmpli/ *adv* **1** *ol tein, a ol zawngin: solved quite simply. Explain it as simply as you can. 2 a menmen in, au ciamco loin: dress simply. simply dressed. live simply. 3 pumhlum in; fiangte in: His pronunciation is simply terrible. I simply refuse to go. 4 menmen; lawnglawng; menlawng: I bought the house simply because it was large. Is success simply a matter of working hard?*

□ **simple fraction** = VULGAR FRACTION (VULGAR). **simple interest** *tangka hram par lawngah a thang pek cawihdan (a thangsin um lo). Cf COMPOUND INTEREST (COMPOUND).*

**simple machine** *tuah ol te a si ih cet vekih hmanmi (leng, taal, lever le pulley tivek thilri pawl).*

**simple-minded** *adj (often derog) ruahnak, fimnak mal: her more simple-minded supporters. a simple-minded approach to the problem.*

**simpleton** /sɪmptən/ *n* *aa, bum ol, fimtuk lo.*

**simplicity** /sɪmplɪˈsɪti/ *n* [U] **1** *a ol, a menmen, a fiang, a tluangdan: the simplicity of the problem. the simplicity of her style. a character marked by frankness and simplicity. 2 (idm) be simplicity itself a olte: Cleaning the light is simplicity itself; just wipe it with damp cloth.*

**simplify** /sɪmplɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **-fied**) [Tn] *tuah ol zawngih tuah: a simplified text, eg one for learners of the language. simplify the instructions so that children can understand them. that will simplify my task.*

▷ **simplification** /sɪmplɪfɪˈkeɪʃn/ *n* (a) [U] *thei lo dingin tuahmi; What she said was the*

*simplication of the theory.* (b) [C] instance of simplifying; sth simplified: *What she said was a useful simplification of the theory.*

**simulacrum** /sɪlmjʊleɪkrəm/ *n* (pl, -cra /-krɛ/) (fml) a dang thawm bang-aw dingih tuahmi thil.

**simulate** /sɪlmjʊleɪt/ *v* [Tn] **1** ti-awter: *simulate anger, joy, interest, etc* ○ *her carefully simulated disappointment.* **2** thil pakhat cang vekin, si vekin tuah, eg thil zirnak hrangah a lem tete hmangin: *simulate light using a model plane in a wind tunnel* ○ *The computer simulates conditions on the sea bed.* **3** thil pakhat ih hmuihmel, pianzia vekin cangawter: *insects that simulate dead leaves* ○ *change colour to simulate the background.*

▷ **simulated** *adj* [usu attrib] thil pakhat vek si dingih tuahmi: *simulated fur, jewels, etc.*

**simulation** /sɪlmjʊleɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] thil pakhat si vekih titer-awknak, canter-awk: *the simulation of genuine concern* ○ *the simulation of flight condition.* **2** [C] a ngaingai ih thilcangmi vek kha a lem phundang ih cawnnak: *the computer simulation of the nuclear reaction.*

**simulator** *n* thil pakhat cang vekin, si vekin cawngtu thilri, eg zam vekin, khing nei lo dinhmun vekin tivek.

**simultaneous** /sɪmltɛnɪs/; *US* /salm-/ *adj* ~ (with sth) caan bangrepte ah a cangmi, tuahmi: *simultaneous demonstration in London and New York* ○ *The explosion was timed to be simultaneous with the plane's take-off.*

▷ **simultaneously** *adv.* **simultaneous, simultaneity** /sɪmltɛni:ɛti/; *US* /salm-/ *n* [U].

**sin** /sɪn/ *n* **1** (a) (biaknak lamdan, lole nundan buar) sualnak: *a life of sin.* (b) [C] tuahmi daan pawl pahnak sual: *commit a sin* ○ *confess one's sins to a priest* ○ *the sin of gluttony.* **2** [C] tuahsual, tisual zet a si ti ih ruahmi tuahnak, thiltinak: *Being late is an unforgivable sin round here.* ○ (joc) *It's a sin to stay indoors on such a fine day.* **3** (idm) **cover/hide a multitude of sins** ⇒ MULTITUDE. **the deadly sins** ⇒ DEADLY. **live in sin** ⇒ LIVE<sup>2</sup>. (as) **miserable/ugly as sin** (infml) tuar nuam lo zet/mawi lo zet; thil tha lo ngaingai.

▷ **sin** *v* (-nn-) [I, Ipr] ~ (against sth) sual, thilsual tuah: *It's human to sin* ○ (fig) *They sinned against the unwritten rules of the school.* **sinful** /-fɪ/ *adj* (esp fml) a sualmi: *Man is sinful.* ○ *sinful deeds* ○ (infml) *sinful waste of good wine.* **sinfully** /-fɪli/ *adv.* **sinfulness** *n* [U]. **sinless** *adj* (fml) sual nei lo; ziang thei lo, sual lo.

**sinlessness** *n* [U].

**sinner** /sɪnɛr/ *n*: *saints and sinners.*

**sin** *abbr* (mathematics) sine. Cf cos.

**since** /sɪns/ *prep* ihsin thokin tutiang: *I haven't eaten since breakfast.* ○ *She's been working in*

*a bank since leaving school.* ○ *He had spoken to her only once since the party.*

▷ **since** *conj* **1** ihsin thokin atu tiang, lole simmi caan tiang: *Where have you been since I last saw you?* ○ *It was the first time I'd won since I'd learnt to play chess.* ○ *How long is it since we visited your mother?* **2** ruangah: *Since we've no money we can't buy a new car.* **3** (idm) **ever since since** ⇒ EVER. **since** *adv* ihsin thokin a tutiang: *He left home two weeks ago and we haven't heard from him since.* ○ *She moved to London last May and has since got a job on a newspaper.*

**sincere** *adj* /sɪnʃɪər/ **1** (of feelings or behaviour) titer-aw lo, a hman, a ngaingai: *sincere friendship, affection, dislike, disagreement, etc* ○ *It is my sincere disbelief that ...* ○ *His was a sincere offer of help.* **2** (of people) ti ngaingai dingmi le zum ngaingaimi lawng tong, mi tuangtiam, a hmanmi minung: *a sincere Christian* ○ *She wasn't entirely sincere when she said she liked me.*

▷ **sincerely** *adv*: *thank sb sincerely* ○ *yours sincerely.* ⇒ Usage at YOUR.

**sincerity** /sɪnʃɪəti/ *n* [U] lungtak sinak: *the warmth and sincerity of his welcome.*

**sine** /saɪn/ *n* (abbr **sin**) (mathematics) Cf COSINE, TANGENT 2.

**sinecure** /saɪnɪkjʊər/; /sɪn-/ *n* hnatuan khal a tul lo, tuanvo khal a um lo na in, paisa, lole mithmai ngah theinak tohmun.

**sine die** /saɪni ˈdi:li/, /sɪni ˈdi:li/ (fml esp law) ni khiah um loin: *adjourn a meeting sine die.*

**sine qua non** /sɪneɪ ˈkwɑː/; /sɪneɪ/ (fml) um lo theih lo ih a tul mi: *Patience is a sine qua non for a good teacher.*

**sinew** /sɪnjuː/ *n* **1** [C, U] tit khal le ruh a pehtu thahri. **2 sinews** [pl] (a) titkhal pawl: *The athletes waited, with all their sinews tensed.* (b) (fml fig) cahnak thazaang ih a hrampi: *The country's sinews are its roads and railways.*

▷ **sinewy** *adj* **1** thahri tam nei; a cak a khoh zet; titsa a khal zetmi: *sinewy arms, legs, etc.* **2** (fig) thazaang nei zet, a cakvak zet: *her sinewy prose style.*

**sing** /sɪŋ/ *v* (pt **sang** /sɒŋ/, pp **sung** /sʊŋ/) **1** [I, Ipr Ip, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (for/to sb) (hla) sak: *She sings well.* ○ *You're not singing in tune.* ○ *Birds sang/were singing away happily outside.* ○ *He sang to a piano accompaniment.* ○ *She was singing a lullaby to her child.* ○ *He sang the baby to sleep.* ○ *Will you sing me a song?* ○ *They sang a song for me.* **2** [I, Ip] ka cip ih hlasak awn, khuai burpi zam awn, sirsik awn vek aw suakter: *The kettle was singing (away) on the cooker.* ○ *The explosion made my ears sing, ie made me hear a singing sound.* **3** [I] (sl esp US) rualpi pawlih thuhla phuang, zuarthlai: *She'll sing if we put the pressure on.* **4** (idm)

**sing a different song/tune** ruahdan umdan thleng rero: *You say you don't believe in marriage, but I bet you sing a different song when you finally fall in love.* **sing sb's/sth's praise** nasa takin porh, hlorh: *The critics are singing the praises of her new book.* **5** (phr v) **sing out (for sth)** (infml) thil pakhat ngah duh ah au: *If you need anything, just sing out for it.* **sing sth out** (infml) au: *Just sing out what you want.* **sing past, through, etc** ka cip ih hlasak awn, khuai burpi zam aw, sirsik awn vekih awn phah in thawn, feh: *A bullet sang past my ear.* **sing up** thatho deuh in, ring pi in sak: *Sing up, let's hear you.*

▷ **singer** n hlasaktu: *an opera singer.*

**singing** n [U] **1** (hlasak) thiamnak: *teach singing* ○ [attrib] *a singing teacher* ○ *singing lessons.* **2** hlasak, hlasak aw: *Their beautiful singing of the madrigal.* ○ *I heard singing next door.*

**singe** /sɪndʒ/ v (pres p **singeing**) **1** (a) [Tn] em/ur/kang/caak: *The iron is too hot, you'll singe your dress.* (b) em/ur/kang/caak: *The rug singed because it was too near the fire.* **2** [Tn] samzim, vate thlazim tivek ur kang.

▷ **singe** n puanparih malte a kang caaknak hmun.

**single** /sɪŋɡl/ adj **1** [attrib] (a) pakhat, pakhat lawng a simi, a bur a khuah a si lomi, a pak: *a single apple hanging from the tree* ○ *a single layer of the paint* ○ *one double and one single sink-unit.* (b) tampi sungin pakhat; pakhat hrelh loin: *the single most important event in the history of the world* ○ *She removed every single thing from the box.* **2** nupi pasal nei lo, mah lawng: *single men and women* ○ *remain single* ○ *the single state.* **3** [attrib] mi pakhat hrang a simi: *single bed, sheet* ○ *reserve one single and one double room, eg at a hotel.* **4** [attrib] (botany) par pakhat lawng nei: *a single tulip.* **5** [attrib] (Brit) (US **one-way**) (of a journey) feh lam hrang lawng (kirlam hrang telh cia lo): *a single fare, ticket, etc.* Cf RETURN 5. **6** (idm) **hang by a hair/a single thread** ⇒ **HANG**<sup>1</sup>. (in) **single figures** 10 hnaki mal nambat: *Interest rates are in single figures, ie under 10%.* (in) **single file** ⇒ **FILE**. **two minds with a single thought** ⇒ **MIND**<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **single** n **1** **singles** [sing v] khatlam khatlam ah mi pakhat veve tangih lekmi lehnak: *play (a) singles* ○ *the men's/women's singles in the golf tournament.* ○ [attrib] *a singles match.* **2** [C] (in cricket) **one run** ngah ding ko-in bawhlung thawi (nak): *get a quick single.* **3** [C] = **BASE HIT** (BASE). **4** [C] (infml) feh lam hrang lawng a simi tiket: *two second class singles to leads.* **5** [C] khatlam khatlam ah hla tawi pakhat veve lawng khummi record (tape): *a hit singles.* Cf ABUM 2 EP, LP. **6** **singles** [pl] (esp US)

nupi pasal nei lo pawl: *a club for singles* ○ [attrib] *a singles bar, holiday.*

**single** v (phr v) **single sb/sth out (for sth)** hril- (thil pakhat khat hrangah): *Which would you single out as the best?* ○ *He was singled out for punishment.*

**single-ness** n [U]: *singleness of mind*, ie single-mindedness ○ *singleness of purpose*, ie concentration on one goal, aim, etc.

**singly** /sɪŋɡli/ adv pakhat pakhat in; mah pakhat lawng in: *Do you teach your students singly or in groups?*

□ **single combat** minung pahnih hriamnaam thawn do aw: *meet in single combat.*

**single cream** a thau, a hriak malte lawng tel cawhnawi khirh/makhan.

**single decker** n dotkhat lawng a simi baska (bus).

**single-handed** adj, adv mah pakhat lawng in, mi ih bomnak tel loin: *a single-handed sailing trip.* ○ *do sth single-handed.*

**single-minded** adj thil pakhat thinlung a pe thluhmi, lung pakhat lawng pu, lungkhat pu: *too single-minded to be distracted by failure.*

**single-mindedly** adv: *work single-mindedly at sth.* **single-mindedness** n [U].

**single parent** nu, lole pa lawng ih faate cawmmi: [attrib] *a single parent family.*

**singlet** /sɪŋɡlɪt/ n (Brit) (a) mipa sunghruk ban nei lo angki; banian. (b) lek zuamt pawlih hmanmi vek angki.

**singsong** /sɪŋsɒŋ/ adj (of a voice or way of speaking) a tumthul kaithul mi, a cingcong: *in a singsong voice, accent, manner.*

**sing-song** n **1** [sing] tumthul kaithulmi aw: *the tedious singsong of the preacher's voice.* ○ *speak in a singsong.* **2** [C] (infml) hlasak ciamconak; daan vekih tuah ringring a si lemlomi hlasak tlangnak: *a singsong round the camp-fire.*

**singular** /sɪŋɡjʊɪər/ adj **1** (grammar) milai, lole, thilri pakhat thu sim tiki hmanmi tongfang hmandan: *a singular verb, noun, ending.* Cf PLURAL. **2** (fml) (a) (dated) a si kel lomi, a lamdang: *a singular occurrence, event, circumstance, etc.* (b) mi hnakin a cuangmi, hminsintlak: *a person of singular courage and honesty.*

▷ **singular** n (grammar) (mi, thilri) pakhat hrangih hmanmi tongfang: *What is the singular of 'children'?* ○ *What is the ending in singular?*

**singularly** adj (fml) **1** (dated) a daankel loin, lamdang zet in: *rather singularly attired.* **2** nasa zet in, hminsintlak: *a singularly gifted pianist.*

**singularity** adj (fml) **1** (dated) a si kel vek lo; hminsintlakmi: *the singularity of the event.*

**sinister** /sɪnɪstər/ adj **1** a siavami; thiltha lo a

cang ding ti thu, ruahnak pekmi: a *sinister* motive, action, place. **2** thil̥ṭha lo, thil sia tum hm̥el: a *sinister* face. ○ *sinister*, look.

**sink**<sup>1</sup> /sɪnk/ *v* (pt **sank** /sɛnk/, pp **sunk** /sʌnk/) **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] pil-(a tii mi, a nem a bekmi sungah) pil, lut: Wood does not sink in water, it floats. ○ The ship sank (to the bottom of the ocean). ○ My feet sank (down) into the mud. ○ It fell onto the wet sand, then sank (in). **2** [Tn] (a) pilter: a carrier sunk by a torpedo. ○ They sank the barge by making a hole in the bottom. (b) (fig infml) mi pakhat ih tumtahmi tuahsuak lo dingin kham, siatsuah: The press want to sink his bid for the Presidency. ○ We'll be sunk if the car breaks down. **3** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] a niamdeuh ah cang; a tanglam ah feh, pil, ril, to: The foundation sank (two feet) after the flood. ○ The earthquake made the wall sink and start to crumble. ○ The soldier sank to the ground badly wounded. ○ I sank (down) into an armchair. (b) [I, Ipr] ṭhum, thlak: sink the cable into position on the sea bed. ○ (fig) sink one's voice to a whisper. **4** (a) [I, Ipr] (of the sun) tlak: the sun sinking in the west. ○ The sun sank slowly behind the hills. (b) [I, Ipr] nuam tete in thazaang nei lo vivo, man nei lo vivo, ṭum, duai: Stock and share are sinking. ○ The value of our currency has sunk to almost nothing. ○ He is sinking fast, ie a thi cing ding. ○ (fig) sink in the estimation of one's friends. ○ (fig) His voice sank to a whisper. **5** (a) kua sungah thlak, ret, phun: sink two posts (into the ground) here. (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] lai, lai: sink a well, shaft, etc. ○ sink a tunnel into the side of the mountain. **6** [Tn, Tn-pr] (billiard, golf ah) a ong sungah bawhlung thlak: sink the red (into the top pocket). **7** [Tn] (infml) zu tampi in: They sank a bottle of gin between them. **8** (idm) **be sunk in sth** thil pakhat ah pil hnawh, ruat tuk in: She just sat there, sunk in depression. **one's heart sinks** ⇒ HEART. **sink one's differences** ruahdan, hmuhdan banglonak, lungkim tlang lonak pawl hngilh dingin lungkim tlang: We must sink our differences and save the firm. **a/that sinking feeling** (infml) donhar: When they didn't get back by midnight I got that sinking feeling. **sink like a stone** lungto vekin pil. **sink or swim** (saying) zuamnak suah loin sung, lole, zuamnak suah in thil ti suak (na pil ding maw, na leuh ding): The refugees had lost their homes and all their possessions and it was now (a case of) sink or swim. **9** (phr v) **sink in/sink into sth** (a) (of liquid) thil dang sungah pil: Rub the cream on your skin and let it sink in. ○ The rain sank into the dry ground. (b) (of words, etc) thei fiang: The scale of the tragedy gradually sank in. ○ My warning obviously hasn't sunk into your thick skull. **sink into sth** (no passive) cangvai deuh lo, lungawi deuh lo dinhmun ah

feh, thleng: sink into sleep, a coma, etc. ○ Don't let yourself sink into despair. **sink sth into sth** (a) litter, pilter: sink one's teeth into a bun, ie bite it. ○ sink a knife into butter. (b) leilawnnak hrangih sumhram ah hman: They sank all their profits into (ie used them to buy) property. □ **sinking fund** cozah, company pawlin nuam tete in leibak samnak ding hrangah a dangte ih retmi tangka.

**sink**<sup>2</sup> /sɪnk/ *n* **1** kut, khukheng, hanghnah hangrah etc dinhmunih kholhnak kheng phunkhat; kahpathir (steel), lole, hol (cui) thawn tuah mi; phar ah thawn thei loin ben cihmi; timerh a nei-ih hmancia tidai dokter dingah a taw-ah tidawng thawn pehmi a ong ummi. **2** (US) thil kholhnak ih hmanmi kheng kuum. **3** malte sung tidai baal khawlnak sinnei khur. **4** (idm) **everything but the kitchen sink** ⇒ KITCHEN.

**sinker** /sɪnkɛr/ **1** ngasio; sur parih thlaihmi suan. **2** (idm) **hook, line and sinker** ⇒ HOOK<sup>1</sup>.

**Sino-** (also **sino-**) *comb form* Tuluk, Tuluk thawn a pehparmi: *sinology* ○ *Sino-Japanese*.

**sinology** /sɪnɒlədʒi/ *n* [U] Tuluk ram, an ṭong le nunphung thuhla pawl zohfel le zirnak, theihnak.

▷ **sinologist** *n* tuluk thuhla a thei cetu minung.

**sinuous** /sɪnjuəs/ *adj* a king a kawi a merh a kual tam: the sinuous movements of the dancer ○ the river's sinuous course.

▷ **sinuosity** /sɪnjuʊsɪti/ *n* (infml) **1** [U] a kawi a merh a kual sinak. **2** [C] kual, kel, kawi.

**sinus** /sɪnəs/ *n* ruh ih ummi a ong tete, a bikin, luruh le hnar pehtu ruh ih a ong tete.

▷ **sinusitis** /sɪnɪsaɪtɪs/ *n* sinus tuamtu taksa patte thling nat.

**-sion** ⇒ -ION.

**sip** /sɪp/ *v* (**-pp-**) [I, Tn] maltete in in; hluk, duk, hawp, dawkw, dawp: drink one's tea, sipping noisily ○ sip one's coffee.

**sip** *n* hluk, hawp, dawkw; tohphir, dawkw khat tivek: a few sips of brandy.

**siphon** /sɪfɒn/ *n* **1** caat; caat vek thil thlornak. **2** (also **soda siphon**) soda palang sungih soda ti amahte ih suahnak dawngte. **3** cucik-kharbok le ramsa hrekkhat ih an thil dawknak (an taksa thawn a peh-awmi).

▷ **siphon** *v* (phr v) **siphon sth into/out of sth**; **siphon sth off/out** caat thawn a tiimi thil kha hmunkhat in hmun khat ah luangter: siphon petrol from a car into a can ○ siphon off all the waste liquid. **siphon sb/sth off** (infml often derog) hmunkhat in hmunkhat ah ṭhawn — a mawi lo le dik lo zawngin: The big clubs siphon off all the best players. ○ She siphoned off the profits from the business into her account.

**sir** /sɜːr/ *n* **1** (a) (upatnak in pacang kawhnak) saya; pu: Yes, sir. ○ Are you ready to order, sir? ○ Sir, it is my duty to inform you that.... (b)



sazapa tican. Cf MISS<sup>2</sup> 2. **2 Sir** (cakuat le dilnak ngan thoknak ih hmanmi): *Dear Sir/Sirs*. **3 Sir** /sER/ hmin thatnak ih pekmi hmin (hmin hmai ih nganmi): *Sir Edward* ○ *Sir John Jackson*. **4** (idm) **no sir!** (US infml) a si hrimhrim lo, fiangtein, a si lo: *I never smoke, no sir!*

**sire** /saler/ n (ramsa-ah) ramsa cithlahtu, hringtu pa: *the sire of many successful racehorse*.

▷ **sire** v [Tn] (ramsa-ah) cithlah: *a filly sired by a famous racehorse*.

**siren** /salerEn/ n **1** awnringsau; thutheih ternak, ralrin peknak hrangah aw-ring saupi ih awnternak thilri — ambulance, cet-zung, tivek ih retmi thil awnternak phun: *an air raid siren* ○ *a police siren* ○ *an ambulance/a fire-engine racing along with its sirens wailing*. **2** (Greek thuanthu ah) hlasak thiam zet thlanei lasi fala a si ih, lawng hlautu pawl kha thihnak an ton ding tiangin hlathawn a leem theu ti a si. **3** mi a hip thei zet, tih nung zet ti ih ruat mi nunau.

**sirloin** /3:ICIn/ n [U, C] caw hnaknem sa: *a slice of sirloin* ○ *a top quality sirloin*.

**sirocco** /slrBKEU/ n (pl ~ s) Africa ihsin Italy lam ih a hrangmi, thlisa, thlidaam.

**sirup** (US) ⇒ SYRUP.

**sisal** /salsl/ n [U] sisa timi hramkung ihsin ngahmi hri: [attrib] *sisal grass, fibre, rope, etc*. **2** [C] sisal kung.

**sissy** (also **cissy**) /sIsI/ n (infml derog) nunau vek, a ralhrut tlangval, lolo, pacang: *You daren't jump down, you sissy!* ○ [attrib] *sissy game, behaviour*.

**sister** /slster/ n **1** far, farnu, suahpi nunau: *my, your, his, etc big sister*. ○ *She has been like a sister to me*, ie ka farnu veki a um. **2** (used esp by feminist women) nunaupi pawl: *They support their sisters in their dispute*. **3** (US, infml) (nunau pakhat kha aw-ka tha in ka far, nute ti ih kawhna a si): *Come on, sister, hurry along!* **4** (Brit) nurse hnakin a sang deuh sizung sayama. **5 Sister** pasal nei nawn lo dingin biaknak lamah pum pekih hnatuantu nunau (me-ti-lah): *the Little Sisters of the Poor*. **6** [attrib] (tangphawlawng le pawlkom lamah) a phun bangrep ih tuahmi: *After the disaster, tests were made on the tanker's sister vessels*. ○ *Our sister college in Cambridge*.

▷ **sisterhood** n **1** [U] sister 1, 2 ta veki, sister vekih pekhaih-awknak (feminist nunau pawlih hmandan a si deuh). **2** [Gp] duhdan le tumtahnak bangrep nunau pawlkhawm.

**sisterly** adj sister vek a simi, sister thawn a pehparmi: *sisterly love, a sisterly kiss*.

□ **sister-in-law** n (pl ~ s-in-law) nupi, pasal ih suahpi nunau; mo.

**sit** /sit/ v (-tt; pt, pp **sat** /sFt/) **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] to: *Never stand when you can sit*. ○ *Are you sitting*

*comfortably?* ○ *sit on a chair, on the floor, in an armchair, etc*. ○ *sit at (a) table to eat* ○ *sit on a horse*. (b) [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sb) (down); ~ **one-self down** toter, a to veki umter; ret, toh: *She sat (down) on the chair and took her shoes off*. ○ *He lifted the child and sat (ie seated) her on the wall*. ○ *Sit yourself down and tell us what happened*. ○ (fig) *We must sit down together and settle our differences*. **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (for sb) taang tlunlam zuk (portrait), zuk suai thiamtu ih zuk ding ah to; tosak: *I sat everyday for a week until the painting was finished*. ○ *sit for a famous painter*. **3** [I] (of a parliament, lawcourt, committee, etc) tokham, meeting kai: *The House of Commons was still sitting at 3 am*. **4** [I, Ipr] (a) (of birds) fu, to: *a sparrow sitting on a branch*. (b) (of certain animals, esp dogs) uicoto veki to: *'Sit!' she told the dog*. **5** [I] (of birds) op, khawm: *The hen sits for most of the day*. **6** [I, Ipr] ~ (on sb) (usu followed by an adv) (of clothes) a tawk, taksa thawn a kaih: *a dress that sits well, loosely, etc on sb*. ○ *That coat sits badly across the shoulders*. ○ (fig) *His new found prosperity sits well on him*, ie suits him well. **7** [Ipr] umdan phunkhat ih um ringring, um: *The book's still sitting on my shelf*, ie I haven't read it. ○ *The farm sits on top of the hill*. **8** [Ipr, Tn] ~ (for) sth camibuai tuah dingah to, camibuai tuah: *sit (for) an exam/a test* ○ *sit for a scholarship*. **9** (idm) **sit at sb's feet** mi pakhat ih tlawngta, dungthlun ah cang: *She sat at the feet of Freud himself*. **sit in judgement (on/over sb)** thuneihnak nei lo, siang loin mi ih thu va then sak: *How dare you sit in judgement on me?* **sit on the fence** a kalhaw mi thu pahnih karlakah, um; zumnak lamah, khui lam tan ding ti thu then thei lo, thu tan loin um. **sit on one's hands** ziang hman tuah loin um: *Are you going to sit on your hands while she does all the work?* **a sitting duck** kah ol, do ol minung: *Without my gun, I'm a sitting duck for any terrorist*. **sitting pretty** (infml) midang vantha lo lai ah vantha dinhmun ah um: *I was properly insured so I'm sitting pretty*. **sit tight** (a) mah umhmun ah um remrem: *All others ran away, but I sat tight*. (b) tuah ding pakhat tuah duh loin, a sung pe lo ih um remrem: *She threatened us with dismissal if we didn't agree, but we all sat tight*. **sit up (and take notice)** hmakhatte ah thu ngai ih thupi ah ruat lohli: *I called her a damned hypocrite and that made her sit up*. ○ *This news made us all sit up and take notice*.

**10** (phr v) **sit around** ziang tuah zuam lo, ziang ti thei lo ih to rero men: *I've been sitting around for the phone to ring all day*. **sit back** (a) (tokham ah) nuam huahho in to: *I sat back and enjoyed a cup of tea*. (b) hnatuan hnuah zianghman tuan loin cawlum: *I like to sit back*

and rest in the evening. ○ Are you going to sit back and let me do everything?

**sit down under sth** (fml) el lo, ziang hman phunzai lo ih um: *He should not sit down under these accusations.*

**sit for sth** (no passive) (Brit) Member of Parliament (MP) cang dingah hmunkhat in cuh ve: *I sit for Bristol West.*

**sit in** duh lo, el ti langter duh ah inn pakhat tivek ah umhnawh: *The workers are sitting in against the factory closures.*

**sit in on sth** thurelnak hmunah thureltu siloin a zohtu, a theitu men si dingah telve: *The teachers allowed a pupil to sit in on their meeting.*

**sit on sth** (a) (no passive) committee, jury tivek ah tel: *How many people sit on the commission?* (b) (infml) tuah loin ret ringirng: *They have been sitting on my application for a month.* **sit on sb** nun sim, tiam: *I have to sit on the class when they get too rowdy.* ○ *She thinks she knows every thing, and needs sitting on.*

**sit out** a lenglam ah to: *The garden's so love, I think I'll sit out.*

**sit sth out** (a) puai tivek ah a cem tiangin to: *sit out a boring play.* (b) laam pakhat khat ah tel ve loin to men: *I think I'll sit out the rumba.*

**sit through sth** zoht̃ha puai tivekah a thokin a cem tiang to: *I can't sit through six hours of Wagner!*

**sit up** (for sb) ih caan luan tiang it lo ih mi hngak, to; zanvar: *I shall get back late, so don't sit up (for me).* ○ *The nurse sat up with the patient all night.* ○ *We sat up late watching a film on TV.* **sit (sb) up** to ter: *The patient is well enough to sit up in bed now.* ○ *We sat the baby up to feed her.* ○ *Sit up straight.* Cf SIT UP (AND TAKE NOTICE).

□ **sit-down** n 1 (also **sit-down strike**) an dilmi ngah hlan lo tiang an cet zung (hnaʔuannak hmun) long in hnaʔuan lo ih um(nak). 2 [attrib] (of a meal) to hmunih rawl kensak: *a sit-down lunch.*

**sit-in** n to-in el, duhlonak langter (dodalnak phunkhat): *a sit-in at the city council offices.*

**sitting members** (Brit) (hril-awknak pi ah) neta hril salnak tiang tohmun a neimi, hrilnak ih a telu.

**sitting-room** n (esp Brit) LIVING-ROOM (LIVING<sup>2</sup>) tonak khan, mileng khan.

**sitting tenant** inn khan ih um laitu tenant (a um laimi inn hlangtu): *It's difficult to sell a house with a sitting tenant.*

**sitar** /sɪtɑːR, /sɪtɑːR/ n vai (kala) guitar.

**sitcom** /sɪtkBm/ n (infml) = SITUATION COMEDY (SITUATION).

**site** /saɪt/ n 1 innhmun, khuahmun tivek a um dahnak, tulai-ih a umnak, a um lehnak ding hmun: *built on the site of a Roman fort* ○ *a site*

*for a new school* ○ *deliver the materials to the building site* ○ *I picked a sheltered site for the tent.* 2 thil pakhat a cannak hmun, lole, a can leh dingnak hmun: *the site of the battle* ○ *Rescue workers rushed to the site of the plane crash.*

▷ **site** [Tn, Tn-pr] toh, ret, sak: *a factory sited next to a railway line* ○ *Is it safe to site a power station here?*

**sitter** /sɪtɜː/ n 1 zuk suai, lole camera thawn zuk dingih totu. 2 (a) zam lo, caang lo ih totu vate. 2 (sl) tuah, kaih tivek ol: *The purse in her handbag was a sitter for any thief.* 3 (with an adj) optu arpinu: *a good/poor sitter.* 4 (infml) = BABY-SITTER (BABY).

**sitting** /sɪtɪŋ/ n 1 tuʔhentu zung, parliament tivek ah a pehpeh in meeting an tuah caan: *during a long sitting.* 2 rawl ei/pek caan (to ziat) ti bangtuk: *The dining hall is small, so there are two sittings for lunch.* ○ *About 100 people can be served at one sitting.* 3 tohkhat ah, tumkhat ah, veikhat ah: *finish reading a book at one sitting.* 4 kut thawn zuku suai tuar dingih to caan (voi ziat to): *The portrait was completed after six sittings.* 5 arpi ih a op zat arti.

**situate** /sɪtʃuːt/; US /sɪtsuːt/ v [Tn-pr esp passive] (fml) inn, khua tivek kha hmun pakhat toh, to: *The company wants to situate its headquarters in the north.* ○ *The village is situated in a valley.* ○ *Where will the school be situated?*

▷ **situated** adj [pred] (of a person) umdan, dinhmun pakhat ah um: *Having six children and no income, I was badly situated.* ○ *How are you situated with regard to equipment?* ie Do you have all you need?

**situation** /sɪtsuː(eɪ)ʃn/ n 1 dinhmun, thil umtudun: *find oneself in an embarrassing situation.* ○ *get into/out of a difficult situation.* ○ *the worsening diplomatic situation.* ○ *The company is in a poor financial situation,* ie is losing money. 2 inn, khua-ih tohmun: *a beautiful situation over-looking the valley.* 3 (fml) hlawhman ngahmi hnaʔuan: *find a new situation* ○ *Situations vacant/Situations wanted,* eg as headings for newspaper advertisements from people offering or looking for jobs. 4 (idm) **save the situation** ⇨ SAVE.

▷ **situation comedy** (also infml **sitcom**) mi burkhat ih thuhla, umdan sirhsan ih tuahmi radio/TV lungawinak ih a netmi thuanthu cawn (comedy).

**six** /sɪks/ pron, det 1 paruk, 6. 2 (idm) **at sixes and sevens** (infml) buai zetin: *I haven't had time to arrange everything, so I'm all at sixes and sevens.*

▷ **six** n nambat 6.

**sixth** /sɪksθ/ pron, det 6th: *a paruknak.* —n

thenrukthen thenkhat: *save a sixth of one's income*. **sixthly** *adv*. **sixth form** (Brit) (in secondary schools) A-level camibuai tuah ding tlawngta pawl: [attrib] *a sixth-form pupil, lesson*.

**sixth-former** *n* A-level camibuai tuah ding tlawngta. six le sixth hmandan kha five le fifth hmandanah zohthim aw.

□ **sixfold** /sɪksfəʊld/ *adj, adv* **1** a let ruk: *a sixfold increase* ○ *increased sixfold*. **2** a then paruk a nei, a telmi.

**six-footer** *n* (infml) **1** piruk a sang minung. **2** piruk sau thilri.

**six-pack** *n* (esp US) palang/paruk/kuang paruk thunmi bawm, esp of beer.

**sixpence** /sɪkspens/ *n* **1** hlanlai pennies 6 man, hlanlai GB tangka (1971 hlanta). **2** pennies paruk: *It costs sixpence*.

**six-shooter** *n* zunruk puak meithal.

**sixteen** /sɪksti:n/ *pron, det* 16; hleiruk.

▷ **sixteen** *n* nambat 16.

**sixteenth** /sɪksti:nθ/ *pron, det* 16th; a hleiruknak. — *n* then hleiruk then thenkhat.

**sixteenth note** (US) = SEMIQUAVER.

For the uses of *sixteen* and *sixteenth* see the examples at *five* and *fifth*.

**sixty** /sɪksti/ *pron, det* 60; sawmruk.

▷ **sixtieth** /sɪksti:ɪ/ *pron det* 60th a sawmruknek. — *n* sawmruk then thenkhat.

**sixty** *n* 1 nambat 60. **2** the **sixties** [pl] 60 le 69 karlak a simi kum, numbers, temperature. **3** (idm) **in one's sixties** milai kum 60 le 70 karlak tar.

For the uses of *sixty* and *sixtieth* see the examples at *five* and *fifth*.

**size**<sup>1</sup> /saɪz/ *n* **1** [C, U] a tumsen; a tum le a fatetnak, a tum le a sen, a tiatlam: *a building of vast size* ○ *the car's compact size* ○ *people of all shapes and sizes* ○ *about the size of* (ie about as large as) *a duck's egg* ○ *the size of the cheque* ○ *a house of some size*, ie a fairly large house ○ *They're both of a size*, ie are the same size. **2** [C] angki, kedan tivek ih a tumsen nambat, nambat 9 tivek: *a size fifteen collar* ○ *trousers three sizes too large* ○ *I take size nine shoes* ○ *You need a smaller size*. ○ *Try this on for size*, ie to see if it fits, whether or not you like it. **3** (idm) **that's about it/about the size of it** cu ticun a si; cu tluk hrawng a si.

▷ **size** *v* **1** [Tn] tumsendan a bangmi hmunkhat ah ret. **2** (phr v) **size sb/sth up** (infml) mi/thil pakhat kha cuvek khavak a si ding tiah lungsung in ruat: *We sized each other up at our first meeting*.

**sizeable** (also **sizable**) /-eɪbəl/ *adj* a tum tawkfang: *a sizeable field, house, sum of money*.

**-sized** (forming compound *adjs*) cutia a tummi: *a medium-sized garden*.

**size**<sup>2</sup> /saɪz/ [U] cahnah le puanthan tleu seh tiah

thuhmi, lole, plaster tuahnak ih hmanmi, thilbeek phunkhat.

▷ **size** *v* [U] size thuh ih tleuter, lole, plaster tuahnak ding puanah size hnih.

**sizzle** /sɪzl/ *v* [I, Ip] (infml) thilkio tikih awn vekin cur! ti ih awn: *sausages sizzling (away) in the pan* ○ *water sizzling as it falls on a hot rock*. ○ (fig) *a sizzling hot day*.

▷ **sizzle** *v* [sing] awn cerco.

**sizzler** /sɪzliə/ *n* (infml) a sa zet ni: *Whew! what a sizzler!*

**skate**<sup>1</sup> /sket/ *n* **1** (a) (also **ice-skate**) tikhal par fehnak kedan. (b) acuih kedan tang ih bunmi thirper. **2** = ROLLER SKATE (ROLLER). **3** (idm) **get/put one's skate on** (infml) zamrang aw, nawt aw: *get your skates on or you'll miss the bus*.

▷ **skate** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn] **1** skate dan in feh; skate cuangih feh phah in thil pakhat tuah: *Can you skate?* ○ *skate along, past, over; etc* ○ *skate a figure of eight*. **2** (idm) **be skating on thin ice** lungkim awk lonak, elnak, duh lonak langternak, thuhnoknak, zonzainak a suakter mi tong le thil ti: *We could ignore him and go direct to the chairman, but we'd be skating on very thin ice*. **3** (phr v) **skate over/round sth** dingte in thilti lo, tawlrel lo; thil harsa hrial, lanhlo: *skate over a difficulty, a delicate issue* ○ *She skated round the likely cost of the plan*.

**skater** *n* skate cuangtu. **skating** *n* [U] skate lehnak: [attrib] *a skating competition, club*.

□ **skateboard** *n* a tangah leeng tete bunmi 50 cm tluk a saumi a lektu ih pal ding thingpheng — cumi tlunah dingin tlan zuamawknak, thiamdan hmuahnak tivek ah an hman.

**skateboarder** *n* skateboard cuangtu.

**skateboarding** *n* [U] skateboard cuang lehnak.

**skating-rink** *n* mahte ih ummi, lole, tuahcopmi skate lehnak tikhal rawn; roller-skate lehnak dingih tuahmi a nal zetmi hmun.

**skate**<sup>2</sup> /sket/ *n* (pl unchange or ~s) tiffinriat nga phunkhat, a tum a pheng meisau, eitha.

**skedaddle** /skɪdʌdʌl/ *v* [I] (Brit infml) (usu imperative) zamrang in feh hlo aw, tinak.

**skein** /skeɪn/ *n* **1** pat bawr, thiamtah dingih hlummi. **2** a zam rero lai hramlak rampai rualkhat.

**skeleton** /skelɪtn/ *n* **1** (a) ruh; ramsa, minung ih ruh hmuahhmuah, titsa lo hmuahhmuah, ruh-rau, ruhruang: *The child was reduced to a skeleton*, ie very thin because of hunger, illness, etc. (b) ramsa, minung ih ruh lawnglawng kha a nung lai-ih umdan vekin peh-aw thluh in retmi, tarmi, ruh sibawi tivek zir pawl zirnak ih hmanmi: *ape skeletons in the museum*. **2** (a) inn ruang: *The block is just a skeleton of girders*. (b) a terek pawl bet leh a tul ding thil ih a ruang zingmi; a tlang ranmi: *Her notes give us just the bare skeleton of her theory*. **3** [attrib] thil pakhat khat tulnak hrangah a mal bik a tulmi

minung, mawṭawka, tivek: *a skeleton crew, staff, etc.* ○ *We only have a skeleton bus service on public holidays.* **4** (idm) **a skeleton in the cupboard** mi-in thei siseh la thin hnaihnokza a si theimi thuthup: *bribery of officials and other skeletons in the government's cupboard.*

□ **skeleton key** a dangdang a ong thei hluahlumi tawhfun.

**skeptic** = SCEPTIC.

**sketch** /sketS/ *n* **1** ziang a si ti theihthei ding fang rin lawnglawng thawn zuk hruakmi zuk: *make a sketch of a face, place.* **2** a tawi zawng in a ṭulnak lawngte simnak: *a newspaper sketch of a debate in the Parliament* ○ *give a sketch of one's plans.* **3** hnihsuak tel thuanthu cawn tawi, lole hnihsuak tel cahram pakhat: *a sketch set in a doctor's surgery.* ○ *She writes satirical sketches for a magazine.*

▷ **sketch** [I, Tn] **1** rinzuk, zuk: *go into the park to sketch (flowers).* **2** (phr v) **sketch sth out** thil thuhla a thupi pi a tlangpi a tawizawng in sim: *sketch out proposals for new road* ○ *Sketch out what you intend to do.*

**sketchy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) (often derog) a terek pawl telh lo in a tlangpi lawng a simi, a kim lomi: *Your essay gives a rather sketchy treatment of the problem.* ○ *I have only a sketchy knowledge of geography.* ○ *Information about the crisis was sketchy and hard to get.* **sketchily** *adv*: *The book treats the problem rather sketchily.* **sketchi-ness** *n* [U].

□ **sketch-book**, **sketch-pad** *ns* duhduh ngannak cahnah, cabu.

**sketch-map** *n* a ṭul zat lawng a langmi kutngan, ramzuk.

**skew** /skju:/ *adj* [usu pred] a ding lo, a merh, a kawimi (zuk): *The picture is a bit skew.* Cf ASKEW.

▷ **skew** *n* (idm) **on the skew** merh, kawi, peeng, ding lo.

**skew-whiff** /skju:ʍlf/ *adj* (Brit infml) a ding lo, a merhmi: *You've got your hat on skew-whiff.*

**skewbald** /skju:bC:ld/ *n, adj* (animals, esp a horse) hmulrang le a dang (a dum a si lomi) pianzia a kulh tete in a ṭialmi. Cf PIEBALD.

**skewer** /skju:ER/ *n* sa suan tikah a dangdang ih um lonak dingah thulnak thing, rua, thir thawn tuahmi funthul.

**skewer** *v* funthul thawn thul, sun.

**ski** /ski:/ *n* kedan ah ṭawnceihmi vur parih nalnak thingpheng sau, plastic pheng sau: *a pair of skis* ○ *bind on one's skis* ○ [attrib] *a ski suit, slope, club.*

▷ **ski** *v* (pt, pp **ski'd** or **skied**, pres p **skiing**) [I, Ipr, Ip] *ski* hmangin vur parah nal, tolh, feh: *go skiing in Switzerland* ○ *ski into a village* ○ *ski past, along, down, etc.* **skier** /ski:ER/ *n* *ski* hmangih lektu minung. **skiing** *n* [U] *ski* lehnak: [attrib] *a skiing course, instructor, resort* ○

*skiing equipment, clothes.*

□ **ski-bob** *n* *ski* nei vur parih tlan zuam-awknak leeng.

**ski-jump** *n* **1** *ski* cuang phahin a zau nawnmi hmunsuk tolh hnuah, a khamnak hmun thlen vetein khir/dawp/pet (nak). **2** *ski-jump* tuahnak thlen hlanih tolhnalnak hmunsuk. **3** *ski-jump* a telmi zuam-awknak.

**ski-lift** *n* hmun so-ah, *ski* lektu pawl dirhnak, thiarnak thilri. (vantlun thirhri sihmi ihsin electric tha in a dirso ṭheu.)

**ski-plane** *n* vur parah a ṭum theimi *ski* a neimi vanzamleng.

**skid** /skld/ *n* **1** tikhal, lampi, lamkel tivek ah mawṭawka pawl rang tukih feh tikah a sir lamah tolhnal(nak): *try to get out of/correct a skid.* **2** a rit zetmi thil hnuknak, hrilhnak ih phahmi thingpheng, thingtum. **3** cawheng tivek ah, brake can ai ih hmanmi thing, lole, thir fate. **4** (idm) **put the skids under sb/sth** (sl) (a) ṭuansuak thei lo in tuah: *The government put the skids under the plan by stopping their research grant.* (b) nawtter.

**skid** *v* (-dd-) [I, Ipr, Ip] (of a car, etc) sirlam ah ṭhawn, tolh, nal: *The car skidded on the ice.* ○ *The bus skidded (on) into a wall.*

□ **skid-pan** tolh theinak hmunah ṭhatein mawngthiam seh tiah, tolhnal theizetih tuah hrimmi mawtaw mawng zirnak hmun.

**skid row** /skld rEU/ (US, sl) umnak repai nei lo farah veng.

**skies** pl of SKY.

**skiff** /sklf/ *n* minung pakhat to lawng fate.

**skiffle** /sklfl/ *n* [U] (esp Brit) hlasaktu in guitar, lole, banjo hmangin, a um um awnmawi tum ih sakmi jazz le khuahlan hla rawi-ih phuahmi hla: [attrib] *a skiffle group, song, etc.*

**skilful** (US **skillful**) /skllf/ *adj* ~ (at sth/doing sth) thiamnak a nei, a thiam zet: *a skilful painter, driver, performer* ○ *a skilful performance* ○ *skilful at inventing excuses.* **skilfully** /-fEl/ *adv.*

**skill** /skll/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (at sth/doing sth) thil pakhat khat ṭha zetih ti theinak, thiamnak: *show great skill at driving, telling stories, playing billiards.* **2** [C] a cuang deuh thiamnak: *the practical skills needed in carpentry.*

▷ **skilled** *adj* **1** ~ (in/at sth/doing sth) (a) a thiammi: *a skilled negotiator* ○ *skilled at dealing with complaints.* (b) hmuhton tam a nei ih a thiammi, zirhcia a si ih a thiammi: *a skilled worker, salesperson, etc* ○ *an actor skilled at improvising.* **2** [attrib] (of work) thiamnak hleice a ṭulmi: *a skilled job.*

**skillet** /sklllt/ *n* **1** (esp US) kutkaih sau nei thir beel (ukang) per. **2** kutkaih sau nei, thirbel fate (ke a nei ṭheu).

**skim** /sklllt/ *v* (-mm-) **1** [Tn] cawhnawi makhan (a khirh) lawk: *skim milk.* **2** (a) [Ipr, Tn no



passive] tidai dai thul, dai lo thul kan zeuhzo ih tidai par feh: *swallows skimming (over) the water/along the ground* ○ *aircraft skimming the roof-tops*. (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] tidai tlun-ah kan zeuhzo dingin lung phengete deng: *skimming pebbles (over the lake)*. 3 [Ipr, Tn] ~ (through/over) sth a thupitnak lawng hminsins in a rangrang in a kankan in casiar: *skim (through) the report in half an hour* ○ *skim over the list, looking for one's name*. 4 (phr v) **skim sth from/off sth** a ti mi thilri ihsin (cream, scum) tivek suah, lawk: *skim the cream from the milk* ○ *skim the fat off (the soup)*.

▷ **skimmer** *n* 1 a timi thilri ihsin a thau khian, a khal pawl suahnak hrangih tuahmi a ong sersimi hai (cuan). 2 tidai umnak ih a tlangmi thlasaupi nei vate phunkhat.

**skimmed milk** (also **skim milk**) a makhan, a khirh suah ciami cawhnawi, a hlap lak ciami cawhnawi.

**skimp** /sklmp/ (also **scamp** /skFmp/) [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (on sth) a fulzat hnakin mal deuh ih hman; tenren, nunthiam: *Use plenty of oil. Don't skimp!* ○ *They have to skimp on fuel in winter.* ○ *skimp material when making a dress.*

▷ **skimp** *adj* (-ier, -iest) tenren tukih tuahmi thil: *a rather skimpy meal* ○ *The dancers wore skimpy dresses, ie that did not cover much of the body.* **skimpily** *adv*: *a skimpily made dress.* **skimpiness** *n* [U].

**skin** /skln/ *n* 1 [U] vun: *a dark, olive, a fair, etc skin* ○ *She has a beautiful skin, ie complexion.* ○ [attrib] *a skin disease, treatment*. 2 [U, C] (often in compounds): *phaw hmul um khalle um lo khalle. savun, saphaw: pigskin, calfskin, sheepskin* ○ *a rabbit-skin*. 3 [C] (often in compounds) tuu, mee phaw thawn tuahmi thawl: *a wineskin*. 4 (a) [C, U] thingthei, thilkung hawng: *slip on a banana skin* ○ *grape skins*. Cf PEEL *n*. RIND, ZEST 3. (b) [C, U] saril thannak ih a hawng, saril dawng. (c) [C, usu sing] a lenglam phaw pohpoh: *the metal skin of an aircraft* ○ *a waterproof plastic skin on a metal sheet*. 5 [C, U] soh ciami cawhnawi tivek khirh, a makhan/hlap vek patte: *the skin on a milk pudding* ○ *a skin forming on the paint in the pot*. 6 (idm) **beauty is only skin deep** ⇒ BEAUTY. **be no skin off one's nose** (infml) poisa lo, a poi lo: *It's no skin off my nose if I lose this job, I can always get another one.* **by the skin of the teeth** (infml) ceuceu: *He escaped by the skin of his teeth.* **get under sb's skin** (infml) (a) hnaihok, hnoksak: *Don't let him get under your skin!* (b) nasa takin hiip, lunglut: *The charm of the place soon gets under your skin.* **have got sb under one skin** (infml) mi pakhat khat duh zet. **have, etc a hide/skin like a rhinoceros** ⇒ RHINOCEROS. **jump out of one's skin** (infml) lau: *I nearly jumped out of my skin*

*when a hand grabbed me in the dark.* **save one's (own) skin** ⇒ SAVE. (nothing but/all) **skin and bone** (infml) tawl zet: *He was all skin and bone after his illness.* **soaked/wet to the skin** (of a person) ciar thlek thlek: *We were soaked to the skin after the storm.* (have) **a thin/thick skin** (infml) zomtai, soisel tikah thin na a ol/a harmi: *You need a thick skin to be a politician.*

▷ **skin** *v* (-nn-) 1 (a) [Tn] phawhawk: *skin a rabbit, fox etc.* (b) phaw/vun hawk ko in tuahmawh: *I skinned my elbow against the wall.* 2 (idm) **deep one's eyes open/peeled/skinned** ⇒ EYE<sup>1</sup>. **skin sb alive** napi in hrem: *Your father'll skin you alive when he sees this!*

**-skinned** (forming compound adjs) a dum, a ngo tivek vun a neimi: *dark-skinned* ○ *pink-skinned*.

**skinny** *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml usu derog) tawl tuk: *You're skinny enough without going on a diet!*

□ **skin-deep** *adj* [pred] thuruat tuk lo, thutak in si lo, rei a daih lomi: *His political commitment is only skin-deep.*

**skin-diving** *n* [U] goggles, flippers, aqualung or snorkel pawl thawthawtnak ah hmangin ti sung tileuh zuam-awknak. **skin-diver** *n*.

**skin-flick** *n* (sl) hnipuan hrak lo taklawng ih zukmi ca le lemnung (a borhhlawhmi).

**skinful** /sklnfʊl/ *n* (sl) mi riter thei khop zureu, zu: *He'd had a skinful and got into a fight.*

**skin-graft** *n* mah ih vun lala, lole, mi ih vun thawn meikangnak hmun bendan (sibawi thil tuah).

**skinhead** *n* (Brit) samtawi, hrosuang thei mino.

**skin-tight** *adj* (of garment) a tetzetmi.

**skinfint** /sklnfɪnt/ *n* (infml) tangka duh tuk, ngahmi khal hman siang lo ih khawl rerotu minung.

**skip**<sup>1</sup> /sklp/ *v* (-pp-) 1 [Ipr, Ip] kekhat ah veihnih ciar dawp deudo in, rang zetih feh: *a child skipping along the road, into the house, etc* ○ *skipping along, past, out, etc* ○ *skip out of sb's way, ie by making a little jump* ○ *The lambs were skipping about in the fields*. 2 [I] hridai lan: *children skipping in the playground* ○ *skipping games*. 3 (a) [Ipr, Ip] (infml) tumtah cianak um loin hmunkhat ihsin hmunkhat feh; lan vivo: *skip over/across to Paris for the weekend.* ○ (fig) *She skipped from one subject to another.* (b) [I, Ipr, Ip, Tnh no passive] ~ (out of ...) ~ (off) thupte le rangzet in hmun pakhat ihsin suak/tlan hlo: *skip (out of) the country with the stolen money* ○ *skip off without saying anything to anyone*. 4 [Tn] meeting, class, etc tivek kai loin um: *skip a lecture, an appointment, a class, etc*. 5 [I, Tn] kaan; taan lan: *I read the whole book without skipping (a page).* ○ *Skip the first chapter and start on page 25.* ○ *He*

managed to skip the washing-up. **6** (idm) **skip it!** (infml) *ʔong/sim bet nawn hlah: I've heard enough about your job, so skip it!*

▷ **skip** *n* dawp hleuhlo(nak): a hop, a skip and a jump.

□ **skipping-rope** hrilannak ding hrilmhim ih tuah mi hri.

**skip<sup>2</sup>** /sklp/ *n* sin nei lo hnawmhne hlonnak thirkuang tumpi: [attrib] *skip hire*.

**skipper** /sklpER/ *n* **1** nga kaihnak lawng, lole, thil phurnak tangphawlawng fate ih captain (lawnghotu). **2** (infml) cricket, bawhlung tivek ih captain (hotu). **3** (esp US) vanzamleng captain (hotu).

▷ **skip-per** *v* [Tn] bawhlung team, lawng tivek hotu (captain) va cang.

**skirl** /sk3:l/ *n* [sing] fem, sang, ring zetmi aw.

**skirmish** /sk3:mIS/ *n* ralring cia lo, ralkap malte, lawng tivek do-awknak: a brief skirmish on the frontier. ○ (fig) a skirmish between the two party leaders. Cf PITCHED BATTLE (PITCH<sup>2</sup>).

▷ **skir-mish** *v* skirmish do awknak ah do ve.

**skir-misher** *n*.

**skirt** /sk3:t/ *n* **1** [C] (a) taifen; hnisur; tai-ah ʔawn/benmi nunau angki/hni sur. (b) hnipuan ih tai tanglam a ʔhen. **2** [C] leng, cet pawlih a tanglam kap phentu thilri: the rubber skirt round the bottom of hovercraft. **3** skirts [pl] = OUT SKIRTS. **4** (dated sexist sl) (a) [U] a tlangpi in, nunau hi nupi hrang men a si ti ih hmuhnak: a bit of skirt. (b) cuti vekih hmuh a tuartu nunau.

▷ **skirt** [Ipr, Tn] **1** a tlangkap ah um, lole, a tlang kap zawh: We skirted (round) the field and crossed the bridge. ○ The road skirts the forest. **2** (phr v) **skirt round sth** a pial zawng le a hel zawngih thil ti: She skirted round the problem of the high cost.

□ **skirting-board** (Brit) (US baseboard) phar taikap; phar tanglam tlang ah zial dai in a phei lamih khenmi thing pheng.

**skit** /sklt/ *n* ~ (on sth) hnihsuhsai, capoh ca, lole, a thupimi mi pakhat ih umdan cawnnak thuanthucawn tawite, lole, mi pakhat kha hnihsuah sainak ih hmannak: a skit on Wagner/ on 'Macbeth'.

**skittish** /skltIS/ *adj* **1** (of horse) uk a har, a cakvak, lek a hmanngmi. **2** (of people) thungapi si lemloin tlangval/falat thiam, a ler nawn; cakvak, lek duhmi: She gets very skittish when her boy-friend is around.

▷ **skittishly** *adv*.

**skittishness** *n* [U].

**skittle** /skltl/ *n* **1** [C] skittle lehnak ih hmanmi palang pian ih salhmi thing. **2** skittles [sing v] skittle pawl hrilthluk. Cf NINEPIN, TENPIN, BOWLING. **3** (idm) **beer and skittles** ⇒ BEER.

▷ **skittle** *v* (phr v) **skittle sb out** (in cricket) khatlam pawlih lehcan cemter, that: The whole

side was skittled out for 10 runs.

**skive** /skalv/ *v* [I, Ip] ~ (off) (Brit sl) hnaʔuannak hmunah feh lo, lole, hnaʔuannak hmun feh lo ih hrial: He's usually skiving down at the pub when there's gardening to be done. ○ She always skives off early.

▷ **skiver** *n* (Brit sl) a hrialtu, a pelhtu.

**skivvy** /sklv/ *n* (Brit infml derog) (usu female) inn thianfai, puansawp tivek ʔuantu hnen-um: I'm no better than (ie I'm treated like) a skivvy in this house.

▷ **skivvy** *v* (pt, pp skivved) [I, Ipr] ~ (for sb) (Brit infml) skivvy hnen-um ʔuan, lole, skivvy vekin ʔuan: She refused to skivvy for the whole family.

**skua** /skju:E/ *n* seagull, ti laileng tumpi pawl.

**skulduggery** (also **skull**) /skvl(dVgEr)/ *n* [U] (often joc) thuphanper ih mibumnak; thilʔha lo tuah ding ih tumtahnak: a career ruined by political skulduggery.

**skulk** /skvlk/ *v* [Ipr, Ip] (derog) ningzak nawn vekin thupaw, tawivak, lole, tuah duhmi thilʔha lo thup tum: I don't want reporters skulking around (my house). ⇒ Usage at PROWL.

**skull** /skvl/ *n* **1** luruh: The fall fractured his skull.

**2** (idm) a thick skull ⇒ THICK.

**-skulled** (forming compound adjs): thick skulled, ie having a thick skull; stupid.

□ **skull and cross-bones** ruh pahnih kalhaw parah luruh a cuangmi zuk; hlan ahcun tipi parih suamhmang (da-miah) pawlih thantar (aa-lan) a si ih, atu ahcun ʔihnung ti langternak zuk a si, thih sii palang, electric ʔhuam tivek ah ralrinnak peknak ih ben a si ʔheu.

**skull-cap** *n* luthlung kiangkap a khuh theimi bial verver lukhuh per fate, Jew mipa pawlin thla an cam tikah an khuh, Catholic bishop pawlin khal an hmanng.

**skunk** /skVNk/ *n* **1** (a) (also **polecats**) [C] sorsia. (b) [U] sorsia phaw (a hmul tel in). **2** [C] (infml) nautat tlak: How could you cheat your own children, you skunk!

▷ **skunk** *v* [Tn] (US sl) pumhlum in neh.

**sky** /skal/ *n* **1** (a) [U, sing] (usu the sky when [sing] but a sky or skies [pl] when modified by an adj) van: a patch of blue sky ○ birds flying up into the sky ○ under the open sky, ie lengah. (b) **skies** [pl] van ih a langmi nikhua: a day of rain and cloudy skies ○ the sunny skies of Italy.

**2** (idm) **pie in the sky** ⇒ PIE. **praise, etc sb/sth to the skies** a lawmmam tukin porh, lawm: The teacher was extolling her work to the skies. **the sky's the limit** (infml saying) a cemnet a um lo, tawp nei lo: You could win millions! The sky's the limit!

▷ **sky** *v* (pt, pp skied /skald/) [Tn] bawhlung tivek kha saang zetah sit/hlon/deng.

□ **sky-blue** *adj*, *n* [U] (of the) vandum pianzia (a mepian deuhmi), van rong.

**sky-diver** *n* [C], **sky-diving** *n* [U] vanzamleng par in dawpih, tawk a ti tikah maih parachute ong dingin tuah a simi lehnak ih a teltu minung.

**sky-high** *adj, adv* a saangzet, saang zetin: *Prices are sky-high at the moment.* ○ *The bomb blew the house sky-high.*

**skylark** *n* van saangpi ah zam phah in hla a sak rero theimi vate, khanlei (Zanniat); cangkham ah kua vit in a ummi vate, tlakor. — *v* [I, Ip] = LARK.

**skylight** *n* khuatleu luhnak canphio (canphio-tleu).

**skyline** *n* van sirhsan in a langmi inn, thingkung, tlang tivek: *the New York skyline.*

**sky-rocket** *v* [I] (of prices, etc) vanban in kai: *sky-rocketing costs.*

**skyscraper** *n* dot tamzet sang inn.

**skywards** /ˈskɑːlwɛdz/ (also **skyward** /-wɛd/) *adj, adv* vanlam ah; a tlunlam ah: *the skywards path of the rocket* ○ *hit the ball skywards.*

**sky-writing** *n* [U] vanzamleng in, a taw-ih suakmi meikhu hmangin van ih nganmi ca-thuthannak ah an hmang.

**slab** /sɪlɒb/ *n* a sahmi killi nei lung, thing, cheese tivek pheng: *paved with stone slabs* ○ *massive slabs of rock* ○ *a slab of cheese, chocolate.*

**slack**<sup>1</sup> /sɪlɒk/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** a dor: *a slack rope* ○ *The boxer's jaw went slack.* ○ *Your grip on the bar is too slack.* **2** (a) ~ (at/about sth) (of a person) ziangsiar lem lo, thazaang suah lem lo ih ummi: *He's been getting slack and making silly mistakes.* ○ *Don't get slack about doing your exercises.* (b) ralringte in tuah lo, khuakhan lomi; a hnget khoh lo, a dormi: *Organization of the conference was rather slack.* **3** (of business) thil leitu um lem lo, thilkhawng lem lo, hnaṭuan tam lo: *Trade is slack in winter.* ○ *Demand is slack over the summer months.* **4** (esp of water) a luan a cak lo mi (tidai).

▷ **slack v** **1** [I] zangzel in hnaṭuan hrial: *Stop slacking and get on with that digging!* **2** (phr v) **slack off/up** (a) ṭuankel vekin ṭuan loin ṭhum deuh: *After intense work in the summer, we are slacking off now.* (b) cahdan ṭhum deuh in feh: *Slack off/up as you approach the junction.* **slack (sth) up** hri tivek dorter.

**slacker** *n* (infml) zangzel ih hnaṭuan hrial thei.

**slackly** *adv*: *ropes hanging slackly between the boat and the quay* ○ *The firm had been run rather slackly.*

**slackness** *n* [U].

**slack**<sup>2</sup> /sɪlɒk/ *n* **1** [U] hri tivek ih a dornak zawn: *too much slack in the tow-rope.* **2** **slacks** [U] menmen caan ih hrukmi bawngbi dor, nunau mipa innih hmanmi: *a pair of slacks.* **3** [U] a ṭhami lungmeihol pawl lak ṭheh hnu-ih a tangmi lungmeihol vut. **4** (idm) **take up the**

**slack** (a) dor lo dingin rin/dir/cai: *The tractor took up the slack and pulled the trailer out of the mud.* (b) (in industry) hman tuk lomi ramsung um thilri pawl kha thil ṭhaṭha tuahnak ah hmang sal.

**slacken** /sɪlɒkən/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] dor, dorter, thlah deuh, thlah phoih: *The rope slackened.* ○ *slacken the reins* ○ *slacken one's grip.* **2** [I, Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (off/up) fungter deuh: *The ship's speed slackened.* ○ *After hours of digging, we began to slacken up a little.* ○ *Slacken (off) your speed as you approach the village.*

**slag** /sɪlɒg/ *n* **1** [U] thir-eek. **2** [C] (Brit derog sl) ziaza borhhlawh nei ih ruahmi, upat tlak lo ah ruahmi nunau.

▷ **slag v** (-gg-) (phr v) **slag sb off** (Brit sl) mi ih thuhla kha a mawi lo, a dik lo pi in mi thin hengter dingih ṭong le soisel: *Now he's left, she's always slagging off her old boss.*

□ **slag-heap** *n* thir laihsak khur ihsin ngahmi thir-ek pen.

**slain** *pp* of SLAY.

**slake** /sleɪk/ *v* [Tn] **1** diriamter: *slake one's thirst with a cup of tea.* ○ (flm) *Has this murderer slaked his lust for blood yet?* **2** lung-ur vut (thung) le tidai rawi/kom.

**slalom** /sɪləˈlɒm/ *n* **1** a kingkawi daan ding kha alaan pawl phun ih hmuhmi lam kingkawi zawh in ski cuangih vurpar tlan zuamnak: *win the slalom* ○ [attrib] *a slalom race, champion, course.* **2** nambat **1** nak vekih tuahmi lam kingkawi zawh in lawng, water-skis zuamawknak.

**slam** /sɪlɒm/ *v* (-mm-) **1** [I, Tn, Tn-p, Cn-a] ~ (sth) (to/shut) na pi in ring zet ih khar: *The door slammed (to).* ○ *Slam the window (shut).* ○ *He slammed the lid down.* **2** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] na zetin ret, tul, hlon, kiang: *slam one's brakes on* ○ *She slammed the box down on the table.* ○ *The batsman slammed the ball straight at a fielder.* **3** [Tn] (infml) hrang zetin, nasa zetin soisel: *a play slammed by the reviewers* ○ *The minister was slammed by the press for the cuts.* **4** (idm) **shut/slam the door in sb's face** ⇒ DOOR.

▷ **slam n** (usu sing) napi ih thil kharmi awn: *the slam of a car door.*

**slander** /sɪləndər/ *US* /sɪlɒn-/ *n* [C, U] mi thangsiatnak ṭong: *a vicious slander* ○ *a case of slander* ○ *bring an action against sb for slander*, ie use sb for slander in a law court. Cf LIBEL.

▷ **slan-der v** [Tn] mi thangsiat (thuphan per in).

**slanderer** /-dɛrɛr/ *n*.

**slandorous** /-dɛrɛs/ *adj*: *a slandorous attack, accusation.* **slandorously** *adv*.

**slang** /sɪlɒŋ/ *n* [U] (abbr **sl** in this dictionary) ṭongler, lerṭong, eg slag cu thir-ek asinain sl (ṭongler) cun slag cu nunau ṭhalo tican ah

hman a si; grass cu hrampi asinain *sl* (tongler) ahcun grass cu mi zuartu tican a si: *army, prison, railway, etc slang* ○ [attrib] a *slang word, expression, etc.* Cf COLLOQUIAL INFORMAL **3**.

▷ **slang** *v* [Tn] (*infml*) **1** sup-aw loin thinheng zetin tong siasia ih kaw, cam: *The driver was slanging a pedestrian who had got in his way.* **2** (idm) **a slanging match** thinheng zetin tong sup lo ih to-aw, camriam-aw, sawi-aw neknek. **slangy** *adj* slang vek a simi, slang tel: *a slangy style.* **slanginess** *n* [U].

**slant** /slant/ *US* slFnt/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr esp passive] sawn eg cangan tikah a tungte ih ngan loin vorh lamah sawn (a paisat) in ngan: *Her handwriting slants from left to right.* ○ *The picture is slanted to the left.* **2** [Tn] (*usu derog*) hmuhdan phunkhat in a peng ih thusim, tong: *slant the story to protect the minister* ○ *She slanted the report so that I was made to appear incompetent.*

▷ **slant** *n* **1** slope. **2** (*infml*) a suknak, a sukdan eg innkhuh canphio a sukdan, hrapdan, saihrem vek sat tiki namhma sukdan theudan hmuimel vek pawl. **3** (idm) **on a/the slant** a sukmi; a paisatmi; a sawngzawng a simi; a ding lomi.

**slanted** *adj* thinlung ih umcia hmuhdan in a hruaimi ruadhan phun a simi: *a rather slanted account of the meeting.*

**slantingly, slantwise** /-walz/ *adv* a ding loin, a kai in; a paisat zawngin: *a picture hanging slantwise.*

**slap** /slFp/ *v* (-pp-) **1** [Tn] kut zaphak, lole, thilper thawn beng, vuak: *slap sb's face/sb on the face* ○ *People slapped me on the back after the fight, ie to congratulate me.* **2** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] deng, phom, sep: *slapped the money on the counter* ○ *slap some paint onto a wall* ○ *He slapped the book down (on the table).* **3** (phr *v*) **slap sb down** (*infml*) ruahnak pek, tong tummi tong thei loin kham, cawlter: *She tried to object, but the chairman slapped her down.* **slap sth on sth** (*infml*) thilri ih a man ngaingai parah a hlei bet (in zuar): *They've slapped 10p on the price of cigarettes.*

▷ **slap** *n* **1** zabeng awn, bengvek awn; beng: *I heard a loud slap behind me.* ○ *give sb a slap on the back.* **2** (idm) **slap and tickle** (*Brit infml joc*) (fala tlangval) nasa takin pom-aw, hnam-aw tivek: *a bit of slap and tickle on the sofa.* **a slap in the face** nautat, zokzet, hmuhsuam: *It was a bit of a slap in the face when she refused to see me.*

**slap** (also **slap-bang**) *adv* (*infml*) **1** dingte in, pial loin: *The car ran slap (-bang) into the wall.* **2** rori ah, ciah ah: *She stood slap (-bang) in the middle of the path, so I couldn't get past.*

**slapdash** /slFpdFS/ *adj, adv* nawtzet le ralring

loin tuah: *slapdash work* ○ *a slapdash worker* ○ *do one's work slapdash/in a slapdash way.*

**slap-happy** /slFp (hFpl/ *adj* (*infml*) thil thupiter lo, poisa lo in lungawi huahho, nuam huahho men: *too slap-happy in his attitude to schoolwork.*

**slapstick** /slFpstlk/ *n* [U] capoh thuanthucawn: [attrib] *slapstick comedy.*

**slap-up** /slFpVp/ *adj* [attrib] (*Brit infml*) (rawl) a thawzet, a kimzet: *a slap-up dinner at an expensive restaurant.*

**slash** /slFS/ *v* **1** [Ipr, Tn, Ca-n] sat, vat; funghreu/savun hridai thawn mi thawi: *slash through the rope with a sword* ○ *The blade slashed his leg (open).* **2** [Tn] hmakhatte in thum, malter: *slash costs, prices, numbers* ○ *a government promise to slash taxes.* **3** [Tn esp passive] mawinak hrangah-a sungta hnipuan langter duh ah-hnipuan ah a ong tete tuah: *slashed sleeves*, ie cut so that the lining or material underneath can be seen. **4** [Tn] roh tuk in soisel: *a government plan slashed by the press.* **5** (phr *v*) **slash at sth (with sth)** fung, nam tivek hmangin vat: *slashing at the tall weeds with a stick* ○ *slashing wildly at his opponent with a sword.* **slash one's way through, past, etc sth** vat phah in feh vivo: *slashing our way through the jungle with long knives.*

▷ **slash** *n* **1** [C] (a) vatnak; satnak: *a wild slash with a sword.* (b) hliamhma sau. (c) hnipuan ah vitmi ong. **2** [C] (*Brit*) 25/7/1949 ah 25 le 7 dungih rinmi vek rintluk. **3 a slash** (*Brit sl*) zinthawh: *have a quick slash.*

**slat** /slFt/ *n* a sirlam zim a thuah-aw vivomi thing, thir, plastic per; Venetian blind ta vek.

▷ **slatted** *adj*: *a bed with a slatted pine base.*

**slate** /slelt/ *n* **1** (a) [U] calung lungper: *slate-coloured*, ie blue-grey. ○ [attrib] *a slate quarry.* (b) [C] inn tlunkhuh ih hmanmi lungper, lungpheng: [attrib] *a slate roof.* **2** [C] calung. **3** [C] (*US*) hrilnak hrangih hmin cazin: *on the Democratic slate.* **4** (idm) (**put sth on th slate** (*infml*) leibak cazin ah ret: *I've no change, could you put these eggs on the slate?* **wipe the slate clean** ⇒ WIPE.

▷ **slate** *v* **1** [Tn] lungto perin inn tlun khuh. **2** (*US infml*) (a) [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (for sth)** hnañuan tivek kha cupa cunu pek siseh ti ih ruahnak pek: *slated for the Presidency.* (b) [esp passive: Tn-pr, Cn-t] ~ **sth (for...)** a tikcu khiah: *a meeting slated for Thursday/to take place on Thursday.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth (for sth)** (*Brit infml*) thuthang ca tivek sungin nasatak ih soisel: *slate a play, book, writer* ○ *The idea got slated by the committee.*

**slaty** *adj* slate vek, lole, slate tel: *slaty coal.*

**slattern** /slFTEn/ *n* (*fml derog*) a bal ih sinfen a felfai lomi nunau.

▷ **slatternly** *adj* (*fml derog*) (of a woman) a bal,



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sinfen fel lo.

**slatternliness** *n* [U].

**slaughter** /sɪl:tɛr/ *n* [U] **1** ei ding hrang ramnung thahnak. **2** veikhat thah ih mi tampi thahnak: *the slaughter of innocent civilians* ○ *the slaughter on the roads*, ie accident in mi tampi thiter. **3** (infml) pumhlum in nehnak, nehtuar, sung: *the total slaughter of the home team*.

▷ **slaughter** *v* [Tn] **1** (a) ei dingah that: *slaughter pigs by humane methods*. (b) ramnung/minung tampi that: *thousands slaughtered by the invading army*. **2** (fig infml) lehpannak tivek ah neh neknak: *We slaughtered them at hockey*.

□ **slaughterhouse** (also **abattoir**) *n* sathahnak inn.

**slave** /sleɪv/ *n* **1** sal: *treat sb like a slave* ○ [attrib] *slave labour, owners*. **slave of/to sth** umdan, thilri duhtuknak tivek ih ukmi minung: *a slave to duty, convention, drink* ○ *a slave of fashion*, ie person who wears only the latest fashions.

▷ **slave** *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (away) (at sth) natukin hnaʔuan: *slaving (away) in the garden for hours* ○ *I've been slaving at the housework all day*.

**slaver** *n* **1** sal lei le zuartu. **2** sal phurnhak thangphawlawng.

**slavery** /sleɪvəri/ *n* [U] **1** sal sinak: *sold into slavery*. **2** salneihnak: *people working to abolish slavery*. **3** a har zetmi, lole, hlawhman maltuk ngahmi hnaʔuan. Cf **WHITE SLAVERY** (**WHITE**<sup>1</sup>).

□ **slave-driver** *n* **1** sal khawngtu. **2** (fig derog) a kut tang/a khawngmi minung pawl na tuk ih hnaʔuan tertu.

**slave-trade** (also **slave-traffic**) *n* [sing] sal lei le zuar hnaʔuan.

**slaver** /sɪfɜːr/ *v* [I, Ipr] **1** ~ (over sth) thil duhtukih cilri tlak; cilri put: *slaving over a plate of spaghetti*. **2** ~ (over sb/sth) (use derog) hiar tuk, duhtuknak langter: *Stop slaving over that baby!* ○ *The dealer was slaving over some precious stones*.

▷ **slaver** *n* [U] = **SALIVA**.

**slavish** /sleɪvɪʃ/ *adj* (derog) mahte ih um/ding thei lo; mi hngohsan tuk; mahte ih thusuah thei lo: *slavish devotion to a leader* ○ *His style is a slavish imitation of his teacher's*.

▷ **slavi-shly** *adv*.

**slay** /sleɪ/ *v* (pt **slew** /slu:/, pp **slain** /sleɪn/) (fml or US) hrangzetin that, a cuangin that: *soldiers slain in battle*.

**SLD** /ɛs el ɪ dɪ:/ *abbr* (Brit politics) Social and Liberal Democrats.

**sleazy** /sli:z/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml) (esp of place) a bal ih upat tlak lomi: *a sleazy club, hotel, etc* ○ *a rather sleazy appearance*.

▷ **sleazy-ily** /-ɪl/ *adv*. **sleazy-ness** *n* [U].

**sledge**<sup>1</sup> /sledʒ/ (also esp US **sled** /sled/) *n* vurpar

ah rawt ih fehnak leng; thing, thir, tivek per kawi zawl a tum deuh pawl cu rang, uico in dirh a si ih, a fate pawl cu vurpar hmunsuk ah nauhak in an to. Cf **SLEIGH**.

▷ **sledge** (also esp US **sled**) *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] (often go **sledging/sledding**) nunnomnak ah sledge to in tolhnal: *sledging down the ski slopes*. **2** [Tn] sledge thawn thilri phur: *sledging supplies to remote villages*.

**sledge**<sup>2</sup> /sledʒ/ (also **sledge-hammer**) *n* kutkaih saupi nei sobul tumpi.

**sleek** /sli:k/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** naltleu: *sleek hair, fur, etc*. **2** (often derog) (of person) rawl tha ei zet le lian zet ih a langmi. **3** style dan a thazetmi: *sleek, shiny sports-car*.

▷ **sleek** *v* [Tn] sam, zawhte hmul tivek nal tleuter.

**sleekly** *adv*. **sleek-ness** *n* [U].

**sleep**<sup>1</sup> /sli:p/ *n* **1** [U] ih-that/itthat: *How many hours' sleep do you need?* ○ *He didn't get much sleep*. ○ *Do you ever talk in your sleep?* ○ *send sb/get to sleep*, ie (make sb) fall asleep by singing/rocking. **2** [sing] itthat lai caan: *have a short, good, restful, etc sleep*. **3** [U] (infml) itthat lai ah mitki ih a pawtmi mitberh (a rang, a hnunmi): *wash the sleep out of one's eyes*. **4** (idm) **cry/sob oneself to sleep** mitkuh ih itthat tiang ʔap. **go to sleep** (a) it aw: *Go to sleep now, it's late*. (b) (infml) (kutke pawl) caang loin um ringirng ruangah hit: *I've been sitting on the floor and my foot's gone to sleep*. **not get/have a wink of sleep** ⇨ **WINK**. **not lose sleep/lose no sleep over sth** ⇨ **LOSE**. **put sb to sleep** ihhmu-sii pek in itthatter. **put (an animal) to sleep** (euph) a na, a tartuk tivek ruangah that: *Stray dogs are usually put to sleep if no one claims them*. **read oneself/sb to sleep** ⇨ **READ**. **sleep the sleep of the just** ⇨ **SLEEP**<sup>2</sup>.

▷ **sleepless** *adj* [usu attrib] it lo – sing lo: *pass a sleepless night*. **sleeplessly** *adv*. **sleeplessness** *n* [U].

□ **sleep-walker** *n* itthat phah ih lam a fehmi minung. **sleep-walking** *n* [U].

**sleep**<sup>2</sup> /sli:p/ *v* (pt, pp **slept** /slept/) **1** [I, Ip, In/pr]: itthat: *Try to sleep in spite of the noise*. ○ *sleep well/badly* ○ *I got up early, but he slept on*. ○ *We slept (for) eight hours*. ○ *I slept at a friend's house last night*. **2** [Tn no passive] mi cuzat, khazat hrangah itkhun, ihnakhmun nei, a tlem: *Our caravan sleeps six in comfort*. ○ *The hotel sleeps 300 guests*. **3** (idm) **let sleeping dogs lie** (saying) (thleng le phundangih hnaihnohnak suak thei ding a si ruangah) a um kelte in umter, dai te in umter: *We decided to let sleeping dogs lie and not take them to court*. **not sleep a wink** ⇨ **WINK**. **sleep like a log/top** (infml) thawzet in itthat. **sleep rough** khualeng, lenglam ah a si theinak hmun poh

ah it: *He'd been sleeping rough for a week, in ditches and haystacks.* **sleep the sleep of the just** phuhrunnak nei lo. **sleep tight** (*infml*) (esp imperative) thawte in it aw. **4** (phr v) **sleep around** (*infml*) mi tampi thawn lukaw vivo. **sleep in** (**a**) (*US*) = *LEI IN* (*LEI*<sup>2</sup>): *I get a chance to sleep in at the weekend.* (**b**) (hlan deuh ih hnenum pawl) hnañuannak hmunah zanriak ci: *a housekeeper that sleeps in.* **sleep sth off** itthat ruangih dam, itthat lai ah dam; damseh, rehseh ti in it: *sleep off a bad headache, a hangover, etc* ○ *sleep it off*, ie after being drunk. **sleep on sth** (no passive) ciah hrih, hngak hrih: *Don't say now if you'll take the job: sleep on it first.* **sleep out** (**a**) inn ah siloin, lengah, hmundang ah it. (**b**) (hlan deuh ih hnenum pawl) a laangin ñuan-zanriak loin: *a buttler who sleeps out.* **sleep through sth** (no passive) thawmvang ziang khal in ñang loin it thluathlo: *you slept right through the thunderstorm.* **sleep together; sleep with sb** (*euph*) ñit lomi minung thawn lukaw.  
 □ **sleeping-bag** *n* ihdip a sungah hrolhaw ih it theimi puanchi, ihphahcih a simi, hlumzet ih tuahmi itnak dip (khualtlawn tiki hman).  
**sleeping-car** *n* itnak nei tlangleng kuang (tuai).  
**sleeping-partner** (*US* **silent partner**) kom-aw ih hnañuannak ah tangka a khong ve nain a ñuan cu ñuanve lotu.  
**sleeping-pill** *n* ihhmu sii.  
**sleeping policeman** (*infml*) mawñawka pawl fung deuh in mawngseh tiduh ih tuahhrimmi lamzin bo.  
**sleeping-sickness** tsetse fly ruangih ngahmi ihhmu-nat (thihnak tiang a thlen thei).  
**sleep** /sli:pER/ *n* **1** (with an *adj*) phun dangih a ittu, ih duh: *a good/bad sleeper* ○ *a heavy/light sleeper*, ie ihthu (ñanghar) le ñang olmi. **2** (*US* **tie**) tlangleng zin tangpah thing phel pawl. **3** tlangleng sungih ih hmun/ihkhun. **4** (*Brit*) hna ong pit hlahseh ti ih bun mi hnakhaih fate. **5** (*US* *infml*) mi ih ziangsiar lo, theihtham lo dinhmun ihsin ruahlopi ih hminthang lohli mi minung, thuanthucawn, cabu tivek.  
**sleepy** /sli:pl/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) **1** mitkuh: *feel, look sleepy* ○ *That beer made me quite sleepy.* **2** (of place) cangvaih, hnañuan a tam lo, a daimi: *a sleepy little village.*  
 ▷ **sleepily** /-III/ *adv.*  
**sleepiness** *n* [U].  
**sleet** /sli:t/ *n* [U] a tla reromi vur, lole, rialruah: *showers of sleet.*  
 ▷ **sleet** *v* [I] (used with it, usu in the continuous tenses): *It is sleeting*, ie Sleet is falling. **sleety** *adj*: *sleety rain.*  
**sleeve** /sli:v/ *n* **1** angki ban: *roll up the sleeves of one's shirt/one's shirt-sleeves* ○ *a dress with*

*short/long sleeves.* **2** fungpum, thirhri tuamtu dawng: *a metal cable inside a plastic sleeve.* **3** (*US* **jacket**) datpia retnak cabawm khoh: [attrib] *a sleeve design* ○ *sleeve notes*, ie notes about composers, performers, etc on a sleeve.  
**4** (idm) **an ace up one's sleeve** ⇒ *ACE*. **a card up one's sleeve** ⇒ *CARD*<sup>1</sup>. **laugh up one's sleeve** ⇒ *LAUGH*. **roll up one's sleeves** ⇒ *ROLL*<sup>2</sup>. **a trick up one's sleeve** ⇒ *TRICK*. (**have sth**) **up one's sleeve** a ñul tikah hman leh dingih retmi thuthup: *Have you any ideas up your sleeve if our money runs out?*  
 ▷ **-sleeved** (forming compound *adjs*) angki ban phun khatkhat a nei mi: *a long-, short-, loose-sleeved shirt.*  
**sleeve-less** *adj* ban nei lo angki.  
**sleigh** /sleI/ *n* [attrib] rangih dirhmi sledge: [attrib] *sleigh ride.*  
 ▷ **sleigh** *v* [I, Ipr] *sleigh to: go sleighing* ○ *sleigh over to the village.*  
**sleight** /slait/ *n* (idm) **sleight of hand** mitkher thei ding khop ih kut cang thiamnak: (*fig*) *The company accounts show a little financial sleight of hand.*  
**slender** /slendER/ *adj* (**-er, -est**) **1** (*approv*) (**a**) fem, femsau, femsang: *slender fingers* ○ *a slender waist* ○ *a wineglass with a slender stem.* (**b**) (of people) hreu (*slim*): *a slender girl, figure* ○ *a slender, graceful ballet-dancer.* **2** a mal, a fate, daihtawk lo: *a slender income* ○ *people of slender means*, ie with little money ○ *win by a slender margin.*  
**slenderly** *adv.* **slenderness** *n* [U].  
**slept** *pt, pp* of *SLEEP*<sup>2</sup>.  
**sleuth** /slu:T/ *n* (*infml* *joc*) thuhlat-hlaitu (thlingthlatu).  
 ▷ **sleuth** *v* [I] (*infml*) hlathlai, thlingthla, zingzoi: *I had to go out sleuthing to find your address.*  
**slew**<sup>1</sup> *pt* of *SLAY*.  
**slew**<sup>2</sup> (*US* also **slue**) /slu:/ *v* [Ipr, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** round hmunkhat lamah rang zetin her, vawr: *The car slewed round on the icy road.* ○ *The driver slewed the crane round.*  
**slew**<sup>3</sup> /slu:/ *n* [sing] ~ **of sth** (*US* *infml*) tampi: *a whole slew of problems.*  
**slice** /slais/ *n* **1** a pheng tete ih ahmi ahkhat: *a slice of meat, cake, cheese, etc* ○ *slices of beef between slices of fresh bread.* **2** (*infml*) vo khat: *get a slice of the profit.* **3** eĩa ahnak, cawi/ thiarnak, rawl peknak ih hmanmi (namvek) thil perpi. **4** (eg in golf) thawidan dik lo ruangah a si lonak lamah bawhlung pet hlona, ie to the right of a right-handed player. Cf *PULL*<sup>2</sup> 11. **5** (idm) **get etc a slice/share of the cake** ⇒ *CAKE*. **a piece/slice of the action** ⇒ *ACTION*.  
 ▷ **slice** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (**up**) a pat nawn, a per tete in aat tan: *slice the meat, loaf, etc* (*up*)

○ a sliced loaf. **2** [Tn-pr, Tn-p, Dn-n no passive Dn-pr] ~ **sth off/from sth**; ~ **sth off** hlep (attan); a tum sawn ihsin a fate hlep: *slice a piece off (the meat)* ○ *slice a thin wedge from the cake* ○ *Slice me a piece of bread/a piece of bread for me.* **3** [Ipr, Tn] ~ **through/into sth** olai te in attan: *The axe sliced through the wood.* ○ *The falling slate sliced into his arm.* ○ *The bows of the ship sliced the water.* **4** [Tn] (eg in golf) a peng ihvir ko in bawhlung thawi.

**slick** /slɪk/ adj (-ier, -est) **1** thazaang suah loin nalte le thiamzet in tuah: a slick translation ○ a slick take-over ○ gave a slick excuse for staying away. **2** (often derog) (of people) nalzet olzet ih thilti theimi: a slick performer, sales person, negotiator, etc ○ *She's very slick, but I don't believe a word she says.* **3** a nal: *The roads were slick with wet mud.*

▷ **slick** n (also oil slick) tipi parih a phuanmi hriak (zinan, tivek) oil tanker khawng-aw ih a pawtmi thau pawl an si.

**slick** v (phr v) **slick sth down** sam tivek kha tho lo dingin hriak hmangih zutnal.

**licker** n **1** (infml esp US) a nal, a zermi minung (lu-le): a city slicker, ie slick by comparison with a person from the country. **2** (US) a dormi ruahkham angki.

**slide**<sup>1</sup> /slald/ n **1** [sing] tolhnal(nak): have a slide on the ice. **2** [C] nauhak pawl sledge lehnak ih hmanmi a nal a hakmi tikhal hmunram. **3** [C] thilri pawl tolhternak ih tuahmi kong, lole, nauhak pawl tolhnak lehnak ih tuahmi tolhkong. **4** [C] (a) tlangko ih hmuh theihmi thil. (b) (formerly) thalang par ih tuahmi cu vek zuk. **5** [C] durbing (microscope) thawn lawng hmuh theihmi thil retnak thalang. **6** [C] machine tivek ih tolh thul so thul a simi thilri, eg brombone ta U hmuihmel thilri. **7** [C] (in compounds) min, cim, tolh: a landslide ○ a mudslide. **8** [C] = HAIR-SLIDE (HAIR).

**slide**<sup>2</sup> /slald/ v (pt, pp slid /slld/) **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Cn-a] tolh, tolhter: *I was sliding (about) helplessly (on the ice).* ○ *The ship slid (down) into the water.* ○ *The drawers slide in and out easily.* **2** [Ipr, Ip, Tn-pr, Tn-p] thawngvang nei loin mi theih lo dingin thawn, feh, thawnter, fehter: *The thief slid out (of the door) while no one was looking.* ○ *She slid a coin into his hand.* ○ *He lifted the mat and slid the key under (it).* **3** [I] (eg of prices) nuam tete in a tum: *House values may begin to slide.* **4** (idm) **let sth slide** (infml) thupi pa ih ruat lo, umdan ding vekih ret lo, tuah lo: *She got depressed and began to let things slide.* **5** (phr v) **slide into sth** (no passive) a tha lomi dinhmun ah nuamtete in tolh vivo: *slide into bad habits, debt* ○ *We mustn't slide into complacency.* **slide over sth** (no passive) a terek tiangin rel le tuah dingmi tuah lo ih lan: *She discussed sales, but*

*slid over the problem of how to increase production.*

□ **slide-rule** n a laifangih ummi a kuar zawh in tolh sukso theimi thil phengte a neimi pidan (cuih thil phengte parah logarithmic scale a um ih thil tuat ol dingih tuahmi pidan a si).

**sliding door** sir lam ah thawn in khar le on theih sangka-pi.

**sliding scale** thil pahnih pehzom/thimnak ih thil tahnak, a cuih thil pahnih cu an kaitlang, an tum tlang: *Fees are calculated on a sliding scale according to income*, ie Richer people pay more.

**slight**<sup>1</sup> /slalt/ adj (-er, -est) **1** a nasa lomi, a thupi lomi, malte a fatemi: a slight slip, error, change, improvement ○ a slight headache ○ *The differences between the pictures are very slight.* ○ *do sth without the slightest difficulty*, ie with no difficulty at all. ○ *She takes offence at the slightest thing*, ie thinheng, ninghanter ol zet. ○ *Compared to his early work, this is a rather slight novel*, ie not a major one. **2** khoh bumbi lo, a tawl, a hreu: a slight figure, girl ○ supported by a slight framework. **3** (dim) **not in the slightest** hrimhrim lo: *You didn't embarrass me in the slightest.*

▷ **slightly** adv **1** malte, theihtham lo te: a slightly bigger house ○ *The patient is slightly better today.* ○ *I know her slightly.* **2** a hreu te in: a slightly-built child.

**slightness** n [U].

**slight**<sup>2</sup> /slalt/ n [Tn] mi thinhengter: a slighting remark ○ *She felt slighted because no one spoke to her.*

▷ **slight** n ~ (to/on sb/sth) mi thinhengternak; hmuhsuam nautat ih tuahsernak: *My remark was not meant as a slight on you.* ○ *She suffered many slights from colleagues.*

**slightly** adv.

**slim** /slɪm/ adj (-mmer, -mmest) **1** (approx) thau lo, sah lo, fem, hreu zerzi: a slim person, figure, waist ○ *I'm trying to get slim.* ○ a slim packet-book. ⇒ Usage at THIN. **2** mah in siseh timi tia a kim lomi, ma ih ruahsanmi zat a si lomi, a fate, a malte: *slim hopes/chances/prospects of success* ○ *condemned on the slimmest of evidence.*

▷ **slim** v (-mm-) **1** [I, Ip] ~ (down) takpum femter (rawl sup exercise tampi tuahin): *trying to get fit and slim (down).* **2** (phr v) **slim sth down** a tum a sen thum: *slim down the factory's work-force.*

**slimly** adv: a slimly-built person.

**slim-mer** n takpum femtertu; hreu zerzertu: a simmers magazine, ie one that gives advice on how to slim.

**slim-ness** n [U].

**slime** /slalm/ n [U] **1** tibal maan: *There was a coating of slime on the unwashed sink.* **2** kharkhem tivek, taksa ihsin a suakmi thil nal:

a trail of slime.

▷ **slimy** /sɪlmi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** thilnal vek, lole, thilnal thawn a khuhmi: *slip on the slimy steps.* **2** (*infml*) mitkemza miding lo, thu hman lo, miporh hman, siter-aw mi: *You slimy little creep!* **sliminess** *n* [U].

**sling** /sliŋ/ *n* **1** ngelte kiak, cawn kiak tivek awrhnaq puan: *have one's arm in a sling.* **2** thil thlainak, lole, cawinak kimvel ih tawnmi hri, thirhri, etc. **3** lungto dennak (seh-nak) ding ih hmanmi savun hriper kual; kuahli sainak ih hmanmi a hri le savun, tivek.

▷ **sling** *v* (pt, pp **slung** /sɪVN/) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] (*infml*) na zetin hlon, deng, sep, sai: *slinging stones at birds* ○ *She slung her coat angrily into the car.* ○ *He was slung out (of the club) for fighting.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-pr] dor hnuamhni ih thlai theih dingin ret, tawn: *sling a hammock between two tree-trunks* ○ *with her bag slung over her shoulder.* **3** (idm) **fling/sling/throw mud** ⇒ **MUD.** **sling one's hook** (*Brit sl*) feh hlo.

□ **sling-shot** *n* (US) = CATAPULT.

**slink** /sliŋk/ *v* (pt, pp **slunk** /sɪVNk/) [Ipr, Ip] **1** phuhrung vek, ningzak vek, mi-in in hmu hlahseh tivek ih feh, thawn: *The thief slunk down the dark alley.* ○ *The dog slunk out when I shouted at him.* **2** mi leem zawngin tawi, cang: *slinking around in a tight black dress.*

**slinky** /sliŋki/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** (esp of a woman) mi lemsiah zawngin cang: *her slinky way of dancing.* **2** (of clothes) ruangpum umdan thlun in a tet zetmi: *a slinky night-dress.*

▷ **slinki-ness** *n* [U].

**slip<sup>1</sup>** /sliɪp/ *n* **1** [C usu sing] nal, kekal sual ih bah, ril, sawn: *One slip and you could fall off the cliff.* **2** [C] ralrin lo ruang le ruat tuk lemlo ruangih tuahmi thilsual fate: *slips in the translation.* **3** (a) ban nei lo sunghruk angki, nunau sunghruk petticoat. (b) = GYM SLIP (GYM). **4** [C] = PILLOW CASE (PILLOW). **5** [C] a cahnah fate: *a salary slip*, ie giving details of earnings, tax paid, etc ○ *write a phone number on a slip of paper.* **6** [C] phun dingah, lole, peh dingah thingkung pakhat ihsin tanmi thinghng. **7 the slips** [pl] = SLIPWAY (SLIP<sup>2</sup>). **8** (a) (in cricket) batsman dungih dingtu fielder ih dinhmun: *first/second/third slip* ○ *Who is (at) first slip?* (b) **the slips** [pl] fielders pawl ih dinnak hmun: *fielding in the slips.* **9** [U] tlak thawn tuahmi thilri parah culh ding, lole, a parah zuk suainak ih hman dingmi a ti zet ih tuahmi tlakti. **10** (idm) **give sb sth slip** zinpeng ah thlun/dawi ko tuah: *We managed to give our pursuers the slip.* **a slip of a boy, girl, thing, child, etc** titsa nei lo a femmi: *She's just a slip of a thing but she can run faster than all of us.* **a slip of the pen/tongue** cangan/tong tiki palhnak fate: *A slip of the tongue made me say Robert instead of*

*Richard.* **there's many a slip 'twixt (the) cup and (the) lip** (*saying*) mah ih duhmi, hngakhlapi, ruahsanmi ngah hlanah thil a sualpang thei: *They think they'll win the election easily, but there's many a slip 'twixt cup and lip.*

**slip<sup>2</sup>** /sliɪp/ *v* (-pp-) **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (over) (on sth) (of a person, an animal, a car, etc) tolhnal pang, lir in bah, bah zik: *The climber's foot slipped, and she fell.* ○ *She slipped (over) (on the ice) and broke her leg.* ○ *The van slipped (a few feet) down the embankment.* (b) [I, Ipr, Ip] tolh: *The lorry turned and its load slipped.* ○ *The razor slipped and cut my cheek.* ○ *The straps keep slipping off (my shoulders).* (c) [Ipr, Ip] nal, thawn: *The ship slipped through the water.* ○ *I slipped along the bench next to her.* ○ *This wine slips down easily, ie is pleasant to drink.* **2** (a) [Ipr, Ip] dungsip, tolh; daite in le rang zet in hmundang ah feh (mi ih thei thiam lo dingin, lole, mi ih thei lo tein): *The thief slipped out (by the back door).* ○ *We slipped away to Paris for the weekend.* ○ *The ship slipped into the harbour at night.* ○ (fig) *Errors have slipped into the book.* ○ (fig) *The years slipped by.* ○ (fig) *We've slipped behind schedule.* (b) [Tn-pr, Tn-p, Dn-n, Dn-pr] daite, lole, thupte in hmunkhat khat ah ret: *slip an envelope into one's pocket* ○ *I slipped a few jokes into the speech.* ○ *She opened the letter-box and slipped a newspaper through.* ○ *Slip the waiter a tip.* ○ *I tried to slip the note to him while the teacher wasn't looking.* **3** [Ipr, Ip] ~ **form/out of/through sth**; ~ **out/through** nal hlo; nal ih feh hlo; kaih a har ruangah, lole, fekte ih kai lo ruangah suak hlo, luat hlo, tlak: *The fish slipped out of my hand.* ○ *He caught the ball, then it slipped through his fingers.* ○ *The mouse slipped quickly from the cat's claws.* ○ (fig) *I didn't mean to say that: it just slipped out.* **4** [Ipr, Tn-pr] ~ **into/out of sth**; ~ **sth over/round sth**; ~ **sth on/off** rangzet le olzet-in hruk/phoih: *slip into/out of a dress* ○ *slip a shawl round one's shoulders.* **5** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (from/off sth)** phoih, lole, thlah, kanter: *slip a dog from its leash* ○ *slip the rope of the hook* ○ *slip a stitch*, ie (in knitting) move a stitch from one needle to another without knitting it. (b) [Tn] a phoih, a suak, a luat, hngilh pang: *The ship slipped its moorings.* ○ *The dog slipped its collar.* ○ (fig) *That point slipped my attention.* ○ *It had slipped my mind/memory that you were arriving today.* **6** (idm) **be slipping** (*infml*) a kel vekin tha lo, thengvar lo, cakvak lo: *I've forgotten your name again — I must be slipping.* **let sth slip** (a) caan tha kha pelhter: *She let slip a chance to work abroad.* (b) thuthup phuang pang; ruat lo le rin lo ih sim phuathpho: *She let slip that she had not paid her tax.* ○ *I let it slip*



that I was expecting a baby. **slip anchor** (of a ship) tangphawlawng colhternak thirkual (anchor) hri poi. **slip a disc** elnak ngah, zaang thahri na. **slip through sb's fingers** tolh: We let the last chance of escape slip through our fingers. **7** (phr v) **slip up (on sth)** (infml) ralrin lo ruangih palh: I slipped up and gave you the wrong phone number. ○ I slipped up on the date.

▷ **slippage** /sɪlpldʒ/ n [U] **1** a man thum. **2** tumtahmi ban lo, tuah ding vekin tuah lo: production delays due to slippage.

□ **slip-case** n (usu cardboard) cabu kuang.

**slip-knot** **1** sihzut-thil reknak rek deuh seh, dor deuh seh tiah zut sukso thei ih hri sih daan. **2** sihphoi ih thil temdan (sihphoi).

**slip-on** n, adj [attrib] (garment or shoe) sih tul loin olte ih hruk theih hnipuan, olte ih hruk theih hrisihnak um lo kedan.

**slip-over** n, adj lu in hrolh ih hruk theih hnipuan.

**slipped disc** el nat, zaang thahri nat.

**slip-road** n (US access road) mawtaw zin pi ihsin a tekmi, lole, a lutmi mawtaw zinte.

**slip-stream** n **1** cakzet ih fehmi thilri – mawtawka tivek dungih a hrangmi thli. **2** vanzameeng engine in napi ih suahmi thli.

**slip-up** n (infml) tipalh: Leaving his name off the list was a bad slip-up.

**slipway** [C] (also **the slips** [pl]) n tikap leilung ihsin tidai umnak tiang a suakih tuahmi tolhnalnak zin, cucu thing lole lung a si ih tangphawlawng saknak ah, lole, lawng a siatmi rem duh tikah lei tlunih dirhsonak ah hman a si.

**slipper** /sɪlper/ n innsung hruk, a zaang a nem hruk ol kedan: a pair of slippers.

▷ **slipped** adj slipper a hruk mi.

**slippery** /sɪlper/ adj (-ier, -iest) **1** (of surface) a nalmi: a slippery road, floor, etc ○ Ice made the path slippery underfoot. **2** (infml) (of a person) rinsan tlak lo, zumtlak lo, kamnal: a slippery salesman ○ She's as slippery as an eel. **3** (infml) (of a situation, topic, problem, etc) tawlrrelhar, a harsami: the rather slippery subject of race relations ○ be on slippery ground, ie be dealing with a subject that needs tact, care, etc. **4** (idm) **the slippery slope** (infml) buainak le hlawsamnak ol-te ih a suakter theimi tuahsarnak: A one-party state can be the start of the slippery slope towards fascism.

▷ **slipperiness** n [U].

**slippy** /sɪlpi/ adj (-ier, -iest) (infml) **1** a nal. **2** (dated Brit) zamrang/khulrang: Be slippy about it! ○ Look slippy! zamrang aw, nawt aw.

**slipshod** /sɪlpsbd/ adj daithlang, lole, ralring in tuah lo; a menmen tuk: slipshod work ○ a slipshod style ○ a slipshod worker, writer, etc ○

You're too slipshod about your presentation.

**slit** /sli/ n angki sih ong vek ongkua; fiak ih a saumi ongkua: the slit of the letter-box, ie through which letters are put ○ eyes like slits ○ a long slit in her skirt. Cf SLOT.

▷ **slit** v (-tt-, pt, pp **slit**) [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-a] namte thawn vit-ong, rin, at: slit sb's throat ○ a jacket slit up the back ○ slit cloth into strips ○ slit an envelope open.

**slither** /sliwer/ v [I, Ipr, Ip] zawhnak hmun hmante in zawh loin tolhnak, nal in feh: slithering dangerously (on the muddy path). ○ slither down an icy slope ○ slithering around in the mud ○ The snake slithered off (into the grass) as we approached.

▷ **slithery** adj a nal.

**sliver** /sliwer/ n a har, thing har, thlalang har, a phelte, a teuh, tivek: slivers of wood, glass, metal, etc ○ Cut me just a small sliver of cheese.

▷ **sliver** v [I, Tn] a fate te, a tiak tete, a sau a pat tete ah khuai, at, cek, tan, salh: the glass slivered when it fell.

**slob** /sɪbb/ n (infml derog) umdan, hnipuan, hmuimel ah, a bal hnuaihnimi; ralrinnak nei lomi zangzel: Get out of bed, you idle slob!

**slobber** /sɪbber/ v **1** [I] cilri put; cilri for: a slobbering baby. **2** (phr v) **slobber over sb/sth** (infml derog) khadifor (duhtuknak langter): slobbering all over her boyfriend.

▷ **slobber** n [U] (infml) cilri.

**slobbery** /-er/ adj: slobbery kisses.

**sloe** /sleu/ n **1** blackthorn rah, hramlak sunhlu rah, a fate, a mepian nawn ih a kha zetmi thingrah. **2** blackthorn burbuk (kung).

□ **sloe-gin** sloe khangin ah ciah ih tuahmi zu.

**slog** /sɪbg/ (also **slug**) v (-gg-) **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] nazet in thawi, thong: slog (at) the ball ○ slogging one's opponent (all around the ring), eg in boxing ○ slog the ball over the boundary. **2** (phr v) **slog (away) at sth** (infml) ralringte le taimakte in tuan: slogging away at my accounts.

**slog down, up, along, etc** ralringte in, a pehzom in harsa zet in feh: slog up (the hill) in the dark ○ slogging through the snow. **slog through sth** (infml) ralring tein le taimak tein suak thehsuak ko tuan: slog through a pile of marking. **3** (idm) **slogs/sweat one's guts out** ⇒ GUT. **slog it out** (infml) a sung a neh fiang hlan lo tiang do-aw, tal: two boxers slogging it out ○ The party leaders are slogging it out in a TV debate.

▷ **slog** (also **slug**) n (infml) **1** nazet ih thawi, eg in cricket. **2** (usu sing) hnaṭuan, lole, lam feh a harzet caan: Marking the exam papers was quite a slog. ○ It's a long hard slog up the mountain.

**slogger** n (infml) **1** nazet ih thawitu, eg at cricket. **2** hnaṭuan har tuantu, nasazet ih hnaṭuantu.

**slogan** /sIEUGEn/ *n* aupimi, thusirhsan: *political slogans* ○ *‘Power to the people’ is their slogan.*

**sloop** /slu:p/ *n* puanzar ðuam (mast) pakhat lawng nei tangphawlawng fate.

**slop** /sIBp/ *v* (-pp-) **1** [Ipr, Ip] (of liquid) fuan, liam, thlet, bung: *I dropped the bucket, and water slopped out (of it).* ○ *The tea slopped (over) into the saucer.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] fuanter, thletter, liamter: *slop the beer, paint, etc carelessly (all over the floor)* ○ *She slopped the dirty water (out) onto the grass.* **3** (phr v) **slop about/around** (of liquids) lok, lokter: *Water was slopping around in the bottom of the boat.* **slop about/around (in sth)** (of people) tidai theh-aw; tidai pet hluahhlo dingin tuah, kut, lole, ke thawn: *Why do some children like slopping around in puddles?* **slop out** tibal, zin, ek tivek hlon, thle.

▷ **slop** *n* (usu pl) khokheng kholhnak kuang le, tikholhnak kuang ih ti bal, kholhnak. **2** thawng inn ih ek thawhnak pung: [attrib] *a slop-bucket.* **3** (a) vokrawl (rawl hlei le pilh pawl). (b) cawhnawi, tihang tivek thawn rawimi, mina rawl ti.

**slope** /sIEUp/ *n* **1** (usu sing) (inn khuh canphio, leilung ah) a tung lo, a sawn, a zau: *the slope of a roof* ○ *a 40° slope* ○ *a slight/steep slope.* **2** leilung a sukmi tlanghrap, tlangzar: *mountain slopes* ○ *ski slopes.* **3** (idm) **the slippery slope** ⇒ SLIPPERY.

▷ **slope** *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] a suk, a zau, a zar, a sawn, a hrap: *a garden sloping gently towards the river* ○ *The field slopes (away) to the east.* ○ *Does your handwriting slope forwards or backwards?* **2** (phr v) **slope off** (Brit infml) hnañuan paih lo ih hrial duh tivek ruangah a thupte in tlanhlo.

**sloppy** /sIBpI/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** (infml) (a) (of a person) daithleng; dawngdah: *a sloppy worker, writer, etc* ○ *look sloppy.* (b) ralring felfaite ih tuah lomi: *sloppy typing* ○ *a sloppy repair.* **2** (infml) a ngaingai a simi, a ðul lemloin aththu tel ruangah thupiter ciamco, duh ciamco a simi: *sloppy sentiment* ○ *I hate sloppy romantic films.* **3** (derog) (a) tidai bung ruangah ciar thluakthli in a balmi: *a sloppy counter, floor.* (b) a tii tukmi (a ha lomi): *sloppy porridge.*

▷ **sloppily** /-III/ *adv* (infml) dawngdah, ralring lo, fekfel loin: *sloppily dressed* ○ *talking sloppily about love.*

**sloppiness** *n* [U].

**slosh** /sIBS/ *v* **1** (infml) (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (about/around) (of liquid) awn zet in a lok: *water sloshing against the sides of the bath* ○ *Milk sloshed around in the flask.* (b) [Tn-pr, Tn-p] a lok: *slosh around in the pail.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] (Brit sl) thong, thawi: *slosh sb on the chin.* **3** (phr v) **slosh about/around (in sth)** a ti mi thil sungah awn ruri in cang, lek: *children sloshing about in*

*puddles.* **slosh sth onto sth** thil pakhat (thung) tivek kha ralring loin thuh hluahhlo men: *sloshing whitewash on the wall.*

▷ **sloshed** *adj* [pred] (sl esp Brit) zuri.

**slot** /sIBt/ *n* **1** thil thannak ong – carek pungkua, me-kuangkua tivek ah: *put a 10p coin in the slot.* **2** thil thannak, lole, a tluan ah thil dirhnak dingih tuahmi titler hmuhihmel kawrong: *a slot on a dashboard for a car radio* ○ *The curtain hooks run along a slot in the curtain rail.* **3** ðongnak ding hmun; hmun: *find a slot for a talk on the economy.*

▷ **slot** *v* (-tt-) **1** [Tn] ongkua, lole, kawrong tuah. **2** (phr v) **slot (sth/sb) in, into, through, etc** ongkua sungah lutter, kuarong ah tolhter, hmun pek: *The bolt slotted smoothly into place.* ○ *slot the edge of the panel into the groove* ○ *Slot this disk in.* ○ *Can we slot her into a job in the sales department?*

□ **slot-machine** thir tangka fai thannak ong nei cet (eiñha pakhat khat suak thei dingih tuahmi cet), lole, tangka than tikah vansia vanña in thilsia thilñha tla dingih tuahmi cet.

**sloth<sup>1</sup>** /sIEUT/ *n* [U] (fml) zaangzel, ðuanmi ðhiñha nei lo ih um menmi.

▷ **sloth-ful** /-fI/ *adj* (fml) zaangzel, lawnglakmi.

**sloth-fully** /-fEI/ *adv.* **slothfulness** *n* [U].

**sloth<sup>2</sup>** /sIEUT/ *n* ni-eng (ramsa).

**slouch** /slaUtS/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] ze hngualhngo in feh: *Don't slouch! Stand up straight!* ○ *She slouched past me with her hands in her pockets.* ○ *Slouching about all day doing nothing.*

▷ **slouch** *n* **1** [sing] zaangzel umdan: *walk with a slouch.* **2** (idm) **be no slouch at sth** (infml) thil pakhat khat ih thiamzetmi: *She's no slouch at tennis.*

**slouch-ingly** *adv*

□ **slouch hat** a kap a kau a nemzetmi lukhuh.

**slough<sup>1</sup>** /slaU, US also slu:/ *n* **1** cerhdup, lole, a ciar ih a niammi hmun kaupi. **2** [C] (in western Canada) ruahti, tikhal ti ihsin a cangmi tili. **3** [sing] ~ **of sth** (fml) a thleng a harmi thinlung umdan, ruahdan: *a slough of despair; self-pity, etc.*

**slough<sup>2</sup>** /sIVf/ *n* rul-lip; a tikcu ih a hawk, a lip ðheu mi a thi mi vun; hmakher; pharnat tivek ruangih a tlongmi, a thimi taksa.

▷ **slough** *v* **1** [Tn] ~ **sth off** vunsia kok, lip: *a snake sloughing (off) its skin.* **2** (phr v) ~ **sth off** hlonhlo, tanta: *slough off one's bad habits, worries, responsibilities, etc.*

**slovenly** /sIVVnI/ *adj* (derog) umdan, hmuhihmel, sinfen ah a daithlang, a bal, ralrinnak nei lomi: *a slovenly waiter; secretary, cook, etc* ○ *Those terrible overalls would make anyone look slovenly.*

▷ **sloven** /sIVVn/ *n* (dated derog) a bal hnuamhni mi minung.

**slovenliness** *n* [U].

**slow**<sup>1</sup> /sleu/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** a fung, a rei: a *slow runner, vehicle, journey* ○ a *slow recovery from illness* ○ *We're making slow progress.* ○ a *slow poison* ○ *They played the overture at a fairly slow tempo.* **2** thil zirh har, aancin har, thiam har: a *slow child, learner, pupil, etc* ○ *slow at figures*, ie not good at doing calculations, etc. **3** [pred] ~ **to sth/do sth**; ~ **(in/about) doing sth** tuah zaang, si zaang thei lo, har, harter, zaang lo: (fml) *slow to anger* ○ *She's not slow to tell us what she thinks.* ○ *They were very slow (about) paying me.* **4** thathoza si lo, cakvak in cawlcang lo, a nuar, a fung: *The film's rather slow*, eg lauz, thin thoza a mal. ○ *Business is rather slow today*, ie not many goods are being sold. **5** [pred] a hnu, a fung: *That clock is five minutes slow*, ie It shows 1.55 when it is 2.00. **6** rangzet ih feh lonak ding zin: *the slow road through the mountains.* **7** (of a surface) fehkel ding zat hnakin fung deuh ih a fehtermi thil hmai: a *slow billiard table, cricket pitch, etc* ○ *Long grass makes the field slower.* **8** (of photographic film) khuatleu in rangzet in a thlengawter thei lomi. **9** (idm) **quick/slow on the draw** ⇒ DRAW<sup>1</sup>. **quick/slow on the uptake** ⇒ UPTAKE.  
▷ **slowly** *adv* **1** (preceding or following the v, as shown) nuamte in: *walk, speak, learn, react slowly* ○ *She slowly opened the door.* ○ *Slowly, things began to improve.*  
**slowness** *n* [U].  
□ **slowcoach** (Brit) (US **slowpoke**) *n* (infml) mi khulfung: *Get on with it, you old slowcoach.*  
**slow lane** a nuamte bik mawṭawka pawl ih thlunmi mawṭaw zinpi ih a kapta bik zintluan.  
**slow motion** (in cinema photography) zuksin ah a fungih cang vek ih hmuhnak, hmuhmi: *filmed in slow motion* ○ [attrib] a *slow-motion sequence*.  
**slow**<sup>2</sup> /sleu/ *adv* (-er, -est) **1** (used after *vs*, after how or in compounds with participles) fung deuh/bik in, nuamte in: *Tell the driver to go slower.* ○ *How slow this train goes!* ○ *Slow-moving* ○ *slow-cooked food.* **2** (idm) **go slow** (a) (of workers) kan dilmi in pe seh tiah fung deuh in ṭuan hrim. Cf GO-SLOW (GO). (b) dim deuh in cangvai; a kel tluk ih cangvai lo: *You ought to go slow until you feel really well again.*  
**slow**<sup>3</sup> /sleu/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (up/down) fungter, fung deuh in thil ti: *The train slowed (down) (to a crawl) as it approached the station.* ○ *Output has slowed (up) a little.* ○ *She slowed the car down and stopped.* ○ *Lack of demand will slow (down) our economic growth.* **2** (phr v) **slow up/down** dim deuh in thil ti, ṭuan: *Slow up a bit, or you'll make yourself ill.*  
□ **slow-down** *n* hnaṭuan neitu in siseh, hnaṭuantu pawlin siseh thilri mal deuh suah hrim: a *slow-down in the dairy industry*.

**slow-worm** /sleuw3:m/ *n* Europe ramih um tur nei lo rul phunkhat.  
**SLR** /es el [a:R/ *abbr* (of a type of camera) single lens reflex.  
**sludge** /slvdZ/ *n* [U] **1** hning, lole, cuvek a bangmi thil: *some sludge in the bottom of the tank.* **2** lihong ih a luangmi khuasang tidai bal-hnang.  
**slue** (US) = SLEW.  
**slug**<sup>1</sup> /slvg/ *n* kharkhem vek bokvak phunkhat (phaw nei lo).  
**slug**<sup>2</sup> /slvg/ *n* **1** (a) hmuhihmel ngai nei lo ih tan menmi cerek. (b) (infml esp US) cerek pohpoh. **2** (in printing) a tlangkap kap khatah thir cafang tete rualnak thirpheng. **3** (US) slot-machine tivek ah thirtangka can ai-ah hrokhrawl ih thlakmi thir bial. **4** (infml esp US) wishky, vodka, etc malte: .  
**slug**<sup>3</sup> /slvg/ *v* (-gg-) (US) **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] = SLOG. **2** (idm) **slug it out** = SLOG IT OUT (SLOG).  
▷ **slug** *n* = SLOG.  
**sluggard** /slvgEd/ *n* (dated derog) zaangzel in nuamtete ih fehmi minung.  
**sluggish** /slvgIS/ *adj* a fung, cakvak lo, thatho lo, paihmi duhmi poisak nei lo: a *sluggish stream, pulse* ○ *sluggish traffic, conversation* ○ *These tablets make me feel rather sluggish.*  
▷ **slug-gishly** *adv*.  
**sluggishness** *n* [U].  
**sluice** /slu:s/ *n* (also **sluice-gate, sluice-valve**) ti-lam, ti-li, tivek ah tidai thlahnak le phihnak a thawn theimi thil: *open the sluice-gates of a reservoir.* **2** hi tivekih thlah le phihmi ti-dai. **3** (also **sluice-way**) sui lai pawl in sui hriknak dingah tidai luanter dingah tuahcopmi ti-lam.  
▷ **sluice** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth down/out** tiva te ah kholh, tleuh: *sluice ore*, ie thir le lungto thia. ○ *sluice out the stables* ○ *We sluiced the muddy wheels (down) with a hose.* **2** (phr v) **sluice away, out, out of sth, etc** (of water) sluice ihsin luang veki tidai luang huho: *water sluicing out of the hole.*  
**slum** /slVm/ *n* **1** [C] farah inn pawl: *brought up in a slum* ○ [attrib] a *slum area* ○ *slum children* ○ (fig) *I can't stand this slum any longer; tidy it up!* **2 the slums** [pl] inn siava thawn a khatmi farah veng.  
▷ **slum** *v* (-mm-) **1** [I] (usu in the continuous tense) theih duh le hmuh duh men ah feh, leng, tlawng: *What are they doing drinking at this end of town? Slumming, I suppose.* **2** (idm) **slum it** (infml) a ṭul ruangah a nuamlomi hmunsia-ah um, lole, hmunnuam lo-ah um dingin hril: *While he was studying, Nick had to slum it in a tiny room.*  
**slummy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) (derog) slum (farah veng) thawn a pehparmi, slum vek a simi; a bal, a fai lo.  
**slumber** /slVmbER/ *v* [I] (fml or joc) daite in,

nuamzet in itthat: *The baby was slumbering peacefully.*

▷ **slumber** *n* (often *pl*) (*fml* or *joc esp fig*) itthat hluahhlo: *fall into a deep slumber* ○ *disturb sb's slumber(s).*

**slumberer** *n* (*fml*) itthattu.

**slumberous** /-bErER/ *adj* (*fml*) ihhmu, a ihhmu mi.

**slump** /sIVmp/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] hlón aw, tlu: *Tired from her walk she slumped (down) onto the sofa.* ○ *They found her slumped over the steering wheel.* **2** [I] a man hmakhatte ah ðum/tlak: *What caused share values to slump?*

▷ **slump** *n* **1** leilawnnak a ðat lo caan, thil khawng thei lo caan, farah ðumsuk caan. Cf RECESSION **1**. **2** (US) mi pakhat, bur (team) pakhat, tivek ih thil tuahsuak thei lo ðumsuk caan, thil tuahmi a sia, a niam caan: *a slump in her career.*

**slung** *pt, pp* of SLING.

**slunk** *pt, pp* of SLINK.

**slur** /sI3:R/ *v* (-rr-) [Tn] (aw, ðong fang) thei theih loin an zom/peh aw tuk: *the slurred speech of a drunk.* **2** (hla solfa pawlah) solfa, notes pahnih pathum tivek kha a pakpakte in sal ih sak loin a zom-aw in sak. **3** a hman lomi thu sim in mi thangsiat: *slurred by accusations of dishonesty.* **4** (phr *v*) **slur over sth** a nuam lomi thuhla, a har a hnokmi thil pawl kaan hlo: *She slurred by accusations of dishonesty.*

▷ **slur** *n* **1** [C, U] ~ (on sb/sth) mi thangsiatnak suaktertu: *cast a slur on sb* ○ *Any suggestion that I accepted bribes would be a monstrous slur.* ○ (*fig*) *She tried to keep her reputation free from slur.* **2** [C] (hla-ah) solfa, note pahnih thum kha aw khat vekin a nal a zom te ih sak ding ti hmuhnak, (—) le (—) vek ih hminsin nak. **3** [C] solfa pahnih-thum aw pehzom tein ðongfang pakhat kha a sangniam khalle sak-tluanni.

**slurp** /sI3:p/ *v* [I, Tn, Tn.p] (*infml*) hluk; awn hruthro ih rawl ei; rawl ei le ti in tikah ka awnter – vok rawl ei vekin, sawp hlukhlo: *Stop slurping!* ○ *He was slurping (down) his soup.*

▷ **slurp** *n* (*usu sing*) rawlei tik-ih ka awn.

**slurry** /sIVrI/ *n* [U] a ti deuh ih rawi-mi tlak, ciarbek, mirang leilung tivek.

**slush** /sIVS/ *n* [U] **1** a nem a bal-ih a zup reromi vur. **2** (*infml derog*) atthlak thinlung zurnak ðong le ca: *a romantic novel full of slush.*

**slushy** *adj* (-ier, -iest): *slushy pavements* ○ (*fig*) *slushy sentiment, stories.*

□ **slush fund** (*derog*) nawhthuh pe dingah, lole, a dik lomi thil tuahnak dingah pawlkom pakhat khat ih khawmi tangka, sum.

**slut** /sIVt/ *n* (*derog*) umdan a balmi, a hlawhhlung nunau: *a common slut.*

▷ **sluttish** *adj*: *a sluttish appearance* ○ *sluttish behaviour.*

**sly** /sIal/ *adj* (~ *ier*, ~ *iest*) **1** (*often derog*) hrokhrawl le mibum hman: *a sly fellow, trick, ruse* ○ (*joc*) *You sly old devil!* ○ *It was sly of you not to tell us you'd already met.* **2** [*usu attrib*] thuthup, thil thup ka thei ti langter thei: *a sly smile, look, etc* ○ *she cast a sly glance at her bridge partner.* **3** huatsuak; lek duh: *play a sly trick on a friend.* **4** (*idm*) **on the sly** thupte in: *She must have been having lessons on the sly.*

▷ **slyly** *adv.* **sly-ness** *n* [U].

**smack**<sup>1</sup> /smFk/ *n* **1** [C] (a) kutbeng-aw; beng: *give a child a smack on the bottom.* (b) (*usu sing*) hmur cipmi awn (cepcep tivek in): *a greedy smack of the lips as he cut into the steak.* (c) [C] (*infml*) awn cukci ko hnam: *a smack on the lips/cheek.* **2** [C *usu sing*] tong, thawi, tal: *give the ball a hard smack*, eg bawhlung talhnak thawn. **3** [U] (*sl esp Brit*) rit theinak (heroin = bing rang). **4** (*idm*) **a smack at/doing sth** (*infml*) tuahhnik tum: *have a smack at making an omelette.*

▷ **smack** *v* [Tn] **1** beng: *Don't you dare smack my children!* **2** (*idm*) **lick/smack one's lips/chops** ⇒ LICK.

**smack** *adv* **1** rinloparal in, hmakhatte in, nasazet in: *run smack into a brick wall* ○ *hit sb smack in the eye.* **2** (US **smack-dab**) rori ah, cutawc ciah-ah: *It landed smack (-dab) in the middle of the carpet.*

**smacker** *n* (*infml*) **1** hmur awn ter in hnam (mi). **2** (sl) Mirang tangka (pound), lole, US dollar: *one hundred smackers.*

**smacking** *n* [*sing*] beng: *the child needs a good smacking.*

**smack**<sup>2</sup> /smFk/ *n* ngasio tik ih hmanmi puanzar lawng fate.

**smack**<sup>3</sup> /smFk/ *v* (phr *v*) **smack of sth** (*no passive*) **1** thil rim thei: *medicine that smacks of sulphur.* **2** lungput ðha lo, sinak dik lo a nei ti a langter: *Their comments smack of racism.*

▷ **smack** *n* (*sing*) ~ **of sth** **1** thil pakhat ih thawtnak rim malte: *a smack of garlic.* **2** ruahnak; theihthiamnak te: *There was a smack of malice in her reply.*

**small** /smC:I/ *adj* **1** fate, mal: *a small house, town, room, audience, sum of money* ○ *This hat is too small for me.* ○ *My influence over her is small, so she won't do as I say.* Cf BIG. **2** a no: *Would a small child know that?* ○ *I lived in country when I was small.* **3** [*usu attrib*] (a) a fate, te: *the small intestine.* (b) (*of letter*) fate (cafang fate tivek). **4** [*usu attrib*] a tumpi ih tuah lomi, a fate: *a small farmer, trader, shopkeeper, company, etc* ○ *more help for small businesses* ○ *a small eater*, ie rawl pham lo, khop ol. **5** a thupi lo, a menmen, a fate, malte: *a small matter, change, mistake* ○ *There are only small differences between the two translations.* **6** [*attrib*] (*derog*) a bal, a fiak lungput neimi;



thluakbu fate nei: *a very small man* ○ *Only somebody with a small mind would have refused to help.* **7** [attrib] (used with uncountable nouns) *malte, lole, um lo: have small cause to be glad* ○ *He failed, and small wonder, tuah suak lo hi mangbang ding a um lo.* **8** (idm) (**be**) **thankful/grateful for small mercies** *thil tha lo ihsin tha lo sin ih a can lo ruangah, thawsuak, lungawi, thinnuam: It may be cold but it's not raining — let's be thankful for small mercies.* **great and small** ⇨ GREAT. **in a big/small way** ⇨ WAY<sup>1</sup>. **it's a small world** (*saying*) *ziangtluk hla ah a feh ih a um a si khalle maih theihmi minung cu, a thuhla theih le ton sal a si thei.* **look/feel small** *nautatza ah tuah: You made me look so small, correcting me in front of everybody.* **no/little/small wonder** ⇨ WONDER *n.* **small beer** (*infml*) *a thupi lo, siar tlak lomi thilri, minung: That grant was pretty small beer: we shall need a lot more money.* **a small fortune** *tangka tampi: The car cost me a small fortune.*

**small fry** (*infml*) *mi thupi lo ih ruatmi.*

**the small hours** *timluan pek hrawng caan: working until/into the small hours.* **the small print** *cafang fate zetih nganmi upadi ca, cakhen: The penalty clause was hidden in the small print.* ○ *Make sure you read all the small print before signing.* **small adv** **1** *a fate te in: chop the wood small.* **2** *a fate in: don't draw the picture too small.*

**small n** **1** **smalls** [pl] (*Brit infml*) *hnipuan tenau pawl, sunghruk tivek pawl.* **2** [sing] *thil ih a fem, a saunak zawn: the small of the back.*

**smallness** [U].

□ **small ads** /FdZ/ (*Brit infml*) = CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS (CLASSIFY).

**small arms** *kut ih ken theimi hriamnam, meithal: [attrib] small-arms fire.*

**small change** *paisa nawi: I dropped some small change into the collecting tin.*

**smallholders, small holding ns** (*Brit*) *ekah (acre) pakhat le ekah sawmnga karlak a kaumi leiram neitu, lole, lo ngatu.*

**the small hours** *zing thlapit, zinglam nazi 3, 4, 5.*

**small-minded adj** (*derog*) *mahzawn lawng ruat mi, a tirhfak mi, thin lung a siami.*

**small-mindedness n** [U].

**small-pox n** [U] *raise nat: [attrib] a smallpox injection, epidemic.*

**small-scale adj** **1** (of a map, drawing, etc) *scale fate, eg peng 50 kha zukah ruhpiok pakhat in langter asile scale fate ti a si ih, peng 1 kha zukah ruhpiok 1 in langter le scale tum (large scale) a si.* **2** *a tum a kau lo, a tam lo: only a small-scale survey of 20 people.*

**small talk** *nitin ih hmuh le ton a thupi lemlomi thuhla rel: I'm afraid I have no small talk, ie I*

*can't chat about unimportant things.*

**small-time adj** (*infml derog*) *thupi lo; a menmen: a small-time criminal.*

NOTE ON USAGE: Compare **small** and **little**.

**Small** is the usual opposite of *big* or *large*. It has comparative and superlative forms and can be modified by adverbs such as 'rather': *Our house is smaller than yours but I think the garden is bigger.* ○ *I have a fairly small income.* The comparative and superlative forms of **little** are rare and it is not usually modified by adverbs. It is generally only used attributively, often following another adjective, to indicate an attitude of affection, dislike, amusement, etc: *He's a horrid little man.* ○ *What a lovely little house!*

**smarmy** /sma:ml/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) (*Brit infml derog*) *midang lawm le porh tahrat in mah le mah laar dingih a tuahawmi: a smarmy salesman* ○ *The waiters' manners are always so smarmy.*

**smart<sup>1</sup>** /sma:t/ *adj* (**-er, -est**) **1** *pianzia a tleu, a tharmi, zoh mawi; a ti verver: a smart hat, frock, car* ○ *You look very smart in your new suit.* ○ *Make yourself smart before my parents arrive.* **2** (*esp US*) *a fim, a thiammi: a smart student* ○ *a smart answer, idea* ○ *It was smart of you to bring a map.* **3** (**a**) *khulrang, cakteuhŋo: go for a smart walk* ○ *set off at a smart pace.* (**b**) (*mithong, soisel tikah*) *a nasazet: I gave a smart blow on the lid, and it flew open.* ○ *a smart rebuke from the teacher.* **4** *san a man, a thiang a mawimi: the smart set* ○ *a smart restaurant.*

▷ **smarten** /sma:tn/ *v* (*phr v*) **smarten (oneself/ sth) up** *zohmawi dingin thuam: You'll have to smarten (yourself) up a bit before going out.* ○ *Try to smarten the house up before the visitors arrive.*

**smartly adv:** *smartly dressed* ○ *walk smartly into the room* ○ *hit sth smartly with a hammer.* **smartness n** [U].

□ **smart alec** /fIlk/ (*infml usu derog*) *ka thiam theh a ti-awmi, fimzet vekih a ummi minung.*

**smart<sup>2</sup>** /slma:t/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (**from sth**) *taksa, thinlung khuaihen vekin nater, tuar: The bee-sting smarted terribly.* ○ *He smarted from the savage attacks on his film.* ○ *They're still smarting from their defeat in the final.*

▷ **smart n** (*fml*) *thinlung, taksa khi henvek, sun vekih natnak: the constant smart of the blisters on his feet.*

**smash** /smFS/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, T, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Cn-a] ~ **sth (up); ~ sth open** *kuai theh ko thawi, thong, tal: the sound of a glass smashing (into pieces) on the floor* ○ *smash a window* ○ *smash (up) all the furniture* ○ *smash the furniture to pieces*

○ *The lock was rusty, so we had to smash the door open.* **2** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] napi in thawi, thong, tal: *smash the ball (out of the court)* ○ *I'll smash you in the eye!* ○ *The batsman smashed the ball up into the air.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] (tennish ah) sukthawi nazet in thawi: *He smashed the lob (straight at his opponent's body).* **3** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth up** (mawṭawka tivecak) khawng, pah: *She smashed (up) her new car in the fog.* **4** [Tn] (infml) neh; mah dodaltu, lole, a thil tuahmi siatsuah; thil ṭhalo center: *We are determined to smash terrorism.* ○ *The champions were completely smashed in the final.* ○ *smash a record*, ie (in sport, etc) set a far better record ○ *Police smashed the drug ring.* **5** (phr v) **smash (sth) against, into, through, etc sth** napi in hlon, deng, khawng, pah: *The car smashed into the wall* ○ *The elephant smashed through the trees.* ○ *She smashed the hammer down onto the box.* **smash sth down** sobul tivec thawn siatbal dingin tal, thawi: *The fireman smashed the door down to reach the children.* **smash sth in** ong ko in, kuar ko in nazet in tal, thawi: *Vandals smashed the door in.* ○ (infml) *I'll smash your head in*, ie said as a threat to hit sb.

▷ **smash** *n* [sing] napi in parh ko in khuainak, khawngnak, thlak mi awn, lole, cu ti ih khuai, thlak, tivec in: *the smash of breaking glass* ○ *The plate hit the floor with a smash.* **2** (also **smash-up**) [C] mawṭawka khawng: *an awful smash(-up) on the motorway.* **3** [C] tennis bawlung kha suk thawi ah napi ih thawinak: *develop a powerful smash.* **4** [C] (also **smash hit**) (infml) hmakhatte in hmin a ngah lohli ih a hlawhtlingmi hla, lemcawn, thuanthucawn, tivec.

**smash** *adv* hlon, sep, deng-aw in: *land smash on the floor* ○ *go/run smash into the wall.*

**smashed** *adj* [pred] (sl) zuri.

**smasher** *n* (infml esp Brit) a ṭhazet, mi hip thei, a mawimi minung, thilri: *She's a real smasher!*

**smashing** *adj* (infml esp Brit) a ṭhazet, a nuamzet, a remcangzet: *We had a smashing time on holiday!*

□ **smash-and-grab** *adj* [attrib] (fifir thu-ah) tukvirh thlang pawl khuai in a sungih thilri pawl fir: *a smash-and-grab raid.*

**smattering** /smFtErIN/ *n* [sing] ~ (of sth) (a bik in ṭongah) mal ngaite thiamnak: *have a smattering of French, German, etc.*

**smear** /smiER/ *v* **1** [Tn-pr] ~ **sth on/over sth/sb**; ~ **sth/sb with sth** thuh: *smear oil on the machinery* ○ *smearing mud all over the wall* ○ *We smeared cream on our faces/smeared our faces with cream.* **2** [Tn] (a) bal ter, nehter, neh: *The window was all smeared after the*

*rain.* ○ *Don't smear the lens; I've just polished it.* (b) (fig) thupuh ih mi hmin siatter: *In politics you expect to get smeared by your opponents.* **3** [Tn] nawt, rawt tahrat in zuk le ca tivec malter (fiang loter): *smear the print with one's finger.*

▷ **smear** *n* **1** thuhmi a neh: *a smear of paint* ○ *smears of blood on the wall.* **2** ~ (on sb) **sth** thupuh, mawhphurh: *This accusation of bribery is a vile smear on an honourable citizen.* ○ [attrib] *a smear campaign* ○ *smear tactic.* **3** microscope thawn zoh dingah thlang patte (slide) parah thuhmi thilri: *a cervical smear*, ie taken from the cervix ○ [attrib] *a smear test.*

**smeary** /smiER/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml) **1** a baalmi: *a smeary window.* **2** thuh mi a neh: *a smeary paintbrush.*

**smell**<sup>1</sup> /smel/ *n* **1** [U] rim, a rim: *Taste and smell are closely connected.* ○ *The dogs can find drugs by smell.* **2** (a) [C, U] rim, thilrim: *a strong smell of gas* ○ *There's a smell of cooking.* ○ *The smells from the kitchen filled the room.* ○ *The cream has no smell.* (b) [sing] rimsia: *There's a bit of a smell in here.* **3** [C usu sing] rim hnim: *Have a smell of this egg and tell me if it's bad.* ○ *One smell of the rotten meat was enough!*

▷ **smelly** *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml) rim sia: *a smelly room, car, yard* ○ *smelly feet, breath, fumes.* **smelliness** *n* [U].

**smell**<sup>2</sup> /smelt/ *v* (pt, pp **smelt** /smelt/ or **smelled**)

Usage at DREAM<sup>2</sup>. **1** (a) [Tn, Tf, Tng no passive] a rim thei, nam: *Do you smell anything unusual?*

○ *The dog smelt the rabbit a long way off.* ○ *I could smell (that) he had been smoking.* ○ *I can smell something burning.* (b) [Ipr, Tn] ~ (at) **sth** hnim: *a dog smelling (at) a lamp-post* ○ *Smell this and tell me what it is.* **2** [I] thil rim thei thei: *Can fish smell?* **3** (a) [I] (continuous tense in hmandan a si lo) a nam, a rim a sia; a uih: *Your breath smells.* ○ *The fish has begun to smell.* (b) [la, Ipr] ~ (of sth) a nam: *The flowers smell sweet.* ○ *The dinner smells good.* ○ *What does the perfume smell like?* ○ *The meat smells of garlic.* ○ *Your breath smells of brandy.* **4**

[Tn, Tng no passive] (fig) instinct thawn thei: *The reporter began to smell a good story.* ○ *I can smell trouble (coming).* **5** (idm) **smell a rat** (infml) thil ṭha lo pakhat a um ding tiah huphurhnak nei: *I smelt a rat when he started being so helpful!* **6** (phr v) **smell sb/sth out** (a)

sb/sth kha a rimin kai ngah, theithiamngah: *Specially-trained dogs can smell out drugs.* (b) thei thiamtertut thu zim tete ruangah tong ngah, thei ngah: *The Secret Service smelled out a plot to kill the President.*

□ **smelling-salts** *n* [pl] lungmit tivec caan ih hnim ṭha a thipzetmi rim.

**smelt**<sup>1</sup> /smelt/ *v* [Tn] sater ih tiiter; thircang

ding lungto kha tiiter in a sungih thir suah: a copper-smelting works.

**smelt**<sup>2</sup> /smelt/ *n* (pl unchanged or ~ **s**) ei tha nga fate phunkhat.

**smelt**<sup>3</sup> *pt, pp* of SMELL<sup>2</sup>.

**smidgen** (also **smidgin**) /smdZEn/ *n* [sing] ~ (of **sth**) (infml esp US) malte: 'Do you want some sugar?' 'Just a smidgen.'

**smile** /small/ *n* **1** ti siamsi ih hnih (hni): with a relieved, amused, cheerful smile on his face ○ give sb a happy smile. **2** (idm) **all smiles** lungawi zet hmelpu: She was all smiles at the news of her win.

▷ **smile v** **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (at **sb/sth**) hnih, hnihsan (hni siamsite in mi zoh), hni (siamsi): smile happily, with pleasure, etc ○ He never smiles. ○ I smiled at the child and said 'Hello'. **2** [Tn] hni in ti duhnak langter: She smiled her approval. ○ I smiled my thanks. **3** [Tn] hnih phunkhat in hni: She smiled a bitter smile. **4** (phr v) **smile on sb/sth** (fml) lungkimpi, thapek: The council did not smile on our plan, ie rejected it. ○ Fortune smiled on us, ie Wewere successful. **smilingly** *adv* hni-in, hni phah(te) in.

**smirch** /sm3:tS/ *v* [Tn] = BESMIRCH. besmirch

**smirk** /sm3:k/ *n* hni hmel, at hnih (mah tuahmi ah lungkim ih hni): Wipe that smirk off your face!

▷ **smirk v** [I] aa nuaini ih hni.

NOTE ON USAGE: Compare **smirk**, **sneer**, **frown**, **scowl** and **grimace**. These verbs indicate people twisting their faces to express various, usually negative, attitudes. People **smirk** when they smile in a silly way to show that they are pleased with themselves, usually at the expense of somebody else. When we **sneer**, we curl our upper lip to express a superior or contemptuous attitude to other people: He's always sneering at my suggestions. We **frown** by bringing our eyebrows together to indicate displeasure, puzzlement or concentration. When **scowling** we twist the whole face to express anger, bad temper, etc: He sits alone all day scowling at passers-by. We also twist the whole face when we **grimace**. We usually **grimace** for a very short time as a reaction to pain or annoyance, or to laughter.

**smite** /smalt/ *v* (pt, **smote** /smEUt/, pp **smitten** /smltn/) [Tn] (fml or joc) **1** napiin thawi, tal: He smote the ball into the grandstand. **2** (mi parah) hmualneizet ih tuah: His conscience smote him.

**smith** /smIT/ *n* **1** = BLACKSMITH. soser. **2** (in compounds) sui, ngun, etc hmanmi khukheng khuathai, thi, fau, zunghruk, tivek pawl tuahtu: a goldsmith ○ a silversmith.

▷ **smithy** /smIW/ *n* soserinak inn, sothlam.

**smithereens** /smlWri:nz/ *n* [pl] (used esp with *vs* meaning break or destroy) a fate te, a tiak tete: smash, blow, hammer, etc sth (in)to smithereens.

**smitten**<sup>1</sup> *pp* of SMITE.

**smitten**<sup>2</sup> /smltn/ *adj* [pred] **1** ~ with **sth** nasazet in thinlung lam tuarnak nei: smitten with remorse for one's cruelty. **2** ~ (with **sb/sth**) (esp joc) hmakhat in duh, duh lohli: I met Janet yesterday, and I'm rather smitten with her.

**smock** /smBk/ *n* (a) kor sungta pawl baal hlahseh tiin a leeng ih hrukmi kor dor: Smocks were formerly worn by farm-workers. ○ The artist's smock was covered in paint. (b) naupai angki: a brightly-coloured smock worn over trousers.

▷ **smocking n** [U] nunau sunghruk angkifual a dor ih thitmi: delicate smocking on a baby's dress.

**smog** /smBg/ *n* [U] cetzung meikhu le mero a kom-awmi thil khu: Smog used to bring London traffic to a standstill.

**smoke**<sup>1</sup> /smEUK/ *n* **1** [U] meikhu; a khu: smoke from factory chimneys ○ The room was full of cigarette smoke. **2** [C] (a) (usu sing) (infml) kuak: They stopped work to have a smoke. ○ I haven't had a smoke all day. (b) (dated sl) fawh tha thil; kuak: Has anyone got any smokes? **3** (idm) **go up in smoke** (a) pumhlum, pumpuluk in kang theh, kang theh verver: The whole house went up in smoke in less than an hour. (b) (fig) hlawhtlingter lo, tumtahmi center theh: When he crashed his car all his travel plans went up in smoke. (there is) **no smoke without fire** (saying) a ruang um loin thuleeng a um thei lo: He's denied having an affair with his secretary, but of course there's no smoke without fire.

▷ **smokeless adj** [usu attrib] (a kang tikah) meikhu nei lo, meikhu mal takte lawng suak: smokeless fuel. **2** kuakfawh sian lonak hmun: a smokeless zone, ie an area where smoke is prohibited.

**smokiness n** [U]: He hates the smokiness of pubs and bars.

□ **smoke-bomb** (also **smoke-grenade**) *n* meikhu bomb: Smoke-bombs were thrown during the street riots.

**smoke-screen n** (a) ral do laiah ralkap pawl, lawng, palik, tivek phentu ding meikhu bomb. (b) (fig) tuah ngaingaimi phentu ah, mibumnak ih tuahmi, thil: The export business was just a smokescreen for his activities as a spy.

**smoke-stack n** (a) lawngpi meikhu suahnak dawng. (b) inn ih meikhu suahnak dawng (chimney). (c) (US) lungmei hol hman tlangleng meikhu suahnak dawng.

**smoke**<sup>2</sup> /smEUK/ *v* **1** [I] (a) a khu a suak, a khu: a smoking volcano ○ smoking factory chimneys.

(b) inn sung khatin mei a khu ciamco: *This fireplace smokes (badly)*. **2** [I, Tn] kuakfawp: *Do you smoke?* ○ *She smokes 20 (cigarettes) a day*. **3** [Tn esp passvie] pherh; sa pawl siat hlahseh ti in rapcung ah pherh: *smoked ham, salmon, mackerel, etc*. **4** [Tn esp passive] thlalang dum seh tiah meikhu khut: *He looked at the sun through a sheet of smoked glass*. ○ *fit smoked plastic lenses in spectacles*. **5** (idm) **put that in your pipe and smoke it** ⇒ PIPE<sup>1</sup>. **6** (phr v) **smoke sb/sth out** meikhu khut in suah, dawi, that; mei ut: *smoke out snakes from a hole* ○ (fig) *He was determined to smoke out the leaders of the gang, ie bring them out of hiding*. **smoke sth out** meikhu in khat ter: *Turn off the pan — you're smoking the place out!*

▷ **smoker** *n* **1** kuakfawptu: *a heavy smoker*, ie kuakfawp tuk mi ○ *Non-smokers often disapprove of smokers*. **2** kuakfawp pawl tonak tlangleng khan (carriage): *Shall we sit in a smoker or a non-smoker?*

**smoking** *n* [U] kuakfawh: 'No Smoking', eg kuakfawp hlah tinak catar ○ *Smoking isn't allowed in this cinema*. ○ *Smoking damages your health*. ○ [attrib] *the smoking section of an aircraft*.

**smoking-jacket** *n* velvet (ka-di-pa) puanthan thawn tuahmi hruk nuamzet mipa lenghruk angki (inn um caan ih hruk theumi).

**smoking-room** *n* hotel tivek ih kuak fawhnak khan.

**smoky** /smEUKI/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** meikhu tammi: *smoky chimneys, fires, etc* ○ *the smoky atmosphere of an industrial town* ○ *This room is very smoky*. **2** meikhu nam, meikhu pianzia, meikhu rimnam: *smoky cheeses* ○ *rather a smoky whisky*. **3** meikhu pianzia nei, meikhu vekin a langmi, tivek: *a pretty smoky glass* ○ *a smoky grey coat*. **smokiness** *n* [U].

**smolder** (US) = SMOULDER.

**smooch** /smu:tS/ *v* [I] (infml) nuamtete'n laam phah ih hnam-aw, pom-aw rero; pom-aw phah in hnam-aw: *hours of smooching in the back seat of the car* ○ *couples smooching on the dance floor*.

▷ **smooch** *n* [sing] (infml) pomawk le hnamawknak: *having a smooch in the back row of the cinema*.

**smooth<sup>1</sup>** /smu:W/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** a naal, a hraap lo, a bingbo lo: *a smooth skin* ○ *a smooth road* ○ *a smooth sheet of ice* ○ *a smooth sea*, ie tilet um lo, a dai ○ *Marble is smooth to the touch*, ie feels smooth when touched. Cf ROUGH<sup>1</sup>. **2** harsatnak um lo: a tluang. as smooth a journey as possible ○ *The new bill had a smooth passage through Parliament*. ○ *They made things very smooth for me*, ie removed difficulties for me. **3** khawng lo, hlok lo, cawl leuhleuh lo in nalzerzo tein, nuamzet in feh, thil ti: *a smooth ride in a*

*good car* ○ *a smooth landing in an aircraft* ○ *a smooth crossing by sea* ○ *smooth breathing*. **4** (a ti-mi thil ah) a khal tete a tel lo; thil phunhnh phunthum rawimi a si ti theihthiam lo ding tiangin cipzet ih rawimi: *smooth custard* ○ *Mix the butter and sugar to a smooth paste*. **5** (a) a kha lo, a thaw: *a smooth whisky* ○ *a smooth cigar*. (b) (fig) nal zerzo ih a fehmi: *smooth verse* ○ *a smooth voice*. **6** (often derog) kamnaal, minaal, mi porhhmang, thaluantuk (thinlung tak si lemlo): *a smooth manner* ○ *a smooth, plausible individual*. **7** (idm) **in smooth water(s)** a tluang: *The business seems to be in smooth waters these days*. **a smooth, slick, etc operator** ⇒ OPERATOR. **as smooth as silk/a baby's bottom/velvet** a nal zet: *Her skin is still as smooth as a baby's bottom*. **take the rough with the smooth** ⇒ ROUGH<sup>3</sup>.

▷ **smoothie** (also **smoothy**) (often derog) panaal (kamnaal pa): *Don't trust him — he's a real smoothie!*

**smoothly** *adv* naltein, tluangtein: *The engine is running smoothly now*. ○ *Things are not going very smoothly*, ie There are troubles, interruptions, etc.

**smooth-ness** *n* [U]: *the smoothness of her skin* ○ *the smoothness of the sea* ○ *the smoothness of the negotiations*.

□ **smooth-tongued** (also **smooth spoken**) *adj* (usu derog) tongnal, mi forhthiam: *smooth-tongued salesmen*.

**smooth<sup>2</sup>** /smu:W/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (away, back, down, out, etc) naalter, ngilter, remte in umter, perter: *smooth down one's dress* ○ *smooth her skirt over her hips* ○ *smooth out a sheet on a bed* ○ *smooth down wood with sandpaper*. **2** (idm) **smooth sb's path** lam tluangter: *Speaking the language fluently certainly smoothed our path*. **smooth sb's ruffled feathers** mi thinheng reh dingin, demter. **3** (phr v) **smooth sth away** thuhnaihok le harsatnak kha oltein center; a kor a sawngmi zutnaal: *smooth away wrinkles with cream* ○ *We'll smooth away any difficulties when we reach them*. ○ *Money helps to smooth away most problems*. **smooth sth over** thuhnaihok tivek; deemter: *It will be difficult for you to smooth over your differences after so many years*.

**smorgasbord** /smC:gEsbC:d/ *n* [U] a sa, lole, a dai ciami hmeh phunphun hunmi rawl – buffet rawl eidan, mahte suah aw copih ei dingmi rawl: *Help yourself from the smorgasbord*.

**smote** *pt* of SMITE.

**smother** /smVWER/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] thi ko in thaw phit sak; thaw thawt thei loin thi: *He smothered the baby with a pillow*. ○ (fig) *She felt smothered with kindness*. **2** [Tn] meisa kha vutcam, vunnel, tivek thawn khuh, that: *If you put too*



*much coal on the fire at once you'll smother it.* ○ *Smother the flames from the burning pan with a wet towel.* ○ (fig) *smother a yawn, smile, laugh, etc, ie prevent it from developing* ○ (fig) *He had to smother a giggle.* **3** [Tn-pr] ~ **sth/sb with/in sth** a sah tuk, a luan tuk ih khuh, tuah: a pudding smothered in cream ○ *smother a child with kisses.*

**smoulder** (US **smolder**) /smEUIdeR/ v [I] alh loin nuamtete in kang: (fig) a cigarette smouldering in the ashtray ○ (fig) Hate smouldered inside him. ○ She smouldered silently with jealousy, ie did not express it openly.

**smudge** /smVdZ/ n baal neh: You've got a smudge of soot on your cheek. ○ Wash your hands or you'll make smudges on the writing paper.

▷ **smudge** v **1** ciarbek, beelmang, kut-baal, tivek nehterin balter: paper smudged with fingerprints ○ You've smudged my picture! **2** fiangloter, bal nehter: Wet ink smudges easily.

**smug** /smVg/ adj (-gger, -ggest) (usu derog) thilti thei ruangah mah le mah uar-aw tuk; mah le mah lungkim tuk: a life of smug respectability ○ smug optimism.

▷ **smugly** adv: smile smugly at the failures of others.

**smugness** n [U].

**smuggle** /smVgl/ v [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth/sb (into/out of/across/through sth; ~ sb sth in, out, across, through** **1** khammi thilri kha ramsungah luhpi, lole, ram lengah suahpi (a thuptein): smuggle Swiss watches into England ○ smuggle drugs through customs ○ smuggle goods across a frontier ○ arrested for smuggling out currency. **2** upadi, daan thlun lo in a thupte in kuat, fehpi, laak, keng: smuggle people out of the country ○ smuggle a prisoner through the main gates ○ smuggle a letter into prison.

▷ **smuggler** /smVglER/ n smuggle tuahtu minung (khawthim lak hnaŋuantu, Kawl: hmaŋng-khu): This cave was used by smugglers in the eighteenth century ○ drug smugglers.

**smuggling** /smVglIN/ n [U] khammi thilri thawn sumdawng: drug-smuggling ○ There's a lot of smuggling across this frontier.

**NOTE ON USAGE:** People **smuggle** goods from one country to another when they illegally take things like watches, drugs, cigarettes, etc across a border. These goods may be banned (eg drugs) or they may be more expensive in the second country because of duty (eg jewellery). Smugglers **run** guns, drugs and other prohibited dangerous items between countries, possibly as a regular activity. Goods (especially alcohol) are **bootlegged** when they are smuggled or manufactured and sold illegally. When records,

films, books, etc are illegally copied and sold they are **pirated**.

**smut** /smVt/ n **1** [C] beelmang, ciarbek, tivek hnih neh: dozens of smuts on my clean washing. **2** [U] (infml derog) a mawi lo, a borhhlawhmi ŋong, thuanthu, zuk, tivek: Don't talk smut. ○ The tabloid papers are full of smut.

▷ **smutty** (-ier, -iest) **1** baal neh tam, baalneh a khatmi: a child with a smutty face ○ smutty marks on the white tablecloth. **2** (infml derog) zoh le ngai mawi lo, a niam, a borhhlawhmi: smutty books ○ smutty humour.

**smuttiness** n [U]: the smuttiness of the comedian's jokes.

**snack** /snFk/ n rilrawn dawn, rawl pipa pawl karlak ah ei hruakmi rawl terek; rawnhru: Usually I only have a snack at lunchtime. ○ The children have a mid-morning snack of milk and biscuits. ○ [attrib] a snack lunch.

▷ **snack** v [I] (infml) rawnhru ei: I prefer to snack when I'm travelling rather than have a full meal.

□ **snack-bar** n rawl terek dawr: We had coffee and sandwiches at the snack-bar.

**snaffle** /snFfl/ v [Tn] (Brit infml) mah hrangah cuh, ham, rangzetin a daan lo piin lak hlo: They snaffled all the food at the party before we got there. ○ Thieves snaffled all the goods from the burnt warehouse.

**snag** /snFg/ n **1** harsatnakte, dawnkhamtu fate: come across a snag ○ We hit (ie encountered) several snags while still at the planning stage. ○ There must be a snag in it somewhere. ○ The only snag is that I have no money. **2** ŋih a nungmi thilhrap le thilhriam. **3** thil hriam ih awk le thlekmi hnipuan ong: I have a snag in my best black tights.

▷ **snag** v (-gg-) [Tn] thil hriam tete ah awk ŋeh, awkter ŋeh: Her tights were badly snagged. ○ He snagged his sweater on the wire fence.

**snail** /snell/ n **1** kharkhem: Snails have been eating our lettuces. ○ The snail retreated into its shell. **2** (idm) **at a snail's pace** fung zet in: The old woman crossed the road at a snail's pace.

**snake** /snelk/ n **1** rul: the scaly skin of the snake ○ cobras and other dangerous snakes. **2** rintlak lo mi zuarthlai hmang. **3** (idm) **a snake in the grass** thuphan per a hmangmi, rualpi siter-aw ih mi zuarthlai a hmang, zum a tlak lo mi: That snake in the grass reported me to the boss.

▷ **snake** v (phr v) **snake (its way) across, past, through**, etc rul vekin kel le kawi in feh; a kelkawi mi kong zawh: The road snakes (its way) through the mountains. ○ The river snaked away into the distance.

**snaky** adj rul thawn a pehparmi; rul feh vekih

a kelkawimi: *the snaky movements of the young dancers* ○ *narrow snaky roads through the hills.*

□ **snake-bite** *n* [C, U] tur nei ruli hukmi hma; ruluk: *be ill from a snake-bite* ○ *an antidote for snake-bite*, ie ruli.

**snake-charmer** *n* mi ih zoh dingah, phirivau tivek tumin rul kha a laam veki cangter thiampa.

**snakes and ladders** kailawn zuk hram ih thlen tikah kai hlo ih, rulzuk ih lu thlen tikah dolhlo lehnak.

**snakeskin** *n* rulvun: *shoes made of snakeskin* ○ [attrib] *a snakeskin belt.*

**snap**<sup>1</sup> /snFp/ *v* (-pp-) **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] cat, kiak, khiak: (fig) *He stretched the rubber band till it snapped.* ○ *Suddenly the branch that he was standing on snapped off.* ○ *The great weight snapped the metal bar (in two).* ○ (fig) *After years of hard work and poverty, he finally snapped, ie had a nervous breakdown, fell ill, etc.* **2** [la, Ip, Tn, Tn-p, Cn-a] awn thekthi in khar, hren, ong; awn thekthi aw suakter: *The box snapped open* ○ *The circus manager snapped his whip.* ○ *He snapped down the lid of the box.* ○ *She snapped her bag shut.* ○ *The shark snapped its jaws shut.* **3** [I, Tn] thinhen awsuah vek in tong, sim: *'Come here at once,' she snapped.* ○ *He never speaks calmly — just snaps all the time.* **4** [Tn] (infml) rang zet in zuk, zuk lohli: *I snapped you sunbathing on the beach.* **5** bite/snap sb's head off ⇒ HEAD<sup>1</sup>. **snap one's fingers** zunglai zim kha kutpi zimin a hramah petter lohli ih awnter, cil malte thuh le a ring cuang: *He snapped his fingers to attract the waiter.* **snap to attention** ralthuag tuah veki ding lohli. **snap to it** (infml) (usu as a command) zamrang ih cangvai thok aw; nawl lohli (aw): *'I want those bricks moved; come on, snap to it!'*

**snap out of it** (infml) cu tin um hlah (thinsia, lung awi lo hmel ih a um mi minung kawknak a si). **6** (phr v) **snap at sb** aw hrangin biak; kaw: *'Shut up!' she snapped (back) at him.* ○ *I'm sorry I snapped at you just now.* **snap at sth** ha thawn fektein keu: *The fish snapped at the bait.* ○ (fig) *They snapped at (ie accepted eagerly) the chance of a cheap holiday.* **snap sth out** auhnawh in, hro phah in thilsim: *The sergeant snapped out an order.* **snap sth up** a cuh ih cuh in lei thluh: *The cheapest articles at the sale were quickly snapped up.*

**snap**<sup>2</sup> /snFp/ *n* **1** [C] keu; a thekthimi aw: *The dog made an unsuccessful snap at the meat.* ○ *The lid shut with a snap.* ○ *The oar broke with a snap.* **2** caan tawite lawng daih ih a thleng-awmi nikhua (a dai lam pan in): *There was a cold snap after Christmas.* **3** (also **snapshot**) [C] ciamciam lo ih zuk hruakmi zuk: *She*

*showed us her holiday snaps.* **4** (usu in compounds) a hnip zetmi biscuit sang fate phun: *ginger-snaps* ○ *brandy-snaps.* **5** snap [U] (Brit) a bang awmi phe hnahnih deng phah in 'Snap' ti ih au a tulmi phelehdan phunkhat: *play a game of Snap.* **6** [sing] (US infml) a olte mi thil: *This job's a snap.*

▷ **snap** *adj* [attrib] theihter cia lo, lole, malte lawng theihter ih tuahmi: *a snap election* ○ *take a snap vote* ○ *a snap decision.*

**snap** *interj* (Brit infml) **1** snap phelehdan in phe leh laiah, mi pakhatin a bangawmi phe hnahnih a den tikah a deng lotu in hraam le aunak tongfang a si. **2** a bang-awmi thilri pahnih hmuh tiki aumi tong a si: *Snap! You've got the same shoes as me.*

**snap** *adv* awn thuahthi in: *Suddenly the oar went snap, ie made a snapping sound as it broke.*

**snappish** *adj* mi auhnawh le hro a duhmi; thinsia; thinheng ol: *a snappish small terrier* ○ *a snappish old man.*

**snappy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** mi auhnawh duh, mi hro duh, thinsia, thinheng ol: *a snappy little dog* ○ *She's always snappy early in the morning.* **2** (infml) thatho zet, thaso zet, khul rang: *snappy on her feet* ○ *a snappy dancer.* **3** (infml) [usu attrib] hnipuan sanman zet a thlunmi: *a snappy outfit* ○ *She's a very snappy dresser, ie She dresses very smartly and trendily.* **4** (idm) **make it snappy** (also **look snappy**) (infml) (often as a command) nawt aw, rang aw, khulrang aw: *Look snappy! The bus is coming.* ○ *You'll have to make it snappy if you want to come too.*

**snappily** *adv*: *'Go away', she said snappily.*

**snappiness** *n* [U].

□ **snap fastener** (also **press stud**, Brit infml **popper**) hmet thek, hmehrep thekthek (hmetmi angki sih): *the press stud on the collar of his evening shirt* ○ *the poppers on a child's pyjamas.*

**snapshot** *n* = SNAP 3.

**snapdragon** /snFpdrFgEn/ *n* = ANTIRRHINUM.

**snapper** /snFpER/ *n* tidai hlumnak hmuni a ummi ei tha nga tumpi.

**snare** /sneER/ *n* **1** thang (a bikin hri thang): *The rabbit's foot was caught in a snare.* **2** (fml) thu le hla ih siah-awmi thang: *All his promises were snares and delusions.* **3** (music) khuang (drum) tum tikah tererere tivekin thir derdo in awn seh tiah, khuang saphaw tang ah rin zet ih retmi ramsa rilte thawn tuahmi hri.

▷ **snare** *v* [Tn] hrithang thawn awk; hrithang ih awk veki awkter; hrithang siah: *snare a rabbit* ○ (fig) *snare a rich husband.*

**snarl**<sup>1</sup> /sna:l/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (at sb/sth) (of dogs, etc) mi a hngir, a hngirhngir: *The dog snarled at the milkman.* ○ *The tiger snarled frighteningly.*

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**2** [I, Ipr, Tn Tn.pr] ~ (sth) (at sb) (of people) thinheng, thin siava ih biak: 'Get out of here,' he snarled (at us). ○ an unpleasant man who snarled abuse at strangers.

▷ **snarl** *n* (usu sing) hngirhngir, hrosuang: the sudden snarl of the dog ○ answer with an angry snarl.

**snarl**<sup>2</sup> /sna:l/ *n* (infml) (hri) hnok; thuruah ding thei lo in hnok ðeh: My knitting was in a terrible snarl.

▷ **snarl** *v* (phr v) **snarl** (sth) up (usu passive) (infml) ziang ti ih tawl rel ding ti thei thei lo in hnokter ðeh; mawtawka a tamtuk ih dungsip thei lo, hmainor thei lo ih tarhak thluh; hri tivek hnok thluh: The machine snarled the material up. ○ Traffic has snarled up the city centre. **snarl-up** *n* (infml) hnok ðeh; tarhak ðeh: a big snarl-up on the motorway.

**snatch** /snFtS/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn.pr, Tn.p] thur, sarhruak; lakhruak; kaihruak – hngal phah in lakhruak a si: It's rude to snatch. ○ She snatched the letter from me/out of my hand. ○ The baby had been snatched from its pram. ○ He snatched up his gun and fired. **2** [Tn] caan ðha ngah laiah tihruak; tuahhruak, lakhruak: snatch an hour's sleep ○ snatch a meal between jobs.

▷ (phr v) **snatch at sth** **1** kai tum: He snatched at the ball but did not catch it. **2** (fig) rangzet le duhham zet in lak: snatch at every opportunity.

**snatch** *n* **1** [sing] hmakhatte in thil lak lohli tumnak: make a snatch at sth. **2** [C esp pl] a pehpheh in si loin, tawite tawite in tuah (nak): work in snatches, ie not continuously ○ short snatches of song ○ overhear snatches of conversation.

**snatcher** *n* (often in compounds) sar (thur) lohli ih thiar hlotu: a baby snatcher ○ overhear snatches of conversation.

**snazzy** /snFz/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml) (hnipuan lam) a piang, a mawi (smart) a style: a snazzy little hat ○ a very snazzy new car ○ She's a very snazzy dresser, ie She always dresses fashionably.

▷ **snazzily** *adv*: dress snazzily. **snazziness** *n* [U].

**sneak** /sni:k/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (on sb) (to sb) (Brit infml derog) (nauhak in an hmang tam) zuar, zuarthlai: She sneaked on her best friend to the teacher. **2** [Tn] (infml) khuan ngah loin thuptein lak, tuah: sneak a chocolate from the box ○ sneak a look at the Christmas presents. **3** (phr v) **sneak into, out of, past, etc sth; sneak in, out, away, back, past, etc** daite le thuptein feh hlo: He stole the money and sneaked out of the house. ○ The cat ate the food and sneaked off. **sneak up** (on sb/sth) pel: James loves sneaking up on his sister to frighten her. ⇒ Usage at PROWL.

▷ **sneak** *n* (infml) mi ralhrut, thuphan per hmang, mi zuar hmangmi.

**sneak** *adj* [attrib] theiher cia loih tuahmi; a thup, rin loih tuah/timi: a sneak attack ○ a sneak preview ○ a sneak look at a letter.

**sneakers** *n* [pl] (US; Brit infml) rabar kedan; leknak kedan = PLIMSOLLS: He wore old jeans and a pair of sneakers.

**sneaking** *adj* [attrib] a thupmi, phuan lomi (thinlung ruahnak): have a sneaking respect, sympathy, etc for sb ○ I have a sneaking (ie unproved and vague but possibly right) suspicion that he stole my wallet.

**sneaky** *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml derog) thupte le mibum-in thil ti a hmang mi: sneaky behaviour ○ This sneaky girl was disliked by the rest of the class. **sneakily** *adv*. **sneakiness** *n* [U].

▷ **sneak-thief** *n* fir him si loin fir ol thil a purtu, laksaktu.

**sneer** /sniER/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (st sb/sth) zomtai hnih ih hnihsan: sneer at one's supposed inferiors ○ I resent the way he sneers at our efforts. ⇒ Usage at SMIRK.

▷ **sneer** *n* zomtai ti a langmi mithmai, hnih, ðongkam: sneers of disbelief ○ You can wipe that sneer off your face!

**sneeringly** /sniERInli/ *adv*.

**sneeze** /sni:z/ *n* hahthio: coughs and sneezes ○ She let out a loud sneeze.

▷ **sneeze** *v* [I] **1** a hahthio: With all that dust about, he couldn't stop sneezing. ○ Use a handkerchief when you sneeze. **2** (idm) **not to be sneezed at** (infml esp joc) zomtai ding a si lo, a men lo, menmen a si lo: A prize of £50 is not to be sneezed at.

**snick** /snlk/ *v* [Tn] fate in at, mi hma fate, lole, a bak fate lang dingin a at: I snicked my finger on the sharp knife.

▷ **snick** *n* atmi a hma fate, a bak fate: a tiny snick in the dress material.

**snicker** /snlKER/ *v* sup phah in hni: snickering at obscene pictures. ⇒ Usage at GIGGLE.

▷ **snicker** *n* sup phah ih hnih.

**snide** /snald/ *adj* (dreog) a kelkawi zawng in soisel, mi hnihsan: snide remarks about the chairman's wife ○ He's always making snide comments about her appearance.

▷ **snidely** *adv*. **snideness** *n* [U].

**sniff** /snlff/ *v* **1** [I] hnar in hnim(aw suak in): sniffing and trying not to weep ○ They all had colds and were sniffing and sneezing. **2** (a) [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (at) sth thil rim thaw kha a nuam ti ih hnim dingah hnar in thli na deuh in dawp; hawp: sniff the sea-air ○ sniff (at) a rose ○ The dog was sniffing (at) the lamp-post. (b) [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ sth (up) hnar in hawp, dawp: sniff snuff ○ He sniffed the vapour up (through his nose). (c) [Tn] (infml) ðihnungza sivai khu kha hnarin hawp, dawp: sniff glue. **3** [Tn] mah le

mah hi ka hman, zaangfahza ka si ti phun in phunzai phah in tong: *'Nobody understands me,' he sniffed.* **4** (phr v) **sniff at sth** ziangsiar lo le nautat in um: (infml) *His generous offer is not to be sniffed at, ie should be considered seriously.* **sniffed sb out** (infml) tong, hmu: *sniff out the culprit* ○ *The police were determined to sniff out the ringleaders.*

▷ **sniff** *n* thaw hawp(nak); thawhawt awn: *tearful sniffs* ○ *get a sniff of sea air* ○ *One sniff of this is enough to kill you.* ○ *'I'm going,' she said with a sniff.*

**sniffle** /snɪfl/ *v* [I] təh ruangah, lole, dai ngah ruangah dim tete in hluK, hlik: *I wish you wouldn't keep sniffing.*

▷ **sniffle** **1** *n* thaw hawp hluKhlo mi aw. **2** (idm) **get/have the sniffles** (infml) dai ngah, raibur ngah.

**snifter** /snɪftɜ/ *n* **1** (infml) zu a malte: *have a quick snifter before the party.* **2** a kaa a fiak deuhmi zuhai: *a snifter of brandy.*

**snigger** /snɪgɜ/ *n* hni huahho ngam loin sup phahih hnih (hni): *Her shabby appearance drew sniggers from the guests.*

▷ **snigger** *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (at sb/sth) sup phah-in hni: *superior people who sniggered at her foreign accent.* ⇒ Usage at GIGGLE.

**snip** /snɪp/ *v* (-pp-) **1** [Ipr, Tn] ~ (a) sth (cehrep hriam zet tivek thilri thawn) cep, attan: *snip (at) a stray lock of hair.* **2** (phr v) **snip sth off** cep, attan: *snip off a few loose threads* ○ *snip the corner off the carton of milk.*

▷ **snip** *n* **1** cehrep thawn ahtannak a hma: *There's a nip in this cloth.* **2** cehrep thawn ahtanmi thil til fatete: *snips of material scattered over the floor.* **3** cep, ahtannak: *With a few quick snips of the shears he pruned the bush.* **4** (Brit infml) mangbangza ih a man a olmi: *It's a nip at only 50p!*

**snipping** *n* a tum deuhmi thilri kha a fatete ih ahtanmi thil tete: *a patchwork quilt made of snippings from old clothes.*

**snipe**<sup>1</sup> /snɪp/ *n* (pl unchanged) a hmu a ding a sau ih cirh lakih a tlang mi vate, cirhdawt.

**snipe**<sup>2</sup> /snɪp/ *v* [I, Ip] ~ (at sb/sth) **1** a hlatnak ihsin mi kap: *terrorists sniping at soldiers from well-concealed positions.* **2** (fig) mi thin na ko soisel: *sniping at political opponents* ○ *Film stars are often sniped at in the newspapers.*

▷ **sniper** *n* a hlatnak hmun ihsin mi kaptu: *shot by snipers.*

**snippet** /snɪpt/ *n* **1** thil pakhat ihsin ahtanmi thil fate. **2** ~ (of sth) mi zuar: *snippets of gossip* ○ *I've just heard a snippet of information that might interest you.*

**snitch** /snɪtʃ/ *v* (Brits sl) **1** [Tn] laksak hruak (fir). **2** zuarthlai.

**snivel** /snɪvl/ *v* (-ɪ-; US also -ɪ-) (derog) [I] (a) ikik phah in tap: *a tired snivelling baby.* (b) ai rero

phahin duh lonak, lungkim lonak tong rero: *She's always snivelling about her unhappy childhood.*

▷ **snivelling** (US also **sniveling**) *adj* [attrib] (derog) ai rero phah in duhlonak sim rero le dil rero thei: *He's a snivelling idiot!*

**sniveller** (US **sniveler**) *n* (derog) ai rero phah in phunciar hman.

**snob** /snɒb/ *n* (derog) (a) upa sinak le lennak a thupitter tuk ih, minauta le farah pawl zomtai hman minung: *snobs who despised their working-class son-in-law.* (b) a zum-awmi minung; thei-awter, si-awter: *an intellectual snob* ○ *a wine snob who will only drink the best wines.*

▷ **snobbery** /snɒbɜrɪ/ *n* [U] (derog) a zum-awknak, upa si ngaisannak: *They considered her behaviour a shameful piece of snobbery.*

**snobbish** *adj* (derog) mah le mah ngaisang mi, ka si bik ti ih a ruat-awmi minung, lole cuvek ruahnak thawn a pehparmi: *a snobbish contempt for the poor* ○ *a snobbish attitude to pop music.* **snobbishly** *adv.* **snobbishness** *n* [U].

▷ **snob appeal** (also **snob value**) phun upa asinak, phun upa a si ti ih ruahnak ruangah man nei ih ruahnak: *This part of the town has a lot of snob appeal.* ○ *This car sells well because of its snob value.*

**SNOBOL** (also **Snobol**) /snɒbɒl/ *abbr* (computer lam, pangah) string-oriented symbolic language (Programme tuah tikah tongfang pawl ai ah a tawi zawngih ti-can) nei ih hmanmi zuk, lole, cawang pawl.

**snog** /snɒg/ *v* (-gg-) [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb) (Brit sb) (Brit infml) pom-aw le hnam-aw: *snog in the back row of the cinema.*

▷ **snog** *n* [sing] (Brit infml) pom-aw hlerhlerh le hnam-awknak: *have a bit of a snog.*

**snogging** *n* [U] (Brit infml) pom-aw le hnam-awknak.

**snook** /snu:k/ *n* (idm) **cock a snook at sb/sth** ⇒ COOK<sup>3</sup>.

**snooker** /snu:kɜ/ *n* [U] cabuai kaupi parah bawhlung sen 15 le pianzia dangdang bawhlung 7 thawn lekmi lehnak: [attrib] a *snooker match.*

**snooker** *v* [Tn esp passive] **1** snooker lek tikah khatlamtang ih dinhmun kha harnak pek. **2** (infml fig) mi pakhat kha harsa zet in ret; bum, neh: *You can't win; you've been completely snookered!*

**snoop** /snu:p/ *v* (infml usu derog) **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (about/around sth); ~ (about/around) mi an sual pei maw, daan an buar pei maw tiah, thupte in bih, mi sual hawl, mi ngiat ringring: *snoop around at night* ○ *snooping about the school entrance looking for late-comers.* **2** [Ipr] ~ into sth mah thawn pehparaw lomi thuhla



theitum, coihverh.

▷ **snooper** *n* (usu derog) thupte ih mi ngiat ringringtu: a government snooper.

**snooty** /snu:t/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml derog) mi ih umdan duh lo thei ce, mi nautat hmang: a snooty letter refusing the invitation ○ She's so snooty; she never speaks to the neighbors.

▷ **snootily** /-l/ *adv*. **snootiness** *n* [U].

**snooze** /snu:z/ *v* [I] (fml) sun ah malte sung itthat: Dad was snoozing by the fire.

▷ **snooze** *n* [sing] (infml) caan tawite sung ih (it): I'm going to have a snooze after lunch.

**snore** /snC:R/ *v* [I] hngawk: snoring noisily with his mouth open ○ Does my snoring bother you?

▷ **snore** *n* hngawk: Loud snores from the other room kept her awake.

**snorer** /snC:rER/ *n* hngawkhngawk hmang minung.

**snorkel** /snC:kl/ *n* **1** tidai sung um lai ih thawhawtnak dawng. **2** tisung-lut tangphawlawng (submarine) tidai sung ih a um lai ah tidai lengih thli a hawptu thilri.

▷ **snorkel** *v* [I] (-ll-, US -l-) snorkel hmangin tileuh.

**snorkelling** (US **keling**) /snC:kElIn/ *n* [U] snorkel hmangih tileuh zuam-awknak.

**snort** /snC:t/ *v* **1** [I] (usu of animal, esp horse) hnar-in thli ring pi-in suah, thil phiit. **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (at sb/sth) hngakcaw lo, zomtai, duh lo tuk (sik-piet), lungawi tikah hnar in thli phiit/napi in suah: snort with rage (at sb/sth) ○ snort with mirth at the suggestion. **3** (sl) hnar in hawp (sivai khu tivek): snort cocaine.

▷ **snort** *n* **1** hnar in, thli suah awn: give a snort of contempt ○ She could not conceal a snort of laughter. **2** (infml) veikhatih dolhmi (tohphirmi) zu malte. **3** (sl) hnimm siivai: a quick snort of cocaine.

**snorter** *n* (esp sing) (infml) lung a tong thei zetmi, a hrang, a har zetmi thil: She sent me a real snorter of a letter.

**snot** /snBt/ *n* [U] (infml) hnapp: snot running down the child's nose.

▷ **snotty** *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml) **1** hnapp tam, hnapp dop mi: a child with a snotty nose ○ washing his snotty handkerchiefs. **2** (also **snotly-nosed**) (derog) mi nautat hmang: He's such a snotty-nosed little wimp.

**snout** /snaUt/ *n* **1** [C] hnar le hmur a kom-awmi ramsa hmur (vok hmur vek): a sow with her snout in a trough of food. **2** [C] ramsa hmur vekih hmai a suak tuauti mi thilri: the ugly snout of a revolver. **3** (Brit sl derog) hnar: a huge red snout ○ She's always poking her snout into everything, ie interfering. **4** [C] (Brit sl) palik hnenih thuthantu. **5** [U] (Brit sl) sikawng, kuhsi: Got any snout?

**snow<sup>1</sup>** /sneU/ *n* **1** vurpar: a heavy fall of snow ○ roads deep in snow ○ Children were playing in

the snow. **2** [C usu pl] (fml) vurtlak: The snows came early that year. **3** [U] (sl) rittheinak sivai (bing rang) vut. **4** (idm) **pure as the driven snow** ⇒ PURE. **white as snow** ⇒ WHITE<sup>1</sup>.

□ **snowball** *n* vurhlom: children throwing snowballs at each other. — *v* [I] **1** vurhlom thawndeng-aw in lek: children snowballing in the park. **2** (fig) rang zet in karh, zai, t̃hang (thuhla lam pangah): Opposition to the war snowballed.

**snow-blind** *adj* [usu pred] vurih cerh ruangah malte sung khua hmu thei lo. **snow-blindness** *n* [U]: skiers suffering from snow-blindness.

**snow-blower** *n* (esp US) zinpi zinte ih vur semhlotu cet.

**snow-bound** *adj* vur tamtuk a tlak ruangah feh thei lo ih um, erh khum.

**snow-capped** *adj* (rhet) (tlang, tivek) a zim vurpar ih a khuhmi.

**snow-covered** (also *rhet snow-clad*) *adj* vur parih a khuhmi: snow-covered roofs ○ snow-clad fir trees.

**snow-drift** *n* thli ruangih a cangmi vurtlang niamte: The train ran into a snow-drift.

**snowdrop** *n* hrambo (khasuan vek) a neimi thlatang reh tikih par t̃heumi pangpar phunkhat.

**snowfall** *n* **1** [C] vurtlak: There was a heavy snowfall last week. **2** [U] caan khat sungih a tlami vurpar, vurpar tlak zat: The average snowfall here is 10cm a year.

**snow-field** *n* kumtluan vur um hmun.

**snow flake** *n* a tla rero mi, a per a pat a fate mi vurpar: snowflakes melting as they reached the ground.

**snow-goose** *n* artic rampai rang.

**snow job** (infm esp US) thutak lungtak a si lomi, t̃ha hleifuan t̃ong in mibum milem tum(nak): They're claiming that he's not guilty but that's just a snow job.

**snow-leopard** *n* Asia a laifang tlang tlun um, hmul pawl parah dumcuk-t̃elhmi tlavang phunkhat.

**snow-line** *n* vur a khuh camcinnak hmun le a khuh lonak hmun ri (vur ri): climb above the snow-line.

**snowman** /-mFn/ *n* (pl -men /-men/) nauhak pawl in lehpannak ih vurpar thawnd an tuahmi minung lem.

**snow-plough** (US **snow-plow**) *n* zinpi, tlangleng zin tivek um vur hriatnak thilri, leng.

**snow-shed** *n* (esp US) zinpi, tlangleng zin tlunih vur khamnak tlunkhuh.

**snow-shoe** *n* vur (par fehnak) kedan.

**snowstorm** *n* vur keng thlipi.

**snow-white** *adj* a thiang a tle in a rangmi: snow-white shirts.

**snow<sup>2</sup>** /sneU/ *v* **1** [I] (used with it) vur a tlak: It snowed all day. ○ It was snowing when I woke

up. **2** [Tn] (*US infml*) thinlung tak a si lomi ðong pawl ðong ciamco in mi bum le mi lem tum. **3** (phr v) **snow sb in/up** (usu passive) vur tamtuk a tlak ruangah leng suak thei lo in um, suahkham: *We were snowed in for three days last winter by the blizzards.* **snow sb under (with sth)** (usu passive) khuh thluh, tamtuk in um: *I was snowed under with work* ○ *snowed under with applications for the job.*

▷ **snowy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** vur ih a khuhmi: *snowy roofs.* **2** vur a tla mi, vur a tammi: *snowy weather.* **3** a tlak pek vur vekin a thianga rang mi: *a snowy (white) tablecloth.*

**snr** *abbr* = SEN 3. Senior.

**snub<sup>1</sup>** /snVb/ *v* (-bb-) [Tn esp passive] ðong lem lo, bia lem lo, zoh lem lo in mi nautat zet ih umsan: *She was repeatedly snubbed by her neighbours.* ○ *She snubbed them by not replying to their invitation.*

▷ **snub** *n* ziangsiar lo-nak ðong, umdan: *suffer a snub* ○ *hurt by the snubs of the other children.*

**snub<sup>2</sup>** /snVb/ *adj* (hnar thawn peh parin) a tawi, a bul ih tlunlam ah, a pir nawnmi.

□ **snub-nosed** *adj*: *a snub-nosed little dog.*

**snuff<sup>1</sup>** /snVf/ *n* [U] hnim hlukhli in hnar sungah lut dingih tuahmi si kawng vut: *take a pinch of snuff.*

□ **snuff-box** *n* mawite ih ðelhmi, ceimawimi sikawng vut bawmte: *She collects snuff-boxes.*

**snuff<sup>2</sup>** /snVf/ *v* **1** [Tn] a kang cang zomi sathaufer (pha-zawng-daing) meica hrizim tan. **2** (idm) **snuff it** (*Brit sl joc*) thi: *His dad snuffed it a couple of years ago.* **3** (phr v) **snuff sth out** (a) hmit – sathaufer, meisa, tivek. (b) a hlo, a cem vuarvi: *His hopes were nearly snuffed out.*

**snuffle** /snVf/ *v* **1** [I, Ip] aw suakter phah in hnim hlukhlo vivo: *The dog was snuffling around the roots of a tree.* (b) hnar sung a thling, hnep in hnar a phih ruangah ol tein thawhawt thiam loin awn ruri ih thawhawt.

▷ **snuffle** *n* awn ruri ih thawhawt awn, thawhawt: *speak/with a snuffle*, ie with a blocked nose.

**snug** /snVg/ *adj* (-gg-) **1** thli lut lo a nuam a hlum thekthi (mi): *a snug little house* ○ *snug in bed* ○ *The children are wrapped up snug by the fire.* **2** (hnipuan ah) a tet: *a snug-fitting coat* ○ *This jacket's a bit snug now.* **3** (*infml*) a tawk/a daih ceu: *a snug little income.* **4** (idm) (as) **snug as a bug in the rug** (*joc infml*) a hlum thekthi ih a nuam zet.

▷ **snug** *n* (*Brit*) a hlum thekthi ih um a nuamzetmi innkhan fate, rawl le zu tivek man ol deuh ih zuarnak.

**snugly** *adv* **1** hlum thenthi le nuamzet in: *They were curled up snugly in bed.* **2** tet zet le rem ðhepðhep in: *He fitted the map snugly into the bag.*

**snug-ness** *n* [U].

**snuggle** /snVgl/ *v* [I, Ip] ~ (up to sb); ~ (up/down) a hlum deuh duh ruangah, lole duhdawtnak ruangah a kiangah it phah in, lole, to phahin tawt, naih rero: *They snuggled up (together) in bed.* ○ *She snuggled down in bed.*

**so<sup>1</sup>** /sEU/ *adv* (adv le adjs hmai ah ret asi) **1** cutluk in, zet: *Last time I saw him he was so fat!* ○ *Don't look so angry* (ie as angry as you appear now)! **2** **not** ~ + *adj/adv* (+ **as...**) cutluk in a si lo: *It wasn't so bad as last time!* ○ *It didn't take so long as we expected.* ○ *I haven't enjoyed myself so much for a long time.* **3** ~ + *adj/adv* + (that) ... (ruangah): *He was so ill that we had to send for a doctor.* ○ *She was so angry (that) she couldn't speak.* **4** ~ + *adj/adv* + **as to do sth** cuti ih ti/tuah ding tluk tiang in: *She was so kind as to phone for a taxi for me.* ○ *How could you be so stupid as to believe him?* ○ *Would you be so good as to lock the door when you leave?* **5** ~ + *adj* + **a/an** + *n* (+ **as sb/sth**) (used in making comparisons) tluk in: *He was not so quick a learner as his brother.* ○ *He's not so good a player as his wife.* ○ *Is this so unusual a case* (ie more unusual than most)? **6** zet, nasa, ngaingai: *I'm so glad to see you.* ○ *It was so kind of you to remember my birthday* ○ *We have so much to do.* ○ *She's feeling so much better today.* **7** (idm) **not so much sth as sth** cu vek a si hnakin cuvek a si sawn: *She's not so much poor as careless with money.* **so many/much** cu zat kha zat ti sim theih lomi: *A recipe tells you that you need so many eggs, so much milk, etc.* ○ *Write on the form that you stayed so many nights at so much per night.* **so much sth** a tam zet (thulolak, tivek): *His promises were just so much meaningless talk.* **so much for sb/sth** a hrangah ðong sal/bet a ðul nawn lo; a cem zo: *So much for our hopes of going abroad — we can forget it.* **so much so that** /WET/ cu tluk in a si ruangah; tuk ruang ah: *We are very busy — so much so that we can't manage to take a holiday this year.* **with not with out so much as sth** hman um lo, ti loin: *Off he went, without so much as a 'goodbye'.*

**so<sup>2</sup>** /sEU/ *adv* **1** cu ti-in, cuticun: *Stand with your arms out, so.* **2** (ðong ciami ðong nolh loin a canai ah 'so' hman a si-believe, hope, if, suppose, tell, say, do pawl dungah a thlung ðheu, cutiin tinak a si: 'Is he coming?' 'I believe so.' ○ *He's got the job?* 'So she said.' ○ *They think she may try to phone. If so, someone must stay here.* **3** na ðong mi vekin ka si ve, a si ti ih lung kimpi nak ðong a si: 'You were invited to that party, weren't you?' 'So I was. I'd forgotten.' ○ *'They won the championship five years ago.'* 'So they did.' ○ *'There's a bird nesting in the garage.'* 'So there is.' **4** si ve: *He is divorced and so am I.* ○ *'I've been to Moscow.'* 'So have I.' **5** (idm) **and so on** (and so forth) cuticun a si;

cuvek pawl tla an si: *He talked about how much we owed to our parents, our duty to our country and so on and so forth.* **so as to do sth** dingah, seh ti-in: *I left a message so as to be sure of contacting her.* ○ *He disconnected the phone so as not to be disturbed.* **so be it** (cu ti-in) si ko seh: *If he doesn't want to be involved, then so be it.* **so that; so ... that (a)** cutiin siseh ti duh ah, dingin: *She worked hard so that everything would be ready by 6 o'clock.* ○ *He has so organized his life that his wife suspects nothing.* **(b)** (cu ti in a si) ruangah: *Nothing more was heard from him so that we began to wonder if he was dead.* ○ *He so adores his daughters that he keeps buying them expensive toys.*

▷ **so-and-so** *n* (pl **so-and-so's**) (infml) (a) ruahnak a si menmi, lole, theih thiam lo mi minung; cute, khat, cumi, khami: *Let's suppose a Mr So-and-so registers at the hotel.* **(b)** huat mi/za minung: *Some so-and-so has pinched my towel.* ○ *Our neighbour's a bad-tempered old so-and-so.*

**so-called** *adj* [usu attrib] (often derog) timi, timi pawl: *Where are your so-called friends now?* ○ *Our so-called villa by the sea was a small bungalow two miles from the coast.* ○ *This is the patio, so-called — it's really just the back yard.*

**so<sup>3</sup>** /sEU/ *conj* **1** curuangah: *The shops were closed so I didn't get any milk.* ○ *The manager was ill so I went in his place.* ○ *These glasses are very expensive so please be careful with them.* **2** (infml) dingah: *I gave you a map so you wouldn't get lost.* ○ *She whispered to me so no one else would hear.* **3** thudang sim duhmi thuhla simthoknak ah hman a si; cuticun tican a si: *So now it's winter again and I'm still unemployed.* ○ *So after shouting and screaming for an hour she walked out in tears.* **4** cu ti cun-a kalh awmi, soisel duhmi tong, tong zik tikah tong hram thawhnakh hman a si: *So I've been in prison for three years. That doesn't mean I can't do a job.* ○ *So you've come back. What's your story this time?* **5** (idm) **so what** (infml) cu ti in a si le teh ziang so: *He's fifteen years younger than me. So what if he is?*

**so<sup>4</sup>** = soh.

**So** abbr (US) South(ern).

**soak** /sEUK/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr] ~ (in sth) ciah, ciap: *The dirty clothes are soaking in soapy water.* ○ *Leave the dried beans to soak overnight.* **(b)** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (in sth) a ti pakhat sungah a ti zuuk seh ti in ciah: *soak bread in milk* ○ (fig) *He soaked himself* (ie allowed himself to absorb) *in the atmosphere of the place.* **2** [Ipr, Ip] ~ **into/through**; ~ **in sth** sungah ti a lut, a ciah: *The rain had soaked through his coat.* ○ *Clean up that wine before it soaks in (to the carpet).* **3** [Tn] (infml) a man, lole, siahkuan

tam zet dil in mi hnen ihsin tangka lak/sor: *Are you in favour of soaking the rich?* **4** (idm) **soaked/wet to the skin** ⇒ SKIN. **5** (phr v) **soak sth off/out** tidai ah ciah in khok, hloter: *soak out a stain from a shirt* ○ *Soak a label off a jam jar.* **soak sb through** minung le a hnipuan pawl ciar thlekthlek in um: *Don't stand out there: you'll get soaked through.* **soak sth up** (a) a ti mi thilri zuuk-a tiimi thilri parah puansia kan ret tiki a zuuk veki: *Use a paper towel to soak up the cooking oil.* **(b)** dong, rak zuuk: *soaking up the sunshine* ○ *soaking up the atmosphere of the Spanish villages* ○ *That child soaks up new facts like a sponge!*

▷ **soak** (also **soaking**) *n* **1** a ti zuuk/hawp: *Give the sheets a good soak.* **2** (infml) zupham; ricini: *He's a dreadful old soak.*

**soaked** /sEUKt/ *adj* [pred] **1** pumpuluk in ciar, ciar thlekthlek: *You're soaked!* **2** ~ **in sth** (fig) thawn a khat; a luan tukin a um: *This house is soaked in memories.*

**soaking** /sEUKIN/ *adj* (also **soaking wet**) a ciar/ ciap zet: *a soaking wet coat.*

**soap** /sEU/ *n* [U] **1** satpia, sahbuan: *a bar of soap* ○ *There's no soap in the bathroom?* ○ *Use plenty of soap and water.* **2** [C] (infml) = SOAP OPERA: *Do you watch any of the soaps on TV?*

▷ **soap** *v* [Tn, Tn-p] satpia thuh: *soap oneself down* ○ *soap the car and then rinse it.*

**soapy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** (a) satpia vek, lole, satpia thawn a pehpar mi: *This bread has a soapy taste.* **(b)** satpia a telmi/a khatmi: *soapy water.* **2** (infml derog) duhsanmi ngah duh ah porh le duhnak thlun in milung awiter; mi mithmai zoh: *a soapy voice, manner, style.*

**soapiness** *n* [U].

□ **soap-box** *n* zinpi, colhhmun (park), tivek ah a menmen ih tuah hruakmi thusimtupa - ih dinnak hmun: [attrib] *soap-box oratory* ○ (fig) *He gets on his soap-box at the first opportunity,* ie thusaupi sim dingah a tiar-aw ringring.

**soap bubble** *n* satpia phul pawpaleng, pawpawh: *children blowing soap-bubbles.*

**soap-flakes** *n* [pl] a per patte ih tuahmi satpia: *use soap-flakes rather than powder detergent.*

**soap opera** (also **soap**) (sometimes derog) nitin nundan kha radio, TV tivekah an sim/an cawnmi thuanthu: *a TV diet of soap opera.*

**soap powder** satpia vut.

**soapstone** *n* [U] a nem ih tham tikah satpia vek a simi lungmuat phunkhat: [attrib] *a soapstone statue.*

**soapsuds** *n* [pl] tidai parih a phuanmi satpia phul: *He was up o his elbows in soapsuds, washing his shirts.*

**soar** /sC:R/ *v* [I, Ipr] **1** (a) van ah rangzetin a kai: *The jet soared into the air.* ○ (fig) *Prices are soaring,* ie rising rapidly. ○ (fig) *soaring temperatures,* ie rapidly getting very hot. **(b)** a

sang zet: *cliffs soaring above the sea* ○ *Skyscrapers soar above the horizon.* **2** vanah cang lo tein um: *seagulls soaring over the cliffs* ○ *a glider soaring above us.*

**sob** /sBb/ *v* (-bb-) **1** [I, Ipr] ikik; hlikhlik phah in tap: *We could hear the child sobbing in the other room.* ○ *She sobbed into her handkerchief.* ⇨ Usage at CRY. **2** (idm) **sob one's heart out** lungzur zet in, nasazet in. **3** (phr *v*) **sob sth out** tapphah in sim: *she sobbed out the story of her son's violent death.*

▷ **sob** *n* tap; ʔah aw: *The child's sobs gradually died down.*

**sobbingly** *adv.*

□ **sob-story** *n* (infml) in zaangfah seh, in rehsiat pi seh ti ih simmi thu: *He told me a real sob-story of how his wife had gone off with his best friend.*

**sob-stuff** *n* [U] (infml often derog) in zaangfah seh, in rehsiat pi seh ti duh ah a si ngaingai hnakin thinpem za ih simmi ʔong, nganmi ca: *The idea of all that sob-stuff was to get me to lend her money.*

**sober** /sEUBER/ *adj* **1** zuri lo, lungfim: *Does he ever go to bed sober?* ○ *He drinks a lot but always seems sober.* **2** lungtak a neimi, thu a ruat theimi, khingkhai ciamciam theimi: *a very sober and hard-working young man* ○ *make a sober estimate of what is possible* ○ *a sober analysis of the facts* ○ *in sober truth*, ie in fact, contrasted with what is imagined or hoped for. **3** (of colour) a aumi, a paalmi: *a sober grey suit.* **4** (idm) (as) **sober as a judge** (a) zuri hrhimrim lo, fim kerker. (b) a fim, thu a ruat zet ti a langmi, hnih tel lo, a dai reprepmi. ▷ **sober** *v* **1** [I, Tn] thungaithlak ih um le thu ruat ko in tuah: *The bad news had a sobering effect on all of us.* **2** (phr *v*) **sober (sb) down** luklak, daithlang ih nun rero hnuah, khawruah nei in daite ih um (sal): *Please sober down a bit; I've got some important news for you.* **sober (sb) up** lungfim le thindai in um (ter): *Put him to bed until he sobers up.* ○ *Give her some black coffee — that'll help to sober her up.*

**soberly** *adv.* *soberly dressed.*

□ **sober-minded** *adj* thinlung pacang zet, khawruah nei zet.

**sobriety** /sEbRaiEtI/ *n* [U] fimkhur zet le thinlung pacang zet sinak: *a conscientious man noted for his sobriety.*

**Soc** *abbr* **1** Socialist. **2** Society: *Amateur Drama Soc.*

**soccer** /sBKER/ *n* [U] (soccer timi cu Brit ahcun newspaper, radio, TV ih hmanmi a si; US ah football tican rori ah an hmang) bawhlung: = ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL (ASSOCIATION). ○ [attrib] *measures to curb soccer violence* ○ *soccer hooligans*, ie football supporters who cause trouble before, after or during a match.

**sociable** /sEUSEbI/ *adj* mipawl thiam, pawlkom a duhmi; mi a rualpi theimi: komnuam. *He has never really been the sociable type.* ○ *I'm not in a sociable mood.*

▷ **sociability** /sEUSEbIIEtI/ *n* [U].

**sociably** /-EbII/ *adv.*

**social** /sEUSI/ *adj* **1** [esp attrib] pawlkhawm ih um, pehkaih-awknak thawn a pehpar-awmi: *social problems* ○ *social customs, welfare, reforms.* **2** [attrib] mi burpi, mi zapi; lole, a cuih pawl thawn a pehparaw mi; mi lakih dinhmun thawn a pehparaw-mi: *one's social equals*, ie people of the same class as onself in society ○ *social advancement*, ie improvement of one's position in society ○ (derog) *a social climber*, ie sb who constantly strives to improve his social position. **3** [attrib] (of animal, etc) a bur ih tlangmi, umkhawmmi: *Most bees and wasps are social insects* ○ *Man is a social animal.* **4** mibur pawlkom awknak, cawlh umnak hrangih tuahmi, lole, a cuih pawl thawn a pehpar-awmi: *a social club* ○ *a social evening* ○ *a busy social life.* **5** mipawl duh, pawl a theihmi: (infml) *He's not a very social person.*

▷ **social** (US also **sociable** /sEUSEbI/) *n* club, lole, pawlkom pakhat khat in timtuah cia lo ih tuahmi meeting, nunnuam tonkhawmnak: *a church social.*

**socially** /-SEII/ *adv.* *I know him through work, but not socially.*

□ **Social and Liberal Democrats** (*abbr* SLD) Brit ah 1988 ah Social Democrats le Liberal Party komih din mi party. Cf CONSERVATIVE PARTY (CONSERVATIVE), LABOUR PARTY (LABOUR<sup>1</sup>).

**social science** (also **social studies**) minung ih poihainak, pursum leilawnnak lam thuhla, minung ih pawlkom umtu khawsakdan thuhla, khur le ram, ukdan thuhla pawl zirnak: *Social anthropology is one of the social sciences.*

**social security** (Brit) (US **welfare**) Cozah in hnaʔuan nei lo, midam lo, tak pum kim lo, tivek pawl hrangih pekmi bomnak: *Most of the families in our road are on social security, ie receiving such help.*

**social services** [pl] bomnak le ruahnak petu cozah zung pakhat: *threatened cuts in social services.*

**social work** social services ih a ummi hnaʔuan phunphun: *She wants to do social work when she finishes college.*

**social workers** social services ih hnaʔuantu pawl: *Social workers claimed the children were being ill-treated* ○ *social workers visiting people just out of hospital.*

**socialism** /sEUSEIIzEm/ *n* [U] (a) socialist thupom; ramsung thil hmuahhmuah misenpi in bangran ih neih ding ti thupom: *the best features of socialism and capitalism.* Cf CAPITALISM.



▷ **socialist** /sEUSEIst/ (a) socialism ukdan a duhtu. (b) socialist pawlkomih sungtel, lole, duhdan a pomtu. — *adj* socialism a pom tu, lole, cumi thawn a pehpar-awmi: *a Socialist Party* ○ *socialist policies*.

**socialistic** /sEUSEIstIk/ *adj* socialism a simi; socialist duhdan a thlunmi: *Some of her views are rather socialistic*.

**socialite** /sEUSEIalt/ *n* (sometimes derog) san a man tiih ruatmi pawlkom ah a lang zetmi, pawlkom tonkhawmnak hmunkip ah feh, tel a paih zettu: *rich socialites moving from one fashionable resort to another*.

**socialize, -ise** /sEUSEIalz/ *v* 1 [I, Ip] ~ (with sb) mi thawn tlang khawm, pawlkom-aw: *an opportunity to socialize with new colleagues*. 2 [Th] mi thleng thar pawl kha a um cia mipi in anmah vekin ruat in pawlkom: *recent immigrants to the country who are not fully socialized*.

▷ **socialization, isation** /sEUSEIalzEISn/; *US* -lIz-/ *n* [U].

**society** /sEsaIEtI/ *n* 1 [U] umtlang mibur, misenpi: *a danger to society*, ie a person, an idea, etc that endangers the welfare of members of a community ○ *Society has a right to see law-breakers punished*. 2 [C, U] duhdan, umdan, thlunmidan a bangrepmi mibur: *modern industrial societies* ○ *working class society* ○ *Islamic society*. 3 [C, U] pawlkom aw, tlang tlang: *spend an evening in the society of one's friends* ○ *avoid the society of other people*. 4 [U] san a man, a lian, mah duhnak vekin mi ih thlun dingah a tuah theitu, mi ih uarmi a si ih thluntu le cawngtu a nei theitu, upa sinak dinhmun sang a neitu, etc: *high society*, ie rich and important people ○ *leaders of society* ○ [attrib] *a society wedding* ○ *society news*, ie as printed in some newspaper, etc. 5 [C] duhsanmi pakhat khat hrangih tuahmi pawlkom: *the school debating society* ○ *a co-operative society* ○ *a drama society*. 6 (idm) **the alternative society** ⇒ **ALTERNATIVE**. **a mutual admiration society** ⇒ **MUTUAL**.

**socio-** *comb form* of society; social: *sociology*.

**sociology** /sEUSIbIEdZI/ *n* [U] mibur pi ih ruahdan, umdan, sidan pawl le acuih pawl ih thleng-awk vivodan, thanso vivodan pawl dengfel zet ih zingzoi le zirnak: [attrib] *a sociology course*. Cf **ANTHROPOLOGY**, **ETHNOLOGY**.

▷ **sociological** /sEUSIElBdZIKI/ sociology thawn a pehparmi: *sociological theories, issues*. **sociologically** /-kII/ *adv*.

**sociologist** /-dZIst/ *n* sociology a thiamzettu, lole, a zirtu tlawngta.

**sock**<sup>1</sup> /sBk/ *n* 1 mawca tawi: *a pair of socks*. 2 (idm) **pull one's socks up** (*Brit infml*) thil tidan thasin ih ti dingah thathar suah (ding zuam): *His teachers told him to pull his socks*

*up, or he'd undoubtedly fail his exam*. **put a sock in it** (*dated Brit infml*) daitein um; tong rero lo le thawngvang nei lo ih um: *Why don't you put a sock in it! I'm trying to work*.

**sock**<sup>2</sup> /sBk/ *n* (*infml*) kuttum thawn napi ih thong: *Give him a sock on the jaw!*

▷ **sock** *v* 1 [Th, Tn-pr] (*infml*) kuttum thawn thong: *Sock him on the jaw!* 2 (idm) **sock it to sb** (*dated infml*) nasazet, thazaang suahin mi do; hmualnei zet in, el har zet in sim: *The speaker really socked it to them!*

**socket** /sBkIt/ *n* a sungah thil pakhat khat a tlem cekci theimi, tuahcop, lole, amahte ih ummi thil ong: *the eye socket*, ie the hollow in a human or an animal skull for the eye ○ *a socket for an electric light bulb*.

**sod**<sup>1</sup> /sBd/ *n* (*fml or rhet*) (a) [U] hrampi pawl hram an thlalnak hmun tlunta bik leilung. (b) hrampi ummi leilung thawn killi nei leilung pheng tete: *sods newly placed on a grave*.

**sod**<sup>2</sup> /sBd/ *n* (Δ *Brit sl*) 1 (a) thintok, thinteu tilangnak ih hmanmi tongisia, zomtaih tong; mipa parah hman a si: *You stupid sod!* ○ *The new boss is a mean sod!* (b) zaangfah lainatnak tongah hman a si fawn: *The poor old sod got the sack yesterday*. 2 a harmi le buainak a suahtertu thil: *What a sod this job is proving to be!*

▷ **sod** *v* (-dd-) (Δ *Brit sl*) 1 (idm) **sod (it)! damn (it)! hloak!** 2 (phr *v*) **sod off** feh hlo aw.

**sodding** *adj* [attrib] (Δ *Brit sl*) thintok, thinheng lang sin seh tiah a bet ih hmanmi ngai nuam lo tong a si: *What a sodding mess!* ○ *It's all your sodding fault!*

**soda** /sEUdE/ *n* 1 [U] sawda: *washing-soda*, ie sodium carbonate ○ *baking soda/bi carbonate of soda*, ie sodium bicarbonate, used for softening water, etc ○ *baking soda/bicarbonate of soda*, ie sodium bicarbonate, used in cooking ○ *caustic soda*, ie sodium hydroxide, used in the manufacture of soap. 2 [U, C] = **SODA-WATER**: *Add some soda to the whisky, please*. ○ *A whisky and soda, please*. 3 [C, U] (also **soda pop**) (*US infml*) soda water ah cherry, lemon, tivek rawi ih thawttermi, awn curco ih a phulmi, in-ṭha ti: *a glass of cherry soda* ○ *two lime sodas*. 4 (also **ice-cream soda**) (*US*) thanthling ti le soda tidai rawi ih tuahmi, in-ṭha ti: *three strawberry sodas*.

▷ **soda-fountain** *n* a sin parih thil/hmet tikah soda water a pawt thei ih tuahmi, palang phunkhat; a phul curcomi ice-cream soda, tivek zuarnak hmun dawr cabuai.

**soda-siphon** = **SIPHON**.

**soda-water** *n* [U, C] carbon dioxide kha napi in nam in tidai sungah/rawimi tidai, a kha nawn ih palang sin ong le a phul curco thei: *I won't have any wine; I'll just have (a) soda water*.

**sodden** /sBdn/ *adj* 1 ciah/ciar thlekthlek: *my*

*shoes are sodden from walking in the rain.* **2** (in compounds): *drink-sodden*, ie zuri tuk ruangih aa, molh.

**sodium** /sEuDIEm/ *n* [U] chemical element, a silver-white metal that comes naturally only in compounds.

□ **sodium bicarbonate** (also **bicarbonate of soda**, **baking soda**) (also *infml* **bicarb** /balka:b/) ei-mi soda sang rawhnak, si, a phul curco theimi inṭha pawl tuahnak ah hman a si.

**sodium carbonate** (also **washing soda**) thlalang, satpia, cahnah tivek pawl tuahnak le tidai nemternak ah hmanmi soda a si.

**sodium chloride** kan eimi ci.

**sodium hydroxide** (also **caustic soda**) caustic soda a si — cahnah, satpia, vanzam-bel tuahnak ah hman a si.

**sodomy** /sBdEmI/ *n* [U] tawkua luk; mipa le mipa ah a tam.

▷ **sodomite** /sBdEmalt/ *n* (dated *fml*) cuvek tawkua luk hman.

**sofa** /sEuFE/ *n* dunglam zaunak le baan retnak a nei ih a nemmi thil phah thepṭhepmi to nuam tokham tumpi mi 2 hnak ih tam to a theih: *He was lying on the sofa watching TV* ○ *The sofa converts into a bed.*

**soft** /sBft/; US sC:ft/ *adj* (-ier, -est) **1** a nem: *soft soil, ground, mud, etc* ○ *Warm butter is soft.* ○ *She likes a soft pillow and a hard mattress.* Cf **HARD**<sup>1</sup>. **2** (of surfaces) a nem, a nalmi: *as soft as velvet* ○ *soft ski* ○ *soft furnishings*, ie curtains, hangings, rugs, etc ○ *Our cat has very soft fur.*

**3** [usu attrib] (of light, colour, etc) a cak lo, a khoh lo, mi mit a la tuk lomi; a ti diamdi-mi: *a soft pink rather than a harsh red* ○ *lampshades that give a soft light* ○ *the soft glow of candlelight.* **4** (of outlines) a fiang fukfi lo. **5** (of winds, etc) a nem: *soft summer winds* ○ *a soft sea breeze.* **6** (aw, awn ring ah) a nem, a ring lomi: *soft music* ○ *in a soft voice* ○ *soft whispers.* **7** (*infml*) (of words, answers, etc) a hrang lo, thinhen aw tel lo, a nem: *His reply was soft and calm.* **8** ~ (on sth/with sb) a luan deuh in a nem, mi, mi a zaangfah mi: *have a soft heart* ○ *That teacher is too soft with his class; they're out of his control.* **9** (*infml derog*) nauhak vekin thinlung der, fiang fukfi mi tumtahnak nei lo, ralṭha lo, tivek: *Don't be so soft — there's nothing to be afraid of.* **10** (*infml derog*) aa, molh: *He's gone soft in the head.* **11** ~

**on/about sb** (*infml*) mikha duhnungza in hmu, cai. **12** (*infml derog*) harsatnak um lo, a ol: *a soft job*, ie an easy, ewell-paid job ○ *He has a very soft life really.* **13** (consonant aw suahtanah) a nem, dangphit ih awsuahtermi ṭong a si lo: *C is soft in 'city' and hard in 'cat'.*

**14** (in ṭha pawlah) zureu a tel lo mi: *Would you like some wine or something soft?* ○ *I'd prefer a soft drink.* **15** (tidai ah) a sung ah thun, thir,

kat, tivek a zup lomi ruahti vekih a thiangmi tidai: *Don't use much soap powder — the water here is very soft.* **16** (idm) **an easy/a soft touch** ⇒ **TOUCH**<sup>2</sup>. **the hard/soft sell** ⇒ **SELL** *n*. **have a soft spot for sb/sth** (*infml*) a cuangih duh ciamco: *I've always had a real soft spot for him.*

▷ **softish** *adj* a nem nawn: *softish ice-cream.* **softly** *adv* nemtein: *speak softly* ○ *She pressed his hand softly.* ○ *softly shining light* ○ *music softly played* ○ *treating the children too softly.* **softness** *n* [U].

**softy** (also **softie**) /sBftI/ US [sC:ftI/ *n* (*infml*) (a) (*derog*) tha nei lo, thanau: *"you're a bunch of softies!" the sergeant shouted to the new recruits.* (b) mi zaangfah thei tuk, lung hno ol tukmi minung: *He's a real softie at heart.*

□ **softball** (esp US) base-ball lehnak vek asinain a bualrawn a fiak deuh ih a bawhlung khal a nem deuh ih a tum deuh.

**soft-boiled** *adj* (of eggs) a sungmu cu lo ih buhmi (arti).

**soft currency** sui ah, lole, man nei deuh tangka thawn a thleng theih lomi tangka ca.

**soft drug** hard drug timi heroin hnakin ṭih a nung deuh lo ih, a zongsang ih thei deuh lomi marijuana tivek rit theih thil pawl.

**soft fruit** muhak nei lo *strawberry*, *currant* tivek thingrah pawl.

**soft-hearted** *adj* mi zaangfah thei, thinnem: *He's always lending her money; he's too soft-hearted.*

**soft-heartedness** *n* [U].

**soft-landing** siatsuahnak um lotein vanzamleng a ṭummi; a bikin thlapi parah vanparleng ṭhate ih a ṭum khi.

**soft-option** (often *derog*) pakhat sangsang tuah a ṭulmi sungah a ol ti ih ruah deuhmi, thil: *Language courses are wrongly thought to be soft options.*

**soft palate** ka sung a tlunlam dunglam deuh.

**soft-pedal** *v* (-II- US -I-) [I, Tn] (*infml*) poi lo deuh in ruat, thupiter lo: *The government has been soft-peddalling (on) the question of teachers' pay.*

**soft shoulder** (also **verge**) mawṭawka pawl pal ṭha lo, a nemmi zin kap leilung.

**soft soap** **1** a ti nawn mi satpia. **2** (*fig*) porh rero ih forhnak: *I'm tired of his soft soap.* **soft-soap** *v* [Tn] (*infml*) porh rero ih forh: *Don't try to soft-soap me; I'm not changing my mind.*

**soft-spoken** *adj* aw nem, aan nem: *a soft-spoken young woman.*

**software** *n* [U] computer sung ih um hmuh theimi thilri a si lo nain, computer pakhat hnaṭuan theinak dingah a ṭulmi data, programme pawl. Cf **HARDWARE** (**HARD**<sup>1</sup>).

**softwood** *n* [C, U] a hnip ih, a man khal a olmi farthing tivek thing pawl. Cf **HARDWOOD** (**HARD**<sup>1</sup>).

**soften** /sBfn/; US [sC:fn/ *v* [I, Tn] **1** nemter,

deemter: *The butter will soften out of the fridge.*

○ *The lampshade will soften the light.* **2** (phr v)

**soften sb up** (a) bomb nasatak in thlak ih ralpawl thazaang derter. (b) (infml) do kir thei lo, el thei lo in tuah: *Housewives were softened up with free gifts before the salesmen began the hard talking.*

▷ **softener** n [C, U] tidai le thil dang nemtertu sii (a sungih zupmi thilri zup nawn lo ih cangtertu sii).

**soggy** /sɒɡi/ adj (-ier, -iest) **1** a ciar zet; tidai a khat ih a ritmi: *The ground was soggy after heavy rain.* **2** (usu derog) a ciar ih a ritmi: *soggy bread.*

▷ **soggily** /-li/ adv. **sogginess** n [U].

**soh** /səʊ/ (also **so**, **sol** /sɒl/) n tonic sol-fa ih a pangatsnak aw; do, re, mi, fa, **sol**, la, ti, do.

**soigné** /sɔːnʒel/; US swa:ʒel/ adj (fem **soignée**) [usu pred] (French) (of a person's wayh of dressing, etc) ralringzet, sanman, a mawi zet ih a thuam-awmi.

**soil** /sɔɪl/ n [C, U] **1** thinkung hrampi pawl an khonak hmun tlunta leilung: *good, poor, sandy, etc soil* ○ *heavy soil* ○ *clay soil* ○ (rhet) a man of the soil, ie one who works on the land. ⇒ Usage at EARTH. **2** (fml) ram, ukmi/nehmi ram: *one's native soil* ○ *born on British soil.*

▷ **soil** v [I, Tn] (fml) bal, a bal: *This material soils easily.* ○ *a basket for soiled sheets*, ie used ones that are waiting to be washed ○ *He refused to soil his hands*, ie refused to do dirty work.

**soiree** /sɔːreɪ/; US swa:reɪ/ n (fml) hlasak ngai, bia-aw celcel, tivek dingih zanlam caan nunnuaum tonkhawmnak (club), pawlkhawm pakhat khat tivek bom duh ih paisa hawl phah a si theu.

**sojourn** /sɒdʒɛn/; US sɔːdʒɛn/ v [I] (fml) mi pakhatkhat thawn, hmun khatkhat ah caan tawkfang um/vaak tlang: *He sojourned with a friend in Wales for two weeks.*

▷ **sojourn** n (fml) a langtein hmun khatkhat ih um(nak): *a sojourn of two or three weeks in the mountains.*

**sol** = SOH.

**solace** /səˈlɑːs/ n [C, U] (fml) thinnom, hnangamnak (petu thil): *The sick man found solace in music.* ○ *His work has been a real solace to him.*

**solace** v [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sb** (with **sth**) (fml) thinnuaum, hnangamter, hnem: *She was distracted with grief and refused to be solaced.*

**solar** /səˈlɛɪər/ adj [attrib] **1** ni thawn a pehparmi: *solar energy* ○ *solar time.* **2** nitha a hmanmi: *solar heating* ○ *solar-powered.*

□ **solar cell** nitha kha electric ah canter ih tuahmi battery phunkhat.

**solar plexus** /ˈpleksɪs/ n (a) pumpi dunglam ih a ummi theihnak thahri pawl. (b) (infml)

hnakruh tanglam pumpi kiangkap hmuahhmuah: *a painful punch in the solar plexus.*

**the solar system** ni le a heltu leilung pawl.

**the solar year** leilung in ni vei khat hel dingih a rei mi tikcu = kumkhat, 365¼ days.

**solarium** /səˈlɛɪəriəm/ n (pl ~ **s** or in formal or scientific use, **solaria** /səˈlɛɪəriə/) **1** thlalang thawn kulhmi, nisa ai-nak, lole, nisa ai in, minaa damternak, khan. **2** nisatha vek a suakter thei tuahcop khawtleu ngah thei dingih, tuahmi ihkhun (vun em dumnak ah, lole, nat phunkhat damternak ah hman a si): *The new sports centre has saunas and solariums.*

**sold** pt, pp of **SELL**.

**solder** /sɒldər/; US /sɒdər/ n [U] ngen (ka-hi).

▷ **solder** v [Tn, Tn.pr, Tn.p] ~ **sth** (on/onto/to **sth**); ~ **sth** (up/on) ngen bur (ka-hi-saw) (thir peh tiki erhnak ah hman a si): *He soldered the wire back on.* **soldering-iron** n ling herher in rawh ih thir le thir peh tikah hmanmi thir lu-bo.

**soldier** /səˈlɪdʒər/ n **1** ralkap: *two soldiers, a sailor and a civilian* ○ *The children were playing at soldiers.* **2** a **soldier of fortune** (dated) a duhtu ram pohpoh ih san theih sumhlawh ralkap: *mercenary.*

▷ **soldier** v (phr v) harsatnak tampi lakah, maih tuah laimi hnatuan kha raltha zet in tuah: *The walkers soldiered on although the weather was terrible.* **soldiering** n [U] ralkap sinak (ralkap nun): *enjoy soldiering* ○ *peace-time soldiering.*

**soldierly** (also **soldier-like**) adj ralkap vek: *a tall, soldierly man* ○ *a soldierly bearing.*

**soldiery** /səˈlɪdʒəri/ n [pl v] (dated fml) ralkap burkhat khat hminsinnak: *the undisciplined soldiery* ○ *brutal soldiery.*

**sole**<sup>1</sup> /səʊl/ n (pl unchanged or ~ **s**) [C, U] a pheng/a permi ei tha tiffinriat nga phunkhat: *sole cooked in white sauce* ○ *Would you like some more sole?*

**sole**<sup>2</sup> /səʊl/ n **1** kezaphak. **2** mawca le kedan pawlih kezaphak: *holes in the soles of his socks* ○ *leather soles* ○ *The soles of his boots needed repairing.*

▷ **sole** v [Tn usu passive] kedan, tivek ah kezaphak ben; thitcih: *have a pair of shoes soled and heeled.*

**-soled** (forming compound adjs) thil pakhatkhat kezaphak ih hmanmi: *rubber-soled boots.*

**sole**<sup>3</sup> /səʊl/ adj [attrib] **1** pakhat, pakhat lawng: *the sole cause of the accident* ○ *the sole survivor of the crash.* **2** mi pakhat, bur khat ta lawng, hrang lawng a simi: *have sole responsibility* ○ *We have the sole right to sell this range of goods.*

▷ **solely** /səˈleɪli/ adv lawnglawng, pakhat lawng, pumhlumin: *solely responsible* ○ *solely*

because of you.

**solecism** /sɒlɪsɪzəm/ *n* (fml) **1** tongfang hmansualnak, cuti ih hmansual ruangah a hmangtu hi ramdang mi, lole, miphun niam a si tiin a langter thei. **2** umdan tha thawn a kalh-awmi.

**solemn** /sɒləm/ *adj* **1** lungawi lo, hniihmel pu lo, thupi zet, khuaruat zet hmel pu: *solemn faces* ○ *look as solemn as a judge*. **2** thukzet in ruat hnu ah, thupipa zet ih tuah a simi: *a solemn promise, undertaking, pledge, etc.* **3** biaknak lam tuahdan in, lole, nunphung daan in pipa ih tuah a simi: *a solemn funeral procession*.

▷ **solemnly** *adv*: 'I have some distressing news for you,' he began solemnly.

**solemnness** *n* [U].

**solemnity** /sɒləmɪti/ *n* (fml) **1** [U] solemn a sinak, a thupi a pipa-nak: *the solemnity of the occasion, moment, procession*. **2** [U, C esp pl] solemn zet, pipa zet tuahnak: *The Queen was crowned with all solemnity/with all the proper solemnities*.

**solemnize, -ise** /sɒləmnaɪz/ *v* [Tn] (fml) (biaknak lam daan thlunin thil pakhat khat, puai pakhat khat) tuah a bikin thit-umnak tuah: *solemnize a marriage in church*.

▷ **solemnization, -isation** /sɒləmnaɪz(ə)ʃn/ *US -n(ə)z/ n* [U] (fml) solemnize tuahnak.

**solenoid** /səˈlɔɪnɔɪd/ *n* a sungah electric tha fehter tikah magnet (tan-laih) a caang theimi thirhri kual: [attrib] *a solenoid switch*.

**sol-fa** /sɒlˈfɑː/ *US* /səˈlɔɪ- *n* (also **tonic sol-fa**) hla aw hmainsinnak; eg do (*dough*), re (*ray*), mi (*me*), fa (*fa*), sol (*so*), la (*la*), ti (*tee*), do (*dough*); ca in ngan tik ah (d, r, m, f, s, l, t, d').

**solicit** /səˈlɪsɪt/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sb) (for sth); ~ (sth) (from sb) (fml) (tangka, bomnak, vote (me) ngah duh ah) thutak in mi hnenah dil; thil pakhat khat ngah dingah thasuah: *solicit (sb) for money/solicit money (from sb)* ○ *solicit information about the new motorway* ○ *Both candidates solicited my opinion*. **2** [I, Tn] (of a prostitute) hlawhhlhang pawlin zapi tlanlennak hmunah zuar-awk: *She was fined for soliciting*.

**solicitor** /səˈlɪsɪtə/ *n* **1** (Brit) inn le lo, tivek zuar tikah upadi lam thawn a pehpami ca tuah dingah, lole thuhla har um tikah upadi lam thawn a pehpami thuhla sut dingih sanmi sit-ni (*Lawyer*). Cf **ADVOCATE** *n* **2**, **BARRISTER**. **2** (US) khuapi pakhat ih upadi lam bawi. **3** (US) mah ih sumtuahmi tha in pe seh, me in pe seh tiah inn khat hnu inn khat feh in bomnak diltu. □ **Solicitor-General** *n* (pl **Solicitors-General**) British cozah ah upadi bawi tumbik. Cf **ATTORNEY-GENERAL** (ATTORNEYS).

**solicitous** /səˈlɪsɪtəs/ *adj* ~ (for/about sth/sb) (fml) mi an nunnuam lo pang ding, an zonzai

pang ding tiah, zawnruat zet in helhkam ringring, donhar ringring ih a ummi: *a solicitous husband* ○ *He was very solicitous for her safe return*.

▷ **solicitously** *adv* (fml): *He always enquires most solicitously about your health*.

**solicitude** /səˈlɪsɪtjuːd/ *US* -tuːd/ *n* [U] ~ (for/about sth/sb) (fml) zaangfah zawnruahnak: *my deep solicitude for your welfare* ○ *the solicitude of a caring husband for his wife*.

**solid** /sɒlɪd/ *adj* **1** a khal: *solid fuel*, eg coal, wood ○ *solid food*, ie not liquid or slightly liquid ○ *When water freezes it becomes solid and we call it ice*. ○ *This horse has good solid muscle on him*. **2** a sung a ong lomi, a pitmi: *a solid sphere* ○ *The word 'teapot' is a solid compound*, ie not hyphen. ○ *The demonstrators stood in a solid line with linked arms*. **3** (a) [attrib] thildang tel lo amah hlir a simi: *solid gold bath taps* ○ *steps cut in the solid rock* ○ *solid silver cutlery*. (b) pianzia (rong) pakhat lawng a simi: *the solid blue sky of the painting*. **4** a fek a khoh mi: *solid buildings* ○ *solid furniture* ○ *built on solid foundations* ○ *on solid ground*. **5** rinsan theih, thangthat tlak, a fek: *solid arguments* ○ *a solid business firm*, ie one without financial or other problems ○ *a woman of solid character* ○ *a good solid worker*. **6** pumhlum in lungkim tlang, zapi lungkim a simi: *The miners were solid on this issue*. ○ *There was a solid vote in favour of the proposal*. **7** [attrib or immediately following a *n*] a pehpeh in: *wait for a solid hour* ○ *sleep ten solid hours/ten hours solid*. **8** (geometry) a sau, a kau, sahnak a neimi: *a solid figure*, eg a cube ○ *a solid geometry*, ie study of solid, not flat figures. **9** (idm) **firm/solid as a rock** ⇨ **ROCK**<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **solid** *n* **1** thilhak: *Cheese is a solid; milk is a liquid*. ○ *The baby is not yet taking solids*, ie solid food. **2** (geometry) a sau, a kau, a sahnak a neimi thil: *A cube is a solid*.

**solidity** /səˈlɪdɪti/ (also **solidness**) *n* [U] a feknak, a khalnak, rintlak a sinak: *the solidity of a building, argument, metal*.

**solidly** *adv* **1** fekzet khohzetin: *solidly-built foundations* ○ *These cars are solidly constructed*. **2** a pehpeh in: *It rained solidly for three hours*. **3** pumhlumin lungkim tlang: *We are solidly united on this issue*.

□ **solid-state** *adj* [usu attrib] (of electronic devices) valve pawl hman lo in transistor lawng a hmanmi: *a solid-state amplifier*.

**solidarity** /səˈlɪdɪtɪ/ *n* duhdan bangrep in lungual tankhawmnak: *national solidarity in the face of danger* ○ *'We must show solidarity with the strikers,' declared the student leaders*.

**solidify** /səˈlɪdɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **-fied**) [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (into sth) a khal, a hak, a khoh ah cang: *The paint had solidified in the tin*. ○ *The mixture*



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*solidifies into toffee.* ○ (*fig*) *Vague objections to the system solidified into firm opposition.*

▷ **solidification** /sE|ldIf|kElSn/ *n* [U].

**soliloquy** /sE|lIEkwI/ *n* [C, U] midang um lo mah lawng in, mah ih ruahnak kha thangzet in tɔng: *Hamlet's famous soliloquy.*

▷ **soliloquize, -ise** /sE|lIEkwalz/ *v* [I] (*fml*) midang um lo mahte lawng, mah ruahnak ringpi in tɔng: (*joc*) *soliloquizing in front of the bathroom mirror.*

**solipsism** /sB|lpsIzEm/ *n* [U] (*philosophy* ah) mah in mah ih thu lawng theih a theih ti ruadhan.

**solitaire** /sB|l|teER/; *US* /sB|lteER/ *n* 1 [U] khentio, saihlum tivek a telmi, mi pakhat lawng lehnak leknak. 2 = PATIENCE 3. 3 [C] lungmankhung pakhat lawng a simi hnathlaih, zunghruk: [attrib] *a solitaire diamond.*

**solitary** /sB|l|trI/; *US* -terI/ *adj* 1 (a) [usu attrib] mahlawng, umpitu um lo: *a solitary walk* ○ *lead a solitary life* ○ *One solitary tree grew on the mountainside.* (b) mahlawng um duh/a hmanmi: *a solitary kind of person.* 2 mi feh leuhleuh lonak, a hla ih a pak a simi: *a solitary valley* ○ *far-flung solitary villages.* ⇒ Usage at ALONE. 3 [usu attrib] pakhat lawng, pakhat: *There's not a solitary instance* (ie not even one) *of this having happened before.* ○ *She couldn't answer a solitary question correctly.*

▷ **solitarily** /sB|l|trEI/; *US* /sB|l|terEI/ *adv.*

**solitary n** 1 [U] (*infml*) = SOLITARY CONFINEMENT: *He's in solitary for the weekend.* 2 [C] (*fml*) mahlawng rori ih um ding a hriltu minung; hermit.

□ **solitary confinement** (also *infml solitary*) mahlawng a khaan pakhat ah thawngthlak: *He has been put in solitary confinement for attacking another prisoner.*

**solitude** /B|ltju:d/; *US* -tu:d/ *n* [U] mahlawng um: *not fond of solitude* ○ *She enjoys the solitude of her own flat.*

**solo** /sEU|EU/ *n* (*pl* ~ **s**) 1 [C] mi pakhat lawng ih tuahmi laam, minomter, pakzai, tivek: *a violin, piano, flute, etc solo* ○ *sing a solo.* 2 [C] vanzammawng zirtu in, zirhtu saya tel loin, mahlawng ih vanzam mawng: *The trainee pilot flew his first solo today.* 3 [U] phe lehdan phunkhat – mi pakhat in midang hmuahhmuah domi lehdan.

▷ **solo adj** [attrib], *adv* 1 mahtein: *a solo attempt* ○ *his first solo flight* ○ *She wanted to fly solo across the Atlantic.* 2 mi pakhat lawngih tuahmi: *a fine solo performance on the flute* ○ *a piece for solo cello* ○ *sing solo.*

**soloist n** pakhat lawng ih tumtu, pakzaitu.

**solstice** /sB|lstIs/ *n* Equator thawng ni a hlat bik caan caan hnih: *summer solstice*, ie about 21 June in the Northern hemisphere ○ *winter solstice*, about 22 December in the Northern

hemisphere. Cf EQUINOX.

**soluble** /sB|l|Ubl/ *adj* 1 ~ (**in sth**) a zup theimi: *soluble aspirin* ○ *tablets soluble in water* ○ *water-soluble vitamins*, ie that can be dissolved in water. 2 (*fml*) relpi (tifai) a theihmi: *problems that are not readily soluble.*

**solubility** /sB|l|UblEtI/ *n* [U].

**solution** /sE|lu:Sn/ *n* 1 [U, C] ~ (**to sth**) thil harsa, thu harsa: *problem that defy solution*, ie cannot be solved ○ *the solution to a crossword puzzle* ○ *She can find no solution to her financial troubles.* ○ *Resorting to violence is not the best solution to an argument.* 2 [C, U] a sungah thil pakhat a zupin a ummi, thil tii ci-tii thanthling-tii, etc: *a solution of salt in water* ○ *salt in solution.* 3 [U] a tiimi thil pakhat sungah thilkhal, lole, thilkhu pakhat a zupltnak: *the solution of sugar in tea.*

**solve** /sBlv/ *v* [Tn] 1 thuhla har relfai, thilhar tifai, fiantersuak: *solve a crossword puzzle* ○ *solve a mathematical equation* ○ *solve a crime.* 2 thil harsa thu harsa tifai dingdan relfai dingdan hawl: *help me to solve my financial troubles.*

▷ **solvable adj** relfai, tifai, fiangersuak a theihmi: *problems that are not immediately solvable.*

**solver n** (in compound) thilharsa, thuharsa, relfai, tifai, fiantersuak theitu minung: *a crime-solver* ○ *he's a good problem-solver.*

**solvent** /sBlvEnt/ *adj* [usu pred] 1 leibak samnak dingih tangka neitu, lei a bak lotu: *He's never solvent.* 2 (*fml*) thildang a zupter theitu: *the solvent action of water.*

▷ **solvent n** [C, U] thil zuptertut: *Petrol is a good grease solvent*, ie hriak pawl thatein a zupter thei.

**solvency** /-nsI/ *n* [U] solvent a simi.

**sombre** (*US somber*) /sBmbER/ *adj* 1 a dum, a thim, a tleuvar lom: *sombre clothes* ○ *a sombre January day.* 2 a reh a siami, a ti remremmi: *a sombre expression on his face.*

▷ **sombrely adv**: *somebrelly dressed.*

**sombreness n** [U].

**sombrero** /sBm|breER/ *n* (*pl* ~ **s**) Latin America ram pawlah, a bik in Mexico ram ih hmanmi, fangcang kung, lole, sahmul (*felt*) thawng tuahmi, a tlangkap a kaumi mipa lukhuh.

**some**<sup>1</sup> /sEm/ *indef det* a hrekkhat, (Affirmative sentences ah hman asi, Positive answer a ngah theimi question ah khal hman a si. Positive emphasis a tuahmi sentences ahcun *if/whether* dungah hman theih a si. Mi sawmnak le zaangfah dlnak tɔng tluanah khal hman a si) 1 ( used with [U] ns) thawng hman asile a hrekkhat, thenkhat tican a si-a zat sim fiang a si lo; lai tɔng hmandan in cun a malte tinak khal a si thei; hi zawn ih some hmandan hi lai tɔng ahcun hman a si lem lo: *There's some*

ice in the fridge. ○ *Some mail came for you this morning.* ○ *You left some money on the table.* ○ *Would you like some milk in your tea?* ○ *Isn't there some (more) wine in the cellar?* ○ *If you save some money each week, we can go on holiday.* ○ *Please have some cake.* **2** (pl [C] ns thawn hman asile pathum le pathum hnakh tam tinak a si) a zat simfiang lomi nambat a si: *Some children were playing in the park.* ○ *Why don't you give her some flowers?* (Cf *I suggest you give her some flowers.*) ○ *Didn't you borrow some records of mine?* (Cf *You borrowed some records of mine, didn't you?*) ○ *If you put some pictures on the wall the room will look brighter.* Cf ANY<sup>1</sup>.

**some**<sup>2</sup> /sVm/ indef det **1** (used with [C] and [U] ns) (a) a hrekkhat – a zate a si lo: *Some people have naturally beautiful voices while others need to be trained.* ○ *Some modern music sounds harsh and tuneless.* (b) tawkfang, tamnawn: *We went some (ie several) miles out of our way.* ○ *That is some help to us, ie It helps to a certain extent.* ○ *I shall be gone (for) some time, ie for quite a long time.* ○ *The headmistress spoke at some (ie considerable) length.* **2** (used with sing [C] ns) thenkhat, a zat fiang lomi; theih lomi minung, hmun, thilri: *Some man at the door is asking to see you.* ○ *She won a competition in some newspaper or other.* **3** (used with numbers) hrawng tican: *He spent some twelve years of his life in Africa.* ○ *Some thirty people attended the funeral.*

**some**<sup>3</sup> /sVm/ indef pron **1** a zat fiang lomi thilri, minung – hrekkhat. (a) *Some were at the meeting yesterday.* ○ *You'll find some in the cupboard.* ○ *There's some (more) in the pot.* ○ *I already have some but it's not enough for six.* (b) (referring forward): *Some of the chairs are broken.* ○ *Some of the money was stolen.* **2** a zate sungih thenkhat. (a) (referring back) a mal sawn thenkhat: *Thirty people came — some stayed until the end but many left early.* (b) (referring forward) a tam sawn thenkhat: *Some of the students had done their homework but most hadn't.* ○ *Some of the letter was illegible.* Cf ANY<sup>2</sup>.

**-some** suff **1** (with ns and vs forming adjs) *fearsome* dungih bettu a si; a simi, a hmanmi: *fearsome* ○ *quarrelsome* ○ *meddlesome.* **2** (with number forming ns) a numbat ih hmuhmi zat thil bur: *threesome.*

**somebody** /sVmbEdl/ (also **someone** /sVmwVn/) indef pron **1** mi pakhat khat: *There's somebody at the door.* ○ *Somebody from your office phoned.* ○ *If you saw somebody drowning what would you do?* **2** a thupimi minung: *He thinks he's really somebody.*

NOTE ON USAGE: Indefinite pronouns such

as **somebody**, **someone**, **everyone**, **no one**, etc are singular and, grammatically, should be followed by other singular pronouns (**he**, **she**, **his**, **her**, etc). Traditionally, if the sex of the person is unknown, the masculine pronouns **he**, **him**, **his** have been used to refer to both females and males: *Everybody has his own view of what happened.* ○ *Somebody has lost his car keys.* ○ *Did anybody hurt himself?* Many people today consider this shows sexual bias and try to avoid it. The preferred way, especially in speech, is to use **they**, **them** or **their** with a singular neutral meaning: *Everyone said they would help.* ○ *Either John or Jane has to give up their job.* Another way, especially in writing, is to use (s)**he**, **he or she**, **him or her**, **his or her**, though some people find this clumsy: *Somebody has lost his or her car keys.* A third possibility is to rephrase the sentence to make the subject plural, thus avoiding the problem: *Did any of you hurt yourselves?* See also note on usage at HE.

**someday** /sVmdel/ indef adv (also **some day**) nikhat khat ah: *Someday we'll be together.* ○ *Someday he will be a king.* Cf SOME<sup>2</sup> 2.

**somehow** /sVmhal/ (US also **someway** /sVmwel/) indef adv **1** phunkhat khatin, ziangtiin khal: *We must stop him from seeing her somehow.* ○ *Somehow we must get to Glasgow.* **2** a ruang cu a fiang lo na-in, ziang tiin khal: *Somehow, I don't feel I can trust him.* ○ *I always knew I'd get the job, somehow.*

**someone** /sVmwVn/ indef pron (esp US) = SOMEBODY.

**someplace** /sVmplels/ indef adv (esp US) = SOMEWHERE.

**somersault** /sVmEsC:lt/ n lu bingbalet: *A gymnast on the trampoline was turning (ie performing) somersaults.*

▷ **somersault** v [I, Ipr] lu bingbalet in pet: *The child somersaulted across the gymnasium.*

**something** /sVmTIN/ indef pron **1** ziang maw; thil pakhatkhat: *There's something under the table.* ○ *I want something to eat.* ○ *Have you got something I could read?* ○ *There's something interesting on the front page.* **2** a thupi ti ih ruatmi: *There's something (ie some truth, some fact or opinion worth considering) in what's she says.* ○ *It's something (ie a thing that one should feel happy about) to have a job at all these days.* ○ *He's something/He does something in (ie He has a job connected with) television.* **3** (idm) or **something** (infml) lole, sim zomi phun vek thil pakhatkhat: *She's writing a dictionary or something.* ○ *He hit a tree or something.* ○ *She rescued three children from a fire or something.* **something like** (a) **sb/sth** thawn a bang aw nawn: *A thesaurus is*

something like a dictionary. ○ The ceremony was something like a christening. ○ The tune goes something like this. (b) sb/sth vek hrawng, tluk hrawng: He earns something like £3500. **something like it** a tul zat hrawng, lungkim tawk hrawng: that's something like it, ie That will be satisfactory. **something of a sth** a mawi tawk tiang: She found herself something of a celebrity. ○ I'm something of an expert on antiques.

**sometime** /sVmtalm/ indef adv (also **some time**) caankhat ah, veikhat ah: I saw him sometime last summer. ○ Pone me some time next week. Cf **SOME** 2.

▷ **sometime** adj [attrib] hlan deuh ah: Thomas Atkins, sometime vicar of this parish.

**sometimes** /sVmtalmz/ indef adj (infml esp US) vei khatkhat ah, a caan caan ah: He sometimes writes to me. ○ Sometimes I go by car. ○ Sometimes we went to the beach and at other times we sunbathed on the patio.

**someway** /sVmwel/ indef adv (infml esp US) = **SOMEHOW**.

**somewhat** /sVmwBt/ US -hwBt/ indef adv nawn in: I was somewhat surprised to see him. ○ He answered somewhat nervously.

**somewhere** /sVmwEER/ US -hweEr/ (US also **someplace**) indef adv hmunkhatkhat ah: He lost it somewhere between here and the station. ○ I'm going somewhere else (ie to a different place) this evening.

▷ **somewhere** indef pron thil pakhat khat titheinak hmun: I'll think of somewhere to stay. ○ I know somewhere (where) you can eat Japanese food.

**somnambulism** /sBm[nFmbjUllzEm/ n [U] (fml) it lai ah tho hlo in thei-aw lo ih lam feh, mang-at lam feh, tho-aa lamfeh.

▷ **somnambulist** /-llst/ n (fml) itthat laiah thei-aw lo ih lam feh hmanctu.

**somnolent** /sBmnElEnt/ adj (fml) 1 it duh, mitkuh: feeling rather somnolent after a large lunch. 2 ihhmutter; mi a awi theimi: The noise of the stream had a pleasantly somnolent effect. ▷ **somnolence** /-Ens/ n [U] (fml) ihhmtnak, mitkuhnak.

**somnolently** adv.

**son** /sVn/ n 1 [C] fapa: I have a son and two daughters. 2 [C esp pl] (rhet) mipa tufa; hnam hnam khatih, lole, ram ramkhat ih mipa pawl: one of France's most famous sons ○ sons of the tribe going out to hunt ○ (fig) a son of the soil, ie sb who follows his father in working on the land. 3 kum upa in nauta mipa kawhnak: 'What's the matter with you, son?' asked the doctor. ○ 'What is it you want to tell me, my son?' 4 **the Son** [sing] Jesus Christ: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. 5 (idm) **like father, like son** ⇒ **FATHER**<sup>1</sup>. **a son of a bitch** (Δ sl)

duhnung lomi minung; lakfa: I'll kill that son of a bitch when I get my hands on him!

□ **son-in-law** n (pl **sons-in-law**) makpa; fanu ih pasal.

**the Son of God, The Son of Man** Jesus Christ.

**sonar** /sEUna:R/ n [U] rin-aw thlah tahratin tisung um thilri pawl khui ah an um ti ngai ih theih thiamnak thilri. Cf **RADAR**.

**sonata** /sE(na:tE/ n awnmawi tummi phun pakhat (eg the piano), lole, phunhnh (eg piano and violin) hrangih phuahmi hla: Bach's cello sonatas.

**son et lumière** /sBn el lu:mjeER/ (French) a hmin thangmi inn, lole, hmunah, zana meisa vang le, awn au phunkhat tuah ih nunnuam tuah: son et lumière in the grounds of a ruined abbey.

**song** /sBN/ US sC:N/ n 1 [C] (usu short) hla: a popular song ○ a collection of folk-songs ○ a beautiful love-song. 2 [U] ka thawn sak dingih nganmi hla aw; hlasak: burst into song, ie suddenly begin singing. 3 [U] hlasak vek a simi vate awn: the song of the thrush ○ the song of the birds ○ birdsong. 4 (idm) **for a song** (infml) a man niam zetin: This table was going for a song at the market. (make) **a song and dance about sth** (infml derog) a tul lo pipi in, tih vekin um ciamco, hu le he in um ciam co: This table was going for a song at the market.

**sing a different song/tune** ⇒ **SING. wine, women and song** ⇒ **WINE**.

▷ **songster** /-stER/ n (dated or fml) hlasaktu; hlasak thiam vate: merry songsters singing carols.

**songstress** /-strls/ n (dated or fml) hlasaktu nunau.

□ **songbird** n hlasak vekih a awnmi vate: Blackbirds and thrushes are songbirds.

**songbook** hla cabu (tongfang le a aw a telmi): a children's song-book.

**song writer** n pumcawmnak ih hla hminthang pawl a phuahu.

**sonic** /sBnlk/ adj (usu in compound) aw le aw feh a cahdan thawn a pehpaw awmi.

□ **sonic barrier** = **SOUND BARRIER** (SOUND).

**sonic boom** awcahdan hnaki cak in vanzamleng a zam tiki a suak mi aw.

**sonnet** /sVnlk/ n rinkhatah tongfang awthen 10 ciar a nei-ih, rinnet tongfang awthluk (rhyme) khal a hmanzet mi, rin 14 nei biazai: Shakespeare's sonnets.

**sonny** /sVnl/ n (infml) pa-te tiin upa deuh pawl in nauta deuh mipa duhkawh ih an kawhnak: run along now, sonny; mummy wants to have a rest. ○ Don't try to teach me my job, sonny.

**sonorous** /sBnErEs, US sE(nC:rEs/ adj (fml) 1 a pawr a niamih a pipa mi aw: a sonorous voice ○ the sonorous tones of the priest ○ a sonorous bell. 2 a pipa zet, lung sungah lut thei zet tiih a

langmi òng, òngfang: a *sonorous style of writing*.

▷ **sonority** /se(n)BrEtI/; US -[n]C:r-/n [U] (fml): the sonority of the bass voices.

**sonorously** adv.

**soon** /su:n/ adv **1** a reihlanah, malte rei-ah, cing: *We shall soon be home.* ○ *We soon got there.* ○ *We shall be home quite soon now.* ○ *He'll be here very soon.* ○ *It will soon be five years since we came to live in Cairo.* **2** tuan-in, rangin: *How soon can you be ready?* ○ *Must you leave so soon?* ○ *She will be here sooner than you expect.* ○ *The sooner you begin the sooner you'll finish,* ie If you begin earlier you'll finish earlier. ○ *The sooner you leave the sooner you'll be home.* **3** (idm) **as soon as** (used as a conj) vetein, tlukin: *He left as soon as he heard the news.* ○ *I'll tell him as soon as I see him.* ○ *He didn't arrive as soon as we'd hoped.* (**just**) **as soon do sth (as do sth)** hril cuang um loin duh veve: *I'd (just) as soon stay at home as go for a walk.* **least said soonest mended** ⇒ LEAST. **no sooner said than done** (thukam dilmi, tuah òlmi etc) kimter lohli, tuah lohli. **no sooner... than** vetein: *He had no sooner/No sooner had he arrived than he was asked to leave again.* **soon after (sb/sth)** hnu rei lo te-ah: *He arrived soon after three.* ○ *They left soon after we did.* ○ *I rang for a taxi and it arrived soon after.* **the sooner the better** tuan deuh rang deuh ih tuah sinsin òa sinsin; a rang thei sung in: *'When should I ask him?'* *'The sooner the better.'* **sooner or later** nikhatkhat ah, tengteng: *You should tell her, because she'll find out sooner or later.* **sooner do sth (than do sth)** (fml) ti sawn, tuahsawn: *She would sooner resign than take part in such dishonest business deals.* ○ *Go back there? I'd sooner emigrate!* ○ *Will you tell him, or would you sooner (ie prefer it if) I did?* **speak too soon** ⇒ SPEAK.

**soot** /sUt/ n [U] rapting: *sweep the soot out of the chimney* ○ *One small fire in the kitchen covered the whole house in soot.*

▷ **soot** v (phr v) **soot sth up** (usu passive) rapting a kai: *The flue has become sooted up.*

**sooty** **1** (usu passive) rapting a kai: *the chimney-sweep's sooty face.* **2** rapting pianzia, a dum: *a sooty cat.*

**soothe** /su:W/ n **1** thindaiter, hnem, ngamter: *soothe a crying baby.* **2** khawnden ruangih natnak, hma, luna tivek demter: *soothe sb's toothache* ○ *This will help to soothe your sunburn.*

▷ **soothing** adj: *soothing music* ○ *a soothing voice* ○ *a soothing lotion.* **soothingly** adv: *'There, there,' he said soothingly, 'Don't distress yourself!'*

**soothsayer** /su:TseIER/ n (arch) pol, hmailam thu simthiamtu minung, profet: *the soothsayer*

*in Shakespeare's 'Julius Caesar'.*

**sop** /sBp/ n **1** [sing] ~ (to sb/sth) lungkim lo, hnaihnoctu thindaiter dingih pekmi thilri: *offered as a sop to his anger* ○ *The child was given a prize as a sop to her disappointed parents.* **2** [C] ei hlan, lole, suan hlanah, cawhnawi, sahang tivek sungih hnim tami sang phel.

▷ **sop** v (-pp-) (infml) **1** a tiimi sungah sang hnim, ciah: *sop bread in soup.* **2** (phr v) **sop sth up** sponge, puansia tivek thawn a bungmi tidai tivek hawpter: *Sop up the water with a paper towel.*

**sopping** adj, adv a ciar zet; ciah thlekthlek: *Your clothes are sopping (wet)!*

**sophist** /sBfIst/ n (fml) mi bum duh ah, thuphan thu kha fimzer zet in a dik a si ti ih el theitu minung: *Many politicians are cunning sophists.*

▷ **sophism** /sBfIzEm/ n [C, U] (fml) sophist vekih mi thu elnak.

**sophisticated** /sE(fIstIkeltId/ adj **1** thuthei tam, hmuhton tam nei; a cuang zet le a lamdang zetmi: *a sophisticated woman* ○ *wearing sophisticated clothes* ○ *sophisticated tastes.* **2** khungkhai zet, sanman zet, theihhar zet, òa cuang zet ih tuahmi: *sophisticated modern weapons* ○ *sophisticated devices used in spacecraft* ○ *a sophisticated discussion, argument, etc.*

▷ **sophisticate** /sE(fIstIkelt/ n (often ironic) sanman zet, thuthei zet ti ih a ruataw mi minung: *The sophisticates in the office drink lemon tea; we have coffee.*

**sophistication** /sE(fIstIkeltSn/ n [U] theihharzet, sanman zet sinak: *proud of her newly-acquired sophistication* ○ *the sophistication of modern aircraft.*

**sophistry** /sBfIstI/ n (fml) (a) [U] fimzernak hmang in thuphan kha hmanzet vekih mi el nak: *He won the argument by sophistry.* (b) [C] sophistry hman a si mi: *the sophistries of the discussion.*

**sophomore** /sVfEmC:R/ n (US) high school, college, university tlawngih a kumhnhnak tlawngta pawl.

**soporific** /sBpE(rIfIk/ n, adj mitkuhter theimi thil, sii, inòha, tivek: *a soporific drug* ○ (fig) *a soporific speech.* **soporifically** /-kII/ adv.

**sopping** ⇒ SOP.

**soppy** /sBpI/ adj (Brit infml derog) at thu a telmi, a luan zawngih lungnnoter theimi, lunghno olmi: *a soppy film* ○ *'She's just a soppy girl,' said her youngest brother.* **soppily** adv.

**soppiness** n [U].

**soprano** /sE(prB:nEU; US -[prF:n/ n (pl ~ s /-nEUz/) **1** nunau le nauhak pawlih sakmi a sang bik aw: [attrib] *a soprano voice.* **2** (a) soprano saktu pawl: *The sopranos sang beautifully.* (b) soprano hrangih nganmi hla aw: [attrib] a



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*difficult soprano part.* **3** soprano aw vek aw sang a tum theimi awnmawi.

▷ **soprano** *adv* soprano aw in: *She sings soprano.*

**sorbet** /sC:bel/, also /sC:bEt/ *n* tidai, cini le thingthei ti thawn tuahmi rawl ei theh ih inmi ti; water-ice: *blackcurrant sorbet.*

**sorcerer** /sC:sErER/ *n* (fem **sorceress** /sC:sErIs/) dawithiam, a bik in khawsia khuavang bomnak thawn mangbangza thil tuah theitu: *sorcerers in old-fashioned fairy-tales.*

▷ **sorcery** /sC:sErI/ *n* [U] daw, hnam tivek le an hnañuan.

**sordid** /sC:dId/ *adj* (derog) **1** (of conditions, places, etc) farah, daithlan ruangih a bal zet, a tophnop zet, a nuam lo zetmi, tivek pawl: *a sordid slum* ○ *living in sordid poverty.* **2** mahzawn lawng a ruat, ruahnak a niam a balmi: *a sordid affair* ○ *sordid motives.*

▷ **sordidly** *adv*, **sordidness** *n* [U]: *the sordidness of the man's living quarters.*

**sore** /sC:R/ *adj* **1** (a) a na mi, hma; dai tikah, hnañuan tikah olte ih a na theimi, a nonalmi: *a sore knee, throat, etc* ○ *My leg is still very sore.* (b) [usu pred] a na thei/tuar: *She's still a bit sore after the accident.* **2** [usu pred] ~ (at sb) (infml esp US) a mawi loin mi tuah tuar ruangih ningna, thinheng: *She feels sore about not being invited to the party.* ○ *Is she still sore at (ie angry with) you?* **3** (fml or dated) nasa zet in, roh zet in: *in sore distress* ○ *in sore need of help* ○ *His mother is a sore trial to him, ie causes him much distress.* **4** (idm) **like a bear with a sore head** ⇒ BEAR<sup>1</sup>. **a sore point** phorhsuah sak tikah thinhen ningnatnak a suakter theimi duh lomi thu te: *I wouldn't ask him about his job interview; it's rather a sore point with him at the moment.* **stick/stand out like a sore thumb** duhnung lo, zoh nuam loin langcuang ih um: *The modern office block sticks out like a sore thumb among the historical buildings in the area.*

▷ **sore** *n* khawnden ruangih a cangmi hma; hmasia, khuaihli: *treat a sore* ○ *Her hands are covered in sores.*

**sorely** *adv* (fml) nasazetin, pipa zetin: *be sorely tempted to interrupt* ○ *Your financial help is sorely needed.* ○ *She was sorely missed at the reunion.*

**soreness** *n* [U]: *the soreness of his skin.*

**sorghum** /sC:gEm/ *n* [U] kawlnim, nimte.

**sorority** /sE(rBrEtI/; US -rC:r-/ *n* [CGP] (US) university ih nunau club sungtel. Cf FRATERNITY **3**.

**sorrel**<sup>1</sup> /sBrEl/; US /sC:rEl/ *n* [U] a hnah suangin, lole, a hring ih eimi hramkung fate phunkhat: [attrib] *sorrel soup.*

**sorrel**<sup>2</sup> /sBrEl/; US /sC:rEl/ *n* (a) sen-pawl pianzia.

(b) rang-sen: *The sorrel easily won the race.*

▷ **sorrel** *adj* rang-sen; sen-pawl: *a sorrel coat.*

**sorrow** /sBrEU/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (at/for/over sth) rehshiat, ninghannak: *express sorrow for having done wrong* ○ *to my great sorrow* ○ *to the sorrow of all those who were present* ○ *sorrow at sb's death* ○ *in sorrow and in joy, ie when we are sad and also when we are happy.* **2** [C] rehshiatnak, ninghannak: *the sorrow(s) of war* ○ *He has had many sorrows in his life.* ○ *Her death was a great sorrow to everyone.* **3** (idm) **drown one's sorrows** ⇒ DROWN. **more in sorrow than in anger** thinheng hnakin rehshiat ruangih tuah a si sawn: *It was more in sorrow than in anger that he criticized his former colleague.*

▷ **sorrow** *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (at/for/over sth) (fml) rehshia: *sorrowing over his child's death* ○ *sorrowing at his misfortune.*

**sorrowful** /fI/ *adj* rehshiatza, a rehshiami: *a sorrowful occasion* ○ *Her face was anxious and sorrowful.* **sorrowfully** /fElI/ *adv* rehshia zet in: *weeping sorrowfully.* **sorrowfulness** *n* [U].

**sorry** /sBrI/ *adj* **1** [pred] ~ (to do sth/that) rehshia; thinnuam lo; sir aw (in um): *We're sorry to hear of your father's death.* ○ *I'm sorry to say that I won't be able to accept the job.* ○ *I'd be sorry if you were to think that I disliked you.* **2** [pred] ~ (for/about sth) tuah zomi thil parah sirsal, ningzak; ka sir tihi ngaithiam dilnak: *Aren't you sorry for/about what you've done?* ○ *If you say you're sorry (ie if you apologize) we'll forget the incident.* **3** a tawkfang sir, lungkimp, lo, el, ngaithiam dil, sualthlah dil ti langnak tongkam a si: *'Can you lend me a pound?'* *'I'm sorry, I can't.'* *'I'm sorry, but I don't share your opinion.'* ○ *I'm sorry I'm late.* **4** [attrib] (-ier, -iest) (usu derog) a tha lo a niam, bal tuahtli, rehshiatza: *a sorry sight* ○ *The house was in a sorry state.* **5** (dated) a sorry excuse, ie a worthless one. **6** (idm) **be/feel sorry for sb** (a) zaangfak: *I feel sorry for anyone who has to drive in this sort of weather.* (b) zaangfak, lole, lungkim lo: *If he doesn't realize the consequences of his actions, I'm sorry for him.* **better safe than sorry** ⇒ BETTER<sup>2</sup>. **cut a sorry, etc figure** ⇒ FIGURE<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **sorry** *interj* **1** ngaidam dilnak tong a si; a mawinak tong khal a si: *Sorry, did I knock your elbow?* ○ *Sorry, I don't know where she lives.* **2** [C usu sing] (infml) ziang e? tinak a si: *'I'm hungry.'* *'Sorry?'* *'I said I'm hungry.'* ⇒ Usage at EXCUSE<sup>2</sup>.

**sort**<sup>1</sup> /sC:t/ *n* **1** [U] phun, cuvek khavak phun: *He's the sort of person I really dislike.* ○ *What sort of paint are you using?* ○ *We can't approve of this sort of thing/these sorts of things/things of this sort.* **2** [C usu sing] (infml) ziaza tha/sia phun; minung: *a good/decent sort* ○ *He's not a bad sort really.* **3** (idm) **it takes all sorts (to make a world)** (saying) minung pawl hi an

ziaza, an thil ti thei zia dang theh (hihi thil tha a si). **nothing of the kind/sort** ⇒ KIND<sup>2</sup>. **of a sort/of sorts** (infml derog) a tha lo, phunnau: *They served coffee of a sort.* ○ *It was a meal of sorts, but nobody enjoyed it.* **a sort of sth** (infml) a ruang fiang lo, sim fiang thei lo, a phundang-mi: *I had a sort of feeling he wouldn't come.* **out of sorts** fiang thei lo, a phundang-mi: *I had a sort of feeling he wouldn't come.* **out of sorts** (infml) (a) dam lo: *She's been out of sorts since the birth of her baby.* (b) thintawi, thin hnainnok: *He's always out of sorts early in the morning.* **sort of** (infml) vekin, bangtukin, phunkhat khat in. ⇒ Usage at KIND<sup>3</sup>.

**sort<sup>2</sup>** /sɔ:t/ v 1 [Tn, Tn-p, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (out) (into sth); ~ **sth** (out) from sth hril; thia: *He was sorting his foreign stamps (into piles).* ○ *We must sort out the good apples from the bad.* 2 (idm) **sought out the men from the boys** zokha a ngaite in a ral a tha, thil a thiam, thil a ti thei ti fiangter: *Climbing that mountain will certainly sort out the men from the boys.* 3 (phr v) **sort sth out** (a) a tampi lak ihsin hril in thia, thual: *sort out the smaller plants and throw them away.* (b) (infml) thil pawl mah hmun mah hmunah ret ih thianfater: *This room needs sorting out, ie tidying.* **sort sth/oneself out** thilhar polsuak; mah ih sidan nuncandan fiangtein ruat: *I'll leave you to sort this problem out.* ○ *Let's leave them to sort themselves out, ie clear up their problems, resolve their arguments etc.* **sort sb out** (sl) mi pakhat zonzainak pek, do: *I'll soon sort him out. Just let me get my hands on him!* **sort through sth** thilri pawl hrilin a phun bangrep pawl hmunakhat ih ret: *sort through a pile of old photographs.*

▷ **sorter** n ca, postcard, tivek pawl kha a phun bangrep pawl hril in hmun khatih retu minung, cet: *Many workers in the sorting office lost their jobs when an automatic sorter was introduced.*

**sortie** /sɔ:ti/ n 1 ral khamnak hmun ihsin suak tahrat in an hmun long tumtu ral pawl do(nak). 2 ral kha do dingah vanzamleng feh: *The four planes each made two sorties yesterday.* 3 mah fehdah lem lonak, theihthiam rualpi tha um lem lonak, inn ihsin a hlatnak hmunah feh hruak (caan tawite sung): *a sortie into the city centre to do some shopping* ○ (fig) *His first sortie into (ie attempt to enter) politics was unsuccessful.*

**SOS** /es EU [es/ n [sing] (save our souls) (a) harsat ton caanah tangphawlawng, vanzamleng, tivek ihsin radio thawn bom dilnak thuthan: *send an SOS to the coastguard* ○ [attrib] *an SOS message.* (b) besia zet ih a na-tu kha sungkhat pawlin thei sehla bomnak pehai seh, lole thu theihther kir seh ti duh ah radio ih thanmi thuthang: *We heard the SOS*

*about Bill's father on the car radio.* ○ (joc) *Our daughter sent us an SOS for some more money.* Cf MAYDAY.

**so-so** /səʊsəʊ/ adj [pred] adv (infml) a thatuk lo; a damtuk lo; thapam, dampam: *'How are you feeling today?'* 'Oh, only so-so.' ○ *'What was the exam like?'* 'So-so!'

**sot** /sɒt/ n (dated derog) zuri leuhleuh, zurit tikah lungfiang thei lomi minung: *her drunken sot of a husband.*

**sottish** /ˈsɒtɪʃ/ adj (dated derog) atthlak le buaithlak zurit.

**sottovoce** /sɒtəʊ ˈvɔʊs/ adj, adv (Italian fml or joc) kiang kapih thei lo dingin (dimte ih tong): *a sotto voice remark* ○ *The defendant leant forward and spoke to his barrister, sotto voce.*

**sou** /su:/ n 1 a man a malmi khuahlan French paia. 2 (infml) tangka malte: *He hasn't a sou,* ie He's very poor.

**soufflé** /suːfleɪ/ US suːfleɪ/ n [C, U] arti, cawhnawi le sangvut rawi ih rawhmi sang, (a rimhmui seh tiin thil pakhat khat rawi bet a si theu): *a spinach soufflé* ○ *Would you like some soufflé?*

**sough** /svf/ US saʊ/ v [I] n (arch or fml) tlanglak thingkung karlakih a hrangmi thli aw; a cuih aw vekin awn: *the sough of the wind in the chimney.*

**sought** pt, pp of SEEK.

**soul** /seʊl/ n 1 [C] thlarau: *commend one's soul to God* ○ *Do you believe in the immortality of the soul?* ○ *Christians believe that a person's soul survives the death of his body.* 2 [C, U] umdan mawinak, dingnak, felnak; pitlinnak: *He is a man without a soul.* ○ *a very polished performance, but without soul* ○ *This music has no soul.* 3 [sing] **the ~ of sth** zohthim dingih a pitlingmi: *He is the soul of honour/discretion.* 4 [C] mithi thlarau: *lost souls still walking the earth* ○ *All Souls' Day*, ie 2 November. 5 (a) minung: *There wasn't a soul to be seen,* ie No one was in sight. ○ *Don't tell a soul,* ie Don't tell anybody. (b) (with adjs, indicating familiarity, pity, etc) minung, nauhak, tivek: *a dear old soul* ○ *She's a cheery little soul,* ie a cheerful girl, etc. ○ *She's lost all her money, poor soul.* 6 [U] (also **soul music**) gospel, blue, jazz tivek hla pawl sirhsan ih a suaksinmi, thinlung tuardan a langter nasa ih, mi ih duh zetmi santhar American Midum pawl ih phuahmi hla pawl: *the sound of soul* ○ [attrib] *a soul singer.* 7 [U] (US fml) American Midum pawl ih nunphung, mipun theihthiamnak thilri ziaza; mi thawn remte ih pawlkom-aw k theinak umdan. 8 (idm) **bare one's heart/soul** ⇒ BEAR<sup>2</sup>. **body and soul** ⇒ BODY. **heart and soul** ⇒ HEART. **keep body and soul together** ⇒ BODY. **the life and soul of sth** ⇒ LIFE. **sell one's soul** ⇒ SELL. **upon my soul!** (dated) thinlau,

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mangbang tiki aumi òng; maw ka thlarau!

▷ **soulful** /-fl/ *adj* tuardan nasa zet ih a langter theimi, rehshiatnak a phorh theimi: *a soulful expression* ○ *soulful music*.

**soulfully** /-fell/ *adv*: *soulfully playing the guitar*. **soulfulness** *n* [U].

**soulless** /səʊllɪs/ *adj* **1** (of a person) thinlung a khoih lo. **2** (of life, a job, etc) ningkhopza; a thupi lo: *His soulless work in the factory*. **soullessly** *adv*.

□ **soul brother** (*fem soul sister*) (*infml esp US*) (American Midum mino pawl ih hman a si bik) ruahdan, tuardan a bangmi minung, Midum ti duhnak a si.

**soul-destroying** *adj* tuahkel nolh rero mi, ningkhop-um: *soul-destroying jobs in the factory*.

**soul-food** (US) USA thlanglam ram ò then um midum pawlih rawl.

**soul-mate** ruahdan, duhdan a bangih duh aw zet in reipi a komwmi rualpi òha.

**soul music** = SOUL **6**.

**soul-searching** *n* [U] mah le mah thuk zet ih cekfel-awknak: *After days of soul-searching he finally came to the decision to leave home*.

**soul-stirring** thinlung a thoter mi, lung a hnoter, mi khua a ruat ter thei mi: *soul-stirring music*.

**sound**<sup>1</sup> /saʊnd/ *adj* **1** a òha, a him a dammi, tuahmawhnak, siatsuahnak a um lomi: *have sound teeth* ○ *have a sound mind*, ie not mentally ill ○ *a sound constitution* ○ *a house built on sound foundations*. **2** rin a tlak, thuhla a fek, thu ruahdan a famkimmi: *a sound argument, policy, etc* *sound advice* ○ *a sound business firm* ○ *Is he sound on state education?* ie Are his views well founded, officially acceptable, etc? **3** [usu attrib] (*esp fml*) famkim, neknek: *a sound telling-off, thrashing, etc*. **4** ralring zet, a cekci ih a dikmi; a tawk zetmi: *a sound tennis player* ○ *a sound piece of writing*. **5** [usu attrib] ihhmu thaw zet, òhang lo in, hnaihok um loin it: *be a sound sleeper* ○ *a sound night's sleep*. **6** (idm) **safe and sound** ⇒ SAFE<sup>1</sup>. (as) **sound as a bell** famkimzet, damzet: *The doctor said I was as sound as a bell*.

**sound in wind and limb** (dated or joc) damzet: *remarkably sound in wind and limb for his age*.

▷ **sound** *adv* (idm) **be/fall sound asleep** thawzet in ithat.

**soundly** *adv* thawzetin, neknek, lung diriam tein: *a soundly based argument* ○ *be soundly beaten at chess* ○ *sleep soundly*. **soundness** *n* [U]: *the soundness of her advice* ○ *the soundness of his performance*.

**sound**<sup>2</sup> /saʊnd/ *n* **1** [U] aw: *an experiment to measure the speed at which sound travels* ○ *Sound travels more slowly than light*. **2** [C, U] thawngvang, thil awn: *the sound of the wind,*

*sea, a car, voices, breaking glass* ○ *the sound of music* ○ *I heard a strange sound outside*. ○ *He crept upstairs without a sound*, ie noiselessly. ○ *vowel sounds*, eg /u:/, /v/, /e/. **3** [U] thuthang (thuhla) theih tiki a suakmi khawruahnak: *I don't like the sound of her husband!* ○ *The news has a sinister sound*, ie seems to be sinister. **4** [U] au aw theihbannak (caan): *A true Cockney is born within (the) sound of Bow Bells*. **5** (idm) **like, etc the sound of one's own voice** (*derog*) mi òng ngai lo in, mah lawng òng tuk: *She's much too fond of the sound of her own voice*.

▷ **soundless** *adj* dai zirziar. **soundlessly** *adv* daite in (awthawng um loin).

□ **sound archives** a thupimi awkhummi thilri, tape, tivek pawl retnak a fekkhohmi khan: *the BBC sound archives*.

**sound barrier** (also **sonic barrier**) awsuar tlukin vanzamleng a khul a ran zawnte – acuih zawnah le a hnu ah sonic booms timi awn aw a suak: *break the sound barrier*, ie move faster than the speed of sound.

**sound effect** (*esp pl*) thuanthu cawn, tivek tuah lai ah a thu thawn kaihaw dingin awnter mi aw: *The sound effects of the fight were very good in that radio play*.

**sound-proof** *adj* aw lut/suak kham theimi: *sound-proof material* ○ *a sound-proof studio*. — *v* [Tn] aw lut/suak thei loin tuah: *I wish we could sound-proof the boys' bedroom!*

**sound-recording** *n* [C, U] aw khum.

**sound-track** *n* (a) baikup film kapih aw khumnak tluan. (b) cassette, tivek tluan ih khummi hla: *I've bought the sound-track of that film*.

**sound-wave** *n* aw-let; aw-suar (Kawl: *a-tan-hlaing*).

**sound**<sup>3</sup> /saʊnd/ *v* **1** [La, Ln] a bang, vek: *That music sounds beautiful*. ○ *His voice sounded hoarse*. ○ *It sounds to me as if there's* (ie I think I can hear) *a tap running somewhere*. ○ *His explanation sounds reasonable*. ○ *His excuse sounds unconvincing*. ○ *She sounds just the person we need for the job*. ⇒ Usage at FEEL<sup>1</sup>. **2** (a) ringter, awnter, tum: *sound a trumpet* ○ *The bell is sounded every hour*. (b) [I] awn, ring, aw a suak: *The trumpet sounded*. ○ *The A key on this piano won't sound*, ie No sound is produced when the key is struck. **3** [Tn] aw pakhat tuah ih thu theiher: *sound a note of alarm/danger/warning* ○ *sound the alarm*, eg by ringing a bell. ○ *sound the retreat*, eg by blowing a bugle. **4** [Tn *esp passive*] (*fml*) aw suah: *You don't sound the 'h' in 'hour'*. ○ *The 'b' in 'dumb' isn't sounded*. **5** [Tn] (*fml*) thil a òha le òha lo, ziang tin a um ti theih duh ah king, cum: *sound a person's chest*, ie by tapping it ○ *sound the wheels of a train*, ie by striking them. **6** (idm) **strike/sound a false note** ⇒ FALSE. **strike/**

**sound a note (of sth)** ⇒ NOTE<sup>1</sup>. **7** (phr v) **sound off (about sth)** (infml derog) thu pakhat kha ring nawn le porh-aw nawn in sim: *He's always sounding off about how well he would manage the firm.*

▷ **-sounding** (forming compound adjs) cuvek aw a neimi, cu vekih a langmi: *loud-sounding pop music* ○ *a very grand-sounding name.*

□ **sounding-board** *n* (a) thusimtu ih ðong kha zapi in fiang deuh in theih theinak dingah thusimtu ih tlun zawnah a kuum nawn khuhmi tlunkhuh. (b) mi zapi ih theih dingmi ruahnak, soiselnak suaktert: *The magazine became a sounding-board for its editor's political beliefs.*

**sound**<sup>4</sup> /saʊnd/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] (a) **sounding line** timi hridai a zim ah thilrit pakhat thlah in tipi thuanthum a thuklam tah (called a **sounding line**). (b) **sounding rod** timi pi ngan ðehmi fung hmang in tidai ih a thuklam tah (with a **sounding rod**). **2** (phr v) **sound sb out (about/on sth)** mi pakhat ih ruahdan thei dingah ralring te in ron, sut, zuam: *Have you sounded him out (ie found out his opinions) yet about taking the job?* ○ *I'll try to sound out the manager on the question of holidays.*

▷ **soundings** *n* [pl] **1** tah ih ngahmi a thuk a puan zat pi (SOUND<sup>4</sup> 1); a thuklam tahnak: *underwater soundings*. **2** (a) [C, U] ralring zet in zuamnak suah, sut, ron ih mi pakhat ih ruahdan theihsuakmi/nak: *take soundings* ○ *What results have your soundings turned up?* (b) lehkir mi: *Our soundings are displayed in the form of a graph.*

**sound**<sup>5</sup> /saʊnd/ (also esp in place names **Sound**) tidai hmun kaupi pahni pehtu tidai fiaknak hmun: *Plymouth Sound*.

**soup**<sup>1</sup> /su:p/ *n* [C, U] **1** tihang, hangti: *chicken, tomato, vegetable, etc soup* ○ *a range of tinned soups* ○ *Will you have some soup before the meat course?* **2** (idm) **in the soup** (infml) harsat zonzainak tong: *If your Mum finds out what you've done, you'll really be in the soup!*

□ **soup-kitchen** *n* linghnin, tilik tivek hnu ih paisa nei lo zonzai pawl a lakih tihang le a dang rawl peknak hmun.

**soup-plate** *n* soup innakih hmanmi khengkum.

**soup**<sup>2</sup> /su:p/ *v* (phr v) **soup sth up** (esp passive) (infml) engine tuahdan thleng deuh, rem deuh ih mawtawka tha cakter; remtha deuh: *a souped-up old mini* ○ (fig) *The 'new' film is just a souped-up version of the 1948 original.*

**soupcon** /su:psBn/; US su:psBn/ *n* [sing] ~ (of sth) (sometimes joc) a mal ngaite, a tel, a um titheih ceu: *a soupcon of garlic in the salad* ○ *a soupcon of malice in his remark.*

**sour** /saʊə/ *adj* **1** (a) a thur: *sour gooseberries* ○ *This apple is really sour!* (b) a hing a thur; hing thur, a ðat; cuh rim a nammi: *The milk's turned sour.* ○ *a sour smell.* **2** thin sia; ngaih um lo

ziaza: *a sour and disillusioned man* ○ *What a sour face she has!* **3** (idm) **go/turn sour** a ða lo, a nuam lo ah a cang; a ða lo lam ah napi in a thleng: *Their relationship soon went sour.* ○ *His original enthusiasm has turned sour.* **sour grapes** (saying) ngah duh, nei duh zet thil ngah thei, nei thei lo tukah, a ða lem lo, a ðul lem lo, ka duh lem lo ti ih ðongmi: *He says he didn't want to marry her anyway, but that's just sour grapes.*

▷ **sour** *v* [I, Tn] thurter, a thur ah a cang: *The hot weather soured the milk.* ○ (fig) *His personality has soured.* ○ *The old man has been soured by poverty.*

**sourly** *adv.*

**sourness** *n* [U]: *the sourness of the fruit* ○ *the sourness of her expression.*

□ **sour cream** eiða phunphun tuahnak hrangah thurter hrimmi cawhnawi khirh/kham (makhan).

**sourdough** *n* (US) **1** [U] pawngghmuk tuahnak ih hmanmi, a tho cia mi sanghel thur: [attrib] *sour dough bread*. **2** N Canada, Iole, Alaska ramih suikhur hawl thiamzet minung.

**sourpuss** *n* (infml) thinsia, thintawi minung: *She's an old sourpuss.*

**source** /sC:s/ *n* **1** tihna, tiputnak hmun: *the sources of the Nile* ○ *Where is the source of the Rhine?* **2** thilngahnak, thil cannak hmunhram: *news from a reliable source* ○ *a limited source of income* ○ *Is that well the source of all the cases of infection?* **3** (esp pl) cabu, thuhla ngan duh tikih sirhsan ding a ðulmi thuhla petu, ngah tertu, ronmi minung, cabu: *He cited many sources for his book.* ○ [attrib] *source material*. **4** (idm) **at source** a thoknak hmunah, a hram ah: *money taxed at source*, ie before it is given to the earner ○ *Is the water polluted at source or further downstream?*

**souse** /saʊs/ *v* **1** [Tn] (infml) ti sungah hnim, lutter, ciah; Iole, a parah tidai theh, paih. **2** [Tn esp passive] (nga, tivek) kha ci al ti, titihur tivek ah ciah: *soused herrings.*

▷ **soused** /saʊst/ *adj* [pred] (sl) zuri.

**south** /saʊt/ *n* **1** [U] (abbr **S**, US also **So**) thlanglam: *south is opposite north on a compass.* Cf EAST, NORTH, WEST. **2** [U, sing] thlanglam: *The window faces south.* ○ *The wind is in (ie blowing from) the south today.* ○ *The town is to the south of (ie situated further south than) London.* **3 the south** [sing] (a) thlanglam/thlanglam kap ah: *have a holiday in the South of France* ○ *He came to the South to look for a job.* (b) US ih nisuahnak thlanglam ramthen pawl.

▷ **sou'** /saʊ/ *n* (esp nautical) ðongfang dang thawn kom ih hmanmi south ih a tawizawng a si: *sou'-east* ○ *sou'-sou'-west.*

**south** (also **South**) *adj* [attrib] **1** thlanglam, ah,

S



naih ah (vorhlahm ah): *South Wales* ○ *South America* ○ *the South Pacific* ○ *grow roses on a south wall* ○ *on the south coast*. **2** (of a wind) thlanglam sin a ra mi: a *south wind*.

**south** *adv* **1** thlanglam ah: *go south out of town* ○ *birds flying south for winter* ○ *The ship was sailing due south*. **2** (idm) **down south** (*infml*) south ah: *go down south for a few days* ○ *They used to live in Scotland but they moved down south*.

□ **South African** Africa continent ih thlanglam kap, lole, South Africa ram thawn a peh par awmi; South Africa rammi.

**southbound** *adj* thlang lamah feh/a fehmi; thlanglam pan: a *southbound train* ○ *swallows southbound for the winter*.

**south-east** (also **South-East**) *n, adj, adv* nisuahnak thlanglam, nisuahnak thlanglamah a ummi, nisuahnak thlanglam ihsin a rami: *live in the South-East* ○ *a south-east wind* ○ *a house facing south-east*. **south easter** *n* nisuahnak thlanglam ihsin napi ih a hrangmi thli. **south-easterly** *adj* (a) SE in a hrangmi: a *south-easterly air flow*. (b) SE lamah.

**south-eastern** /-li:stEn/ *adj* SE in a rami; SE ih a ummi: *the south-eastern states of the US*.

**southpaw** *n* (*infml*) kehtlak (boxing tivek le lehnak dangah).

**the South Pole** thlanglam pole (thlanglam/tanglam leilung tawdeng): a *journey to the South Pole*.

**southward(s)** /saUTwEdz/ *adv, adj* thlanglam ah: *driving southwards along the motorway*. ⇨ Usage at FORWARD<sup>2</sup>.

**south-west** (also **South West**) *n, adj, adv* SW ah um, SW ihsin ra: *travel south-west* ○ *stand facing south-west* ○ *a south-west wind* ○ *live in the South-West (of a country)*. **south wester** *n* = sou'wester **2** **south-westerly** *adj* (a) SW ihsin a rami (thli). (b) SW lam ah: *travel in a south-westerly direction for 6 miles*. **south-western** /-westEn/ *adj* SW thawn a pehparmi, SW ihsin a rami, SW ih a ummi.

**southerly** /sVWEI/ *adj, adv* **1** thlanglam in a hrangmi thli: *southerly breezes*. **2** thlanglam ah: *The plane flew off in a southerly direction*.

▷ **southerly** *n* (esp *pl*) thlanglam in a hrangmi thli: *warm southerlies*.

**southern** /sVWE/ *adj* thlanglam ih a ummi, lole, thlanglam thawn a pehpar awmi, thlanglam a simi: *southern Europe* ○ *the Southern states of the USA* ○ *the Southern hemisphere*, ie the southern half of the globe.

▷ **southerner** *n* thlanglam um milai, eg from the South in the USA: *a southerner now living in the north of England* ○ *You can tell southerners by their accent*.

**southern lights** = AURORA AUSTRALIS (AURORA 2).

**southernmost** /-meUst/ *adj* thlanglam bik: *the southernmost point of an island*.

**souvenir** /su:vE[n]iER; US /su:vEn]Er/ *n* ciinken ringring nak laksawng, lei mi thilri: a *souvenir of my holiday* ○ [attrib] a *souvenir shop for tourists*.

**sou'wester** /saU\westER/ *n* **1** hngawng khuh kaupi nei, ruahkhan lukhuh. **2** (also **southwester** /saUT(w-) SW ihsin a hrangmi thli.

**sovereign** /sBvrln/ *adj* (*fml*) **1** a sang bik uknak thuneihnak (ana): *Who holds sovereign power in the state?* **2** [attrib] ram mahte uk-aw ih thuneihnak pumhlum a neimi: *become a sovereign state*. **3** [attrib] (*fml*) hmual a nei zet, a tha hleice: *Is there a sovereign remedy for this condition?*

▷ **sovereign** *n* **1** (*fml*) a sang bik thuneihnak nei uktu bawi kumpipa, kumpinu, lole, emperor. **2** hlanlai Mirang sui tangka (pound pakhat thawn a man a bang aw dah).

**sovereignty** /sBvrEntl/ *n* [U] (*fml*) **1** sovereign power nei mahte uk-awknak. **2** ram pakhat ih sovereign power a neihnak: *respect an island's sovereignty*.

**soviet** /sEUvIET, /sBv-/ *n* **1** [C] USSR (the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) ram sungih hnaʔuantu pawl (*workers*) council pakhat khat: *the Supreme Soviet*, ie the governing council of the whole of the USSR. **2 the Soviets** [pl] (esp US) USSR ram mi, lole, an ram hruaitu upa pawl.

▷ **Soviet** *adj* [usu attrib] USSR le a ram mi thawn a pehpar-awmi: *Soviet Russia* 6. ○ *the Soviet Union*.

**sow**<sup>1</sup> /saU/ *n* vokpi, a than a reh zomi vok nu. Cf BOAR, HOG 1.

**sow**<sup>2</sup> /sEU/ *v* (pt **sowed**, pp **sown** /sEU/ or **sowed**) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **A** (in/on **B**) ~ **B** (with **A**) thlaici vorh, tuh: *sow grass* ○ *sow a plot of land with grass* ○ *sow cabbage seed in pots* ○ *saw a field with wheat*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (in **sth**) (*fig*) ruahnak le thinlung hmuhdan pawl mi lakah karhter, zaiter: *sow doubt in sb's mind* ○ *sow the seeds of hatred*. **3** (idm) **sow one's wild oats** kum no lai ah ruahnak pipa keng lem loin, ka tuahmi parah ʔuanvo ka nei ti khal ruat lem loin, pumsa nomnak tuah vivo men: *He sowed all his wild oats before he married*.

▷ **sower** *n* thlaici vorhtu, tuhtu, thuhla vorhtu: (*fig*) a *sower of discontent among the people*.

**soya bean** /sCIIE bi:n/ (also esp US **soy bean** /sCI bi:n/) *n* behrum: a *casserole made with soya beans* ○ [attrib] *soya oil*, ie extracted from soya beans ○ *soya flour* ○ *soya milk*, ie milk substitute made from processed soya beans.

▷ **soya sauce** (also **soy sauce**) sawhthu phunkhat: *adding soy sauce to the stir-fried*

vegetables.

**sozzled** /sɒzld/ *adj* (infml) zuri zet: *He got absolutely sozzled at the Christmas party.*

**sp** *abbr* (esp on corrected written work) spelling.

**spa** /spa:/ (also in place names **Spa**) *n* damnak sivai a tel tiih ruahmi cerhti: *Cheltenham Spa* ○ [attrib] *spa water*.

**space** /spels/ *n* 1 [C] hmunlawng: *the spaces between words* ○ *There's a space here for your signature.* ○ *Is there a space for the car in the firm's car park?* ○ *We were separated by a space of ten feet.* 2 [U] hman lomi hmunlawng, lole hman ding hmunlawng; a khaan: *There isn't much space left for your luggage.* ○ *Have you enough space to work in?* ○ *There isn't enough space in the classroom for thirty desks.* ⇒ Usage. 3 [C, U] leilung lawng, inn ti vek saknak ih hman lomi: *open spaces for children to play on* ○ *the freedom and space of the countryside.* 4 [U] thlapi, arsi, tivek pawl an her an fehnak, cemnak hmun nei lo kan tlunih hmunlawngpi, van boruak: *He was staring into space.* 5 [U] (also **outer space**) leilung tuamtu thli umnak a leng boruak pi: *travel through space to other planets* ○ *the exploration of outer space.* 6 [C usu sing] a peh tluanmi caancaan khat: (with) *in space of two hours*, ie during a period not longer than two hours ○ *a space of two weeks between appointments.* 7 (idm) **cramped for room/space** ⇒ CRAMP<sup>2</sup>. **watch this space** (thuthang ca, hmanmi tɔŋg a si) ralring uh, mangbangza, theihhiarza, hinah kan ngan cingding tican a si.

▷ **space** *v* ~ **sth** (out) pakhat le pakhat dai aw loin, mah duhzat ih kaangaw in re: *space out the posts three metres apart* ○ *space out* (ie spread) *payments for a house over twenty years* ○ *space the rows 10 inches apart* ○ *the letter was well spaced*, ie typed, etc with a suitable amount of space between each line, etc.

**spacing** *n* [U] a kaangnak, a kaangdan: *Be careful with your spacing or you won't get the heading on one line.* ○ *Shall I use single or double spacing* (ie rinkhat maw rinhnih kaangin) *when I type this letter?*

□ **space-age** *adj* [attrib] san thar, sanman, boruak san; san a man ih a tɔŋgso zetmi: *space-age technology* ○ *space-age equipment.*

**space-bar** *n* tɔŋgfang kaan-awktternak ih hmanmi typewriter (thircangan) parih a ummi hmehnak thirtluan.

**spacecraft** *n* (pl unchanged) (also **space-ship**) leilung boruak lenglam feh nakih hmanmi vanpar-vanzamleng; rocket phunkhat: *spacecraft orbiting the earth.*

**spaceman** /-mFɪn/ (fem **spacewoman**) *n* (pl -men, -women) (also **astronaut**) vanzamleng (spacecraft) cuangin vanleng ih khual tlawngtu.

**space invaders** (*propr*) computer (cet thluaknei) hmanmi lehnak phun khat – a lektu-in, leilung dang minung kan leilungah tɔm thei lo ih khammi lehnak a si.

**space probe** = PROBE 2.

**spaceship** *n* = spacecraft.

**space shuttle** leilung le space station (vanpar innpi) karlak, lole leilung le thlapi karlak feh le kirnak ah vei tampi hman a theihmi lengphun khat (sukso nak leeng).

**space station** van boruak ih retmi, minung tomi, science lam thil thar hawnak le vanparleng pawl thlahsinnak ih hmanmi vanpar hmunpi.

**spacesuit** *n* thli a lut a suak thei lo, a hruktu khal oxygen thli pek cop tɔl, spaceman thuamthil (vanpar thuamthil). Acuih thuamthil hmangin boruak ah duhduh in cang a theih.

NOTE ON USAGE: **Space**, **room**, **place** and **seat** all relate to an area in a room, building, vehicle, etc which can be occupied by a person or thing. **Space** (countable and uncountable) and **room** (uncountable) are the most general and suggest an undefined area, big enough for something or for a purpose: *The wardrobe takes up too much space/room.* **Place** and **seat** (both countable) are used for specific spaces, usually for people to sit: *We'll try to get places/seats at the front of the hall.* ○ *There are only two places/seats left for tonight.*

**spacious** /spelses/ *adj* a kau, a lawngzet, a tet lo – inn khan, umnak hmun tivek ah: *a very spacious kitchen* ○ *the spacious back seat of a car.*

▷ **spaciously** *adv*. **spaciousness** *n* [U].

**spade**<sup>1</sup> /speld/ *n* 1 cawh-leek, sawh-leek: *a garden spade.* 2 (idm) **call a spade a spade** ⇒ CALL<sup>2</sup>.

▷ **spade**<sup>2</sup> /speldfʊl/ *n* cawh-leek khat: *three spadefuls of sand.*

□ **spadework** *n* [U] (fig) thil pakhat khat tuah ding hrangih a hramthoknak a har, a khungkhai hnaɬuan: *She got the praise for the job but he did all the spadework.*

**spade**<sup>2</sup> /speld/ *n* (a) **spades** [sing or pl v] (phe ah) hawkum-a dang pawl cu itaa, ciria, panna tla an si: *the five of spades* ○ *Spades is/are trumps.* (b) [C] hawkum phehnah pawl: *I've only one spade left.*

**spaghetti** /speʒet/ *n* [U] Italy khauhsuai, a pum a sau tete in an tuah.

**spam** /spFm/ *n* [U] (*propr*) vok pheh sa pherh hmin cia, tiak tete in tan hnu ah masala thawn hmuitermi voksa kuang: *spam and salad.*

**span**<sup>1</sup> /spFɪn/ *n* 1 rua le thir tivek a kummi zim le zim karlak hlat zat: *The arch has a span of 60 metres.* ○ *The bridge crosses the river in a*

*single span.* **2** caan a thok in a net tiang: *the span of life* ○ *a short concentration span*, ie be capable of concentrating for only a short period of time. **3** (*dated*) khap; khap khat; ruhpi bok 9, lole, centimetre 23 tluk a sau.

▷ **span** (-nn-) *v* [Tn] **1** lilawn vekin thil pakhat in a khap: *The river Thames is spanned by many bridges.* **2** thil pakhat tlunah a kum zawng in a huap, a khap, a peh: (*fml*) *His knowledge spans many different areas.* ○ *Her life spanned almost the whole of the 19th century.* **3** khap (tah): *Can you span an octave on the piano?*

**span**<sup>2</sup> /spFŋ/ *adj* (idm) **spick and span** ⇨ SPICK.

**spangle** /spFŋ/ *n* hnipuan mawiter dingah thit/ben cihmi thir per tlep fate te, lole, plastic per fate te: *the spangles on the fairy's dress in the pantomime.*

▷ **spangle** *v* [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (**with sth**) mawiter dingah thil tleu fatete kha ben/thit cih: *a dress spangled with tiny silver sequins.*

**spaniel** /spFŋjEl/ *n* a hna a tum a tlaimi uico phunkhat: *a cocker spaniel.*

**Spanish** /spFŋIs/ *adj* Spain ram, a ram mi, an tɔŋ le nunphung thawn a peh parmi: *a Spanish dance* ○ *Spanish customs.*

▷ **Spanish** *n* [U] Spain tɔŋ: *Do you speak Spanish?*

□ **the Spanish Main** (khuahlan kawhnak) S America ih NE tipi kap le a cuih tipikap titlang thawn a naihmi hmun Caribbean tiffinriat hmin a si.

**spank** /spFNK/ *v* **1** nunsim ah nauhak pawl an tawcor beng: *spank a child's bottom.* **2** (phr *v*) ~ **along** (*dated infml*) (rang, lawng, mawtawka tivek pawl) khulrang in feh: *fairly spanking along.*

▷ **spank** *n* kut zaphak thawn tawcor beng: *a spank on the bottom.*

**spanking** *n* vei tampi tawcor beng: *The boy got a sound spanking.* — *adj* [usu attrib] (*dated infml*) thanei zet in rang zet ih feh: *go at a spanking pace.* — *adv* (*infml*) (*fine, new*) tivek *adjs* pawlih hmai ah hman a si deuh) a cuangin, zet: *a spanking new boat* ○ *spanking white paint.*

**spanner** /spFŋER/ (*Brit*) (*US wrench*) *n* **1** hernak thil ceptu (spanner kan tive): *I'll need a spanner to change the back wheel.* **2** (idm) (**throw**) **a spanner in the works** (*Brit infml*) siatnak thlenter; hnaŋuan, tumtahmi tuahsuak thei lo dingin siatsuah.

**spar**<sup>1</sup> /spa:(r)/ *n* lawng puan thlaihnak thirŋthuum

**spar**<sup>2</sup> /sPA:R/ *n* (-rr-) [I, Ipr] ~ (**with sb**) **1** boxing zirnakh ah pakhat thawn dim tete in thong aw. **2** thinheng loin rualpi le rualpi el-aw, to-aw: *children sparring with each other.*

▷ **sparring-partner** /spa:riN/ *n* **1** boxing zirnakh ih thongpitu. **2** (*infml*) capoh, nunnomnak ah tu le tu a el-awmi rualpi: *They've been sparring-partners ever since they were at school together.*

**spare**<sup>1</sup> /speER/ *adj* **1** hman reromi hlei ih neihmi thil, eg a ŋul tikah hman leh dingih retmi thil, eg mawŋawka ke a hlei in kenmi: *Do you carry a spare wheel in your car?* ○ *We have no spare room* (ie space) *for a table.* ○ *I wish we had a spare room*, ie an extra bedroom (eg for guests). ○ *I have no spare money this month.* **2** caan hlei, manlak caan: *a busy woman with little spare time* ○ *He paints in his spare time.* **3** (*esp fml*) a hreu, a ŋawlmi: *a tall spare man* ○ *a spare figure* ○ *spare of build.* **4** [attrib] (*fml*) malte: *a spare meal* ○ *on a spare diet.* **5** (idm) **go spare** (*Brit sl*) thintok, thin hnaihnok, thinheng: *Your mum will go spare if she finds out what you've done!*

**spare** *n* thil pakhat a siat le thleng lehnakh dingih retmi thil: *I've got a puncture and my spare is flat too!* ○ *I'll show you where the spares are kept.*

□ **spare part** thil pakhat a siat tiki thlengnak ding thilri: *It's difficult to get spare parts for old washing-machines.*

**spare-rib** *n* a sa filh ŋhehmi vokhnakruh: *barbecued spare-ribs.*

**spare tyre** **1** mawŋaw ke thlengnak dingih kenmi mawŋaw ke. **2** (*Brit infml joc*) tai kimvel ih thau: *I'll have to exercise to get rid of my spare tyre.*

**spare**<sup>2</sup> /speER/ *v* **1** [Tn, Dn-n] zuah, zaangfah; luatter: *Please spare* (ie don't kill) *me!* ○ (*fml*) *spare a person his life*, ie that lo. ○ *if I am spared*, ie if I live ○ *They killed the men but spared the children.* ○ *The woodman spared* (ie did not cut down) *a few trees.* **2** [Tn, Dn-n] **sth** hman, pek dingah sup; a mal thei bikin hman: *No trouble was spared to ensure our comfort.* ○ *Try to spare her as much distress as possible when you tell her.* ○ *He does not spare himself*, ie works, etc very hard indeed. ○ *Please spare me* (ie don't tell me) *the gruesome details.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth** (**for sb/sth**) siang, seu: *I can't spare the time for a holiday at the moment.* ○ *Can you spare me a few minutes of your time?* ○ *Can you spare me a few litres of petrol?* ○ *Can you spare a cigarette for me?* **4** [Tn, Tn-pr] (*infml*) sup; ui; zuah; thlah: *I can't spare him today — we need everybody here.* ○ *I can't spare you for that job; you must finish this one first.* **5** (idm) **no expense spared** ⇨ EXPENSE. **spare sb's blush** porh tahrat in ningzakter hlah aw. **spare sb's feelings** mi thinnatter lo dingin hrial aw: *He spared her feeling by not criticizing her husband in front of her.* **spare no pains doing/to do sth** (*fml*) thil tuahsuak dingah zonzaih tuar ŋul zat

tuar: *The hotel staff spared no pains to ensure that our stay was as enjoyable as possible.* **spare the rod and spoil the child** (saying) nauhak an sual tikah na thawi lo le an ziaza na siatsuah ding; nauhak ziaza na siatsuah duh asile fungfek sup aw. (and) **to spare** a ʔulzat hnakin tam sawn; a hlei: *We have enough fruit and to spare.* ○ *Do you have any sugar to spare?* ○ *There's no time to spare!* ie a rang thei sung in tuah, feh, etc a ʔul.

▷ **sparing** /speɾɪn/ *adj* [pred] ~ **with/of in sth** (fml) tenren: *be sparing with the sugar* ○ *sparing of one's energy* ○ *not sparing in his advice to others.*

**sparingly** *adv*: *Use the perfume sparingly!*

**spark** /spa:k/ *n* 1 [C] (a) meisa ʔek, meici: *Sparks from the fire were flying up the chimney.* ○ *The firework exploded in a shower of sparks.* ○ *Rubbing stones together produces sparks to start a fire.* (b) electric hri a cat tiki a suakmi meisa ʔek: *a faulty light switch sending out sparks.* 2 [sing] ~ (of sth) a ceu te: *He hasn't a spark of generosity in him.* ○ *without a spark of enthusiasm.* 3 (idm) **a bright spark** ⇒ BRIGHT. **make the fur/sparks fly** ⇒ FLY<sup>2</sup>.

▷ **spark v** [I] 1 meisa a ʔek, a puak: *The fire is sparking dangerously.* 2 (phr v) **spark sth off** (infml) cangter, thokter: *His comment sparked off a quarrel between them.* ○ *The incident sparked off a whole chain of disasters.*

**sparks** *n* [sing v] (sl) lawng parih electric tuahtu, lole radio hna ʔuantu.

□ **sparkling-plug** (also **spark-plug**) petrol engine ih petrol alhtertu plug: *The sparkling-plugs need cleaning.*

**sparkle** /spa:kl/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) 1 tleu zurhzo: *Her diamonds sparkled in the candle-light.* ○ *pavements sparkling with frost* ○ *Her eyes sparkled with excitement.* 2 thatho zet le fimzet in um: *She was really sparkling (with happiness) at the wedding.* ○ *She always sparkles at parties.*

▷ **sparkle n** [C, U] tleu zurhzonak; thatho zet le hiarzet ih umnak; meisatek: *the sparkle of sunlight on snow.* ○ *There was a sudden sparkle as the fireworks were lit* ○ *a performance that lacked sparkle.*

**sparkler** /spa:kɪɾ/ *n* 1 [C] mei pangpar (mi-paan) phunkhat. 2 **sparklers** [pl] (sl) diamonds.

**sparkling** /spa:ɪɪn/ *adj* [attrib] 1 a phul cerhcomi (zu, tivek): *sparkling white wine* ○ *sparkling mineral water.* 2 thatho zet, nunnuam zet, fimzet: *sparkling conversation* ○ *a brilliant, sparkling young woman.*

**sparrow** /spɾɛu/ *n* sunʔam: *sparrows twittering in the roof-tops.*

□ **sparrow-hawk** amah hnakh fate sawn vate pawl a dehmi khaute.

**sparse** /spa:s/ *adj* maltete in kaang zet ih a ummi; a bengbaimi: *a sparse population* ○ *a sparse beard* ○ *The television coverage of the event was rather sparse.*

▷ **sparsely** *adv*: *a sparsely furnished room, ie one with little furniture* ○ *sparsely spread financial resources.*

**sparseness** (also **sparsity** /spa:sɛtɪ/) *n* [U] a pat zia, a maldan: *the sparseness of trees on the landscape.*

**spartan** /spa:tn/ *adj* (fml) zaran vualvo ih nungmi; hnaʔuan khung khal ʔuan hluahhlo, rawl sia khal ei hluahlo ih nungmi; nomnak kha thupi tukih a re lomi: *lead a spartan life in the mountains* ○ *a spartan meal, ie a very simple one.* ○ *a spartan food, ie rawl menmen.*

**spasm** /spɾɛm/ *n* [C, U] 1 thacom, thadir, thacat: *an asthma spasm* ○ *painful muscular spasms* ○ *The muscles in the athlete's leg went into spasm, ie tightened uncontrollably and painfully.* 2 hmakhatte ih a suak hruakmi thilcang (of activity, emotion, etc): *a spasm of energy, excitement, pain, coughing.*

**spasmodic** /spɾɛzmɒdɪk/ *adj* 1 duh tiktik ah a lak kalh ih a cang ʔheumi: *spasmodic efforts to clean the house* ○ *spasmodic periods of happiness followed by misery.* 2 thahri com, dirhcaih ruangih a cangmi: *spasmodic asthma.* ▷ **spasmodically** /-kɪl/ *adv*: *spasmodically energetic.*

**spastic** /spɾɛstɪk/ *n, adj* thahri dir sutso, tha khur reromi, mikim lo mizeng: *a special school for spastics* ○ *spastic children.*

**spat**<sup>1</sup> *pt, pp* of SPIT<sup>1</sup>.

**spat**<sup>2</sup> /spɾɛt/ *n* (US infml) a thupi lem lo, malte hau aw, ʔong el awknak: *a spat between brother and sister.*

**spat**<sup>3</sup> /spɾɛt/ *n* (usu pl) kengel te le a kap naih kedan tlun khuh ih hruk mi puan khoh, lole, savun – a sir veve ih ʔemmi.

**spate** /spɛlt/ *n* 1 [sing] tam hruak ciamco (of business, etc): *a spate of orders* ○ *a spate of new cars on the market* ○ *a spate of (cases of) influenza in the winter.* 2 (idm) **in spate** (of a river, etc) ti lian hruak: *After the storm all the rivers were in spate.*

**spatial** /speɪsl/ *adj* (fml) van (boruak) ta a simi, van thawa a pehparmi, van ih a ummi; a tlantlomi: *the spatial qualities of the new concert hall.*

▷ **spatially** /-seɪl/ *adv*.

**spatter** /spɾɛtɪɾ/ *v* 1 [Tn, Tn-pr] theh: *spatter oil on one's clothes/spatter one's clothes with oil* ○ *As the bus passed it spattered us with mud.* ⇒ Usage at SPRAY<sup>2</sup>. 2 [I, Ipr, Ip] ruah a for tete in sur: *We heard the rain spattering down on the roof of the hut.* ○ *Bullets spattered around us.*

▷ **spatter n** [sing] ~ (of sth) (a) theh, vorh; ruah malte: *a spatter of rain, bullets, etc.* (b) a



for forih tlakmi awn, lole cuvek awn: *the spatter of rain on the tent* ○ a spatter of applause.

**spatula** /spFtSUIE/ n **1** buhtlei, rawl suan tiki h rawlcoknak, thil pharhnak, thil rawinak ih hmanmi a zim per, kaumi keu (hai): *He scraped the mixture out of the bowl with a plastic spatula.* ○ *She levelled the surface of the cake mixture with a metal spatula.* **2** dang sung zoh duh tikah lei namnak ah doctor pawlih hmanmi hai (keu) hmuimel a simi thing, lole thir per.

**spawn** /spC:n/ n [U] (esp in compounds) **1** nga, cangai, tlakphar phun pawlih ti: *frog-spawn.* **2** (biology) paa phunphun, thil mawr phunphun ah a kho leh, a cang leh dingmi thinghram hmuimel vekih a ummi thilrang.

▷ **spawn** v [I, Tn] (a) nga, tlakphar pawl ti tit: *salmon spawning* ○ *Have the frogs spawned yet?* (b) (esp derog) tamzetin tuah: *departments which spawn committees and sub-committees* ○ *new housing estates spawning everywhere.*

**spay** /spel/ v [Tn] sul (nau inn) suah, (faa nei lo dingin): *has your cat been spayed yet?*

**speak** /spi:k/ v (pt **spoke** /spEUK/, pp **spoken** /spEUKEn/) **1** [I] ðong; biak: *He can't speak.* ○ *Please speak more slowly.* ○ *'May I speak to Susan?'* ie at the beginning of a telephone conversation. ○ *'Speaking,'* ie this is Susan speaking (in reply to previous question). **2** [Tn] (not in the continuous tenses) ðong thiam, ðong thei: *He speaks several languages.* ○ *She speaks a little Urdu.* ○ *Does anyone speak English here?* **3** [Ipr] ~ (on/about sth) thu sim: *I was speaking to him only yesterday.* ○ *Can we speak about plans for the holidays?* ○ *She was speaking about it for hours.* ○ *She didn't speak of her husband at all.* **4** [I, Ipr] ~ (to/with sb) (about/of sb/sth) biak, sim, rel: *She spoke for forty minutes at the conference.* ○ *Are you good at speaking in public?* ○ *I told him to speak on any subject he wanted.* **5** [Tn] sim, ðong, rel: *speak the truth* ○ *He spoke only two words the whole evening.* **6** [I, Ipr] ~ (to/with sb) (usu in negative sentences) (fml) bia-aw, bia-aw lo – huat-awk ruang tivek ah: *They're not speaking (to each other) after their argument.* **7** (idm) **actions speak louder than words** ⇒ ACTION. **be on speaking terms (with sb)** (a) bia-aw thei ding tluk in theithiam aw: *I see him on the train every day but we're not on speaking terms.* (b) ðha tein bia-aw, saal: *At last they're on speaking terms again!* ○ *They're not on speaking terms after their quarrel.* **the facts speak for themselves** ⇒ FACT. **in a manner of speaking** ⇒ MANNER. **nothing to speak of** rel tlak lo, a malte: *She has saved a little money, but nothing to speak of.* **not to speak of/no sth to speak of** rel tlak lo, siar tlak lo, rel ding a um lo: *We've*

*not had any summer to speak of.* ○ *We've had no food to speak of today.* **roughly, generally, personally, etc speaking** a tlang pi-in, a hrawnghrangin, sim si sehla: *generally speaking, I don't like spicy food.* ○ *Personally speaking, I prefer the second candidate.* Cf STRICTLY SPEAKING. **so to speak** (cu tiin) ti theih a si: *The new procedures have been officially christened, so to speak.* **speak for itself/themselves** simfiang ðul loin amahte a fiang ko: *The events of that evening speak for themselves.* **speak for oneself** mahduhdan sim: *I'm quite capable of speaking for myself, thank you!* **speak for yourself** (joc or derog catch phrase) nangmah hrang lawng sim aw! midang huap in sim lah: *'We all played very badly.'* *'Speak for yourself, I think I played quite well.'* **speak ill of sb** (infml) mi relsiat: *Don't speak ill of the dead.* ○ *I've never spoken ill of him in my life.* **speak one's mind** lungsung um vek rori in sim, phorh. **speak/talk of the devil** ⇒ DEVIL<sup>1</sup>. **speak the same language (as sb)** (infml) duhdan, ruahdan bangrep; thinlung thei-thiam aw: *As soon as I met Liz, it was obvious we spoke the same language.* **speak volumes for sb/sth** fiang zet in a sim, a sinak, ðhatnak nasa zet ih langter: *These facts speak volumes for her honesty.* **speak well for sb** a ðhatnak langter: *Her reputation as a good mother speaks well for her.* **spoken for** ham cia a si (thilri lei dingmi, tivek). **the spoken/written word** ⇒ WORD. **8** (phr v) **speak for sb** (no passive) (a) mi pakhat ih duhnak, hmuhdan sim sak, ðongsak: *I'm afraid I can't speak for Geoff, but....* (b) mi hrangah tet-ti thilri pawl thawn thudik a si ti in sim/ðong sak: *Who is prepared to speak for the accused?* **speak of sth** (fml) sth ih sidan kha sim ðul loin amahte in a lang: *Her behaviour speaks of suffering bravely borne.* **speak out (against sth)** thil pakhat parih duhlodan kha fiangzet le ngamzet in sim, el: *He was the only one to speak out against the closure of the hospital.* **speak to sb** (euph) mawthluk, kaw: *Your children are disturbing my wife; can you speak to them, please?* **speak to sth** (fml) thurel khawmnak hmun ah theih a ðulmi thuhla sim; than: *Will you speak to this item, David?* **speak up** ringdeuh in ðong aw: *Please speak up; we can't hear you at the back.* **speak up (for sb)** mi ðan in (thuhla umdan ralþha zet in) sim: *It's time to speak up for those who are suffering injustice.* ▷ **speaker** n **1** mipi hmai ih thusimtu: *May I introduce our speaker for this evening?* ○ a good, poor, interesting, etc speaker ○ *I turned and saw the speaker at the back of the room.* **2** (infml) = LOUDSPEAKER (LOUD). **3** ðong phunkhat khat a thiam, a ðong thiamtu: *French speakers/speakers of French.* **4 the Speaker** House of

Commons, Legislative Assembly  
tokhawmnakih khawm hotu: 'Order! Order!' shouted the Speaker. ○ MP's trying to attract the attention of the Speaker.

**-spoken** (forming compound adjs) tongdan: well-spoken ○ a soft-spoken man.

□ **speaking clock** (Brit infml) tu laifang ih thuhla, thuthantu telephone zung.

**speak-easy** thupte ih zu leinak hmun.

**-speak** suff (forming ns) (infml often derog) mibur pakhat ih hmanmi theihhar tong — anmah le anmah cu an thei awsak nain, midang cun theisak theih mai a si lo: computer speak ○ newspeak.

**spear** /spɪər/ n 1 feipi: antelopes killed with spears. 2 leilungih a kho mi fei hmuimel keng hnah, kuung: spears of the snowdrop plant.

▷ **spear** v fei-in khawh, sun, that: They were standing in the river spearing fish. ○ The warriors speared the man to death.

□ **spearhead** n (usu sing) raldonak, hnauan khung tuan nakih a nor hmaisatu pawl: the new managing director will act as spearhead of the campaign. — v [Tn] hmainor: The tanks spearheaded the offensive.

**spearmint** /spɪəmlɪnt/ n [U] tihang hmuimertertu butinan phun khat: [attrib] spearmint toffees. Cf PEPPERMINT.

**spec** /spek/ n (idm) **on spec** (infml) mah duhmi, ngah thei ding le ding lo theifiang lo; ti hnuk: I went to the concert on spec: I hadn't booked a seat.

**special** /speʃl/ adj 1 [usu attrib] a hleice, a cuang: goods on special offer, ie cheaper than usual ○ He did it as a special favour. ○ What are your special interests? ○ She's a very special friend. 2 [attrib] thil pakhat, caan pakhat hrangah a hleice ih tuahmi: a special train, eg for a holiday excursion ○ a special occasion ○ You'll need a special tool to do that. ○ She has her own special way of doing things. ○ Newspapers send special correspondents to places where important events take place. 3 [attrib] a hleice in, a kel hnakin si deuh: Take special care of it. ○ Why should we give you special treatment? ○ He takes no special trouble with his work. Cf ESPECIAL.

▷ **special** n 1 a kel si loin a hleice a simi minung, thilri, tuahmi: an all night television special on the election ○ Specials were brought in to help the regular police force. 2 (US infml) khiahmi caan sungah dawrthil man thum deuh in zuar(nak) — cu ti in kan zuar ding ti thuthang ca in than a si theu: There's a special on coffee this week. ○ Coffee is on special (ie being sold at a lower price than usual) this week.

**specialist** /ˈseɪlɪst/ n mi thiam hleice: an eye

specialist ○ a specialist in plastic surgery.

**specially** /ˈseɪli/ adv 1 a hrimhrimin, a hleice-in: I came here specially to see you. ○ I made this specially for your birthday. 2 (also **especially**) a ce in, a cuang in: I enjoyed the evening, but the meal wasn't specially good.

□ **Special Branch** (Brit) Ram humhimnak lampang tuan palik zungpi.

**special constable** poimawh caanah palik bawmtu dingih zirhmi minung.

**special delivery** kuat man tamdeuh pek ih carek in thil/ca kuat (a rangin thleng seh ti duh ah) : If you want the letter to arrive tomorrow send it (by) special delivery.

**special licence** thit-um tuahnak ding hmun le caan lo ah thit-um tuah siannak.

**special pleading** (law) thu neh theinak dingah khatlam zawngin tan ih thu sim le el.

**special school** takpum himdam lo nauhak tlawng, rual ban lo tlawng.

**special student** (US) degree ngah dingih a kai lomi, American university tlawngta.

**speciality** /speʃiˈfɪəli/ (also esp US **specialty** /speʃiˈælti/) n 1 thil pakhatah a hleice ih zir duhnak, thiamduhnak, lole thiamnak: Her speciality is medieval history. ○ His speciality is barbecued steaks. 2 minung, an hnauannak, le hmunnhma tivek hminthannak a neihtertu an thil suahmi, lole an tidan: Woodcarvings are a speciality of this village. ○ Homemade ice-cream is one of our specialities.

**specialize, -ise** /speʃiˈaɪz/ v [I, Ipr] ~ (in sth) (a) mi thiam hleice (specialist) cang ding in zir, zuam: He specializes in oriental history. (b) hmin ngah ko tiang thil pakhat kha a cuangin tuah: This shop specializes in chocolates.

▷ **specialization, -ise** /speʃiˈaɪzəlɪzən/ US -lɪz-/ v [U].

**specialized, -ised** adj 1 thil pakhat hrangah a ce ih tuahmi: specialized tools. 2 mithiam hleice pawl lawngih thiammi, ti theih a simi: specialized knowledge ○ specialized work.

**specie** /ˈspiːsi/ n [U] (fml) thir tangka: [attrib] specie payments ○ payment in specie.

**species** /ˈspiːsiːz/ n (pl unchanged) 1 ramsa, thingkung pawlih an phun, an ci (anmah phunhnam sung lawng ah an raih-aw thei, phunhnam dang an raih thei lo) a species of antelope ○ various animal species ○ the human species, ie minung. Cf PHYLUM, CLASS 7, ORDER<sup>1</sup> 9, FAMILY 4. 2 (infml or joc) phun, ci: an odd species of writer.

**specific** /spɪˈsɪfɪk/ adj 1 a cekci: specific instructions ○ What are your specific aims? 2 thil pakhat cekci hrang, zaran a si lomi: The money is to be used for one specific purpose: the building of the new theatre.

▷ **specific** n 1 (medical) natnak pakhat hrang ih hmanmi sii: Quinine is a specific for malaria.

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**2** bultun ih thilti, asilole, a cipciar tiang ih cekci: *moving from the general to the specific* ○ *We all agreed on our basic aims, but when we got down to specifics it became more complicated.*  
**specifically** /-kll/ *adv* a cekci-in: *You were specifically warned by your doctor not to eat fish.* ○ *The houses are specifically designed for old people.*

□ **specific gravity** tik-ti-sah.

**specification** /spesɪfɪkəlɪsn/ *n* **1** [C esp pl] thil pakhat tuah tum tikah, khi ti cekci in tuah ding, khi vek thil cekci hmang ding tivekin a cekci ih thupeknak: *specifications for (building) a garage* ○ *the technical specification of details.* **2** [U]cu ti cekci in siseh tiih ruahnak, tuatnak, thupeknak: *the specification of details.*

**specify** /spesɪfai/ *v* (pt, pp -fied) [Tn, Tf, Tw] (esp fml) a cekci in sim; cuti cekci in tuah ding, cuvek thilcekci hman ding tiah fiang teuhti in sim: *The contract specifies red tiles, not slates, for the roof.* ○ *The regulations specify that you may use a dictionary in the examination.*

**specimen** /spesɪmən/ *n* **1** zohthim dingih lakmi (na-mu-na) thil: *There were some fine specimens of rocks and ores in the museum.* ○ [attrib] a specimen signature ○ a publisher's catalogue with specimen pages of a book. **2** cek dingih pekmi (a bikin zun): *supply specimens for laboratory analysis.* **3** (infml sometimes derog) mi zawng lo, a phundang ce minung: *a fine specimen (of humanity)* ○ *That new librarian is an odd specimen, isn't he?*

**specious** /spi:SEs/ *adj* (fml) thungai a bang nain a sualmi: *a specious argument.*

▷ **speciously** *adv*: *speciously convincing.*  
**speciousness** *n* [U].

**speck** /spek/ *n* a cuk, a deh, a neh, a seh fatete: *a speck of soot on his shirt* ○ *Do you ever see specks in front of your eyes?* ○ *The ship was a mere speck on the horizon.*

**speckle** /spekl/ *n* (vun, ar hmul, vate hmul, vate ti, tivek parih) a tek, a tial tete: *brown speckles on a white egg* ○ *speckles of red in a blue background.*

▷ **speckled** *adj* a tek, a tial tete in a khatmi: *a speckled hen* ○ *speckled eggs.*

**specs** /speks/ *n* [pl] (infml) = GLASSES (GLASS 5).

**spectacle** /spektEkl/ *n* **1** a pipami puai; zapi zawh hluarhlomi: *The ceremonial opening of Parliament was a fine spectacle.* **2** a ropi zet, zoh a mawi zet mi thil: *The sunrise seen from high in the mountains was a tremendous spectacle.* **3** (usu derog) um kel lo, hnihsuak a simi: *The poor fellow was a sad spectacle.* **4** (idm) **make a spectacle of oneself** nautatzawng, mitkem zawngin nungcang, thuam aw tahratin mi ih zoh ciamco dingih tuah-aw: *make a spectacle of oneself by arguing*

*with the waiter.*

**spectacles** /spektEklz/ *n* [pl] (usu fml) = GLASSES (GLASS 5) mitkharh (tarmit): *I've lost a pair of spectacles.* ○ *Where are my spectacles?*  
 ▷ **spectacled** *adj* mitkharh a kharhmi.

**spectacular** /spekɪtʃkjʊER/ *adj* (a) zohnuam, zohmawi zet: *a spectacular display of fireworks.* (b) zoh a tlak, zoh a thaa: *a spectacular victory by the French athlete.*

▷ **spectacular** *n* zoh a mawi, zoh a thaa, zoh a nuam, zoh a tlakmi thil: *a Christmas TV spectacular* ○ *an aerobatic spectacular at the air show.* **spectacularly** *adv*: *a spectacularly daring performance.*

**spectator** /spekɪtɛtɛR; US (spektɛtɛr/ puai, bawhlung sit, tivek zohtu: *noisy spectators at a football match.*

□ **spectator sports** mi tampi zoh hiarmi lehnak.

**spectral** /spektrEl/ *adj* (fml) **1** mithla thawn a pehpar-awmi, mithla vek: *spectral figures.* **2** spectrum thawn a pehpar-awmi: *spectral colours.*

**spectre** (US **specter**) /spektɛR/ *n* (fml) **1** mithla: *haunted by spectres from the past.* **2** cutiin a cang leh ding sikhaw, a cang thei si khaw, cang leh pang sehla tiah khuaruahhar, thinnuam lo a harmi khuaruahnak: *The spectre of unemployment was always on his mind.*

**spectro-** *comb form* spectrum thawn a peh parmi: *spectrometer.*

**spectrometer** /spekɪtrɒmɪtɛR/ *n* spetra tahnak thilri.

**spectroscope** /spektrɛskɛUp/ *n* khuatleu ihsin spectra suah ternak le acuih spectra ih a sidan zohfel hlathlainak thilri.

▷ **spectroscopic** /spektrɛskɒplk/ *adj* spectroscope thawn a pehpar mi, lole, spectroscope hmang ih thil tuah a simi: *spectroscopic analysis.*

**spectrum** /spektrɛm/ *n* (pl **spectra** /spektre/) (usu sing) **1** tleu in kilthum nei thalang a pahtlang tikah khat lam ah a suahmi khangro vek rong (pianzia) a phunphun; red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo le violet tivek rong pawl an ti theu. **2** a sangsang teih ummi aw: *the sound spectrum.* **3** (fig) (thilti theinak, khawhmuhnak tivek ah) a tlertluanpi, asilole a sangsang a thuahtuah ih ummi: *covering the whole spectrum of ability.* ⇨ Usage at DATA.

**speculate** /spekjʊleɪt/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tf] ~ (about/on upon sth) rinhmang in sim, ruat, zum: *speculate about/upon the future* ○ *I wouldn't like to speculate on the reasons for her resignation.* ○ *I can only speculate that he left willingly.* **2** thil man a kai leh le a miat in zuar leh dingah thil lei (a kai leh loin a tumsin lam le sung thei) thilman a tum pang le tiah a tum hlanah thil zuar (a tum lam si loin a kai lam

riangri le a sung thei) hiti vek thil lei thil zuar cu speculate a si: *speculate in oil shares* ○ *speculating on the stock market*.

▷ **speculator** *n* a tlunih speculate 2 ta vekin thil lei thilzuartu.

**speculation** /spekjuˈleɪʃn/ *n* 1 (a) [U] ~ (over/about/upon/on sth) rinhmang ih simnak, zumnak, ruahnak (SPECULATE 1): *much speculation over the cause of the air crash*. 2 (a) [U] ~ (in sth) thil lei/zuar ih a hlawk ngah ding ruahnak, zumhmangnak (SPECULATE 2): *speculation in oil* ○ *dishonest speculation in property development*. (b) thil lei/zuar ih a hlawk ngah ding paisa thaapnak: *make some unprofitable speculations* ○ *buy many shares as a speculation*.

**speculative** /spekjuˈleɪtɪv/ *US also* /spekjuˈleɪtɪv/ *adj* 1 rinhmang ih simnak, ruahnak, zumnak: *speculative philosophy* ○ *His conclusions are purely speculative*. 2 thil lei/zuar ih a hlawk ngah dign ruat in thapnaka si mi: *speculative buying of grain* ○ *speculative housing*.

**sped** *pt, pp of SPEED*.

**speech** /spi:tʃ/ *n* 1 [U] (a) ʈong: *Man is the only animal that has the faculty of speech*. ○ *We can express our thoughts by speech*. ○ *His illness left him without the power of speech*. ○ *freedom of speech*. (b) ʈong daan: *His indistinct speech made it impossible to understand him*. ○ *She's doing a study of children's speech*. ○ *His speech was slurred: he'd clearly been drinking*. 2 [C] (a) ~ (on/about sth) mi hmai ih thusimmi ʈong, thusim (nak): *make/deliver/give a speech* ○ *a speech on/about racism* ○ *He made a very boring after-dinner speech*. (b) thuanthucawn tikah thuanthu cawngtu ih ʈong ding hrang nganciami ʈongtluan saupi pi: *I've got some very long speeches to learn in Act 2*.

▷ **speechless** *adj* (a) ʈihtuk, lautuk, thinheng tuk, tivek ruangih ʈong thei lo: *speechless with surprise* ○ *Anger left him speechless*. (b) sim theih lo: *speechless rage*. **speechlessly** *adv* **speechlessness** *n* [U].

□ **speech-day** *n* kumtin ih tuah ʈheumi thusim le laksawng pek ni (tlawng pawl ih tuah ʈheumi).

**speech therapy** fiangte ih ʈong thei lo pawl ʈong zirhnak, dam ternak.

**speech therapy** fiangteih ʈong thei ding damternak.

**speech therapist** speech therapy a thiamtu.

**speechify** /spi:tʃɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **-fied**) [I] (*infml* usu derog) mi hmai ih thusim ciamco; mi hmai ih thusim vekin ʈong: *town councillors speechifying at the opening of a new building*.

**speed** /spi:d/ *n* 1 [U] a khul, a ran zia: *He moves with great speed*. ○ *The tennis player's speed is his great asset*. 2 [C, U] a rang, a cahdan: *at a speed of fifty kilometres an hour* ○ *at (a) very*

*slow speed* ○ *at top speed*. 3 [C] (a) tleu ruangih zuknak film a thleng-awk theinak caanah a khul: *What's the speed of the film you're using?* (b) camera shutter on le khar caan ih a khul: *different shutter speeds* ○ *a photograph taken at a speed of 1/250 of a second*. 4 [U] (sl) thinlung nuam zet ih umter theitu si, emphetamine: *He's hooked on (ie addicted to) speed*. 5 [U] (esp in compounds) gear: *a ten-speed bicycle*. 6 (idm) **at speed** rang zetin: *It's dangerous to go round corners at speed*. **full pelt/tilt/speed** ⇒ FULL. **full speed/steam ahead** ⇒ FULL. **more haste, less speed** ⇒ HASTE. **pick up speed** ⇒ PICK<sup>3</sup>. **a turn of speed** ⇒ TURN<sup>2</sup>. **with all speed/haste** a rang thei tawp in. **with lightning speed** ⇒ LIGHTNING<sup>2</sup>.

▷ **speed** *v* (pt, pp **sped** /sped/; in senses of 2 and 3 **speeded**) 1 [Ipr] khul rang zet in feh: *cars speeding past the school* ○ *He sped down the street*. 2 [Tn, Tn-pr] rangter: *This medicine will help speed her recovery*. 3 [I] (usu in the continuous tenses) sianmi hnakin cak deuh in mawʈaw mawng: *The police said he'd been speeding on the motorway*. 4 (phr v) **speed (sth) up** rangter deuh; rang deuh in feh: *They've speeded up production of the new car*. ○ *The train soon speeded up*.

**speeding** *n* [U] sianmi zat hnakin cak sawnih feh (nak): *fined £60 for speeding*.

**speedometer** /spi:ˈdɒmɪtɜː/ *n* mawʈaw, tivek ziang tluk khulrang in a feh ti tahnak thilri (mawʈawka sungih retcihmi): *The speedometer is faulty*.

**speedy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) 1 (often *infml*) khul rangmi: *a speedy business operator*. 2 awk lo tlai lo, rangtein: *wish sb a speedy recovery from illness*. **speedily** *adv*.

**speediness** *n* [U]: *the speediness of his recovery from the accident*.

□ **speedboat** *n* cak zet ih fehmi motor-boat.

**speed-indicator** *n* (*fml*) speedometer.

**speed limit** khulrang bik mawng sian zat (khiahmi): *What's the speed limit on the motorway?* ○ *The speed limit is 40 miles per hour*.

**speed merchant** (*sl derog*) motorcar, motor-bikes pawl cak tukih mawng a hmangtu.

**speedway** *n* (a) [C] motor-bikes pawl tlanzuamnak lamzin, lole, cakzet ih feh thei (sian) nak zin. (b) [U] motor-bikes tlan zuamnak: *Do you like speedway?* (c) [C] (US) motorcar pawl duhduh in cak zetzet ih feh an onmi zin.

**speed-up** *n* (*infml*) feh kel tuah kel hnakin rang ter deuh: *a speed-up in the rate of production*.

**speedwell** /spi:ˈdweɪl/ *n* a par a mepian zetmi pangpar kung fate.

**speleology** (also **speleology**) /spi:ˈliːbiːdʒi/ *n*



**1** [U] lungkua, lungpuk pawl ih thuhla a hmun ah fehin zingzoi hlathlai. **2** nunomnak ah lungkua pawl ah lut in zoh.

▷ **speleological** (also **spelea-**) /spi:IE[lBdZIkI/ *adj*: speleological exploration.

**speleologist** (also **spelea-**) /spi:IE[lBEdZlSt/ *n* lungkua thuhla a thiamzettu.

**spell**<sup>1</sup> /spel/ *n* **1** (a) [C] ai zel, daw, leng-ai tivek camnak ih hmanmi tong: *a book of spells* ○ *The wizard recited a spell.* (b) [C usu *sing*] camruangah zeel tuar ih um: *be under a spell*, ○ *cast/put a spell on sb.* **2** [sing] hip, zeel: *under the spell of her beauty* ○ *the mysterious spell of music.*

□ **spellbinder** /spelbalndER/ *zelhmi* vekin a thu simmi ngai ko ih thusimthiam.

**spellbinding** /balndIN/ *adj* mi a hip theimi: *a spellbinding performance.*

**spellbound** /balnd/ *adj* [usu *pred*] hip, zel vekin: *The magician held the children spellbound.*

**spell**<sup>2</sup> /spel/ *n* **1** caan: *a long spell of warm weather* ○ *a cold spell in January* ○ *rest for a short spell.* **2** ~ (at/on sth) a sawng-aw ih tñan caan, a haha in: *a spell at the wheel of the car*, ○ *a spell on the typewriter* ○ *We took spells at carrying the baby.*

**spell**<sup>3</sup> /spel/ *v* (pt, pp **spelled** /speld/, or **spelt** /spelt/) ⇒ Usage at DREAM<sup>2</sup>. **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] cafang kom: *How do you spell your name?* ○ *That word is spelt with a PH, not an F.* ○ *You spell his name P-A-U-L.* (b) [I, Tn] cafang kom: *These children can't spell.* ○ *Why don't you learn to spell my name (correctly)?* **2** [Tn] cafang pawl kom in tican nei tongfang cangter: *C-A-T spells cat.* **3** [Tn] thil pakhat cangmi in, a dang thil pakhat cangter: *The failure of their crops spelt disaster for the peasant farmers.* **4** (phr v) **spell sth out** (a) cafangkom ring pi in auh: *Could you spell that word out for me again?* (b) ol te le fiang teih thei thei dingin sim: *My instructions seem simple enough—do I have to spell them out again?* ○ *She's so stupid that you have to spell everything out.*

▷ **speller** *n* mihip, mizeeltheitu: *She's a good/poor speller.*

**spelling** *n* **1** [U] (a) cafang kom-dan: *His spelling is terrible.* ○ [attrib] *They were given a spelling test.* (b) cafangkom. **2** [C] cafangkom: *Which is the better spelling: Tokio or Tokyo?* ○ *English and American spelling(s).*

**spelt** ⇒ SPELL<sup>3</sup>.

**spend** /spend/ *v* (pt, pp **spent** /spent/) **1** [I, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (on sth) hman: *He spends as if he were a millionaire.* ○ *She's spent all her money.* ○ *He spends too much (money) on clothes.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (on sth/in doing sth) (a) (a caan, tivek) thil pakhat khat hrangah hman: *spend a lot of time on a project/(in) explaining a*

*plan* ○ *spend one's energy cleaning the place up.* (b) hman thluh, cemter thluh: *The blizzard quickly spent itself*, ○ *They went on firing until they had spent all their ammunition.* ○ *I've spent all my energy on this.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] (a caan) hman: *How do you spend your spare time?* ○ *spend a weekend in Paris* ○ *spend summer holidays by the sea.* **4** (idm) **spend the night with sb** (euph) mah nupi lo zanvar ihkhun pakhat ah ihpi (luk-awk). **spend a penny** (infml euph) ek inn ah feh; zunthawh: *I'm just going to spend a penny.*

▷ **spender** *n* tangka hmanngu: *a big/an extravagant spender* ○ *a miserly spender.*

□ **spendthrift** *n* tidai vekih tangka hmanngu.

**spent** /spent/ *adj* (a) [usu attrib] a tha a cem zomi; hman cem zomi: *a spent match* ○ *a spent cartridge/bullet.* (b) (fml) tha cem theh, bangzet, cau: *He returned home spent, dirty and cold.*

**sperm** /sp3:m/ *n* **1** [C] (pl **unchanged** or ~ **s**) mipa bua, baw: *He has a low sperm count.* **2** [U] ramsa apa ih bua.

▷ **spermicide** /-Isald/ *n* bua a thiter theimi sii.

**spermicidal** /sp3:mI[saldI/ *adj* [attrib]: *spermicidal jelly.*

**spermaceti** /sp3:mE[setI/ *n* [U] whale nga pa lu ih a ummi, khuai lulvek, sathau vek a si ih a rangmi a ti nawnmi thil – hmasi, vun hningtertu si, sathau faar tuahnak tivek ah an rak hman dah theu.

**spermatozoon** /sp3:mEtE[zEUEn/ *n* (pl **-zoa** /-zEUEn/) (biology) bua.

**sperm whale** /sp3:m well/ *n* spermaceti a neimi whale nga apa phun.

**spew** /spju:/ *v* **1** [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (up/out) (esp infml) luak: *spewing up in the basin* ○ *She spewed up the entire meal.* **2** [Ip, tn, Tn-p] ~ **out**; ~ **sth** (out) a pehpeh in a pawt, a pehpeh in a suah: *Water spewed out of the hole.* ○ *The volcano spewed molten lava.*

**sp gr** abbr specific gravity.

**sphagnum** /sfFgnEm/ *n* (pl ~ **s** or **sphagna** /sfFgnE/) lungto par, a ciarnak hmun ih a khomi timaan kung phunkhat (thingfa pawl tuamnak ah an hman theu).

**sphere** /sfIER/ *n* **1** (a) a hluummi thil. (b) a hluum zikzikmi thil pawl (eg ball, globe). **2** (a) a huapmi, a huap zat: *a sphere of influence*, eg area over which a country, etc claims certain rights ○ *Her sphere of interests is very limited.* (b) misenpi lakih miburkhat; mibur lakih mi pakhat hmunhma; huap zat: *It took him completely out of his sphere.* ○ *distinguished in many different spheres.*

▷ **spherical** /sfERIkI/ *adj* a hluummi: *a spherical object.*

**spheroid** /sfIERId/ *n* a hluum nawnmi thilri.

**-sphere** comb form (forming *ns*) thilhluum vek, lole, thilhluum thawn a pehpar-awmi:

ionosphere ○ atmosphere.

▷ **-spheric** (also **-spherical**) (forming *adjs*): atmospheric.

**sphincter** /sfɪŋktɪər/ *n* (*fml*) tawkua tivek taksa ong kimvel ih a ummi taksa kual – cumi in a cip le a kau a tuah thei: *the anal sphincter*.

**sphinx** /sfɪŋks/ *n* **1** (esp **the Sphinx**) a lu minung, lole, ramsa a si ih a ruang kiosa a simi Egypt ramih lungto milem. **2** a ruahdan le a thin lungih tuardan a thup ringring mi minung; theihthiam har minung: *I've always found her rather sphinx-like*.

**spice** /spals/ *n* **1** (a) [C] hmuimer: *Ginger, nutmeg, cinnamon, pepper and cloves are common spices*. (b) [U] thil hmuimer phun pawl: *mixed spice* ○ *too much spice in the cake* ○ [attrib] *a spice jar*. **2** [U] (*fig*) thathawnak, lungluhnak phunphun a telmi: *a story that lacks spice* ○ *add a bit of spice to their marriage*. Cf SALT 5.

▷ **spice** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (with **sth**) **1** hmuimer phulh; hmuiter: *Have you spiced this cake?* ○ *He spiced the biscuits with cinnamon*. **2** (usu passive) mi lungtho ding le duhnak suak dingin (capoh tivek tuah): *a boring life spiced with moments of intrigue*. ○ *His stories are spiced with humour*.

**spiced** *adj* hmuitermi: *heavily spiced curries* ○ *spiced biscuits*.

**spicy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** hmuimer thlahmi; hmuitermi, thawttermi: *Do you like spicy food?* **2** lungthoza, lunglutza (thangsiatnak maltete a tel ruangah): *spicy details of a film star's love life*.

**spiciness** *n* [U]: *the spiciness of Indian food*.

**spick** /splk/ *adj* (idm) **spick and span** [usu pred] a fai a thiangmi: *They always keep their kitchen spick and span*.

**spider** /spaldɛr/ *n* maimom.

▷ **spidery** /spaldɛr/ *adj* **1** (esp handwriting) maimom ke vek a sawn nawn ih a rin a femmi kutngan: *written in her spidery scrawl*. **2** maimom a tam zetmi.

□ **spider-man** /-mɛn/ *n* (pl **-men** /-mɛn/) inn sak tikah a sangzetnak hmun ih hnatuantu.

**spider plant** a hnah a fem, a kung a sau ih, a kung ihsin kung thar keuh thei thingkung.

**spied** *pt, pp* of spy.

**spiel** /spi:l/ *US spi:/n* (*infml usu derog*) zamrang zet le sau zet ih sim ding timtuaumi (mi lemnak, lole a phuahlam hrangih simmi): *The salesman gave (us) a long spiel about why we should buy his product*.

**spigot** /splgɛt/ *n* (usu wooden) pungpi (barrel) ong (a ka) phitnak hru.

**spike** /spalk/ *n* **1** [C] a zim a zummi thir, thing, tivek: *sharp spikes on top of the railings in the park*. **2** (a) kedan tangih khenmi thir. (b) **spikes** [pl] a tangah thir zum tete khenmi

tlanzuamnak kedan: *a pair of spikes*. **3** [C] a saumi kil nei tlawngkhen. **4** [C] sangvut, fang, vainim tivek vui: *spikes of barley*. **5** [C] a zim a zum ih a ngiang pakhat parah a borin a parmi pangpar: *spikes of lavender*.

▷ **spike** *v* [Tn] **1** (usu passive) kedan tang, tivek ah thirzum tete khen: *spiked running shoes*. **2** thilzum thawn sun, dawt. **3** (esp US) = LACE *v* 2. **4** (idm) **spike sb's guns** ral ih tumtahnak siatsuah.

**spiky** *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** hling tammi, a hriammi: *You hairbrush is too spiky for me*. **2** (*infml fig*) thinheng ol, lem har minung. **spikiness** *n* [U].

**spill**<sup>1</sup> /spl/ *v* (pt, pp **spilt** /splɪt/ or **spilled**) ⇒ Usage at DREM<sup>2</sup>. **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (**sth**) (**from, out of, etc sth**); ~ **out** liam, fuan, bung: *The ink spilt all over the desk*. ○ *He knocked the bucket over and all the water spilt out*. **2** [Tn] (*infml*) phuang, mi theih dingin sim: *Who spilt the news?* **3** (idm) **cry over spilt milk** ⇒ CRY. **spill the beans** (*infml*) thuthup, sim lo dingmi phuang, sim. **spill blood** (*fml*) tuahmawh, that, thisen suah: *Much innocent blood is spilt in war*. **4** (phr *v*) **spill over** a liam: *The meeting spilt over from the hall into the corridor*.

▷ **spill** *n* **1** rang, biaskal leeng par ihsin tlak: *have a nasty spill*. **2** (idm) **thrills and spills** ⇒ THRILL *n*.

**spillage** /spɪldʒ/ *n* (a) [U] bung, thlet. (b) [C] bungmi, liammi: *spillages of drink*.

**spillway** *n* tiva tidai khawlnak tili tivek ihsin a liammi tidailuannak tikong.

**spill**<sup>2</sup> /spl/ *n* hriakfar vannak, kuak urnak, meisa muahnak tivekih hmanmi thingtiak, caku merh zual.

**spin** /spln/ *v* (-nn-; spun /spʊn/ or, in archaic use, span /spɛn/, pp spun) **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (**round**) zamrang zet ih her: *spin the ball*, eg cricket or tennis ○ *spin a top* ○ *He spun the wheel of his bicycle*. ○ *They spun a coin to decide who should start*, ie threw it spinning in the air to see which side was uppermost when it landed. (b) [I, Ipr, Ip] her vurvo: *The revolving sign was spinning round and round in the wind*. ○ *The collision sent the car spinning across the road*. ○ *The blow sent him spinning back against the wall*. ○ *She spun round to catch the ball*. ○ (*fig*) *My head is spinning*, ie I feel dizzy. **2** (a) [I, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (**A into B**)/(**B into A**) tuuhmul, patpe, mehmul, tivek kha hri cang dingin thlur: *She spins goat's hair into wool/spins wool from goat's hair*. (b) patpe, sahmul, pu thlur: *I enjoy spinning*. **3** [Tn] maimom, pu pangang pawlin an taw ihsin bu saknak dingah hri suah: *spiders spinning their webs* ○ *silkworms spinning cocoons*. **4** (idm) **spin (sb) a yarn** (mi bum duh ah thuphan) thu saupi sim: *The old sailor loves to spin yarns*

about his life at sea. ○ *He spun us this unlikely yarn about being trapped for hours in a broken lift.* **5** (phr v) **spin along** (sth) mawṭawka tivek cak zet in feh: *The car was spinning merrily along (the road).* **spin sth out** rei daih dingin a cang thei tawp in tuah: *spin out the time by talking* ○ *spin one's money out until the next pay-day.*

▷ **spin** **n** **1** [U, C] merh, her phahin thawn: [attrib] *spin bowling* ○ *The bowler gave (a) spins the ball,* ○ *He gambled his money on one spin of the wheel,* eg at a game of roulette. **2** [C usu sing] vanzamleng a ṭumsuk lai ah rang zet in a her-aw vuvromi: *go/get into a spin* ○ *come/get out of a spin.* **3** [C] (infml) nunnomah mawṭawka, thirleeng, tivek thawn malte sung lamleng: *Let's go for spin in my new car.* **4** (idm) **in a (flat) spin** lau ciamco le hnok zet in um: *I've been in a real spin all morning.*

**spinner** **1** pat, hmuhtu; pat hnuktu: *spinners and weavers.* **2** (a) = SPIN BOWLER. (b) cricket ah, her vuvro ih denmi bawhlung.

**spinning** **n** [U] patpe, sahmul, pu tivek kha pathri ah cang dingin hrual, thlur, hnuk; acuih lakherh hnaṭuan: *Spinning is one of my hobbies.* ○ [attrib] *spinning wool/thread/yarn.*

**spinning-jenny** **n** veikhat ah hrikhat hnaki tam a kher, a thlur theimi pat thlurnak lungkher (hlanlai deuh ih hmanmi thil).

**spining-wheel** **n** hri kha a pehzom in a thlur a kher vivo theimi thiamthlur cet, cet lungkher. □ **spin bowler** (also **spinner**) (in cricket) bawhlung her vuvro in a deng theitu.

**spin-dry** **v** (pt, pp **-dried**) [Tn] thil roternak cet; sawpcia hnipuan pawl kha a her vuvrotheimi kuang ah ret in hulter, roter.

**spin-off** **n** thil pipa tuahnak ihsin a suak ceemmi thil ṭha dang, lole ṭhathnemnak dang: *This new material is a spin-off from the space industry.*

**spun glass** thlalang hri ah cangko thlalang a sat lai ih dirh saumi.

**spun silk** pu hri hlei tete le pat rawi in, pathri ah tuah ih a cuih pathri thawn tahmi thilri man ol.

**spun sugar** cini a ti, a thliing a si lai ah pat hrihrual vekih um dingih dirhmi eiṭha thil tluan thlum. Cf CANDY-FLOSS (CANDY).

**spina bifida** /spalɪnE ˈbɪfɪdE/ (medical) nu pumsung ihsin suak lai ah zaangruh hrekhat a kim lo ruangah zaangruh thlik a lengah a pawt (cumi in mikim lo ah a canter).

**spinach** /spɪnɪdZ/ *US* -ɪtS/ **n** [U] a hnah a kau ih a hringdupmi anṭam vek ei ṭha hnah (*hin-nuh-nuai*): [attrib] *spinach soup.*

**spinal** /spalɪn/ **adj** [usu attrib] zaangruh thawn a pehpar-awmi: *a spinal injury.*

□ **spinal column** zaangruh tluan.

**spinal cord** zaangruh thlik vek thil (thahri

bawr).

**spindle** /spɪndl/ **n** **1** thiamfung – pathri hlumnak fungfemte. **2** thil (*axle, lole, shaft*) a hernak thirfung (thirtluan).

▷ **spindly** /spɪndli/ **adj** (infml sometimes derog): ṭawlzet sauzet sangzet: *a young foal with spindly legs* ○ *a few spindly plants.*

**spine** /spalɪn/ **n** **1** zaangruh tluan: *He sustained an injury to his spine when he fell off his horse.*

**2** a parah hling thawn a khatmi thingkung le ramsa (eg cactuses; porcupines, hedgehogs). **3** cabu ih a dunglam a zaang (cahna pawl ben-aw thlurnak hmun).

▷ **spineless** **adj** **1** zaangruh nei lo thilnung, ramsa (cangcel vek). **2** (fig derog) (of people) thazaang thilnung der, ṭihhrut, lau ol. **spinelessly** **adv.** **spinelessness** **n** [U].

**spiny** **adj** (**-ier, -iest**) hling a tammi: *a spiny fish.*

□ **spine-chiller** **n** (siar tik, zirh tik ah zaangruh dai zurzo, hmul tho surso) ṭihnak a suakter theimi cabu, film, tivek: *a spine-chilling horror story.*

**spinnet** /splɪnet/ *US* /spɪnɪt/ **n** (ṭingṭang, concing) phun a simi khuahlan awnmawi thilri (*harpsicord*).

**spinnaker** /spɪnɛkɛr/ **n** tlanzuam-awknak lawng (*yatch*) ih ṭhuam parah a hlei ih ret ringringmi kilthum nei puanzar, lawng dunglam ihsin thli a rat tikah hman a si ṭheu.

**spinney** /spɪni/ **n** (a) (*Brit*) hramburul; hramlak; tupi fiakte.

**spinster** /spɪnstɛr/ **n** (a) (*law or fml*) pasal nei lo nunau. (b) (*often derog*) lengtar. Cf BACHELOR **1**.

□ **spinsterhood** /-hʊd/ **n** [U] leng-u sinak, dinhmun, pasal nei lo dinhmun.

**spiral** /spɪlɛrɛɪ/ **adj** kharkhem hawng kual vekih a ngerhkualmi: *a spiral staircase* ○ *A snail's shell is spiral in form* ○ *spiral staircase*, ie a ngerhkual in a kai so vivomi.

▷ **spiral** **n** **1** (a) hri ngerhkual. (b) a ngerhkualmi thil. **2** thil pahni, thlun aw in a tam tikah tam, a mal tikah mal. eg lakha a kai le thilman a kai ve tinak: *an inflationary spiral* ○ *the spiral of rising wages and prices.* **3** (idm) **a vicious spiral** ⇨ VICIOUS.

**spiral** **v** (**-il-**; *US* also **-l-**) **1** [Ipr, Ip] a ngerhkual in kai so, lole, ṭumsuk: *The falling leaf spiralled to the ground.* ○ *The smoke spiralled upwards.* **2** [I, Ip] a pehpeh in, rangzet in a kai vivo, lole, a ṭumsuk vivo: *Prices are still spiralling, ie increasing rapidly.*

**spirally** **adv**: *a spirally bound book*, ie with its pages held together by wire bent spirally.

**spire** /spɪlɛr/ **n** biakinn darkhing thlainak inn ih inn zimzum: *a magnificent view of the spires of the city.*

**spirit** /spɪrɪt/ **n** **1** [U, C] minungih thilnung,

thinlung tuardan: *He is troubled in spirit/His spirit is troubled.* **2** [C] thla, thlarau, mithi thla: *the spirits of the dead* ○ *raise spirits*, ie communicate with dead people ○ *It was believed that people could be possessed by evil spirits.* ○ [attrib] *the spirit world.* **3** [C] (dated) phung, van fala, vanmi, etc tivec pawl. **4** [U, C] ziang hmuah parah, khuitawk khal ah, a um thluh tihi zummi, hmuhtheih lo thilnung: *tribal beliefs that spirit is everywhere and in everything* ○ *God is pure spirit.* ○ *the Holy Spirit.* **5** [C] (always with an *adj*) thinlung tuardan, thinlung umdan a phundang mi, a phundangmi minung: *a brave, proud, generous, mean, etc spirit* ○ *He was one of the leading spirits of the reform movement.* ○ *She's an independent spirit.* **6** [U] mah le mah langter duhnak, ral̄hatnak, lungtho, thatho teih umnak: *He answered with spirit.* ○ *break sb's spirit*, ie destroy sb's will, sense of independence, etc ○ *Although they lost, the team played with tremendous spirit.* **7** [sing] thinlung umdan nuncandan, thathawhdan, ruahdan: *do sth in a spirit of mischief* ○ *approach sth in the wrong/right spirit* ○ *Whether it was unwise or not depends upon the spirit in which it was done.* ○ *The party was successful because everyone entered into the spirit of the thing.* **8** (a) [sing] a dang thawn bang-aw lo ih a ce te a sinak, duhdan hriardan: *the spirit of the times* ○ *the 16th-century spirit of exploration.* (b) [U] duhdan taktak, ti duhnak taktak: *obey the spirit, not the letter* (ie the apparent meaning of the words) of the law. **9** (a) [C usu pl] zureu: *I don't drink spirits.* ○ *Whisky, brandy, gin and rum are all spirits.* (b) [U] cetzung, sizung, tivec ah hman dingih tuahmi zureu phun spirit pawl: *white spirit* ○ *surgical spirit* ○ *methylated spirit(s).* **10** *spirits* thinlung duhdan, tuardan, umdan: *in high spirit*, ie cheerful ○ *in low/poor sprits*, ie depressed, gloomy ○ *Have a glass of brandy to keep your spirits up.* **11** (idm) *in spirit* thinlung in: *I shall be with you in spirit*, ie thinking about you though not with you physically. **a kindred spirit** ⇒ **KINDRED**. **the spirit is willing (but the flesh is weak)** (*saying*) thinlung in a duh nain, tisa in a thlun thei lo.

▷ **spirit** *v* (phr *v*) **spirit sb/sth away/off sb/sth** rangzetin, thuptein thiar hlo, lole, ziang ti zawngin thiar hlo ti theih thei loin, mangbangza in (dawithiamnak vekin) hloter: *The pop-star was spirited away at the end of the concert before her fans could get near her.*

**spirited** /sɪrɪtɪd/ *adj* [usu attrib] ral̄tha zet, cak zet, lungtho, thatho zet a simi: *a spirited attack, reply, conversation* ○ *a spirited horse.* **spiritedly** *adv*.

**-spirited** (forming compound *adjs*) thinlung a

neimi: *man-spirited* ○ *high-spirited children.*

**spiritless** *adj* **1** ral̄hatnak, hiarnak, tumtahnak nei lo. **2** thinlung thum, lung awi lo: *The old man seemed dejected and spiritless.*

□ **spirit-lamp** *n* zureu asinain in ding a tha lomi, meifar vannak tivekih hmanmi (*spirit*) thawn vanmi meikhuat.

**spirit-level** *n* pheih-tah thil -inn sak ti vekah zial, luangte, tivec a pheih (rawn) maw pheih (rawn) lo ti tahnak thilri.

**spiritual** /sɪrɪtʃuəl/ *adj* [usu attrib] **1** thlarau lam thawn a pehparmi: *concerned about sb's spiritual welfare.* Cf **MATERIAL**<sup>2</sup>. **2** (a) biakinn, biaknak thawn a pehp-arawmi: *The Pope is the spiritual leader of many Christians.* (b) Pathian thawn a pehp-arawmi, van thuhla a simi. Cf **TEMPORAL** 1. **3** (idm) **one's spiritual home** nunnomnak bik hmun, lole, cunah um sehla a nuam bik ding tihi ruahmi hmun; mah ram hnaki duhsawnmi ram.

▷ **spiritual** *n* (also **Negro spiritual**) biaknak lam hla phun khat a pekah negro sal pawlih sak theumi a rak si.

**spirituality** /sɪrɪtʃuəli/ *n* [U] thlarau thu thawn a pehp-arawmi; thlarau thu lam thawn a peh-awmi.

**spiritually** /-tʃuəl/ *adv*.

**spiritualism** /sɪrɪtʃuəlɪzəm/ *n* [U] mithi thlarau biak a theih ti zumnak; cuhi zumnak vekih thil tuahnak.

▷ **spiritualist** /-lɪst/ *n* mithi thlarau biak a theih ti zumtu; mithi thlarau bia thei dingih tuahtu.

**spirituous** /sɪrɪtʃuəs/ *adj* (of a drink) zureu (alcohol) tamtuk a telmi: *spirituous liquors*, ie those that are distilled and not only fermented.

**spit**<sup>1</sup> /spɪt/ *v* (-tt-; pt, pp **spat** /spɒt/; also esp US **spit**) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (**out**) (**at/on/onto sb/sth**) (ti, cil, rawl) phui: *He was spitting blood after being hit in the mouth.* ○ *The baby spat its food (out) onto the table.* ○ *He took one sip of the wine and spat it out.* **2** [I, I-pr] (a) cil phui: *In many countries it is considered rude to spit in public.* ○ *He's inclined to spit when he talks quickly.* ○ *The boys were spitting out of the train window.* (b) mi cilphui (thinhang ruangah): *She spat at him/in his face.* **3** (a) [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (**out**) hrangzet le tongsia in tɔng: *She spat (out) curses at me.* (b) [I, I-pr] thinhang ti langternak cilphui vekin 'phui' tihi awnter: *He walked off spitting with fury.* ○ *The cat spat at the dog.* **4** [I] (meisa, sahriak sa, tivec pawl ah) cilphui vekin awn; meiling puak ciamco (nasa zet le awn ruri-in): *fried bacon spitting in the pan* ○ *The gun spat twice and he fell dead.* **5** [I] (*infml*) (used with it, in the continuous tenses) ruah maltete sur: *It's not raining heavily any more, but it's still spitting a bit.* **6** (idm) **spit it out** (*infml*) na tɔng duhmi kha rang zet le a tawizawng in sim-aw: 'What



*exactly are you trying to tell me? Come on, spit it out!*

▷ **spit** *n* 1 [U] cil, cilri. 2 [C, usu *sing*] cilphui. 3 [U] thingnah hrek khat parah cilbuan vekih a ummi thilnung fatete ih cil, pinu cil. 4 (idm) **be the dead spit of sb** ⇒ DEAD. **spit and polish** thiang verver, tleu verver in hnawt, ralkap pawlih an thuamhnaw pawl an hnawt vekin. □ **spitfire** *n* tihnungza thinsiava minung.

**spit**<sup>2</sup> /spɪt/ *n* 1 fungthul, sapherh pherhnak fung. 2 tiffinriat, tilipi tivek sungah leilung lam in femte ih a pawtmi leizum.

**spit** *v* (-tt-) [Tn] fungthul thawn thul: *a spitted whole lamb*.

**spit**<sup>3</sup> /spɪt/ *n* sawhle (cawhle) ih a thirper can a thukmi: *Dig the whole vegetable plot two spits deep*.

**spite** /spalt/ *n* 1 mi ningnatter, thinlung zonzaiter, mi thinhengter duhnak thinlung; a tha lo ruahnak: *I'm sure he only said it out of from spite*. 2 (idm) **in spite of** (used as prep) hmansehla, nacingin: *They went out in spite of the rain*. ○ *In spite of all his efforts he failed*.

▷ **spite** *v* 1 [Tn] (only used in the infinitive with to) mi ningnatter, thin zonzaiter, mi thinhengter, mi siatsuah duhnak thinlung tha lo nei: *The neighbours play their radio loudly every afternoon just to spite us*. 2 (idm) **cut off one's nose to spite one's face** ⇒ NOSE<sup>1</sup>.

**spiteful** /-fl/ *adj* mi siatsuah duhnak thinlung a tam zetmi/a telmi: *a spiteful comment* ○ *He's just being spiteful*.

**spitefully** /-fɛl/ *adv*. **spitefulness** *n* [U].

**spittle** /spɪtl/ *n* [U] cil, cilri.

**spittoon** /spɪtu:n/ *n* cil phuinak kuang.

**spiv** /splv/ *n* (Brit *sl derog*) thilthuam tleu a hruk, hnatuan repara nei lo, hrokhrawl mibum ih paisa a hawlmi minung.

▷ **spivish** *adj*.

**splash** /splʃs/ *v* 1 [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (about) (on/onto/over sb/sth) ~ **sb/sth** (with sth) tidai theh: *Stop splashing me!* ○ *splash water on/over the floor* ○ *splash paint onto the canvas* ○ *splash the floor with water* ○ *splash water about* ○ *The children love splashing water over each other*. ⇒ Usage at SPRAY<sup>2</sup>. 2 [I, Ipr, Ip] (of liquid) tek surso in tlak: *Water splashed into the bucket from the tap*. ○ *The rain splashed down all day*. 3 [usu passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (with sth) rong hman in hmuimel ngai nei lo zuk pawl a theh ih theh hluahhlo vekin suai ih mawiter: *a bath towel splashed with blue and green*. 4 [Tnpr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (about) (across, on, etc sth) (a) thuthang, zuk, etc kha a lang ce nak ding hmunah ret: *the story was splashed across the front page of the newspaper*. (b) lianzet vekih lang-awter in, paisa duhtawh ih hman hluahhlo, siang hluahlo: *He thinks he can win friends by splashing his money about*. 5

(phr *v*) **splash about** (in sth) tidai sungah um in, kutin siseh ke in siseh tidai pet hluahhlo dingin tuah, ke phau ciamco: *children happily splashing about in the bath*. **splash across, along, away, through, etc** hmunkhat ihsin hmunkhatah tidai petter hluahhlo phah in le awn phukpho in leuh, feh: *We splashed (our way) across the stream*. ○ *She splashed through the puddles*. **splash down** *n* tidai parah vanparleeng (spacecraft) tum: *The spacecraft splashed down in the Pacific*. **splash out** (on sth) (infml) paisa hman hluahhlo: *She splashed out on a new pair of shoes*.

▷ **splash** *n* 1 tidai parih (tlak awn): *He fell into the water with a splash*. 2 splashing ruangih a nehmi: *There are some splashes of mud on your trousers*. 3 thehmi zat a ti: *splashes of water all over the floor*. 4 a tial engmi: *Her dog is brown with white splashes*. 5 (dated Brit infml) a ti maltete, a bikin in dingih rawimi soda ti. 6 (idm) **make, etc a splash** (infml) mihipnak dingih thil tuah, thil cang: *She has made quite a splash in literary circles with her first book*. ○ *Their engagement created a terrific splash in the popular press*.

□ **splash-down** *n* tipithuanthum parah vanlawng (spacecraft) tumnak: *Splash-down is scheduled for 5.30 am*.

**splatter** /splʃtɛr/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr] a pehpheh in awn ruri-in tek surhso ih tidai for, tlak: *rain splattering on the roof* ○ *overalls splattered with paint*. ⇒ Usage at SPRAY.

**splay** /spleɪ/ *v* [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (out) khatlam zim hnakin khat lam zim parhdeuh, kaudeuh ih tuah; kaudeuh tumdeuh in um; khatlam ah a pharh-aw zawngin um: *The pipe splays (out) at one end*. ○ *The plumber splayed the end of the pipe before fitting it over the next section*. ○ *splayed feet/fingers/elbows*, ie spread outwards ○ *a splayed window*, eg one in a thick wall with the opening on one side of the wall wider than that on the other.

▷ **splay** *adj* [usu attrib] (esp of feet) a kau, a per, lenglamah a parh: *He has splay feet*.

**splay-footed** *adj* ke parh nei.

**spleen** /spli:n/ *n* 1 [C] laa. 2 [C] (fml or dated) mi thinsia; mi ti-aw ngerngor: *a fit of spleen* ○ *vent one's spleen on sb*.

**splendid** /splɛndɪd/ *adj* 1 pipa zet ih a mawimi: *a splendid sunset, house, victory*. 2 (infml) a tha hngin, a tha tuk: *a splendid dinner* ○ *a splendid idea, achievement, piece of writing*.

**splendiferous** /splɛn(dɪfɛrɛs/ *adj* (infml joc) splendid.

**splendour** (US **splendor**) /splɛndɛr/ *n* (a) [U] a mawizetnak, pipa zet ih a mawinak, a sunlawinak, a thupi, a phun u zetnak: *the splendour of the stained glass windows* ○ *Can the city recapture its former splendour?* (b)

**splendours** [pl] splendid, a pipater, a mawiter, a sunlawitertu thilri pawl: *the splendours of Rome*, ie its fine monuments, buildings, sights, etc.

**splenetic** /spl[net]ik/ *adj* (*fml*) thin sia zetmi; mi tingerngor.

**splice** /splals/ *v* [Tn] **1** (*nautical*) (lawng hnaṭuan pawl kawhdan) hri zim pahnih a sih ih sih si loin, a phiar in peh. **2** thingphel, magnetic tape, film tivek kha a zim le zim tlaitleh in peh – ṭhuampeh vekin. **3** (*idm*) **get spliced** (*infml*) ṭhit-aw: *Have you heard? John's just got spliced.* **splice the mainbrace** (*infml joc*) a harzetmi hnaṭuan ṭheh zan ah zu-in in, lole, zu zem ciamco in nunnuam tuah, aih.

▷ **splice** *n* film, tape, rope, tivek an peh (*splice*)-awknak hmun.

**splicer** *n* magnetic tape, film, tivek pehnak thilri.

**splint** /splInt/ *n* rem lemtun, kem (ruh kiak tikiḥ ṭemnak, rua, tivek): *put an arm in splints.*

**splinter** /splIntER/ *n* (thing, thir, thlalang, tivek a kuai, a bohmi)thinghniar, thir hniar, thlalang kuai ṭiak: *I've got a splinter in my finger.*

▷ **splinter** *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ (**sth**) (**into/to sth**); ~ (**sth**) **off** a ṭiak a hniar cang dingin tuah; a ṭiak, hniarah a cang: *This wood splinters easily.* ○ *The windscreen cracked but did not splinter.* ○ *The waves smashed the boat against the rocks, splintering it to pieces.* **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (**off**) (**into sth**) (*fig*) a tumsawn pawl ihsin pawlṭhek; pawlṭek din.

□ **splinter group** pawlpi ihsin a ṭhekmi pawlṭhek – a ram hruainak ah.

**split** /splIt/ *v* (**-tt-, pt, pp split**) **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ (**sth/sb**) (**up**) (**into sth**) (**a**) phel, cekphel: *Some types of wood split easily.* ○ *She was splitting logs with an axe.* ○ *A skilled person can split slate into layers.* (**b**) ṭhen ṭhek: *The children split (up) into groups.* ○ *an issue which has split the party (from top to bottom)* ○ *The children split into groups.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (**up**) (**into sth**) ṭhen, seu, zem, hlawn: *split the cost of the meal* ○ *split the atom*, ie by means of nuclear fission ○ *Would you like to split a bottle with me?* ○ *They split (up) the money between them.* ○ *For the purposes of the survey we've split the town into four areas.* **3** [La, I, Cn-a] ~ (**sth**) (**open**) tettuk, tawttuk ruangah tlek, ong, kuai; khuai: *Suddenly the box split open and a puppy jumped out.* ○ *His coat had split at the seams.* ○ *She split open the coconut.* **4** [I, Tn] (*sl esp US*) feh hlo, tan, tlan: *It's boring here—let's split.* ○ *They've split the scene*, ie left the event, place, party, etc. **5** (*idm*) **split the difference** (thil man nep-awknak) tangka zat veve a lai zawn ih ṭhen sak. **split hairs** (*derog*) a ṭul lomi a terek tiangin el remrem. **split an infinitive** (in speaking or

writing) *to read* ti hi infinitive a si ih, *to le read* karlak-ah, *to quickly read* ti in quickly timi adv ret hi split an infinitive ti a si. **split one's sides** (**laughing/with laughter**) hnak kuai zik ko in, sup thei loin hni. **6** (*phr v*) **split (sth) away/off** (**from sth**) thilri tumpi ihsin a ṭhen fate ah ṭhen hlo: *The group have split away/off from the official union.* ○ *The storm has split the branch off from the main tree trunk.* **split on sb** (**to sb**) zuar: *Billy's friend split on him to the teacher.* **split up** (**with sb**) (rual pi, kom-aw, nupa) ṭhen aw tata: *Jenny and Joe have split up.* ○ *John has just split up with his girl-friend.*

▷ **split** *n* **1** [C] phelkhuaia. **2** a tleknak, a kaknak hmun: *sew up a split in a seam.* **3** [C] ṭhenawknak: *a split in the Labour Party.* **4** [C] thingrah (*esp* a banana) a sau zawngin phel ih, a tlunah cream, ice-cream, tivek khuḥ ih tuahmi sangnem (*pudding*): *a banana split.* **5** **the splits** [pl] ke kaak tahrat in zial dai ko ih to: *do the splits.*

**splitting** *adj* [attrib] (*esp* of a headache) a lu kuai zik ko in a na, a na zet: *I've got a splitting headache.*

□ **split infinitive** (*grammar*) infinitive with an adverb placed between to and the verb (*eg* to quickly read).

**split-level** *adj* **1** (leicek loin hmunhrap nawn ih sakmi inn phun ah) a dotdot thuaḥ khat ah a khan a zatrep lomi (inn). **2** sangrawhnak (oven = tappawn) kha rawl suannak meisa hnakiḥ niam ah ret lomi.

**split peas** phelhnih ih phel/rial mi pe.

**split personality** thinclung dam lo ruangah thinclung thleng-awknak leuhlonak; schizophrenia. **split pin** khatlam khatlam zim a ṭikmi thirfung te.

**split ring** khatlam zim le khatlam zim a tlaitleh-awmi thirkual (a kual le kual a awk-aw vivomi).

**split-second** a tawizet mi caan. **split-second** *adj* [attrib] a rangzet, lole, a cekci ih caan hman: *The plan depends on split-second timing.*

**split shift** caan ṭhen nei hnaṭuan thleng-awknak (a haha in) daan.

**split tick** (*US politics*) party dangdang ihsin cuhtu ding hmin tampi ngan khawmmi hrilawknak me caannah (thlak dingmi a si).

**splotch** /splBtS/ (*Brit* also **splodge** /splBdZ/) *n* (cati, ciarbek, tivek) a bung, a ṭek, a theh tikiḥ a nehmi bal, a neh; thil pakhat parih a kopmi, a telmi rong, tleu.

▷ **splotch** (*Brit* also **splodge**) [Tn] thehmi, ṭekmi vekin balter.

**splurge** /spl3:dZ/ *n* (*infml*) **1** sup lem loin paisa hman hluah hlo (nak): *I had a splurge and bought two new suits.* **2** mi in in zoh seh, thupi in ti seh, ti duh ah, si ngaingai hnakin cangvaihnaḥ: *make a splurge.*

## splutter

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▷ **splurge** *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (on sth) sup lem loin hleifuan zet ih tangka hmang, i-ek.

**splutter** /spIvteR/ *v* **1** (also **sputter**) (a) [I, Ip] thinheng, lau, tivek ruangah rangzet le fiangfai loin tong (b) [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (out) a rang in, a hnokin, fiang lo in tong: *splutter (out) a few words of apology*. **2** [I] ti phutmi aw vek, puak cerhco aw vekin awnring: *She dived into the water and came up coughing and spluttering*.

▷ **splutter** *n* phut phurhpho, puak curhco vek thil awn: *The candle gave a few faint splutters and then went out*.

**spoil** /spCII/ *v* (pt, pp **spoilt** /spCIIlt/ or **spoiled** /spCIIld/) ⇒ Usage at DREAM<sup>2</sup>. **1** [Tn] a si ding hnakin mannei lo, santlai lo, lungkim lo canter, siatsuah: *holidays spoilt by bad weather* ○ *spoilt ballot papers*, ie made invalid because the voters have not marked them properly ○ *The new road has completely spoiled the character of the village*. ○ *The bad news has spoilt my day*. ○ *Don't spoil your appetite by eating sweets between meals*. **2** [Tn] (a) hnohter, duhmi thlun tukih nauhak ziaza, nuncan siatsuah: *That little girl is terribly spoilt—her parents give her everything she asks for*. (b) duat: *Everybody enjoys being spoiled from time to time*. **3** [I] (rawl, tivek ah) eitlak lo ah a cang, a siat, a uih, a tawt: *Some kinds of food soon spoil*. **4** (idm) **be spoiling for sth** mi do, tong el, tivek hiar, caak: *He's spoiling for trouble*. **be spoilt for choice** hril ding tamtukih hril ding thei loin um. **spare the rod and spoil the child** ⇒ SPARE<sup>2</sup>. **too many cooks spoil the broth** ⇒ COOK *n*.

▷ **spoil** *n* [U] = SPOILS.

**spoilage** /spCIIldZ/ *n* [U] a rop, a tawt, tivek siat(nak).

**spoiler** *n* **1** siatsuahthu thilri, minung. **2** (a) vanzamleng fung deuh seh tiuh thli khamnak thilri. (b) leeng pawl cak zet ih feh tikah ke lei dai lo dingih, khawng aw lo ding ih khamnak thilri.

**spoils** *n* [U] (also **spoils** [pl]) **1** (a) fir thil: *The thieves divided up the spoils*. (b) ral siimnak ih lonmi thilri. **2** bawi upa tawan ruangah, a hnatuannak huham hmangin a awm lo ih ngahmi sumsaw: *the spoils of office*.

□ **spoil-sport** *n* hnoksaktu minung.

**spoil-system** (esp US) nehtu party tanpi ruangih hnatuan tha pek daan.

**spoke**<sup>1</sup> /spEUK/ *n* **1** thirleeng ke, tivek ih leengkual domtu thirfung te (tete). **2** (idm) **put a spoke in sb's wheel** (Brit) mi ih tumtahmi tuahsuak lo dingih siatsuah.

**spoke**<sup>2</sup> *pt* of SPEAK.

**spoken** *pp* of SPEAK.

**spokeshave** /spEUKselv/ *n* a haa kuarmi zibaw fate (ngilternak le a tlang dingnak).

**spokes-man** /spEUKsmEn/ *n* (pl **-men** /-mEn/) (fem **spokeswoman** /spEUKswUmEn/, pl **-women** /-wImIn/) zapi ai-awh ih tongtu, lole, zahpi ai-awh ih tongtu dingih hrilmi minung. ⇒ Usage at CHAIR.

**spoliation** /spEUllleISn/ *n* [U] thazaang, suam, tivek hmang tahrat ih siatsuahnak.

**spondee** /spBndi:/ *n* na deuhih salmi tongfang le, dim deuh ih salmi tongfang, a kopkop ih a ummi, biazai tlang khat (eg ruahpi surkuk kuk law hi spondee a si; ruah, sur, kuk pawl khi na deuhih sal a si ih, pi, kuk le law pawl kha dim deuh ih sal a si).

**spondaic** /spBndellk/ *adj*.

**sponge** /spVndZ/ *n* **1** taksa ong serser ihsin tidai a hawp theimi ti sung um rannung phunkhat (Kawl: *zi-hmiuk*). **2** tak kholhnak, thil kholhnak, angkiliang, nunau sungbruk angki ih, hnawi zawnah pawng deuh dingih thitcih mi thilneem: *a large bath sponge*, ie for washing one's body in the bath ○ *filled with sponge* ○ [attrib] *sponge rubber*. **3** [C] sizungah mi aat tikih hmanmi thi hawpnak puan, tivek. **4** [C esp sing] cuvek thilri, tidai hawp thei puansia tivek thawn hnawt: *She gave the floor a vigorous sponge all over*. **5** [C, U] = SPONGE-CAKE: *Would you like some more sponge?* **6** (idm) **throw up the sponge** (infml) a sung pek.

▷ **sponge** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sb/one self/sth** (down) sponge thawn hnawt, kholh, thianfai: *sponge a wound* ○ *He sponged down the car to remove the shampoo*. **2** [I, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (from sb) (infml) zianghman pek kir tumnak nei loin, mi hnen ihsin thil ngah (paisa tivek): *sponge a dinner* ○ *sponge a five* (ie £5) *from an old friend*. **3** (phr v) **sponge sth off/out** sponge hmangin a bal a nehmi hnawt/rawtfai: *sponge out a stain in the carpet*. **sponge on/off sb** (infml usu derog) mi ih sumsaw thawn a lak in nung; zianghman pekkir tumnak nei loin, mi hnen ihsin ngahlak: *He always sponges off others*. **sponge sth up** sponge thawn a tiimi thil zuuk. **sponger** *n* mi hnen ihsin thil ngahlak duhtu (SPONGE *v* 2).

**sponging** *n* (usu sing) = SPONGE *n* 4: *give a child's face a good sponging*.

**spongy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) a nem, a dir, a com thei ih tidai a hawp theimi sponge vek thilri: *spongy moss*. **sponginess** *n* [U].

□ **sponge-bag** *n* (Brit) tidai zun thei lo-mi, satpia, harawtnak si harawtnakfung tivek, retnak bawm; khualtlawn tikih hmanmi a si.

**sponge-cake** *n* [C] arti, thanthling rang, sangvut thawn tuahmi, a neem ih a phaw cuapmi sang.

**sponge-pudding** *n* [C, U] sponge-cake vek sangnem (hlerhlerh).

**sponsor** /spBnsER/ *n* **1** (zirlai, tivek) bawm dingih tawanvo latu minung. **2** godparent;

naute tithlerh hnuah a nuncan tha dingih tuanvo latu. **3** thuburtu. **4** radio, TV hmuh, hlasak, thilhmu puai, lepan zuam-awknak lamih cemmi tangka suahsaktu (tangka suahsak manah a thilri khawng thei ding in thu a than ngah ve theu). **5** harsa bomnak ih tangka suahtu (hlutu).

▷ **sponsor** *v* [Tn] bawm ding tuanvo lak: *an athlete sponsored by a bank* ○ *a sponsored walk*, ie one over a fixed distance for which the walkers arrange sponsorship beforehand in aid of charity ○ *a government-sponsored cheap textbooks scheme* ○ *I'm doing a sponsored swim on Saturday — will you sponsor me?*

**sponsorship** *n* [U]: *We're very grateful for his sponsorship.*

**spontaneous** /spɒn'teɪniəs/ *adj* **(a)** forhnak tel-lo, mah lungtho te ih thil tuah: *a spontaneous offer of help* ○ *spontaneous applause.* **(b)** amahte ih a cangmi, mah neih a simi, tuahcop a si lomi: *a spontaneous gaiety of manner.*

▷ **spontaneously** *adv.*

**spontaneousness** (also **spontaneity** /spɒnt'eɪniəti/) *n* [U] mah thinlung suak, mahte cangvaihnak.

□ **spontaneous combustion** meisa nawk ruangah si loin amahte a sungin mei a alhih a kangmi.

**spoof** /spu:f/ *n* (infml) **1** ~ (of/on sth) thil pakhat kha hnih suakza zawngin cawng: [attrib] *a spoof horror film.* **2** bumnak, capoh siava (thuthan).

▷ **spoof** *v* [Tn esp passive] (infml) bum: *You've been spoofed.*

**spook** /spu:k/ *n* (infml usu joc) mithla: *Are you afraid of spooks?*

▷ **spook** *v* [Tn] (infml esp US) thih; lauter, tihter: *something in the bushes spooked her horse.* **spooky** *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml) mithla vek, tihnungza.

**spookiness** *n* [U].

**spool** /spu:l/ *n* **1** = REEL<sup>1</sup> **1.** **2** reel (spool) parih zelhmi pat um zat (tom/hluum khat): *How many spools of thread did you use?*

**spoon** /spu:n/ *n* (often in compounds) **1** keu, hai, darhai, darkeu, haite: *a large wooden spoon* ○ *a tablespoon* ○ *a soup-spoon* ○ *a teaspoon.* **2** darhai khat: *two spoons of sugar, please.* **3** (idm) **born with a silver spoon in one's mouth** ⇒ BORN.

▷ **spoon** *v* [Tn-pr, Tn-p] **1** darhai khat: *spoon sugar from the packet into a bowl* ○ *spoon up one's soup* ○ *spoon out the peas.* **2** ~ **sth** (up) bawhlung tivek kha dim nawn in tlunlamah thawi.

**spoonful** /fʊl/ *n* (pl -fuls) darkeu khat: *a heaped spoonful of sugar.*

□ **spoon-feed** *v* (pt, pp, -fed) [Tn] **(a)** naute kha darkeu thawn rawl bar, pek. **(b)** (fig esp derog)

mah ih ruat tul lo tuah tul lo khopin a luantuk a terek tuk tiangin bawm, zirh: *Some teachers spoon-feed their students.*

**spoonerism** /spʊ:nEɪzEm/ *n* (capoh ah, lole, tongpang tikah) tongfang pawlih a hmaisabik cangaw pawl thleng-aw in tong. eg *well-boiled for well-boid bicycle.*

**spoor** /spɔ:R; US spʊEr/ *n* [C] nehnang, ramsa pawl kan zawt thei dingih an tan tami an neh, an rim.

**sporadic** /spɛrFɪk/ *adj* a cuuk a paak in a cangmi, hmunkaan ih a cangmi, a lak caancaan ih a cangmi: *sporadic showers* ○ *sporadic raids, gunfire, fighting.*

▷ **sporadically** /-kɪl/ *adv.*

**spore** /spɔ:R/ *n* (botany) ferns, mosses, fungi, paa tivek pawl ih ci a vut tete: *mushroom spores.*

**sporran** /spBrEn/ *n* Scottish mipa hruk hnisor hmai ih an thlaihmi (savun) dip.

**sport** /spɔ:t/ *n* **1** [U] lehpannak: *She plays a lot of sport.* ○ *He's very fond of sport.* **2** **(a)** [C] lehpannak phun; lehpannak: *team sports* ○ *Hockey, volleyball, football and tennis are all sports.* ○ *Which sports do you like best?* ○ *athletic sports*, ie running, jumping ○ *country sports*, eg hunting, fishing, shooting, horse-racing ○ [attrib] *sports coverage on TV* ○ *a sports programme* ○ *a sports field.* **(b)** cuti vek lehpannak pawl: *the world of sport.* ⇒ Usage. **3** **sports** [pl] lepan zuamawknak: *the school sports* ○ *inter-university sports* ○ [attrib] *a sports day.* **4** [U] nunomnak, capoh, hnihsuah sainak: *do sth for sport* ○ *say sth in sport*, ie not seriously. **5** [C] (dated infml) nunnuam, lungawi, tluangtlammi minung: *Come on, be a sport!* ○ *a good/bad sport*, ie sb who behaves well/badly in sporting or similar activities. **6** [C] (infml esp Austral) ka rual! tivek ih kawh-awknak: *How are you doing, sport!* **7** [C] (biology) mah phunhnam zawng lo ih a piang sual mi ramsa, thingkung. **8** (idm) **make sport of sb** (fml) zomtai ih mi umdan, awsuahdan cawngih capoh, hnihsuah sainakah hmang.

▷ **sport** *v* **1** [Tn] in hmu seh tiah, hngalnak in hruk, bun, ton: *sport a moustache, a diamond ring, a flower in one's buttonhole.* **2** [I, Ip] (usu in the continuous tense) nuam zet in lek rero: *seals sporting (about/around) in the water.*

**sporty** *adj* **1** (infml) lekduhmi, lepan lamih a thiammi: *She's very sporty.* **2** mit a lami, a mawimi, mi a hipmi: *a sporty new pullover.*

**sportily** *adv.* **sportiness** *n* [U].

□ **sports car** (usu a khuh nei lo) a niam ih cak zet in feh theimi khualtlawnnak mawtawka.

**sportscast** *n* (US) TV, radio ih suahmi lehpannak lam thuthang, lole, lek rero laifang ih an hmuh an thanmi zuk, thuthang.

**sportscaster** *n* (US) lehpannak lam thuthang



simtu. **sports-editor** lehpannak lam thuthang, thuthang ca editor.

**sports jacket** (Brit) menmen caanah hruk dingmi mipa lenghruk kor jacket.

**sportsman** /-mEn/ n (pl -men /mEn/) (fem **sportswoman** /-wUmEn/, pl -women /-wimIn/) **1** lehpannak ih a teltu, lole, lehpannak a duh zettu. **2** hrokhrawl huatsuak lo te ih a lektu, khawndennak, sunnak ton khalah thinheng ciamco lo, umdan, mithmai zohmawi lo ih um ciamco lo te ih lek theitu. **sportsmanlike** adj sportsman lungput neitu mi tluangtlam.

**sportsmanship** n [U] sportsman thinlung, ruahdan neihnak.

**sports writer** lehpannak thuthang khawmih suahtu.

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NOTE ON USAGE: **Sport** plays a big part in many people's lives. At school children can play football, netball and other **sports** and there are clubs for playing indoor **games** such as chess or snooker. After work, a lot of people enjoy a **game** of tennis or squash. On TV we can watch tennis and football **matches** throughout the year and horse **races** are broadcast almost every day. Events in which people compete against each other, often for prizes, are **competitions** or **contests**: a *dancing competition* ○ *an archery, angling, etc contest*. A tournament or **championship** is a series of contests: a *tennis tournament* ○ *the European Football Championship*.

**sporting** /spC:tIn/ adj **1** [attrib] lehpannak lam thawn a pehpami, lole, lehpannak a duhmi: a *sporting occasion* ○ *a sporting man*. **2** sportsman vek a simi, a tluangtlammi, zawn a ruatmi: *It's very sporting of you to give me an initial advantage*. ○ *He made me a sporting offer*, ie one that involved some risk of his losing. **3** (idm) **a sporting chance** neh theinak caanþha; neh ding ruahsannak um: *give sb a sporting chance* ○ *We've still got a sporting chance of winning*.

**sportive** /spC:tlv/ adj lekduh, capoh duh.

▷ **sportively** adv. **sportiveness** n [U].

**spot** /spBt/ n **1** rong phunkhat parih a ummi rong bang-aw lo a tēlh bial tete: a *white skirt with red spots* ○ *Which has spots, the leopard or the tiger?* **2** a tēk, a neh bial tete: *spots of mud on your trousers*. **3** hricu; natnak ruangih vun par um a sen, a dum bial tete; khuavang hminsin: a *teenage boy worried about his spots*, ie acne ○ *She had chicken-pox and was covered in spots*. **4** (a) hmun, zawn: a *nice picnic spot/spot for a picnic* ○ *a well-known beauty spot*, ie a place well-known for its natural beauty ○ *stand rooted to the spot*, ie not moving ○ *This is the (very) spot where he*

*was murdered*. ○ *There are several weak spots in your argument*. (b) (infml) nunnom tuahnak hmun: a *popular night spot*. **5** for (ruah ti forkhat tivek): *Did you feel a few spots of rain?* **6** TV, radio, thuanthu cawn ah, hmuhmi hmuh rero lai ah, thildang pakhat hmuh duak dingih pekmi caan tawite: a *ten-minute guest spot on a radio programme* ○ *She has a regular cabaret spot at a local night-club*. **7** (usu sing) ~ **of sth** (Brit infml) a malte: *Are you ready for a spot of lunch?* ○ *What about doing a spot of work?* ○ *You seem to be having a spot of bother with your car—can I help?* **8** (fig) hminsiatnak, hlawhsamnak: *There isn't a spot on her reputation*. **9** (infml) = spotlight. **10** (US infml) phe, tangka ca: *He passed me a ten spot*. **11** (idm) **change one's spots** ⇒ CHANGE<sup>1</sup>. **have a soft spot for sb/sth** ⇒ SOFT. **ahot spot** ⇒ HOT. in **a (tight) spot** (infml) harsa din hmunah um: *I'm in a bit of a spot financially*. **knock spots off sb/sth** ⇒ KNOCK<sup>2</sup>. **on the spot** (a) hmakhatte in, a hmun rori ah: *he was hit by a falling tree and killed on the spot*. (b) thil a cannak hmunah a tūl laifang ah: *The police were on the spot within a few minutes of my telephone call*. ○ *Luckily there was a doctor on the spot*. **put sb on the spot** harsat mi pe, thil pakhat khat ti hraamhraamter, ka dik a si tiin simter: *You've put me on the spot here — I can't answer your question*.

▷ **spot v (-tt-)** **1** (I, Tn, Tn-pr usu passive) ~ **sth** (with sth) **spot** (spot 1) bal neh bial tete umter, thil pakhat parah thil pakhat nehter: *material that spots easily* ○ *a table spotted with ink*. **2** [Tn, Tw, Tng, Cn-n/a] ~ **sb sth as sth** (not in the continuous tense) hril, hmu, cing, tong: *He finally spotted just the shirt he wanted*. ○ *She spotted her friend in the crowd*. ○ *I can't spot the difference between them*. ○ *Can you spot the flaw in their argument?* ○ *spot the winner of a race*, ie pick out the winner before the race starts ○ *I soon spotted what to do*. ○ *He was spotted by police boarding a plane for Paris*. ○ *She has been spotted as a likely tennis star of the future*. **3** [I, Ipr] (Brit infml) (it thawn komin hman a si) ruah malte te sur: *It's beginning to spot*. ○ *It's spotting with rain*.

**spotted** adj a bial a bial nawn in tial: a *spotted dog* ○ a *spotted dress*.

**spotted dick** (Birt) caw le tuu ih kal tuamtu thau thawn tuahmi sangnem (pudding) (currant rah rawi a si).

**spotter** n (esp in compounds) a huam ruangah, lole, a pumcawmnak hnaþuan a si ruangah, minung/thilri ih thuhla kha zingzoi in, a terek tiangih ngantu: *an aircraft spotter*, ie one who looks for and identifies different types of aircraft, esp in wartime ○ *a talent-spotter*, ie an agent who visits clubs, theatres, etc looking

for new acts ○ *He's an avid train-spotter.* ○ [attrib] *a spotter plane*, ie one used for observing enemy manoeuvres.

**spotless** *adj* **1** a thiang, a fai zet: *He keeps his house spotless.* **2** (fig fml) hnawihnih lomi; ziaza, nuncan lamah a thiangmi: *a spotless reputation.*

**spotlessly** *adv.* **spotlessness** *n* [U].

**spotty** *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml) **1** (esp derog) a bikin hmai ah a tial, a bo, a phaarmi minung: *spotty youths* ○ *a spotty complexion.* **2** bal bial tete a nehmi: *a spotty table-cloth.*

□ **spot cash** (commerce) a tawn ih pekmi tangka.

**spot check** minung, thilri kha a sangsang ten si loin kaan hluahhlo in, duhduh kha cek: *The campaign against drinking and driving will include spot checks on motorists.*

**spot welding** thir an pehawknak hmun erh (tan-ka-hi-saw).

**spot-on** *adj* [pred] (infml) a hman cekci; a kaih cekci: *His assessment of the situation was spot-on.* ○ *Your budget figures were spot-on this year.*

**spotlight** /spBtlalt/ *n* **1** (also **spot**) [C] duhmi hmun, lole, minung cerhnak dingih tuahmi a tleuzetmi datmei. **2 the spotlight** [sing] (fig) mi ih zoh hiar, mi ih rel ciomi hminthang minung: *a sportsman who likes to be in the spotlight* ○ *This week the spotlight is on the world of fashion.*

▷ **spotlight** *v* (pt, pp **spotlit** /-lIt/ or, esp in sense 2, **spotlighted**) **1** [Tn] tlet; spotlight thawn cerh: *a spotlit stage.* **2** (fig) mi ih theih thei dingin laar ce, fiang ce in tuah: *The report has spotlighted real deprivation in the inner cities.*

**spouse** /spaUz/; US spaus/ *n* (arch or law or joc) nupi, pasal.

**spout** /spaUt/ *n* [C] **1** tidai luannak, suaknak ding thirdawng, eg khaza-u (kepli) hmur vek: *The spout is chipped so it doesn't pour very well.* **2** tidawng tivek kua in cakzet ih a pawtmi tidai, thil ti. **3** (idm) **up the spout** (a) (infml) ruahnakcem, hnabeidong, kuai, tlaksiatnak tong, neh tuar: *My holiday plans are completely up the spout.*

▷ **spout** *v* (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (out of/from sth)/ (out/up) (a tii-mi thil pawl) pawt/zit zurzo: *blood spouting from a severed artery* ○ *water spouting (out) from a broken water-pipe.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] a tii-mi napi-in pawtter, suah: *a broken pipe spouting (out) water* ○ *The wound spouted blood.* (c) [I] (of whales) whale ngapi in a lu ih a ong ihsin tidai napi in pawtter, phuut. **2** [I, Ipr, tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] (infml usu derog) sauzet le ringzetin reipi tong, biazai siar: *Children dislike being spouted at by pompous teachers.* ○ *spouting unwanted advice* ○ *He*

*can spout Shakespeare for hours.*

**sprain** /spreIn/ *n* ruh pelh, ilh: *sprain one's wrist* ○ *suffering from a sprained ankle.*

▷ **sprain** *n* ilh, ruhpelh: *a bad sprain.*

**sprang** *pt* of SPRING<sup>3</sup>.

**sprat** /sprFt/ *n* **1** Europe ram tiffinriat pawl ih a ummi herring nga phun (ei tha nga fate). **2** (idm) **a sprat to catch a mackerel** (saying) thil thadeuh, tumdeuh ngah ding beisei in, a sungkhan ih pekmi/cemtermi man nei deuh lo thilri.

**sprawl** /sprC:l/ *v* (esp derog) **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (out/about/around) (across, in, on, etc sth) zau sialsial kut le ke zawng/dor zet ih pharhin tha nei lo zet vekin to, zau, ril: *He was sprawling in an armchair in front of the TV.* ○ *be sent sprawling in the mud* ○ *sprawling about on the sofa.* (b) [usu passive: Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] tha neilo vekin, dor/zawng zet in kutke pharh ih um: *They were sprawled out in front of the fire.* **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] hmunhma nei loin a dor pi in, hmun kaupi ah pharh aw: *sprawling handwriting* ○ *suburbs that sprawl out into the countryside.*

▷ **sprawl** *n* [U, C usu sing] (esp derog) **1** kutke a dor pi-in pharh phahih um (nak), cangvaih (nak): *pick one's way through the sprawl of people sunbathing* ○ *He lay in a sprawl over the desk.* **2** a bal hnuaiahnini, inn tampi umnak hmun (veng): *London's suburban sprawl.*

**spray<sup>1</sup>** /sprel/ *n* **1** (a) a hnah le a par pawl a telmi thinghng. (b) ceimawi nakih tuahcopmi, thinghng vek thilri: *a spray of diamonds.* **2** zohmawi zet dingih tom/temmi, tan ciami pangpar: *He had a spray in his buttonhole.* ○ *She was carrying a spray of pink roses.*

**spray<sup>2</sup>** /sprel/ *n* **1** [U] thli-in a sem ruangah, lole, thil pakhat ih kah, hlon ruangah thli lakih a zammi tidai khu: *sea spray*, ie blown from waves ○ *the spray of a waterfall.* **2** (a) [C, U] (esp in compounds) zihmui, fikfasi, tivek kahmi khu: *hair spray* ○ *fly-spray* ○ [attrib] *spray paint.* (b) [C] a tiak tete ih kah theih nak dawng sungih ret mi si, tivek: *I've lost my throat spray.*

▷ **spray** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (on/over sb/sth), ~ sb/sth (with sth) kap serse; a kahnak thilri hmangin a ti mi thil kap: *spraying paint on her car* ○ *a farmer spraying his crops with pesticide* ○ (fig) *spray the target with bullets.* **2** [Ipr, Ip] ~ (out) (over, across, etc sb/sth) for tiak tete (a khu) in pawt, pawtter, theh, kap: *water sprayed out over the floor.* **sprayer** *n* (a) si tinbawsi, fikfasi, etc kahnak thilri.

□ **spray-gun** *n* tinbawsi kahnak thilri.

NOTE ON USAGE: Compare **spray**, **shower**, **spatter**, **splatter**, **splash** and **slosh**. These verbs indicate the spreading of liquid or

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powder in a variety of ways. We **spray** small drops of paint, perfume, chemicals, etc, usually with an aerosol or a spray-gun, in order to cover an area completely: *I had to get my car resprayed after the accident.* **Shower** usually suggests people being covered with drops of water, dust, etc by accident or against their will: *The shoppers were showered with broken glass from the explosion.* **Spatter** suggests larger amounts of paint, mud, blood, etc being thrown at somebody and making him or her dirty: *The bus spattered them with mud as it passed in the rain.* Eggs, etc are **splattered** over the floor when they are dropped or thrown. We **splash** liquids when we spill them accidentally: *Don't let the acid splash on your hand.* We **slosh** large quantities of paint, water, etc by throwing it around carelessly: *He sloshed the paint on without bothering to catch the drips.*

**spread** /spred/ *v* (pt, pp **spread**) **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (out) (on/over sth) pharh, suah, hlan: *The bird spread (out) its wings.* ○ *spread a cloth on the table* ○ *spread out one's arms*, eg to welcome or embrace sb ○ *spread the map out on the floor.* (b) [Tn-pr] ~ sth with sth pharh in khuh: *spread a table with a cloth.* **2** (a) [Tn-pr] ~ A on B tuh: *spread butter on bread.* ○ *spread glue on paper.* (b) [Tn-pr] ~ B with A tuh, hnih: *spread bread with butter.* (c) [I] a parh zai: *Butter spreads more easily when it's softer.* ○ *margarine that spreads straight from the fridge*, ie does not go hard when cold. **3** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] (a) karhzaiter, pharh, darh: *The disease is spreading fast.* ○ *Fear spread quickly through the village.* ○ *The strike has already spread to other factories.* ○ *The water spread over the floor.* ○ *Flies spread disease.* ○ *He spread the news around the town.* (b) karhzai, pharh-aw: *Settlers soon spread inland.* **4** [I, Ipr] a kau, a pharh: *a desert spreading for hundreds of miles* ○ *The forest spreads as far as the river.* **5** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (over sth) (caan le tikcu) a huap: *spread the payments over three months* ○ *a course of studies spread over three years.* **6** [usu passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (with sth) ei ding timtuah (cabuai parah re) rawl suak: *The table was spread with cakes and sandwiches.* **7** (idm) **spread like wildfire** thuthang, natnak, tivek pawl meikang bang khulrang zet in a thang, a feh, a karhzai: *The news spread like wildfire.* **spread one's net** mah thuthu ih nungter dingah mi pakhat kai ngah, bum ngah le, mah thu ih nunter theinak dingah timtuah aw. **spread oneself** (a) kutke pharhin zau: *Since there was no one else in the compartment I was able to spread myself.* (b) thu pakhat kha sau zet in tong, ngan. (c) tluangtlam zet, siang

zetin pek, hmang. **spread one's wing** ruahdan, hmuhdan, tuandan kauter: *We hope college life will help him to spread his wings a bit.* **8** (phr v) **spread (sb/oneself) out** hmunkau huap deuh dingin rualpi pawl hnen ihsin a hla deuh ah feh, thawn; thekdarh-aw: *The search party spread out over the moor.* ○ *Don't all sit together, spread yourselves out.*

▷ **spread** *n* **1** (usu sing) (a) kaupi; a kauh-a fiak lam: *the spread of a bird's wings* ○ *The survey revealed a wide spread of opinion.* (b) boruak, caan ih a sau, a kau, a reidan: *a spread of 100 years.* **2** [U] a karh, a zai, a punthannak: *the spread of disease, knowledge, education* ○ *the spread of crime.* **3** [C] thuthangca, magazine cabu pawl ah, catung tluan (column) 2 hnaki tam thilri zuarnak thuthan (advertisement) lole, cahram (article): *a double-page spread.* **4** [C] (infml) (tam zet a si theu) cabuai parah ret, suahmi rawl: *What a spread!* **5** (usu in compounds) (a) [C] thil khuhnak, phah ding hrangih hmanmi puan: *a bedspread.* (b) [C, U] thang, puam. **6** [U, C] sang ih thuh dingmi sawh beek: *chocolate spread* ○ *cheese spreads.* □ **spread eagle** thantar, tangka tivek parih cuang, a thla le a ke pharh-awmi muvanlai zuk.

**spread-eagle** *v* [Tn] kutke pharh in zau, um: *Sunbathers lay spread-eagled on the grass.* ○ *The blow spread-eagled him against the wall.*

**spreadsheet** /spredSi:t/ *n* (computing) cazin tuahnak ding hrangah a tluan a tluan in kanaan pawl langternak hmun; ngan ciami ca hmai a langnak hmun.

**spree** /spri:/ *n* (infml) tangka tampi hmang a tulmi nunnomnak ih suakvak: *a spending/buying/shopping spree* ○ *go out on a spree*, ie go out to enjoy a spree.

**sprig** /sprig/ *n* ~ (of sth) a hnah, tivek a telmi thinghng: *a sprig of holly, parsley, heather, etc* ○ *a sprig of mistletoe for Christmas.*

**sprightly** /spraitli/ *adj* (-ier, -est) thathozet, cakvakzet: *He's surprisingly sprightly for an old man.*

▷ **sprightliness** *n* [U].

**spring**<sup>1</sup> /sprɪŋ/ *n* **1** [C] khir: *With an easy spring the cat reached the branch.* **2** [C] cerh, cerhti: *a hot spring* ○ *a mineral spring* ○ [attrib] *spring water.* **3** [C] a dik ih a ciip-aw theimi (spring); nawp theih thil, lii: *a watch spring* ○ *the springs in an armchair* ○ [attrib] *a spring-mattress*, ie one containing spiral springs in a rigid frame ○ *Don't bounce on the bed—you'll break the springs!* **4** [U, sing] (a) dirhtheih comtheihnak tha: *an old trampoline that has lost some of its spring.* (b) (fig) dam zet, thatho zet sinak: *walk with a spring in one's step/heels.* ▷ **springy** (-ier, -iest) **1** dirthei-comtertheih; tul, dir, nen ih thlah sal tikah amah kel ah a kir

theimi: a *springy bed* ○ *The turf felt springy under their feet.* **2** damzet, thathozet: a *youthful springy step.* **springiness** *n* [U].

□ **spring balance** spring cuai (thlainak).

**springboard** *n* **1** tistung dawp zuam-awk tikih khirnak hmun thingpheng. **2** ~ (to/for sth) (fig) thiltuah ding pakhat hrangah hramthok thazaang a petu thilri: *The college debating society was a natural springboard for her career in politics.*

**spring-tide** *n* thla de le thla thul theh ve te ih a thang theumi a sangbik tipi tidai thang. Cf NEAP-TIDE (NEAP).

**spring**<sup>2</sup> /sprɪŋ/ *n* **1** [C, U] kumkhat tikcu then ih a hmaisa bik; thal caan; thinghnah cerh thla pawl, thingkung than thok caan, February in May thla tiang: [attrib] *spring flowers, weather* ○ *In (the) spring leaves begin to grow on the trees.* **2** (idm) **full of the joys of spring** ⇒ FULL. □ **spring chicken** **1** thah a cuu mi ar no. **2** (fig joc) thangthar, seino, suakthuan: *She's no spring chicken, is she?*

**spring-clean** *n* [Tn] inn, a khan tivek thiang verver in thianfai.

**spring-clean** (also esp US **spring-cleaning**) *n* (usu sing): *give the place a good spring-clean (ing).*

**spring greens** (Brit) kawpi hnah note.

**spring onion** (US **scallion**) a baa a fem a rangih a kung a hringmi khasuansan fate phun, lai khasuan (a hring ih ei phun).

**springtide** *n* [U] (arch) SPRING TIME.

**springtime** *n* [U] thal suak thok tikcu: *The blossom on the trees looks lovely in (the) springtime.*

**spring**<sup>3</sup> /sprɪŋ/ *v* (pt **sprang** /sprɛŋ/, pp **sprung** /sprɒŋ/) **1** [Ipr, Ip] khir; tho vukvi, relhnak hmun, daizirziar ih um laifang tivek ihsin hmakhatte in tlan: *spring out of bed, into action, to one's feet* ○ *A cat sprang out of the bushes.* ○ *sprang (up) from his seat* ○ *He sprang forward to help me.* ⇒ Usage at JUMP. **2** [I, Tn] cet phunkhat hmangin thil pakhat kha cangvaiter, puakkuaiter: *spring a mine*, ie cause it to explode ○ *spring a trap*, ie cause it to close suddenly ○ *The box sprang open.* **3** [Tn] (a) (infml) thawngtla suak hlo dingih bawm: *spring a convict from gaol.* (b) (ramsa pawl) an relhnak hmun ihsin suak ko in tuah. **4** (idm) **come/spring to mind** ⇒ MIND<sup>1</sup>. **spring a leak** (lawng tivek pawlah) a ong in tidai lut, lole, a sungin tidai zun. **spring to life** hmakhatte in a cangvai lohli: *On hearing his name called the sleeping dog sprang to life.* **5** (phr v) **spring back** lehkhirh; umnak kelah hmakhatte in kir: *The branch sprang back and hit me in the face.* **spring from sth/...** (a) ihsin a suak, a suahnak a si: *He sprang from peasant stock.* ○ *Hatred often springs from fear.* (b)

ihsin pawt: *Where on earth did you spring from?* **spring sth on sb** (infml) rinlopiin mi pakhat parah thil pakhat khat tuah: *spring bad news on sb* ○ *spring a surprise on sb* ○ *I hate to spring this on you at such short notice.* **spring up** hmakhatte ah, rangzet in pawt, cang, thang, tivek: *weeds springing up everywhere* ○ *A breeze sprang up as we were returning.* ○ *New houses were springing up all over the town.* ○ *Doubts have begun to spring up in my mind.*

**springbok** /sprɪnbɒk/ *n* sangzet a khir theimi S Africa sakhi fate phunkhat.

**sprinkle** /sprɪŋkl/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **A** (on/onto) **B**; ~ **B** (with **A**) theh (tidai tivek): *sprinkle water on a dusty path/sprinkle a dusty path with water* ○ *sprinkle peper on one's food.* ⇒ Usage at SCATTER.

▷ **sprinkle** *n* theh, theh khat theh hnih tivek: a *sprinkle of sand.*

**sprinkler** *n* mahte a her reromi tidai toihnak, lole, her vurvo ih meisa hmihnak cet: [attrib] a *sprinkler system*, ie set of sprinklers in a building that operate automatically when there is a rise in temperature caused by a fire.

**sprinkling** /sprɪŋklɪŋ/ *n* ~ (of sth/sb) (usu sing) malte: a *sprinkling of rain* ○ a *sprinkling of hooligans in the crowd.*

**sprint** /sprɪnt/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn] tawite sung theih-pa-tawp in tlan: *He had to sprint to catch the bus.* ○ *He sprinted past the other runners just before reaching the tape.* ○ *She sprinted off/away into the distance.* ○ *She sprinted the length of the road.* ⇒ Usage at RUN.

▷ **sprint** *n* **1** theih patawpih a tawite tlanzuamnak: a *100m sprint.* **2** tileuh, bicycle zuamnak ah theihpatawp ih cak in tlan.

**sprinter** *n* a tawite sung cak zet ih a tlantu pa/nu.

**sprite** /sprɪt/ *n* lasi, phung; (khuavang thuanthu ah) a fate zetmi hmelsia minung vek thilnung.

**sprocket** /sprɒkɪt/ *n* **1** leng hermi ongtete rak kaitu a ha fatete. **2** (also **sprocket-wheel**) bicycle ke palnak ih bencihmi a kim vel ha tampi a neimi leeng, le, cu vek phun a simi leeng dangdang.

**sprout** /sprəʊt/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (out/up) (from sth) (aalu, khasuansan, thilci tivek pawl) a kho, a keuh; thing zimno pawl a cerh: *We can't use these potatoes; they've all sprouted.* ○ *new buds sprouting on the trees* ○ *The onions are beginning to sprout (up).* ○ *Abundant hair sprouted from his broad chest.* **2** [Tn] a kho, a keuh: *When do deer first sprout horns?* ○ *Tom has sprouted a moustache since we saw him last.* ▷ **sprout** *n* **1** zimno: *bean sprouts.* **2** = BRUSSELS SPROUT (BRUSSELS).

**spruce**<sup>1</sup> /spruːs/ *adj* a thiangez, a fai zet, a mawi zet.

▷ **spruce** *v* (phr v) **spruce** (oneself/sb) up cei-

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aw, mawiter aw, thiangfai-aw: *He spruced (himself) up for the interview.* ○ *They were all spruced up for the party.*

**sprucely** adv.

**spruceness** *n* [U].

**spruce**<sup>2</sup> /spru:s/ *n* (a) [C] hnah tamzet nei farkung phunkhat. (b) [U] cahnah tuahnak ih hmanmi a hnipmi spruce thing.

**sprung**<sup>1</sup> /sprVN/ *pp* of SPRING.

**sprung**<sup>2</sup> /sprVN/ *adj* spring nei: *a sprung floor, mattress, seat.*

**spry** /spral/ *adj* (-ier, -est) cakvakzet: *still spry at eighty.*

▷ **spryly** adv. **spryness** *n* [U].

**spud** /spVd/ *n* (infml) aalu: *How many spuds do you want?*

□ **spud-bashing** *n* [U] (Brit army sl) (cawhkuan in) aalu hawng metter; a sam kolh, met.

**spume** /spju:m/ *n* [U] (arch) buan (bera), phul.

**spun** *pp* of SPIN.

**spunk** /spVNk/ *n* [U] **1** (dated infml) ngam, ralthatnak, thinlung cahnak. **2** (Brit sl) bua, baw.

▷ **spunky** *adj* (-ier, -iest) (dated infml) raltha, virvat tha, cakvak thatho zet.

**spur** /sp3:R/ *n* **1** rang cak deuhin feh seh tiah rang hnak sitnak boot kedil dung ih bunmi thir zum tete: *a pair of spurs.* **2** (fig) ~ (to sth) thiltha deuh, thanso deuhnak pakhat tuah duh dingah mi toktu thilri, thuhla: *the spur of poverty* ○ *a spur to greater efficiency.* **3** archang siak. **4** tlangtluan pi ihsin a tekmi tlang te. **5** motorcar zinpi, lole, tlangleng zinpi ihsin a tekmi zin te: [attrib] *a spur road.* **6** (idm) **on the spur of the moment** ruatcia, tumcia loin hmakhatte ih ruat hlukhli, tum hluklimi: *She went to London on the spur of the moment.* ○ [attrib] *a spur-of-the-moment idea.* **win one's spur** ⇒ WIN.

▷ **spur v** (-rr-) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Tnt] ~ **sb sth** (on)/ (on to sth) (a) spur thawn sit-in rang cak deuh ih fehter. (b) thiltha deuh tuah dingin mi kha nasa deuh ih forhfial; tuahsin duhnak thinlung suakter: *The magnificent goal spurred the team on to victory.* ○ *He was spurred on by ambition.* **2** [Ip] (arch) khulrang zet in rangto: *The rider spurred on/forward to his destination.* **spurred** *adj* [usu pred] spur a nei, spur bunmi: *booted and spurred* ○ *spurred boots.*

**spurious** /spju:ri:Es/ *adj* a taktak thilri a si lomi, cawn copmi, a hman lomi; a lem: *spurious coins, credentials, documents, evidence* ○ *a spurious argument.*

▷ **spuriously** adv. **spuriousness** *n* [U].

**spurn** /sp3:n/ *v* [Tn] nautatzet, ziang siar lo zet in el, hnong, siang lo: *a spurned lover* ○ *spurned my offer of help* ○ *She spurned his advances.*

**spurt** /sp3:t/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (out) (from sth) cak zet in pawt, suak: *water spurting from a*

*broken pipe* ○ *Blood spurted (out) from the wound.* (b) [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (out) nasa tak in pawtter, suakter, suah: *The wound was spurting blood.* ○ *The volcano spurted (out) molten lava.* **2** [I] cak sin dingin tha nasa takin suah bet: *The runner spurted as he approached the line.*

▷ **spurt n 1** hmakhatte ah nasa takih pawtnak: *The water came out with a spurt.* **2** hmakhatte ah nasa tak ih suakmi tlan cahnak, zuamnak, cangvaihna, tivek: *put one (ie make) a spurt* ○ *make a spurt for the line* ○ *a sudden spurt of energy, anger* ○ *working in spurts.*

**sputnik** /spʊtnɪk/ *n* Russia pawl ih thlahmi tuahcop arsi zam (satellite); a mawngtu minung tel lomi.

**sputter** /spVtER/ *v* [I] **1** puak curco, awn curco: *sausages sputtering in the frying-pan* ○ *The engine sputtered feebly for a while and then stopped.* **2** = SPLUTTER **1**: *sputtering with embarrassment.*

**sputter n** puak phukpho, awn curco; fiangfai lo ih tong pawtmi.

**sputum** /spju:tEm/ *n* [U] (fml or medical) khak, cil, cilri.

**spy** /spal/ *n* **1** thlingthlatu – ramdang kumpi (cozah) ih thuthup thlingthlatu: *suspected of being a spy* ○ [attrib] *a spy trial.* **2** mi ih thil tuahmi thupte in ngiat ringring ih cozah hnenah thu than ringringtu; mah lam thuthup midang hnenih a kuattu, a thantu: *police spies*, ie people employed by the police to watch suspected criminals ○ *industrial spies*, ie those employed to learn the secrets of business rivals, etc. Cf MOLE<sup>2</sup> **2**.

▷ **spy v** (pt, pp spied) ~ (on sb) ~ (on/into sth) (a) thupte in thingthla, ngiat: *spy on the enemy's movements* ○ *spy into other people's affairs* ○ *I'm sure my neighbours spy on me.* (b) thlingthlatu ah cang; thuthup pawl khawm rero: *She was accused of spying for the enemy.* **2** [Tn, Tng] (fml or joc) (usu not in the continuous tense) zoh, hmu: *We spied three figures in the distance.* ○ *I spy someone coming up the garden path.* **3** (idm) **spy out the land** ralring fimkhur zet in zingzoi ih ramsung umdan khangthlai. **4** (phr v) **spy sth out** thiltha lo tuahtu pawlih cangvaihndan, tivek kha anmah ih theih loin zawt rero in thei suak.

□ **spyglass** *n* durbung fate.

**Sq** abbr (in street names) Square: *6 Hanover Sq.*

**sq** abbr square (measurement); thil tahdan: *10 sq cm.*

**Sqn Ldr** abbr Squadron Leader: *Sqn Ldr (Philip) Jones.*

**squab** /skwBb/ *n* **1** laileng no (a sa ei tikih kawhdan). **2** mawtawka sungih hmanmi tophah neemte.

**squabble** /skwBbl/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb) (about/ over sth) thupi lem lo mi ah (nauhak pawl

vekin) au celcel ih el-aw, hau-aw: *birds squabbling over bits of bread* ○ *Tom keeps squabbling with his sister about who is going to use the bicycle.*

**squabble** *n* thupi lem lo ih tawh-awknak.

**squad** /skwBd/ *n* [CGp] (a) thil a zirtlangmi ralkap bur khat. (b) lektu pawl tivek a bur in a pawlin a tʉan a tʉang tlangmi: *the Olympic squad*, ie the athletes chosen to represent their country at the Olympic Games.

▷ **squaddie** (also **squaddy**) (*Brit sl*) sen nei lo, lakthar ralkap (*recruit*): *a bunch of squaddies.*

□ **squad car** ramhal (*patrol*) fehnak palik mawtawka.

**squadron** /skwBdrEn/ *n* [CGp] **1** Royal Air Force ih raldo vanzamleeng pawlkhat. **2** raldonak lawng burkhat. **3** rang ralkap division khat, lole, ralthuamkim ralkap (*armoured*) regiment khat.

□ **squadron leader** (*abbr Sqn Ldr*) Royal Air Force ih vanzamleeng squadron khat hruaitu/uktu.

**squalid** /skwBIld/ *adj* (*derog*) **1** a baltuk, a nuam lo zet (daithlan ruangah, lole, farah tuk ruangih cangmi): *squalid housing* ○ *living in squalid conditions.* **2** ziaza niamtuk, fihnungza-in a bal: *a squalid tale of greed and corruption.*

▷ **squalidly** *adv.*

**squall** /skwC:l/ *n* **1** ruah, lole, vur kengih a hrang lohli mi thlisia. **2** napiin au; nat, tʉih ruangah napi in raak (naute pawl).

▷ **squall** *v* [I] ring zet in tʉap, ai: *a squalling baby.*

**squally** *adj* ruah thlipi, vur thlipi tam: *a squally February day* ○ *squally showers of rain or sleet.*

**squalor** /skwBIER/ *n* [U] fihnung le bal hnawm: *the squalor of the slums* ○ *live in abject squalor.*

**squander** /skwBndER/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (on sb/sth) heuter, tangka hman; thil kha man nei lo santlai loin hman: *He's squandered all his savings on drink.* ○ (*fig*) *Don't squander your affection on him—he'll never love you.*

▷ **squanderer** *n.*

**square**<sup>1</sup> /skweER/ *adj* **1** a bangrepmi kil pali nei thil, a kim vel le a kil a bangrep tʉehmi: *a square room, table, handkerchief.* **2** kilhman (*right angle*) a si cekcimi, lole, kilhman a si zikzikmi: *square corners* ○ *square corners* ○ *a square jaw/chin*, ie angular, not curved. **3** ceng tʉupthi khoh tʉupthi a simi: *a woman of square frame/build.* **4** [pred] tʉate le felfaite ih re: *We should get everything square before we leave.* **5** [pred] (a) ~ (**with sth**) hoihdan bang-aw in, a tum a phei canrep in: *tables arranged square with the wall.* (b) baakmi tangka cem ko in pek: *get one's accounts square.* **6** a kau tahnak a si; a saanlam le kauham a kil pali a bangawmi: *one square metre*, ie an area equal to that of a square with sides that are each one metre in

length ○ *a carpet six metres square* (ie having all four sides measuring 6 metres) *has an area of 36 square metre.* **7** [pred] dinge in, fiangte in, hmaisong lo tein: *a square refusal.* **8** a tawk a zawn, a ding: *a square deal* ○ *square dealings*, ie in business ○ *I want you to be square with me.* **9** (*dated infml*) ruahdan umdan thar a thei lomi; sanman lo umdan hlun kelih nungmi. **10** (cricket lehnakah) batsman dinhmun in right angle hrawng a sinak hmun: *a fielder standing square on the off side.* **11** (idm) **be** (all) **square** (**with sb**) (a) leknak ah, a hmat, kawl, tivek an bang-aw: *all square at the ninth hole*, ie in a golf match. (b) lei baak-aw lo: *Let's call it all square, shall we?* **a fair/square deal** ⇒ DEAL<sup>4</sup>. **a square meal** khop tlak zet le a tam zetmi rawl: *He looks as though he hasn't had a square meal for months*, ie looks underfed. **a square peg** (in a round hole) a ziaza le a sinak le a hnaʉuan a kaih lo tinak a si.

▷ **square** *adv* **1** squarely; directly, a caldar ah kheng zetin: *hit sb square on the jaw.* **2** (idm) **fair and square** ⇒ FAIR<sup>2</sup>.

**squarely** *adv* **1** right angle cang dingin; a laifang tʉeʉeu ah: *Her hat was set squarely on her head.* **2** tawkwawn zetin; thu dingfel zet in: *act squarely.* **3** hmaiton, hmaituak tʉuhti-in: *He faced me squarely across the table.* **4** (idm) **fairly and squarely** ⇒ FAIRLY.

**squareness** *n* [U].

**square brackets** *n* kulh [ ].

**square dance** (US) mi khuah-li laam phunkhat.

**square knot** (US) = REEF KNOT (REEF).

**square leg** (in cricket) wicket thawn a dingmi fielder ih dinnak hmun.

**square measure** square metres, square feet, tivek ih a kauham tahdan.

**square root** nambat pakhat kha amah le mah zai tikah a suakmi nambat ih a hrampi (*square root*) cu a zai-awmi nambat kha a si: *The square root of 16 is 4.* ○ *What is the square root of 9?*

**square-shouldered** *adj* a rawnmi liang; liangzim lamah a suk lomi. Cf ROUND SHOULDERS (ROUND<sup>2</sup>).

**square-toed** *adj* a zim kil a nei nawnmi (kedan).

**square**<sup>2</sup> /skweER/ *n* **1** kapli canrep, killi bangrep (90°) a simi geometry zuk, hmun. **2** square, lole, square zikzik a simi thilpawl: *the squares on a chess board* ○ *cut the paper into squares* ○ *soldiers drawn up in squares.* **3** (a) pangpar duum, colhumnak hmun tivek ih hmanmi hmun lawng, lole inn, lam-zin pawl ih kulhmi killi nei hmun: *a market square* ○ *listen to the band playing in the square.* (b) **Square** (*abbr Sq*) (address ngan dingah) square kim vel ih ummi inn le lamzin pawl: *He lives at No 95 Russell Square/Sq.* **4** mah le mah zai ih ngahmi nambat: *The square of 7 is 49.* ○ *49 is a perfect*

**square**. **5** L-shaped or (also **T-square**) kilhmaan (*right angle*) tahnak L hmel, lole, T hmel a simi thilri. **6** (*dated infml*) ruahdan thar, umdan thar a thei lo, a pom thiam lo ih hlan umdan ih a umtu: *I'm basically a bit of a square*. **7** (idm) **back to square one** thansonak um lo, a thoknak hmun pahpah ah: *That idea hasn't worked, so it's/we're back to square one*. **on the square** (*infml*) a tawkzawn, dik le fel: *Is their business on the square?* **out of square** (**with sth**) thil pakhat thawn kil-dik (*right angle*) a si lo, hoihdan a bang lo.

□ **square-bashing** *n* [U] (*sl*) ral thuangtuah (*esp* marching, tivek).

**square**<sup>3</sup> /skweER/ *v* **1** [Tn] thil pakhat kha kil-dik (*right angle*) si dingin tuah; square hmel cang dingin tuah; kapli nei ih a kil pali kha kil-dik si ciar dingin tuah: *square timber*, ie give it rectangular edges ○ *squared corners*. **2** [Tn] thil kha dingtein, lole, a phei-in umter: *square one's shoulders*. **3** [Tn usu passive] nambat pakhat kha mah le mah zai; nambat pakhat kha amah lala in zai: *3 squared is 9*. ○  $y^2 = y \times y$  ie *y squared*. **4** [Tn usu passive] thil kha square hmel tete suak dingin rin thluh; a kil pali kha kildik (*right angle*) ciar simi kapli nei thilah tuah: *squared paper*. **5** [Tn, Tnt] a dik lo zawng thil tuah in, nawhthuh pek in mi pakhat ih bomnak ngah: *All the officials had to be squared before they would help us*. ○ *He has been squared to say nothing*. **6** [Ipr, Tn-pr] ~ (**sth**) (**with sth**) (*infml*) thil pakhat le pakhat kaih-aw dingin tuah: *Your theory doesn't square with the known facts*. ○ *You should square your practice with your principles*. **7** [Tn] a hmat, kaw, tivek kaih-aw dingin cangter: *This victory has squared the series*. **8** (idm) **square one's account/square account with sb** (**a**) leiba pek, sam. (**b**) phuham. **square the circle** a sithei lomi thil ti tum. **9** (phr *v*) **square sth off** (**a**) square, lole, rectangle hmel cang ko in tuah: *square off a piece of wood*. (**b**) thil hmai pakhat kha square tete cang dingin rin thluh: *Square the page off with your ruler*. **square up to sb/sth** (*infml*) (**a**) mi do dingin tiar-aw, tiim-aw (ie by raising the fists like a boxer). (**b**) a harsami umtudan (minung, dinhmun) kha hmaiton: *He must square up to the reality of being out of work*. **square up** (**with sb**) bakmi tangka pek – rawl dawr tivek ihsin suak hlan tivek ah: *Can I leave you to square up with the waiter?* ○ *It's time we squared up*, ie settled our accounts.

**squarish** /skweERIS/ *adj* square vek nawn.

**squash**<sup>1</sup> /skwBS/ *v* **1** (**a**) [Tn, Cn-a] hmet per, nen per, rial per; maanko in hmet: *squashed tomatoes* ○ *The cat got run over by the lorry and squashed*. ○ *He sat on his hat and squashed it (flat)*. (**b**) [I] nen ruangih per, nen ruangih

hmelsiat: *Soft fruit squashes easily*. **2** [Ipr, Ip, Tn-p, Tn-pr] ben-aw ciamco; tet eueu in hmunkhat khat ah feh, um, umter: *Don't all try to squash into the lift together*. ○ *They squashed through the gate into the football ground*. ○ *There's room for one more in the car if you squash in*. ○ *They managed to squash forty people into the bus*. ○ *She squashed her clothes down into the suitcase*. **3** [Tn] (*infml*) ngaih nuam lo in sawnih hngal zet in mi neh, dai ko in mi tuah: *I felt completely squashed by her sarcastic comment*. **4** [Tn] (**a**) neh; dai ko in tuah (hramlak ral tivek). (**b**) (*infml*) ruahnak, thuburmi sang lo, hnnon sak: *My plan was firmly squashed by the committee*. **5** (phr *v*) **squash** (**sb**) **up** (**against sb/sth**) tet, tet zet nuam lo zet in um: *We had to squash up to make room for the others who wanted to use the lift*. ○ *There were four of us squashed up against each other on the seat*.

▷ **squash** *n* **1** (**a**) [C usu *sing*] hmun fate ah tet zet ih a ummi mibur: *What a squash!* ○ *a violent squash at the gates*. (**b**) a tet zet: *It'll be a bit of a squash, but I think I can get you all in the car*. **2** [U, C] (*Brit*) tidai thawn rawi ih in leh dingmi, palang sungah reih zuarmi, cini le thing theiti rawimi, rithei lomi in tha ti: *some orange squash* ○ *Two squashes, please*. **3** [U] (also *fml* **squash rackets**) tlunkhuh a nei, killi nei khan sungah bawhlung fate thawi lehnak: [attrib] *a squash racket, ball, court, game* ○ *Do you play squash?* Cf RACKET<sup>1</sup> 2.

**squashy** *adj* a nem mi: *a big squashy sofa* ○ *The fruit is rather squashy*.

**squash**<sup>2</sup> /skwBS/ *n* (*pl unchanged* or ~ **es**) [U, C] eiṭha uum phun, fanghma, zil, tivek.

**squat**<sup>1</sup> /skwBt/ *v* (**-tt-**) **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (**down**) (**a**) topacom in to, taw lei dai khuk com in to, patar nutar to, totuk: *The old man squatted (down) by the fire*. (**b**) zawhte, pawpi pawl sa an deh zik tiki com-aw zet in bok vekih um. (**c**) (*infml esp Brit*) to: *Can you find somewhere to squat?* **2** [I] siannak ngah loin inn lawng, hmun lawng luah; toneh: *homeless people squatting in a derelict house*.

▷ **squat** *n* **1** [*sing*] topacom to umdan. **2** [C] tonehmi inn, hmun: *living in a squat*.

**squatter** *n* **1** topacom to dup, totuk, lole tar to ih totu. **2** inn, lole hmun tonehtu: *claim squatters' rights*. **3** (*Austral*) tuu zuattu.

**squat**<sup>2</sup> /skwBt/ *adj* (**-tter**, **-ttest**) (*usu derog*) tawifawn ruangpum tumfawn (milai): *a squat man* ○ *a squat teapot*.

**squaw** /skwC:/ *n* N American Indian nunau, nupi.

**squawk** /skwC:k/ *v* [I] **1** ring le hrangin ai (vate pawl an nat le an ṭih tiki ai-mi): *The parrot squawked loudly*. **2** (*infml esp joc*) ringpi in tlokrang.

▷ **squawk** *n* 1 ring le hrangai. 2 ringpi ih phunciar

**squeak** /skwi:k/ *n* 1 a tawi ih a ringmi ai/awn: *the squeak of a mouse* ○ *The door opened with a squeak.* 2 (idm) **a narrow squeak** ⇨ **NARROW**.

**squeak** *v* 1 [I] tawi le ringin ai/awn: *Can you hear the mice squeaking?* ○ *These new shoes squeak.* 2 [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth (out)** aw fem cekci tein ai, ðong: 'Let go of me!' he squeaked nervously. ○ *squeak out a few frightened words.* 3 [I] (sl) thuthup kha palik hnenah sim; cu vek thu simtu ah cang: *Somebody's squeaked!*. Cf **SQUEAL** *v.* **squeaker** *n*.

**squeaky** *adj* (-ier, -iest) zinghnam ai vekih a awn ciaksomi: *a squeaky floor* ○ *in a squeaky voice* ○ *squeaky clean*, ie washed so clean that it squeaks.

**squeakily** *adv.* **squeakiness** *n* [U].

**squeal** /skwi:l/ *n* squeak hnaki a ring sawn aw sang ðah aw, au aw, awn au, thawngvang, thinphang, ðih tiki aumi aw: *the squeal of brakes*, eg on lorries ○ *There were squeals of excitement from the children.*

▷ **squeal** *v* 1 [I] ngek: *The pigs were squealing.* ○ *He squealed like a pig.* 2 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (out)** vokngek vek nawn in ðong: *He squealed the words out.* 3 [I, Ipr] ~ (**on sb**) (**to sb**) (sl) mah ðanpi, mah thawn thilsual tuah tlangtu pawl thawn a pehpami thu kha palik hnenah sim, phuang; phuangtu ah cang: *He squealed on his friends.* **squealer** *n* 1 vokvek ih a ngekmi ramsa. 2 zuarthlaitu, simtu.

**squeamish** /skwi:mIš/ *adj* 1 (a) pumpi a cak lo nat ngah a olmi. (b) fih nei, thinsia, lau, thinheng ol: *an explicit and violent film, definitely not for the squeamish.* 2 daan, ziaza lam ah a terek tiangih ralring zet mi, poi a timi. ▷ **squeamishly** *adv.* **squeamishness** *n* [U].

**squeegee** /skwi:dZi:/ *n* 1 thalang, cabuai, tivek ih tidai hnawtnak (sialriat a si ih kutkaih sau a nei): *use a squeegee to clean windows.* 2 Zuk kholh tikah zuk tlunih a tangmi, tidai phiatnak a thunih vek thilri.

▷ **squeegee** *v* (pt, pp -geed) squeegee hmangin tidai hnawt, sawr.

**squeeze** /skwi:z/ *v* 1 (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-a] sawr; sawt; reek: *squeeze a sponge, a tube of toothpaste* ○ *squeeze sb's hand*, eg as a sign of affection, sympathy, etc ○ *a doll that squeaks when you squeeze it* ○ *squeeze the dish-cloth out* ○ *squeeze a lemon dry* ○ (fig) *a company squeezed by (ie under financial pressure because of) reduced sales.* (b) [Cn-pr] ~ **sth into sth** hrual, hmet hlum: *squeeze paste into a ball.* 2 (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth (from/out of sth)**; ~ **sth (out)** a ti sawr (saihlum hrual tiki tuahdan vek): *squeeze the juice out of a lemon* ○ *squeeze the water out (of the cloth)* ○ (fig) *squeeze out of the job market by younger men* ○ *She felt as if every*

*drop of emotion had been squeezed out of her.*

(b) [Tn-pr] sawr suak: *squeeze lemon-juice into a glass* ○ *squeeze toothpaste from the tube onto a toothbrush.* 3 [Ipr, Ip, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ (**sb/sth**) **into, through, etc sth**; ~ (**sb/sth**) **through, in, past, etc** ben, ben-aw, teet zet in pawt: *squeeze through a gap in the hedge/through a crowd* ○ *squeeze (one's way) onto a crowded bus* ○ *There were already four people in the lift, but he managed to squeeze in.* ○ *Can you squeeze past/by?* ○ *She squeezed as many books onto the shelf as she could.* ○ (fig) *I've a busy morning but I could squeeze you in (ie find time for you) at 10.15.* 4 (phr v) **squeeze sth out of sb** ðihnak thawn midang thil lak: *squeeze more money out of the taxpayer* ○ *squeeze a promise out of sb.* **squeeze (sb) up (against sb/sth)** teet-aw, ben aw : *There'll be enough room if we all squeeze up a bit.* ○ *I had to sit squeezed up against the wall.*

▷ **squeeze** *n* 1 [C] (a) sawr, sawt, reek-(nak): *give the tube of toothpaste a squeeze.* (b) na nawn in pom : *a hug and a squeeze* ○ *She gave my hand a gentle squeeze.* 2 [C] sawr ih ngahmi thil: *a squeeze of lemon in your drink.* 3 [sing] can, tangka a daihin um lo ruangah umdan, nundan tet song, har: *It was a tight squeeze but we finally got all the clothes into the case.* 4 [C usu sing] paisa harsatnak : *She's just lost her job, so they're really feeling the squeeze.* 5 [C] (infml) leilawn tangka tenren ih cawih: *a credit squeeze.* 6 (idm) **put the squeeze on sb (to do sth)** (infml) hnek, hramhram in thil titer. **a tight squeeze** ⇨ **TIGHT**.

**squeezer** *n* (usu in compounds) thil sawrnak: *a lemon-squeezer.*

**squelch** /skweltʃ/ *v* 1 [I] a khal nawnmi ciarbek sung ihsin ke suah/dirh tiki aawnmi vekin awn: *water squelching in my boots.* 2 [Ipr, Ip] a tlunih vekin awn cukco in feh: *cows squelching across the field* ○ *squelching along (in the mud).* ▷ **squelch** *n* a tlun veki aawnmi aw.

**squib** /skwɪb/ *n* 1 a puak hlan sung awn phah in a pet/a dawp rero thei phangphang. 2 (idm) **a damp squib** ⇨ **DAMP**<sup>1</sup>.

**squid** /skwid/ *n* (pl unchanged or ~ **s**) [C, U] kaikuang a bang nawnmi a hmur ah kut vek thil zum 10 nei nga: *Would you like some squid?*

**squidgy** /skwidʒi/ *adj* (infml esp Brit) a nem a hnunmi: tidai a zawimi: *a nice squidgy cream cake.*

**squiffy** /skwɪfi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (Brit infml) zu a ri nawnmi.

**squiggle** /skwigl/ *n* a merh, a kirmi rin tawite (kut thir ih canganmi vek): *Is this squiggle supposed to be a signature?*

▷ **squiggly** /skwigli/ *adj*.

**squint** /skwɪnt/ *v* 1 [I] mitkaai; mitkaai, in zoh. 2 [I, Ipr] ~ (**at, through, up, etc sth**) mit



sursuduk, mitkhat siing ih bih; mit cui – a tleu tuk ruangah mit fiakter: *squinting in the bright sunlight* ○ *squinting through the letter-box*.

▷ **squint** *n* **1** mitkaai: *He was born with a squint*. ○ *the both have squints*. **2** (Brit *infml*) *zoh*, mitki in *zoh*, mitsir in *zoh*: *Have/Take a squint at this*.

**squint** *adv*, *adj* [usu *attrib*] (*infml*) a ding lo, a zawn-aw lo, a peng, a kaai: *The bottle-top has been screwed on squint*.

**squinty** *adj*: *squinty eyes*.

**squire** /skwaɪə(r)/ *n* **1** (in titles Squire) (formerly) khawte lam upat tlak pacang tha le ram nei milian pawl kawhnak a si – pu, pa, lal tiih kawhvek. **2** (formerly) knight timi mi-uk, lole ralbawi bawmtu nauhak kha, amah khal knight a can ve hlan sung cu, squire tiin kawh a si. **3** (US) daihnak lam thuθhentu, lole tualsung thu θhentu. **4** (Brit *infml* or *joc*) mah rualpi kha upat ih kawhnak: *What can I get you, squire?*

▷ **squirearchy** /skwaɪəɹɜ:kɪ/ *n* [CGp] uknak lam le mipi dinkhawm dan lamah thu a nei thei zetmi ram nei milian ho.

**squirm** /skwɜ:m/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] nat, rehsia tuk tivek ruangah ril-lawng rero, tal rero: *He was squirming (around) on the floor in agony*. **2** [I] thinnom lonak, ningzahnak tuar: *It made him squirm to think how he'd messed up the interview*.

**squirrel** /skwɪrəl/; US /skwɜ:rəl/ *n* **1** [C] thiahlei: *Red squirrels are now very rare in Britain*. **2** [U] thiahlei phaw: [*attrib*] a squirrel hat.

**squirt** /skwɜ:t/ *v* (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (out of/from sth); ~ **sth** (out) (a ti, a vut, tivek pawl) femte le cak zetin pawtter, kap, zit: *squirt soda-water into a glass* ○ *squirt oil out (of a can) into a machine* ○ *Stop squirting water at me!* (b) [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (out of/from sth); ~ (out) (of liquid, powder, etc) femte le cak zetin pawt, theh, zit: *Water squirted (from the tap) all over me*. ○ *I squeezed the bottle and the sauce squirted out*. (c) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (with sth) a tiimi, a vutmi thil thawn fem zet cak zetin paih, theh, kap: *The little girl squirted us with (water from) her water-pistol*.

▷ **squirt** *n* **1** (a) fem zet cak zet ih kahmi (zitmi) tidai, thilvut, etc. (b) fem zet cak zetih kahmi thilri malte. **2** (*infml derog*) mah le mah tha zet, tawk zet ih a ti-awmi minung: *He's such a little squirt*.

**Sr** *abbr* **1** = SEN **3**. **2** (religion) Sister: *Sr Mary Francis*.

**SRC** /es a: 'si:/ *abbr* (Brit) Science Research Council: *SRC-funded projects*.

**SRN** /es a:r 'en/ *abbr* (Brit) State Registered Nurse (with 3 years' training): *be an SRN* ○ *Sally Ward SRN*. Cf SEN.

**SS** *abbr* **1** Saints. **2** /es 'es/ steamship: *SS*

*Warwick Castle*.

**St** *abbr* **1** Saint: *St Peter*. Cf S **1**. **2** Street: *Fleet St*. **st** *abbr* (Brit) stone (weight): *She weighs 10st*.

**Sta** *abbr* (esp on a map) Station: *Victoria Sta*.

**stab** /stæb/ *v* (-bb-) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] sun, dawt: *He was stabbed to death*, ie killed by being stabbed. ○ *She stabbed him in the leg with a kitchen knife*. ○ *He stabbed the meat with his fork/ stabbed his fork into the meat*. **2** (idm) **stab sb in the back** (*infml*) mi ih hminθatnak, dinhmun θatnak kha zuarthlai in siatsuah. **3** (phr *v*) **stab at sb/sth** thil zum in sun, a sun vekin tuah: *He stabbed at the earth with his stick*. ○ *She stabbed at the air with her finger to emphasize what she was saying*. ⇒ Usage at NUDGE.

▷ **stab** *n* **1** (a) sunnak: [*attrib*] *several stab wounds*. (b) sunmi hma: *a stab in the arm*. **2** sun ruangih, lole, sunmi vek natfah: *a stab of pain in the chest* ○ *a stab of guilt*. **3** (idm) **have a stab at sth/doing sth** (*infml*) tihnik tum: *You'll never mend your car like that — let me have a stab at it*. **a stab in the back** (*infml*) phatsan, zuarthlai in mi ih hmin siatter, miih dinhmun siatter, do.

**stabber** *n* mi suntu.

**stabbing** *adj* [usu *attrib*] (of pain, etc) sun vekin na: *a stabbing pain in the chest*. — *n* sunnak, nam thawn sun: *The police are worried about the increase in the number of stabbings in the city*.

**stable**<sup>1</sup> /steɪbl/ *adj* (a) a hnget, a khoh, a fek, a hmun; a thawn lo a thleng aw lo: *a stable relationship, job, government* ○ *a house built on stable foundations* ○ *The patient's condition is stable*. (b) (of a person or his character) a fek, rinsan a tlak, a luala lo: *Mentally she's very stable*. ○ *He's about the most stable person I know*. (c) (of a substance) olte ih a thleng-aw lomi, a hnget, a fekm: *an element forming stable compounds*.

▷ **stability** /stə'biləti/ *n* [U] hngetkhohnak, feknak.

**stabilize**, **-ise** /steɪbəlaɪz/ *v* [I, Tn] hngetkhohter, fekter, hmunter, a kel ah um ringring: *His condition has now stabilized*. ○ *government measures to stabilize prices*.

**stabilization**, **-isation** /steɪbəlaɪ'zeɪʃn; US -lɪ'z-/ *n* [U].

**stabilizer**, **-iser** /steɪbəlaɪzə(r)/ *n* vanzamleng, tangphawlawng tivek pawl an feh lai-ah hnin luak lo lo dingih a hmuntertu, keh le vorh ih leng tete; nauhak tomi thirleng dingtertu lengtete: *He can now ride his bike without stabilizers*.

**stably** /steɪbli/ *adv*: *stable zet in, hnget khoh zet, fek zet in*.

**stable**<sup>2</sup> /steɪbl/ *n* **1** rang inn: [*attrib*] *a stable door*. **2** (often *pl* with *sing* meaning and

sometimes *sing* *v*) zuatmi rang, lole rang inn, lole a rang thawn a inn thawn: *Is there a riding stables near here?* ○ *he owns a racing stable(s)*, ie a group of racehorses and the buildings they are kept in. **3** (*fig*) mi tampi bangrepte-ih zirh hluarhlonak hmun, lehnak inn, lamnak inn, tlawng, tivek: *actors from the same stable*. **4** (*idm*) **lock, etc the stable door after the horse has bolted** thil a siat, a hlo hnu, a caan a luan hnu ih ralrinnak tuah.

▷ **stable** *v* [Tn] rang inn sungah rang khum: *Where do you stable your pony?*

**stabling** /steɪblɪŋ/ *n* [U] rang ret theinak hmun: *The house has stabling for 20 horses*.

□ **stable-boy** (also **stable-lad**) *n* (*usu* young) rang inn ih rang kilhawitu minung (nauhak an si theu).

**staccato** /stəkəˈtəʊ/ *adj, adv* (*music*) fiang theuhtho in a fang a fang teih sak dingmi hla: *staccato notes* ○ *Play this phrase staccato*. ○ (*fig*) *He shouted a series of staccato orders*.

**stack** /stæk/ *n* **1** (a khuu nei loin killi nei, lole a bial in a zim lam zum) fangcang kung pen, rawlfang pen, tivek: *a haystack*. **2** remte ih retmi thil khon, thil pen, thing-ai khon: *a wood stack* ○ *a stack of newspapers* ○ *They put the rifles into a stack*. **3** (*esp pl*) ~ **of sth** (*infml*) a tampi: *stacks of money* ○ *I've got stacks of work to do*. ○ *There's a whole stack of bills waiting to be paid*. **4** (*a*) cetzung, tangphawlawng pawl ih meikhu suahnak. (*b*) a burih um meikhu suahnak pawl. **5** (*often pl*) cazohnak khan, lole, cabu dawr ih cabu retnak hmun (cabu theng). **6** tum ding dan thupek hngakin vanzamleng colhnak tual tlunih zamvel reromi vanzamleng pawl. **7** (*idm*) **blow one's stack** ⇒ **BLOW**<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **stack** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (*up*) khong, peng: *Please stack your chairs before you leave*. ○ *stack logs (into piles)* ○ *stack (up) the dishes on the draining-board*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (*with sth*) thil khon retnak ah hmang, thil khon in khatter: *The whole garden was stacked with bricks*. **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (*against sb*) phe hnah that in tleem lo: (*US*) *stack the deck*, ie arrange a whole pack of cards in this way. **4** (*a*) [I, Ip] ~ (*up*) (of an aircraft) tumdan ding thupek hngakin zam rero (stack *n* 6). (*b*) [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (*up*) thupek hngahnak ah vanzamleng pawl zamter rero, vanzamleng pawl kha rem tein ret. **5** (*idm*) **have the cards/odds stacked against one** tumtahmi tuahsuak thei ding a bang lomi harsatnak dinhmun ah ding. **6** (*phr v*) **stack up (against sth)** (*US infml*) tahthim: *How well do you think this washing powder stacks up against your usual brand?*

**stadium** /steɪdiəm/ *n* (*pl* ~ **s** or **-dia** /-diə/) a kim velah lehpan zohtu pawl tonak a neimi

bualrawn: *build a new stadium for the Olympic Games*.

**staff** /stæf/ *US* stæf/ *n* **1** [C] kianghrol (mah le mah humhinnak, mi pakhat ih a sinak langternak dingih hmanmi, lole a vawksan ih hmanmi): *The old man leant on a long wooden staff*. **2** [C *usu sing*, Gp] zung, dawr, tivek hnañuan pawl: *the hotel staff* ○ *We need more staff in the office*. ○ *I have a staff of ten*. ○ *The staff in this shop are very helpful*. **3** [*pl v*] tlawng, pawlkom tivek ih thuneitu pawl (saya le hnañuan khung ñuan lo thuneitu pawl): *a head teacher and her staff* ○ *a new member of (the) staff* ○ *The school staff are expected to supervise school meals*. ○ [*attrib*] *a staff officer*. **5** (also **stave** /steɪv/) [C] (*music*) a phei zawng in rin nga burih rinmi hla aw ngannak rin. **6** (*idm*) **the staff of life** (*arch or rhet*) sang (*bread*).

▷ **staff** *v* [Tn *usu* passive] hnañuan bawmtu pawl re, bawmtu va ñuan: *a well-staffed hotel* ○ *The school is staffed entirely by graduates*. ○ *There's nobody to staff the office today*.

□ **staff nurse** sister hnakh a niam deuhmi sizung sayamah.

**staff sergeant** (*a*) (*Brit*) (rangto ralkap) compani pakhat ih sergeant upa (bawi). (*b*) (*US*) sarzen (sen thum)sergeant hnakh a upa deuh bo nei lo ralbawi.

**stag** /stæg/ *n* **1** zukneng cang. Cf **BUCK**<sup>1</sup> **1**, **DOE**, **FAWN**<sup>1</sup> **1**, **HART**. **2** (*Brit*) a rei hlanah a man a kai pei ih ka hlawk zamrang pei ti ih *stock* le *share* thar pawl a leitu.

▷ **stag** *adj* [*attrib*] mipa lawnglawng hrang a simi: *a stag night at the golf club*.

□ **stag-beetle** *n* ceep.

**stag-party** *n* mipa pawl lawnglawng a telmi nomkhawmnak, a bikin nupi ði-zik pa hrangih tuahmi. Cf **HEN-PARTY** (*HEN*).

**stage** /steɪdʒ/ *n* **1** [C] laamnakh, thusimnak theng; donhle: *He was on (the) stage for most of the play*. **2** **the stage** [*sing*] lemcaung hnañuan; laam le thuanthu cawn lampang hnañuan: *She advised her son not to choose the stage as a career*. **3** [*sing*] (*fig*) thil pakhat khat a cannakh, an tuahnakh hmun: *Geneva has become the stage for many meetings of world leaders*. **4** [C] a ðhang, a ðhangso vivo lai caan, dinhmun pakhat: *at an early stage in our history* ○ *At this stage it's impossible to know whether our plan will succeed*. ○ *The baby has reached the talking stage*, ie is beginning to talk. **5** [C] (*a*) khualtlawn tiki h riahhmun pakhat le pakhat karlak a hlat zat; khualtlawnnak lamzin ih ðhenkhat: *travel by easy stages*, ie only for a short distance at a time ○ *She did the first stage of the trip by train*. (*b*) (*Brit*) toman tek nei bus colhnakh karlak pakhat: *travel two stages for 30p*. (*c*) cuvek bus lamtluan, lole

khualtlawnnak lamzin a then thenkhat a netnak ih colhhmun. **6** [C] Satellite (*jo-tuh*) thlahnak vekih hmanmi, vanparleeng (*rocket*) ih a then thenkhat; a cuih a then pawl cun a kap ih a kah theh in amah cu hlonta a si theu.

**7** [C] (*infml*) = STAGE-COACH: *take the next stage out of town.* **8** (idm) **be/go on the stage** thuanthu cawngtu actor, actress cang: *She's wanted to go on the stage from an early age.* **set the stage for sth** a canglai dingmi thil hrangah lamsial; timtuah: *The president's recent death set the stage for a military coup.* **up/down stage** laamnak, thusimnak donhlei ihsin a hlat/a nai sawn.

▷ **stage** *v* [Tn] **1** laamtheng parah laam suah; zapi hmai ah thil pakhat khat suah: *stage a new production of 'King Lear'.* **2** thil pakhat cang dingah timlam sak; cang ko in tuah sak: *stage a protest rally* ○ *stage a come-back*, eg after retiring as a sportsman.

□ **stage-coach** *n* (formerly) bus can ai-ih rak hman dahmi, minung le ca phurtu rangleng.

**stage direction** thuanthu cawngtu pawl khui ah an thawn ding, ziang ti in an cang ding ti simnak ca.

**stage door** thuanthu cawnnak ih tuavo neitu pawl luhnak theng dunglam ih sangka.

**stage fright** mipi hmai ih din thinnak, thinthiatnak.

**stage-hand** *n* thuanthu cawnnak donhlei parah a tululnak ih terhfial mi minung, tirhfung.

**stage left** mipi lam a hoimi thuanthu cawngtu umnak donhlei ih kehlam kau.

**stage-manage** *v* [Tn] thuanthu cawn ding tawreltu vekin thil tawrel timtuah: *The demonstration had been carefully stage-managed to coincide with the Prime Minister's visit.* **Stage-manager** *n* thuanthu cawn ih tuavo neitu bik.

**stage right** mipi lam a hoimi thuanthu cawngtu ih umnak donhlei ih vorhnam kau.

**stage-struck** *adj* (often derog) thuanthu cawngtu cang dingah a luar tuk ih duh: *His ten-year old daughter is completely stage-struck.*

**stage whisper** thuanthu cawngtu in donhlei par ihsin mipi theih dingin, ring deuh ih hurhuk tong.

**stagflation** /stæg'fleɪʃn/ *n* [U] (finance) (formed from stagnation + inflation) man nei lo ko in tangka a tam na in, mi ih thil lei thei le hnaŋuan ngah ciamco thei cuang lomi dinhmun.

**stagger** /stæɡə(r)/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] (thil a rit, tha nei lo, zurit, tivek) ruangah tlu zikzik vekih lam feh: *She staggered and fell.* ○ *stagger to one's feet, across the room, from side to side* ○ *staggering along, around, about, etc.* ⇒ Usage at SHUFFLE. **2** [Tn usu passive] (of news, etc) nasa

zetin lauter, mangbangter, donharter, thin hnaihnocter: *I was staggered to hear/on hearing/when I heard of his death.* **3** [Tn usu passive] a kingkawi zawngih re: *a staggered junction*, ie a cross-roads where the side-roads are not directly opposite each other. **4** [Tn] a tikcu, lole thil cang ding kha, veikhat te ih cang tlang lo dingin tawrel: *staggered office hours*, ie arranged so that employees are not all using buses, trains, etc at the same time ○ *stagger the annual holidays.*

▷ **stagger** *n* tlu zikzik in sawn duldo ih lamfeh, hawr duldo: *He picked up the heavy suitcase and set off with a stagger.*

**staggering** /steɪdʒɪŋ/ *adj* mangbangza, thin lauza: *a staggering achievement* ○ *I find their decision simply staggering.* **staggeringly** *adv*: *She's staggeringly beautiful.*

**staging** /steɪdʒɪŋ/ *n* [C, U] **1** (usu temporary) kailawn sangpi, tlakrawh inn sangpi pi, tivek sak tikah phar sang pipi kainak dingih an donmi rua pawl (*ngian*). **2** donhlei parih thuanthu cawndan phun dang: *an imaginative new staging of 'Macbeth'.*

**staging post** hlapi khualtlawn tiki colhnak hmun pawl (vanzam khualtlawn thawn a pehpar-aw deuh).

**stagnant** /stæɡnənt/ *adj* **1** (of water) (tidai thawn pehpar in) a luang lo, a bal, a thu: *water lying stagnant in ponds and ditches.* **2** (*fig*) a cawlcang lo, thangso lo, a kel in um ringring: *Business was stagnant last month.*

▷ **stagnancy** /-nənsɪ/ *n* [U].

**stagnate** /stæɡ'neɪt; US 'stæɡneɪt/ *v* [I] **1** luang lo, tal lo, cang lo, a kelin um ringring. **2** (*fig*) cangvaihna thasuhnak um lo ruangah, tuahsuakmi um lo, thansonak um lo, caanŋha khal ngah lo, lungtho, thatho lo in um cutci: *a stagnating industry* ○ *I feel I'm stagnating in this job.* ○ *His mind has stagnated since his retirement.*

▷ **stagnation** /stæɡ'neɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**stagy** /steɪdʒɪ/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) (*usu derog*) umzia le nuncan ah lemcawn thiam pawl vekin um: *The room was decorated with stagy opulence.*

▷ **stagily** /-ɪli/ *adv*. **staginess** *n* [U].

**staid** /steɪd/ *adj* (*sometimes derog*) (of people, their appearance, behaviour, tastes, etc) milai an umdan, an duhdan thawn pehpar in thungaitlakmi, mi lungthoter lomi; hlandan a si tukmi; hlandan a finkhawit tukmi: *I was surprised to see him at the jazz club; I always thought of him as a rather staid old gentleman.*

▷ **staidly** *adv*. **staidness** *n* [U].

**stain** /steɪn/ *v* **1** [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-a] ~ **sth** (**with sth**) a pianzia thlengter; sawpfai har ko in thil dang nehter: *fingers stained with nicotine* ○ *blood-stained hands* ○ *a tablecloth stained with gravy* ○ *The blackberry juice*

stained their fingers (red). **2** [I] olte in bal a neh: *Our white carpet stains easily.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-a] thing, puan, tivek sungah a lut theimi rong kha, thing, puan, tivek ah thuh; but: *The biologist stained the specimen before looking at it through the microscope.* ○ *He stained the wood dark brown.* **4** [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] (fml fig) mi ih hminthatnak balter: *The incident stained his career.*

▷ **stain** *n* **1** [U, C] thing, puan, tivek thuh dingmi si, butnak si: *How much stain should I buy for the table?* ○ *a range of wood stains.* **2** [C] nehmi bal, a tekmi beek tivek: *There's an ink stain on your shirt.* ○ *I can't get these coffee stains out of the carpet.* [C] mi ih hmin siattertu thilri, thuhla: *He left the court without a stain on his character.*

**stainless** *adj* balneh um lo; a thiang ververmi: *a stainless reputation.* **stainless steel** a tlap thei lomi thil; kahpathir: *knives made of stainless steel* ○ [attrib] *a stainless steel sink.*

□ **stained glass** khatlam a lang thei sii thuhmi thlalang: [attrib] *a stained glass window*, ie one made of pieces of glass of different colours, as seen in many churches.

**stair** /steə(r)/ *n* **1** stairs [pl] inn thuah tangta ihsin thuah tlunta lam a sung kainak kailawn: *climb a long/short flight of stairs* ○ *She always runs up/down the stairs.* ○ *I passed her on the stairs.* ○ *The stairs need cleaning.* ○ *at the foot/head of the stairs*, ie at the bottom/top of a set of stairs. **2** [C] kailawn ih kepahnak hmun a rawn tete, kalbak: *The child was sitting on the bottom stair.* ○ *The top stair is broken.* **3** (idm) **below stairs** (dated) inntangta bik khan (hlanah cun inn tumpi ih a tangtabik khan ah hnen-um pawl an um theu): *Their affairs were being discussed below stairs*, ie by the servants.

□ **stair-carpet** *n* kailawn phah puan saupi.

**staircase** (also **stairway**) *n* keh le vorh ah kutkaih tlang nei kailawn: *a spiral staircase*, ie stairs winding round a central pillar.

**stair-rod** *n* kailawn ih phahmi puan thawn thei lo dingih hrennak fung.

**stairway** *n* = STAIRCASE.

**stairwell** *n* kailawn umnak hmun.

NOTE ON USAGE: (Flights of) **stairs** are mostly found inside houses or other buildings where people live or work (eg an office block): *He finds it difficult to climb the stairs with his bad leg.* ○ *vacuum the stairs.* A **staircase** is the part of the building including the stairs and banisters and sometimes the walls and ceilings surrounding them: *We must redecorate the staircase.* (Flights of) **steps** are usually made of stone or concrete and found outside or in an uninhabited building. We also talk of individual **steps** which make up a staircase or a flight of

steps: *I'll meet you on the steps of the museum.* ○ *There are 150 steps to the top of the tower.* ○ *sitting on the top/bottom step.*

**stake** /steik/ *n* **1** [C] khatlam a zum ih leilungah khih theihmi thuum (hauhruang thuum, thingfa tung bomnak thuum, hmun hmainsinnak thuum tivek). **2 the stake** [sing] (formerly) thah ding minung kha a parah tem ih meisa ur thahnak thuum: *be burnt at the stake* ○ *go to the stake*, ie be killed in this way. **3** [C usu pl] phelek, rang tlan zuam, tivek ih thaapmi tangka: *playing for high stakes.* **4** hnatuan pakhat hrangah a hlawk ngah duh ah a hram hrangih suahmi tangka: *have a stake in a company* ○ *She has a stake in the future success of the business.* **5 stakes** (a) [pl] rang tlan zuam-awknak ih ngahmi laksawng tangka. (b) (usu **Stakes**) [sing v] (esp in names) laksawng hrang dingah tlan zuamnak rang neitu hmuahhmuah ih burkhawmmi tangka: *The Newmarket Stakes is always a popular race.* **6** (idm) **at stake** siat le siat, that le that, tiah ngam ih thil tuahmi; a rahsuah a fiang lomi dinhmun: *This decision puts our lives at stake.* ○ *Our children's education is at stake.* **go to the stake over sth** mah ih ruahdan, duhdan, tivek kha thihpi ngam tiangin fan: *I think I'm right on this issue but I wouldn't go to the stake over it.*

▷ **stake** *v* **1** [Tn] tlu lo dingah thuum in do: *stake newly planted trees.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (on sth) kam, thaap: *stake £5 on the favourtie*, eg in a horse-race ○ *I'd stake my life on it*, ie I'm very confident about it. **3** [Tn] (US infml) tangka, thilri, tivek suahsak, bawm: *stake a business.* **4** (idm) **stake (out) a/one's claim (to sb/sth)** (a) hmun thar thlen tikah, hih hmun hi ka ta a si tihi hamnak, hmainsinnak tuah, fungkhen (esp formely when arriving in a new country or area). (b) kan duh, kan tul a si tinak simfiang; kan ta a si tihi ham: *Several clubs have already staked a/their claim to this outstanding young footballer.* **5** (phr v) **stake sth out** (a) hmun hamnak ah thuum a kan kan in phun (hlanlai dan) (esp formerly to claim ownership). (b) ham (eg an area of study, a place): *He's staked out this part of the house as his own.* (c) (infml esp US) (of the police) hmun pakhat kha a thup tein, peh zom tein ngiat: *Detectives have been staking out the house for two days now.*

□ **stake-out** *n* (infml esp US) (a) hmun pakhat a reipi thupte in ngiatnak. (b) thupte in caan reipi ngiatmi inn/hmun.

**stalactite** /stælæktait; US stələktait/ *n* lungkua a sung tlunlam cinghnai for pipi vekih a zum pipi in a khalmi thunlung thlaai (a for reromi thung telmi, tidai in a cangmi a si).



**stalagmite** /stæləgmait; US stə'lægmaɪt/ *n* lungkua ih zial (kepal rawn) ah a zim zum in a khalmi thunlung pawl (thung-tel a for reromi tidai ruangih a cang mi a si).

**stale** /steɪl/ *adj* **1** (esp of food) a hing, a uih, a thing, a tat: *stale biscuits, bread, cake, beer* ○ *the smell of stale news, jokes, ideas* ○ *Her performance has become stale.* **3** (of athletes, musicians, performers, etc) zir tamtuk, lek tamtuk, ti tamtuk ruangah mah ti thei kel hman a ti thei nawn lomi.

▷ **stale** *v* [I] a hing ah, a hlunah, duhnung lo ah a cang: *The pleasure I get from listening to such music never stales.*

**staleness** *n* [U].

**stalemate** /steɪlmert/ *n* [U, C usu sing] **1** chess lehnak ah, siangpahrang (king) check lo nacing in thawnding a um nawn lo rungha thawnding a ngah nawn lomi (an tarhak tinak). **2** thu el-awknak, lehpannak, tivek ah khatlam khatlam in neh ko ih el-aw bet thei nawn lo, nor-aw thei nawn lo dinhmun (an tarhak tinak): *Negotiations have reached (a) stalemate.*

▷ **stalemate** *v* [Tn usu passive] thawnding thei nawn lo dinhmun ah thlenter.

**stalk**<sup>1</sup> /stɔ:k/ *n* **1** hramkung pawl ih an kung: *daffodils with long stalks.* **2** thinghnah, thingra, thingthei pawl ih an ngiang, an kau: *Remove the stalks from the cherries before you eat them.* **3** ramsa pawl ih an thin, an cuap, an lung, an kal, tivek kaitu taksa. **4** (idm) **have one's eyes on stalks** ⇒ **EYE**<sup>1</sup>.

**stalk**<sup>2</sup> /stɔ:k/ *v* **1** (a) [Ipr, Ip] in tih seh, ti phun in fung nawn, khoh tətto, hngal nawn le thupiter-aw nawn in feh: *He stalked angrily out of the room.* ○ *stalk along (the road).* (b) [Ipr, Tn] (fml or rhet) (of an evil force, disease, etc) daite le tihnungza in hmun pakhat sungah feh vivo uapkhath: *Fear stalks (through) the town at night.* ○ *Ghosts are said to stalk the castle walls.* **2** [Tn] pel: *stalking deer* ○ (fig) *a rapist stalking his victim.*

▷ **stalker** *n* sa peltu.

**stall** /stɔ:l/ *n* **1** [C] rannung pakhat ciar retnak hrangih tuahmi kap thum nei a hmailam ah kothren a ummi caw, rang innkhaan. **2** [C] (often in compounds) bazaar, lamzin kap, tlangleng colhnak tivek ah thil zuarnak ih an hmanmi a hmailam lawng a ongmi dawr fate, cabuai le donsang tivek pawl: *a bookstall at the station* ○ *a fruit stall in the market* ○ *run a cake stall at the bazaar.* **3** **stalls** [pl] (Brit) laamnak donhleithawn a naih bikmi tokham tluan pawl: *two seats in the stalls* ○ *laughter from the stalls.* **4** [C] thawnding theih lo, choir saktu pawl le puithiam pawl tokham: *the canon's stall* ○ *the choir stalls.* **5** [C] mi pakhat hrang a khaan fate: *stalls for changing in at the swimming-pool.* **6** [C] mawtawka, vanzamleng

engine a colhnak; a feh thei nawn lonak: *go into/get out of a stall.* **7** [C] = **FINGER-STALL** (FINGER).

▷ **stall** *v* **1** [Tn] rannung pawl khi thau seh tiah stall ah an khum. **2** (a) [I] (of an engine) hmakhatte ah a cawl: *The car stalled at the roundabout.* (b) [I, Tn] (of driver) hmakhatte ah engine a colhter: *Learner drivers often stall (their cars).* **3** (a) [I] (of an aircraft) vanzamleng mawn laifang ah cet a cawl ih a tla: *The plane stalled suddenly.* (b) [I, Tn] (of a pilot) hmakhatte ah vanzam a colhter. **4** (a) [I] (a caan sauter duh ah) sutmi thu fangte in let lo, tuah dingmi tuah lohli lo in um; reiter, hnuter: *stall for time* ○ *Stop stalling and give me an answer!* (b) [Tn] hnuter duh ah mi pakhat kha a thu let lohli lo, dilmi pe lohli lo, tivek in um: *stall one's creditors.*

□ **stall-holder** *n* sanmi, lole mah ih stall hmang in bazaar, tivek ah thil zuartu.

**stallion** /stæliən/ *n* (cithlahtu dingih retmi) tilper lo rangcang. Cf **COLT**<sup>1</sup>, **GELDING** (GELD), **MARE**<sup>1</sup>.

**stalwart** /stɔ:lwət/ *adj* **1** (dated or fml) (of a person) ruangrai thazet: *a boxer of stalwart build.* **2** [usu attrib] phatsan hmang lo, thinlung fek, rinsan tlak minung: *one of the team's most stalwart supporters* ○ *give the team stalwart support.*

▷ **stalwart** *n* phatsan a hmang lomi tanpitu: *rally the stalwarts of the party.*

**stalwartly** *adv.*

**stalwartness** *n* [U].

**stamen** /steɪmən/ *n* (botany) pangpar laifang ih a civut phurtu fung femtete.

**stamina** /stæmɪnə/ *n* [U] tuar theinak, taimaknak, tumruhnak; thazaang bangnak, thinlung bangnak a reipi tuar theinak; rei a daihmi thazaang: *Marathon runners need plenty of stamina.* ○ *He doesn't have the stamina to be a teacher.*

**stammer** /stæmə(r)/ *v* **1** (also **stutter**) [I] tɔnghak in tɔng, ar ti ding kha a-a-a-ar tivenkin tɔng (tɔngnak thahri tha lo, tihntuk, thinheng tuk, lungawi tuk tikah a cang thei): *'G-g-give me that b-b-book,' said Henry, unable to stop stammering.* **2** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (out) tɔnghak in tɔng: *'G-g-goodb-b-bye,' she stammered.* ○ *stammer out a request.*

▷ **stammer** *n* (usu sing) (a) tɔnghak: *speak with a stammer* ○ *He's always had a slight stammer.* (b) tɔnghak hmang ih thusim.

**stammerer** /stæmə(r)/ *n* tɔnghak minung.

**stammeringly** /stæmə(r)ɪŋli/ *adv.*

**stamp**<sup>1</sup> /stæmp/ *v* **1** [I, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Cn-a] ~ **sth** (down) leilungah ke napi in thlak/thum, suk; thil pakhat per ko in pal: *He stamped (his foot) in anger.* ○ *stamping the ground to keep warm* ○ *She stamped the soil (flat/down) round*

the plant. **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] ringpi in feh turto, ke-awn ringin feh: *Don't stamp, you'll wake everyone up.* ○ *stamp about* ○ *stamp out of a room* ○ *stamp upstairs.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **A** (on **B**); ~ **B** (with **A**) cahnah, puan, tivek parah thil zuk, zung tacik tivek khen, nam: *They didn't stamp my passport.* ○ *The librarian forget to stamp my library books,* ie with the date on which they should be returned. ○ *stamp one's name and address on an envelope/stamp an envelope with one's name and address* ○ *crates of oranges stamped with the exporter's trademark.* **4** [Tn esp passive] cabawm, tivek parah milu, tivek ben: *I enclose a stamped addressed envelope for your reply.* **5** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (out) (from **sth**) thirper, tivek kha duhmi thilri ah thiltannak thawn a khen vekin napi in tan: *a machine for stamping out engine parts.* **6** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (on **sb/sth**) (fig) thil khenmi neh tangta vekin mi thinlung ah thil pakhat taapter: *stamp one's personality/authority on a game,* ie as an outstanding player ○ *The date is stamped on her memory forever.* **7** [Cn-n/a] ~ **sb as sth** mi pakhat kha cuvek khavak a si tiah nemhnget: *This achievement stamps her as a genius.* **8** (phr v) **stamp sth off** (sth) tla hlo seh tiah khawng/thing: *stamped the mud off their shoes.* **stamp on sth** (a) thil pakhat per ko pal: *stamp on a spider.* (b) thazaang hmangin khawng, cang thei loin tuah, cemter, hloter: *The rebellion was soon stamped on by the army.* **stamp sth out** (a) meisa mit ko in pal: *stamp out the embers of the camp fire.* (b) thazaang napi in suah ih hlo ko cem ko in tuah: *stamp out terrorism, a rebellion, an epidemic disease.*

□ **stamping-ground** *n* (infml) tlanlennak hmun; um duhnak hmun: *one of my old stamping-grounds.*

**stamp**<sup>2</sup>/stæmp/ *n* 1 milu: *an 18p stamp* ○ *a book of (postage) stamps* ○ *I'd like three first-class stamps, please.* ○ *collection stamps,* ie as a hobby ○ [attrib] *a stamp collection.* **2** (also **trading stamp**) thil pakhat khat thawn thleng thei leh dingih pekmi hminsinnak nei cahnah. **3** hminsinnak a neimi tacik: *a rubber stamp,* ie one on which a design, words, etc are cut, used for printing dates, signatures, addresses, etc. **4** cahnah, puan parih a tangmi tacik neh: *Have you got any stamps in your passport?* **5** ke tur; ke tur awn: *give a stamp of impatience.* **6** (usu sing) (fml fig) mi ziangvek a si ti theih thiamnak: *She bears the stamp of genius.* ○ *His face bears the stamp of suffering.* ○ *Their story has the stamp of truth,* ie seems very likely to be true. **7** (usu sing) (fml fig) phun, pawl, ci: *men of a different stamp.*

□ **stamp album** milu khawlnak cabu.

**stamp-collecting** *n* [U] milu khawl

(nunnomnak ah, lole zuar leh dingah khawl).

**stamp-collector** *n* milu khawltu.

**stamp-duty** *n* thuþhen zung lamih suahmi zungca tlunih lakmi man/ngunkhuai (a cuih cahnah a man a pe zo tican ah a parah revenue stamp khen a si.)

**stampede** /stæm'pi:d/ *n* 1 ramsa pawl an ðih an lau ruang ah an hmai ih ummi zianghman kian loin theih patawp ih tlan ciamconak. **2** mibur pi hmailam ih tawt ciamconak: *There was a stampede towards the stage when the singer appeared.* **3** (in Canada) cawkhaltu (cowboy) pawlih ramsa hruai le uk an thiamzia hmuhnak puai: *the Calgary Stampede.*

▷ **stampede** *v* 1 (a) [I] (of animals or people) ðih, lau, tivek ruangih ramsa, minung pawl kham theih loin tlan ciamco: *The cattle stampeded towards the farm.* (b) [Tn] ramsa pawl tihter tahratin tlanter ciamco. **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **sb into sth/doing sth** mi pakhat kha a awm lomi thil pakhat a nawtnawt ih tuah ko in forh, tuahter: *Don't be stampeded into buying the house.*

**stance** /stæns or, in British use, stæns/ *n* (usu sing) 1 mi pakhat in golf, cricket, tivek bawhlung a thawi zik lai ih a din/a umdan. **2** ~ (on **sth**) mi pakhat ih thil a hmuhdan, a dinhmun: *He maintains a rigidly right-wing political stance.* ○ *What is your stance on corporal punishment?* Cf **POSTURE.**

**stanch** /stæntʃ; US 'stæntʃ/ (also **staunch** /stɔ:ntʃ/) *v* [Tn] (a) tidai, thi, tivek phit: *stanch the bleeding.* (b) hma ihsin a suakmi thi phit: *stanch a cut.*

**stanchion** /stænfən; US 'stæntʃən/ *n* thil dotu/ domtu ðuam.

**stand**<sup>1</sup>/stænd/ *n* 1 [sing] ding (ðawn loin): *come to a stand.* **2** [sing] dinnak hmun; ding: *He took his stand (ie stood) near the window.* **3** [C] dungsip loih dosalnak; donak dinhmun: *the rebels' last stand* ○ *a stand of sixty days.* **4** [C] (often in compounds) lukhuh, mangthawng, tivek tar/batnak, sang (cake) retnak, thil tum phah in zohmi hla cabu retnak, etc: *a hat/an umbrella/a coat stand* ○ *a cake stand* ○ *a music-stand,* ie for supporting sheet music while it is being played. **5** [C] (a) thuthangca, zuar ðha thilri tivek retnak cabuai, tokhamtluan tivek: *a news-stand* ○ *a market stand.* (b) zuar ðha thil hmuh zuam-awknak hmun ih thilri retnak hmun, a khan, tivek: *one of the stands at a book fair.* **6** [C] mi hngak phah in taxi, (san theih mawtawka) tivek pawl artlang te ih an dinnak hmun: *a taxi-stand* ○ *a stand for six taxis.* **7** [C often pl] lehpnnak bualrawn kimvel ah, rang tlanzuamnak hmun tivek ah a zohtu pawl tonak tokham – a tluantluan in, a niamnak in sang vivo ih ret an si: *A cheer rose from the south stand(s).* Cf **GRANDSTAND** (GRAND).

**8** [C] laam hmuh ding le hlasak dingih, khuaktlawngtu pawl laam ding, hlasak dingih an colhnak hmun: *a series of one-night stands*. **9** [C usu *sing*] (US) thuthen zung ih theihpitu (tetti) pawl dinnak hmun: *take the stand*. **10** (idm) **make a stand (against/for sth/sb)** kham, do, el dingah ralring in um: *make a stand against the enemy* ○ *make a stand for one's principles*. **take a/one's stand (on sth)** mah ih dinhmun, ruahdan simfiang: *She took a firm stand on nuclear disarmament*.

**stand**<sup>2</sup> /stænd/ v (pt, pp **stood** /stud/)

► UPRIGHT POSITION OR EXTENSION **1**

[I] ding: *She was too weak to stand*. ○ *A chair will not stand on two legs*. ○ *Don't stand there arguing about it*. ○ *Stand still while I take your photograph*. ○ *After the bombing only a few houses were left standing*. **2** [I, Ip] ~ (up) tho in ding: *Everyone stood (up) when the Queen entered*. ○ *We stood (up) to see better*. ○ *Stand up, please!* **3** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] a tungin ret/toh: *Don't stand cans of petrol near the fire*. ○ *Stand the ladder (up/upright) against the wall*. ○ *I stood the child on a stool so that she could reach the shelf*. **4** [In/pr] zat (a sang): *He stands six foot two*. ○ *The tower stands fifty metres*.

► BEING OR REMAINING IN A PLACE OR CONDITION **5** [I] um: *a clock standing on the sideboard* ○ *A tall poplar tree once stood here*.

○ (fig) *Where do you stand* (ie What is your opinion) *on these issues?* **6** [I] (of a vehicle, etc) a cawl, a ding: *a train standing in the station* ○ *The car stood at the traffic lights for a few moments, then moved off*. **7** [I] thleng-aw loin a um ringring: *Let the words stand*. ○ *The agreement must stand*, ie cannot be altered or cancelled. ○ *My offer still stands*. **8** (a) [La, Ln, I] umdan pakhat ah, lole dinhmun pakhat ah um: *The house has stood empty for months*. ○ *The emergency services stand* (ie are) *ready to help if necessary*. ○ *She stood convicted of fraud*. ○ *I stand corrected*, ie accept that I was mistaken and that the person who corrected me is right. ○ *She stands high in the esteem of* (ie is greatly respected by) *her colleagues*. ○ (fml) *Will you stand* (ie be) *godmother to the child?* ○ *As things stand, there is little chance of a settlement in the dispute*. (b) [Ipr] ~ **at sth** a san a niam, a tam a mal, tahnak hmun pakhat ah um: *The clock stands at ten to four*. ○ *The fund stands at £500*, ie there is £500 in it. **9** [It] thil pakhat khat tuah thei, ngah thei, si thei dinhmun ah um: *stand to win, lose, gain, etc* ○ *you stand to make a lot of money from this deal*. **10** [I] (of a liquid, mixture, etc) daite in, cang loin um: *standing pools of rainwater* ○ *Mix the batter and let it stand for twenty minutes*.

► OTHER MEANINGS **11** [no passive: Tn, Tt, Tg, Tsg] (esp in negative sentences and in questions, with *can/could*; not in the continuous tenses) tuarsuak, tuar thei: *He can't stand hot weather*. ○ *My nerves won't stand the strain much longer*. ○ *She says she will stand no nonsense*, ie will not put up with foolish behaviour. ○ *I can't stand* (ie I strongly dislike) *him*. ○ *She couldn't stand to be told what to do*. ○ *He can't stand being kept waiting*. ○ *I can't stand him interrupting all the time*. **12** [Tn no passive, Dn-n] paisa liam, suah, do: *stand drinks all round*, ie pay for drinks for everyone ○ *She was kind enough to stand us a meal*. **13** (esp Brit) (also esp US **run**) [I, Ipr] ~ (for sth) hril-awknak ah ding, cuh: *She stood unsuccessfully in the local elections*. ○ *stand for parliament* ○ *stand for President*. **14** [I, Ipr, Ip] (nautical) tinmi hmunah tangphawlawng mawng: *stand westward* (for the island). **15** (idm) **stand well, etc with sb** a cuang deuh ih kom-aw pawl-aw: *Do you stand well with your boss?* ○ *I don't know how I stand with her*. (For other idioms containing stand, see entries for ns, adjs, etc, eg **stand trial** (for sth) ⇒ TRIAL; **stand fast** ⇒ FAST<sup>2</sup>.) **16** (phr v) **stand aside** (a) thawn, kian: *stand aside to let sb pass*. (b) tel lo, tuan ve lo: *Don't stand aside and let others do all the work*. (c) dokkir, letsal, cuh sal lo: *stand aside in favour of another applicant*.

**stand back** (from sth) (a) dungah sip: *The policeman ordered us to stand back*. (b) a hlat deuhnak ah um: *The house stands back a little* (from the road).

**stand by** (a) um ve nain ziang hman ti loin um: *How can you stand by and let him treat his dog like that?* (b) timcia in um: *The troops are standing by*. **stand by sb** tanpi, bawm: *I'll stand by you whatever happens*. **stand by sth** kammi vekin um: *She still stands by every word she said*.

**stand down** (a) (of a witness) thu sim thluh hnu-ah tetti dinnak hmun ihsin suak. (b) hril-awknak ah tlangsuak (MP) si dingah hmin pe zo nain, cuh sal lo ih um; mah ih tuantai hnatuan/dinhmun ihsin suak: *The President has stood down after five years in office*. **stand (sb) down** (military) ralring ih umtermi ralkap pawl kha thin daite in umter sal: *The troops (were) stood down: it was a false alarm*.

**stand for sth** (a) (no passive) tican, tinak: *What does 'T. G.' stand for in 'T. G. Smith'?* (b) (no passive) ai-awh, can-aiih hmanmi: *I condemn fascism and all it stands for*. (c) (no passive) tuah dingah duhsak, tanpi: *a party that stands for racial tolerance*. (d) (infml) thlah, ti siang, um siang, tuar: *I won't stand for this insolence*.

**stand in** (for sb) can-aiih tuan, tuah: *My assistant will stand in for me while I'm away*. ○

Another man stands in for the big star in the dangerous scenes.

**stand out (from/against sth)** olte in hmu thei, a lang cuang: bright lettering that stands out well from/against a dark background. **stand out (from sb/sth)** a dang/midang hnak in tha cuang: Her work stands out from the rest as easily the best. **stand out (against sth)** thil cang dingmi pakhat kha, cang lo dingin kham, el ringring: We managed to stand out against all attempts to close the company down. **stand out for sth** (infml) ngah duhmi thil a um lai ruangah lungkimnak tuah lohli loin hnuter: The nurses have been offered an extra 5%, but they're standing out for a 7% pay rise.

**stand over sb** zoh, ngiat: don't stand over me while I am cooking. ○ I hate to have my boss standing over me.

**stand (sb)** to ralkap pawl ral kham dingah umhmun lakter.

**stand sb up** (infml) ziangtiin kha ti in kan ti ding timi ti loin pelh: First she agreed to come out with me, then she stood me up. **stand up for sb/sth** mi/thil tan in tong, tuan, ; tan, thapek: Always stand up for your friends. ○ You must stand up for your rights. **stand up (to sth)** hniksaknak tuar thei: Your argument just won't stand up (to close scrutiny). **stand up to sb** mipakhat kha kham, do, el: It was brave of her to stand up to those bullies. **stand up to sth** (of materials, products, etc) ziang maw pakhat khat ruangah siat ding a mawi zet nain siat loin um: tuar thei Will this car stand up to winter conditions here? ○ This cloth is designed to stand up to a lot of wear and tear.

□ **stand-by** *n* (pl **-bys**) 1 thelhawh; rin lo zamrangih tul caan ah, lole thil pakhat can-aiih hman dingih retmi: Aspirin is a good stand-by for headaches. ○ [attrib] a stand-by ticket, ie a cheaper type of airline ticket available when not all the tickets for a flight have been sold. 2 (idm) **on stand-by** ralring in um: The troops are on 24-hour stand-by, ie ready to move within 24 hours of receiving the order.

**stand-in** *n* mi pakhat ai-awh ih tuantu, tuahtu.

**stand-off half** (also **fly-half**) Rugby football ih half-back pakhat khat.

**stand-offish** *adj* mi pawl lo, mahte ih um.

**stand-offishly** *adv.* **stand-offishness** *n* [U].

**stand-up** *adj* [attrib] 1 (of a meal) ding phah ih ei dingmi. 2 (of a comedian) zapi hmai ah ding phah ih sim dingmi: a stand-up comic. 3 (of a fight, disagreement, etc) a laangpang le a nasa zetmi: I had a stand-up row with my boss today.

**standard** /ˈstændəd/ *n* 1 rikhih, ritek, tahfung (zapi lungkim ih hmantlang dingah, hi tluk rit hi cuakhat, hi can sau hi pi khat, hi can rei hi nazi pakhat, tivek ih, cuai, pidan, nazi, tivek

tekmi ritek): the standard of height required for recruits to the police force ○ an international standard of weight ○ the monetary standard, ie the proportions of fine metal and alloy in gold and silver coins ○ People were very poor then, by today's standards, ie compared with people today. 2 (often pl) cohlan theih a si tiih tekmi, rikhih: a restaurant with a low standard of hygiene ○ a high moral standard ○ set low standards of behaviour ○ conform to the standards of society, ie live and behave in a way that is acceptable to others in society. 3 (a) zaran a si tiih tekmi: The standard of her work is high. (b) cuvek khavak a si ding tiih tekmi: His work does not reach the standard required. 4 (a) biaknak lam thantar (a-lan), siangpahrang pawl ih an thantar (a-lan): the royal standard. (b) salhmi zuk, tivek kha fung saupi ah bun in hmailam ih phurhmi thilri (hlanah cun raldo tikah hmailam ah phurh a rak si theu): a Roman standard. 5 ziangmaw dotu thuam. 6 a dingmi thingkung, hramkung parih pehmi thinghng: [attrib] standard roses. 7 (idm) **be up to/below standard** zaran a si ti ih tekmi a tluk/tluk lo: Their work is not up to standard.

▷ **standard** *adj* [esp attrib] 1 thil tah, thil thlai, tivek ah tahfung ih hmanmi tahnak zat a kimmi: standard sizes of paper, units of weight, etc. 2 zaran, a keel a simi: the standard model of a car, ie not the de luxe model, etc ○ This procedure is standard. 3 mi tampi ih pommi, cosanmi thuhla, thilri: This is the standard textbook on the subject. 4 (of spelling, pronunciation, grammar, etc) mi tampi ih cosanmi: standard English.

□ **standard-bearer** *n* (a) standard (4) ih simmi thantar (a-lan) phun phurtu minung. (b) (fig) a langmi, a cuangmi hruiatu: a standard-bearer for women's rights.

**standard lamp** (US **floor lamp**) zial ih tohmi thuam sang nawn parih vanmi meisa.

**standard of living** umtu khuasak a san a niam daan: They have enjoy a high standard of living. ○ The standard of living in our country is lower than in yours.

**standard time** ram pakhat pumhlum ih hmanmi, a caan, tikcu.

**standardize, -ise** /ˈstændədaɪz/ *v* [Tn] tuahtu dangdang hmangtu dangdang pawl in, a tiarep, a hmel bangrep, a thatdan bangrep, a phun bangrep ih tuahciar hmangciar dingin tawrel: an attempt to standardize spelling ○ Car parts are usually standardized.

▷ **standardization, -isation** /ˈstændədaɪzəʃn/; US -daɪz-/ *n* [U] tahfung ih re, tiarep, hmel bangrep, a thatdan bangrep, a phun bangrep ih tuahciar, hmangciar dingih tawrel: the problem of the standardization of the use of



hyphens in compounds.

**standing** /ˈstændɪŋ/ *n* [U] **1** (esp social) mi lakih dinhmun – hminthannak nei, mi ih upat le hmanmi, hnañuan upa, mi thupi a sinak: *a woman of some standing in the community* ○ *a scientist of good high standing*, ie respected, eminent. **2** reipi a ummi/a daihmi: *a debt, dispute, friendship of long standing*.

▷ **standing** *adj* [attrib] **1** (a) tuah leuhleuh siatbal leuhleuh si loin a hmun ringringmi: *a standing army* ○ *a standing committee*, ie a permanent one that meets regularly. (b) a pehpheh ih hmual nei ringringmi: *We have a standing invitation to visit them when we're in the area*. ○ *a standing joke*, ie sth that regularly causes amusement. **2** (esp sport) tlan loin, dinhmun ihsin tuahmi: *a standing start/jump*. **3** a dingmi, a tlu lomi: *standing corn*, ie not yet cut.

□ **standing order** (a) (also **banker's order**) leibak, inn-nga, tivek pawl kha tekmi zat hmanhman teih pek ding ti thupek. (b) a ringring hrangih (simsal leuhleuh a ðul lomi) thupek: *thlun ringring ding thupek. a standing order for milk, newspapers, etc.*

**standing ovation** ding tahratin, thatho zet in zabeng ih lawm: *The singer got a ten-minute standing ovation*.

**standing-room** *n* [U] dinhmun ih puai zohnak hmun: *There was standing-room only left in the concert hall*.

**stand-pipe** /ˈstændpaɪp/ *n* tidai paip-pi ihsin tilu bunmi tidawng fate, inn leng le inn ihsin a hlatnak hmun ih hman dingah ti laknak.

**standpoint** /ˈstændpɔɪnt/ *n* hmuhdan, ruahdan, dinhmun: *from the standpoint of the customer*.

**standstill** /ˈstændstɪl/ *n* [sing] cang loin um ringring, cawl: *be at/come to/bring sth to a standstill* ○ *Work is grinding to a standstill* ○ *Traffic in the city is at a complete standstill*. ○ [attrib] *a standstill agreement*, ie one that agrees to no change, eg in rates of pay or hours of work.

**stank** *pt* of STINK.

**stanza** /ˈstænzə/ *n* hla caang – nambat 1 nak, 2 nak tivek a caang: *the second stanza*.

**staple**<sup>1</sup> /ˈsteɪpl/ *n* **1** cabu, tivek ðhitnak U cuancai a simi thirtete. **2** ei bikmi ti-rawl, thupi bik thuhla, tivek.

▷ **staple** *v* [Tn] steple ðhim in ðhit.

**stapler** /ˈsteɪplə(r)/ *n* ca ðhitnak cet.

**staple**<sup>2</sup> /ˈsteɪpl/ *adj* [attrib] a thupi bik, : *the staple product of a country* ○ *Rice is the staple diet in many Asian countries*. ○ *She seems to be the staple topic of conversation at the moment*.

▷ **staple** *n* (often *pl*) **1** ram sung suak tam bik le thupi bik: *Cotton is one of Egypt's staples*. **2** thupi bik thil: *Bread, potatoes and other staples continue to rise in price*. ○ *The weather forms*

*the staple of their conversation*.

**star** /stɑː(r)/ *n* **1** [C] arsi: *a fixed star*, ie one which is not a planet ○ *There are no stars out* (ie No stars can be seen) *tonight*. **2** [C] (astronomy) van ah an um ih khuatleu a suah thei alh le khu hluumpipi – ni le arsi pawl kha cuvek thil an si. **3** [C] (a) arsi zuk vek a simi hnipuan parah a mawinak dingih benmi thil tete, arsi-zuk vek a simi thil dang pawl (\*). (b) a dang hnakin a ðha cuang ti langternak ih hmanmi arsi zuk: *This restaurant gets three stars in the guidebook*. ○ [attrib] *a five-star hotel*. (c) bo tivek hrangih hmanmi thir thawn tuahmi arsi: *a sheriff's star*. **4** [C] hlasak, lehpian, thuanthucawn, tivek lamih thiam hleice minung: *a tennis star* ○ *a film star* ○ *the stars of stage and screen* ○ *I can remember who directed the film but not who the stars* (ie leading performers) *were*. ○ [attrib] *He's got the star role in the new film*. ○ *an all-star cast*, ie one in which the leading players are all stars. **5** [C] (in astrology) mi pakhat kha ðhatnak, lole, siatnak a pek theitu a si tihi ruahmi arsi, lole, ni heltu leilung pawl: *born under a lucky star*, ie successful and happy. **6 stars** [pl] horoscope (suah caan lai ih arsi umdan, cumi (Kawl: *zaṭa*) zoh in hmailam thusimnak): *What do my stars say?* ○ *It's written in the stars*. **7** (idm) **reach for the stars** ⇒ REACH. **see stars** (*infml*) mit, lu khawng pang tikih mit a tleu suak. **thank one's luck stars** ⇒ THANK.

▷ **star** *v* (-rr-) **1** [Tn usu passive] thil, ca thupi deuh khi arsi zuk thawn hminsinnak tuah, a mawinak dingah arsi zuk ben: *The starred dishes on the menu are suitable for vegetarians*. **2** (a) [I, Ipr] ~ (in sth) thuanthucawn, tivek ah a thiam zet thuanthu cawngtu dinhmun in tel: *taken many starring roles* ○ *She is to star in a new film*. (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (in sth) mi pakhat kha thuanthu cawn, tivek ah a thiam zet thuanthu cawngtu dinhmun in telter: *My favourite film stars Marilyn Monroe*. ○ *The director wanted to star Michael Caine in his new film*.

**stardom** /ˈstɑːdəm/ *n* [U] thuanthu cawngtu hminthang sinak, dinhmun: *He is being groomed* (ie prepared and trained) *for stardom*.

**starless** *adj* arsi a lang lo, a um lomi: *a starless sky/night*.

**starlet** /ˈstɑːlɪt/ *n* (sometimes derog) thuanthu cawngtu thiam zet sileh ding a ruahsan nain, mi tampi ih theih a si hrih lomi thuanthucawngtu nunau no.

**starry** /ˈstɑːrɪ/ *n* (-ier, -iest) (a) arsi a tleumi: *a starry night*. (b) arsi tleu in a tleumi: *starry eyes*.

**starry-eyed** *adj* (*infml* often derog) fala-tlangval thu ah, tumtah zet vek asinain, a ngaingai si hnai lomi: *He's completely starry-eyed*.

eyed about his new girl-friend. ○ *She's got some starry-eyed notion about reforming society.*

□ **star-dust** *n* [U] (ruahnak lawng ih a ummi a tleu depdomi thil vut) a cuih thil in lungduh a kimter ih a nuam zetmi mangman vekin mi a umter thei ti a si.

**starfish** *n* (pl unchanged) arsi hmel vek nei nga phunkhat.

**star-gazer** *n* (infml often joc) arsi thuhla zingzoi, hawl, khawmtu minung.

**star-gazing** *n* [U].

**starlight** *n* [U] arsi tleu, vang: *walk home by starlight.*

**starlit** *adj* arsi ih tletmi, vangter a simi: *a starlit scene.*

**the Stars and Stripes** America (USA) thantar (a-laan)

**star sign** (infml) zodiac ih khihhmuhnak zuk 12 sungih zuk pakhat khat: *What's your star sign?*

**star-studded** *adj* thuanthucawn thiam ce pawl tampi telih tuahmi thuanthucawn (zat-lan): *a star-studded cast.*

**star turn** thuanthucawn sungih a thupi cuang, a zoh nuam cuangmi zawn, thuhla: *The star turn in our show tonight will be a group of Chinese acrobats.*

**starboard** /ˈstɑːbəd/ *n* [U] tangphawlawng, vanzamleng ih vorhlam kap, vorhlam: *alter course to starboard* ○ [attrib] *the starboard side of a ship.* Cf PORT<sup>3</sup>.

**starch** /stɑːtʃ/ *n* [U] **1** (a) sangvut, fangcang, alu, tivek sung ummi carbohydrate timi a bekmi rawl. (b) cuvek carbohydrate a tel tammi rawl: *You eat too much starch.* **2** starch thawn tuahmi thilvut, lole thil ti, tivek pathri thawn tahmi hnipuan khohtertu dingih hmanmi: *Spray starch on the shirt collars before ironing them.*

▷ **starch** *v* [Tn] starch hman in hnipuan khoh/thongter: *starched white uniforms.*

**starchy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** (a) starch vek a simi. (b) starch tampi a tel: *starchy food.* **2** (infml derog) daan a thlun tuk, a fek luarkaimi minung: *He's always been rather starchy.*

**stare** /steə(r)/ *v* ~ (at sb/sth) **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] mit ðep lo in zoh – ðih, mangbang, tivek ah a cang thei: *It's rude to stare.* ○ *They all stared in/with amazement.* ○ *Do you like being stared at?* ○ *She was staring into the distance/into space.* ○ *He was staring out over the fields.* **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] (of the eyes) hmun pakhat kha zoh ringring: *He gazed at the scene with staring eyes.* ⇒ Usage at LOOK<sup>1</sup>. **3** [Tn-pr] mi pakhat kha thil pakhat khat tiseh ti duh ah mitkaupi – ðep lo – in zoh: *She stared him into silence.* **4** (idm) **be staring sb in the face** hmai zawn naihte ah um, a ol zet, a fiang zet: *The book I was looking for was staring me in the face.* ○ *Defeat was staring them in the face,* ie seemed certain. ○

*The answer to his problem was staring him in the face.* **make sb stare** lauter, mangbangter. **stark raving/staring mad** ⇒ STARK. **5** (phr v) **stare sb down/out** mit khumsuk ko, tanglam zoh ko, khatlam her ko mit ðep loin zoh: *The two children were having a competition to see who could stare the other out.*

▷ **stare** *n* mit ðep loin zoh(nak): *give sb a rude stare* ○ *We received a number of curious stares from passers-by.* ○ *with a vacant stare,* ie suggesting an empty mind ○ *with a glassy stare,* ie suggesting indifference.

**stark** /stɑːk/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** (a) mi um lo a kolh, mithmai sia, thin nuam lo: *stark prison conditions* ○ *The landscape was grey and stark.* (b) [usu attrib] a menmen, ceimawi lo; khuh lo tuam lo, a ðhom ðeh(mithi): *the stark facts.* **2** mit in siseh, thinglungin siseh ol teih theih fiangmi: *in stark contrast.* **3** [attrib] pumhlum in: *stark madness.*

▷ **stark** *adv* **1** pumhlum in, a zate in: *stark naked/crazy/mad.* **2** (idm) **stark raving/staring mad** pumhlum in, a zate in.

**starkers** /ˈstɑːkəz/ *adj* [pred] (Brit infml esp joc) lawngfangkkeh, tak lawng: *We saw him running down the road starkers.*

**starkly** *adv*: *It soon became starkly evident that....* ○ *The black rocks stood out starkly against the sky.*

**starkness** *n* [U]: *The starkness of their living conditions shocked him.*

**starling** /ˈstɑːlɪŋ/ *n* a dum le sen-au in a ðial ih, a ai celcelmi vate fate phunkhat.

**starry** ⇒ STAR.

**start**<sup>1</sup> /stɑːt/ *n* **1** (a) [C] athok: *make an early start (on a journey)* ○ *from start to finish* ○ *We won't finish the job today but we'll have made a start.* ○ *I've written one page of my essay: it's not much but it's a start.* ○ *He knew from the start the idea was hopeless.* (b) **the start** [sing] a tawthok, tlanzuam tikiñ tlan thoknak hmun: *runners lined up at the start* ○ (fig) *We're only at the start in our house-hunting.* **2** [C] thil tawthoknak dingih pekmi bomnak, caan ðha: *give sb a fresh start* ○ *The money gave him just the start he needed.* **3** [U, sing] tlanzuam tikah tlan cak lo pawl kha hmailam pi 10, 20 tivek ah ret cia tivek, sum tuahnak lam ah mi hmai thla 2, 3 ih rak thok cia tivek ih, hmaisai cianak: *The smaller boys were given a start of 10 seconds in the race.* ○ *They didn't give me much/any start.* ○ *He got a good start in business.* **4** [C usu sing] lau ruangih tho, pet lohli, thir dukdi: *He sat up/woke up with a start.* ○ *The news gave me quite a start,* ie surprised me. **5** (idm) **by/in fits and starts** ⇒ FIT<sup>4</sup>. **a false start** ⇒ FALSE. **for a start** (used in an argument) a pakhatnak ahcun: *I'm not buying it — I can't afford it for a start.* **get off to a good, bad, etc start** a tawthok a ðha, a

sia, etc: *Their marriage got off to rather a shaky start.* **a head start** ⇒ HEAD<sup>1</sup>.

**start**<sup>2</sup> /start/ v 1 [I, Ip] ~ (out) pok: *We started at six.* ○ *We must start (out) early.* 2 [It, Tn, Tg] thok: *It started to rain.* ○ *start work at 9 am* ○ *He's just started a new job.* ○ *start* (ie begin using) *a new tin of paint* ○ *He started laughing.* 3 [Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (on) sth; ~ sb on sth tawthok: *start (on) one's journey home* ○ *Have you started (in) (ie begun to read or write) your next book yet?* ○ *It's time to get/time we got started on (ie began) the washing up.* ⇒ Usage at BEGIN. 4 (a) [I] (of an engine, etc) cet a nung : *The car won't start.* (b) [Tn] cet, machine pawl nunter: *I can't start the car.* 5 [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-g] a um hrih lomi um thokter, cangter, umter: *start a fire* ○ *He decided to start a newspaper.* ○ *His uncle started him in business, ie helped him, eg by supplying money.* ○ *The news started me thinking.* ○ *The smoke started her coughing.* 6 [I, Ip] ~ (up) (fml) (a) tih, lau, na, tivek ruangah hmakhatte ah caang, umhmun thlang, thir: *She started at the sound of my voice.* (b) tho hruak: *He started (up) from his seat.* 7 [Ipr] (fml) hmakhatte ah thawm, pawt, lang: *Tears started to (ie suddenly came into) her eyes.* ○ *His eyes almost started out of his head, ie suddenly opened wide (in surprise, etc).* 8 [Tn] (fml) ramsa hawt: *start a hare.* 9 (idm) **keep/start the ball rolling** ⇒ BALL<sup>1</sup>. **raise/start a hare** ⇒ HARE. **start a baby** (infml esp Brit) naupai. **start a family** faate nei thok: *They want to start a family but can't afford it at the moment.* **start (sth) from scratch** neih cia, tim cia um lo ih hram thok: *He lost all his money and had to start again completely from scratch.* **start off on the right/wrong foot (with sb)** (infml) a hman zawng/hman lo zawngih pawlkam-awknak tawthok: *The new student started off on the wrong foot with the teacher by answering back rudely.* **start something** (infml) do-awknak, el-awknak, hnaihnoknak, tivek tawthok: *You shouldn't have spoken to him like that — you've really started something now.* **to start with** (a) a pakhatnak ah: *To start with we haven't enough money, and secondly we're too busy.* (b) a hramthok ah: *The club had only six members to start with.* 10 (phr v) **start back** (a) tlung thok, kir thok: *Isn't it time we started back? It's getting dark.* (b) tih, lau, mangbang, tivek ruangah dungah pet, sip sutsi. **start for...** pok: *What time do you start for work?* ○ *Let's start for home.* **start in on sb (for sth)** (infml) soisel, kaw: *He started in on us again for poor work.* **start in to do sth/on sth/on doing sth** (infml) tuah hramthok: *We started in to discuss/on a discussion of/on discussing the idea.* **start off** a feh thok: *The horse started off at a steady trot.* **start (sb) off (on sth)** thok, thokter: *It's*

*impossible to stop im talking once he starts off.*

○ *What started him off on this crazy idea?* ○ *Don't start her off on one of her boring stories.*

**start out (on sth); start out (to do sth)** (a) khualtlawng dingih pok: *start out on a 20-mile walk* ○ *What time did you start out?* (b) (infml) tuah dah hrih lomi thil tuah dingah kekar hmaisa bik kar: *start out in business* ○ *start out on a new career* ○ *start out to write/with the intention of writing a novel.* **start over** (US) tuahsal, thoksal: *She wasn't satisfied with our work and made us start (all) over.* **start (sth) up** tian thok, tlan thok, cang thok, tuah thok, nungter thok, tivek: *The engine started up suddenly.* ○ *start up a new bus company* ○ *What started the argument up?* ○ *We couldn't start the car up.* **start (sb) up (in sth)** pumcawmnak hnañuan tian thokter: *start up in business* ○ *He started his daughter up in the trade.*

□ **starting-block** n tlanzuam pok tikih ke pahnih ih sirhsanmi thing phel pahnih lakih pakhat khat.

**starting-gate** n rang, uico tlanzuamnakh ah, tlan thok thlang seh ti tikih phir, thlir hlomi khamtu thing tluan.

**starting-point** n thil pakhat a thoknak hmun, thuhla: *We'll take this as the starting-point for our discussion.*

**starting-post** n tlan thok hmun.

**starting-price** n tlan zuam ding rang pawl an pok hlante ih a neta bik an thap-awkm tangka.

**starter** /ˈstɑːtə(r)/ n 1 tlan thok pekih a telmi minung, rang pawl: *Of the five starters in the race only three finished.* Cf NON-STARTER. 2 tlanzuamtu pawl pok dingih thu petu: *waiting for the starter's gun to fire.* 3 (usu with an adj) a thoktu (esp in the way specified by the adj): *He's a fast starter.* 4 engine, cet a nungtertu/theitu. 5 (infml esp Brit) (US also **appetizer**) Mirang rawl eidan ah, a veikhatnak ih suahmi rawl: *What would you like as a starter?* 6 (idm) **for starters** (infml) a hmaisabik ah, a thoknak ah. **under starter's orders** (of horses, athletes, etc ready to start a race) rang pawl, tlanzuam ding pawl ralring zet in um; tlan thoktertu ih thupek hngakin um.

**startle** /ˈstɑːtl/ v [Tn] lauter sutsi, petter, thawnter sutsi: *You startled me — I didn't hear you come in.* ○ *I was startled to hear his news/by his news.* ○ *The sudden noise in the bushes startled her horse.* ○ *He had a startled look on his face.*

▷ **startling** /ˈstɑːtlɪŋ/ adj thin lauza, mangbangza: *a startling result* ○ *What startling news!* **startlingly** adv: *startlingly beautiful.*

**starve** /stɑːv/ v 1 [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] rilrawn tuarter, rilrawng in umter, rilrawng in thiter;

rilawng in um/thi: *Thousands of cattle are starving.* ○ *starve to death* ○ (infml) *She's starving herself to try to lose weight.* **2** [Ipr, Tn-pr usu passive] ~ **for sth**; ~ **sb of sth** a poi zetmi, a duh zetmi thil ngah thei lo ruangah hal zetin um, umter: *children starving for/starved of affection* ○ (fig) *Industry is being starved of technical expertise.* **3** [I] (infml) (used only in the continuous tenses) rilrawng zet: *What's for dinner? I'm starving!* **4** (phr v) **starve sb into sth/doing sth** thil pakhat tuah hlan lo rilrawng in pherh: *starved into surrender/surrendering.* **starve sb out (of sth)** rilrawng ko pherh in relhnak hmun ihsin suak ko tuah: *It took 8 days to starve them out (of the building).*

▷ **starvation** /sta:'veɪʃn/ *n* [U] rawl ei ding neih lo ruangih zonzainak, thihnak: *die of starvation* ○ [attrib] *starvation wages*, ie too low to buy enough food ○ *a starvation diet*, ie barely enough food to keep one alive.

**stash** /stæʃ/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth (away)** (infml) thupte in thil kawl, ret: *He's got his life savings stashed (away) in an old suitcase.*

▷ **stash** *n* (infml esp US) **1** thupte ih khawlmi thilri. **2** thupte ih thilri khawlnak hmun; thuhnak hmun: *a secret stash of stolen jewels.*

**state**<sup>1</sup> /steɪt/ *n* **1** [C] thil umzia; boruak; thil umtudan: *The house was in a dirty state.* ○ *These buildings are in a bad state of repair*, ie need to be repaired. ○ *a confused state of mind* ○ *a poor state of health* ○ *in a state of undress*, ie naked ○ *not in a fit state to drive* ○ *a state of emergency*, eg declared by a government because of war, natural disaster, etc ○ *She was in a terrible state* (ie very upset, agitated, etc) *when we arrived.* **2** (also **State**) [C] Ram; mahte uk-awmi ram: *the State of Israel* ○ *modern European states.* ⇒ Usage at COUNTRY. **3** (also **State**) [C] Ramthen: *How many States are there in the United States of America?* ○ *Which state where you born in?* Cf COUNTRY, PROVINCE 1. **4** (esp **the State**) [U] kumpi; cozah: *matters/affairs of state* ○ *Church and State* ○ *railways run by the state/state-run railways* ○ *many believe the State should provide schools, homes and hospitals for everyone.* **5** [U] daan bang ih tuahmi puai ah uktu bawi pawl ih hman dingmi thil; pipa zet, mawi zet, cungnung zet in: *The Queen was in her robes of state.* ○ *The President was driven in state through the streets.* **6 the States** [pl] (infml) the United States of America: *I've never been to the States.* **7** (idm) **in/into a state** (infml) (a) thin lau zet, a hnaihok zetmi: *She got herself into a state about the exams.* ○ *He was in a real state when I last saw him.* (b) bal zet, hnok zet, a rem lo, a fel lomi: *What a state this place is in!* **in a state of nature** (fml or joe) lawngfangkkeh,

lawngte in um. **lie in state** ⇒ LIE<sup>2</sup>. **a state of affairs** umzia, dinhmun; thilumtudan: *What a shocking state of affairs!* **the state of play** (a) a hmat, kawl zat(esp in cricket). (b) thu el-awknak ah khatlam khatlam ih dinhmun: *What is the latest state of play in the disarmament talks?*

▷ **state** (also **State**) *adj* [attrib] **1** Ram ta, Ram hrang, Ram thawn a pehparmi: *state railways* ○ *state schools*, ie free schools run by public authorities ○ *state secrets* ○ *State Socialism advocates state control of industry.* **2** cin le daan hmangih tuahmi puai thawn a pehparmi: *a state occasion* ○ *the state apartments* ○ *a state visit*, eg by a monarch to another country ○ *the state opening of Parliament.*

**stateless** *adj* (of a person) ram nei lo, khui ram khal in ka minung a si tiih cohlan lo mi minung.

**statelessness** *n* [U].

□ **statecraft** *n* [U] ram-uk thiamnak; hotu/uktu/hruaitu tuan thiamnak.

**the State Department** American cozah ih Ramdang zung.

**State Enrolled Nurse** (abbr SEN) (Brit) lenglam ah paisa lakin mina hrekkhat zoh theinak thu a ngahmi, nurse zirnak a ong zomi siizung sayamah – State Registered Nurse hnakin a niam deuh.

**state of the art** neta bik tuahmi, a tha bikmi: [attrib] *a state-of-the-art computer program*, ie the most advanced one available.

**State Registered Nurse** (abbr SRN) (Brit) Cozah lethmat ngah sii sayamah.

**stateroom** *n* **1** siangpahrang, cozah hnañuan upa tivek pawl ih hmanmi a khan. **2** tangphawlawng parih mahbul khan, ihnak khan.

**State's evidence** (idm) **turn State's evidence** (US) = TURN KING'S/QUEEN'S EVIDENCE (EVIDENCE).

**stateside** *adj, adv* (US infml) US ta a simi; US sungah; US lam.

**statewide** *adj, adv* (US) cozah lam in; ram pumpuluk in.

**state**<sup>2</sup> /steɪt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tf, Tw] ralring zet kim zet le fiang zet in ðong, lole ca in ngan: *state one's views* ○ *state the obvious*, ie obvious facts, etc ○ *He stated positively that he had never seen the man.* ○ *The document clearly states what is being planned.* **2** [Tn usu passive] rel cia, khiah cia, than cia: *at sated times/intervals* ○ *You must work the hours stated.*

▷ **statement** *n* **1** [U] (fml) ðongmi: *Clearness of statement is more important than beauty of language.* **2** [C] simmi ðong: *The president made a statement of his aims.* ○ (fig) *The artist regards his painting as a political statement.* **3** [C] daan vekin zung ih simmi thuhla, ruahdan, ruah ðul, rel ðul thu harsa: *issue a statement* ○



The police asked the man to make a statement, ie a written account of facts concerning an alleged crime, used in court if legal action follows. **4** [C] = BANK STATEMENT (BANK): My bank sends me monthly statements.

**stately** /stɛrtli/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) zoh a mawi, a pipa ih upattlak a simi: a *stately old woman* ○ *with stately grace*.

▷ **stateliness** *n* [U].

□ **stately home** (Brit) a tum ih a pipa zetmi inn – thuanthu lam thawn pehpar in a thupi zet ih mi ih feh duh zetnak inn.

**statesman** /stɛtismən/ *n* (pl -men /-mən/) (fem **stateswoman** /-wʊmən/, pl -women /-wɪmɪn/) ram uknak lam thiam, mifim hruaitu, lole, rampi hruaitu.

▷ **statesmanlike** *adj* a fimmi ram hruaitu vekin a fim a thiam thil a ti theimi.

**statesmanship** *n* [U] ukdan hruai thiamnak, fimnak.

**static** /stætɪk/ *adj* **1** a thawn lo, a thleng-aw lo, um hmun kel ih um ringringmi: *House prices, which have been static for several months, are now rising again*. ○ *static water*, eg in a tank, needing to be pumped ○ *a rather static performance*, ie one in which there is little movement. **2** (physics) (of force) caang loin a rihnak in hna tʊan. Cf DYNAMIC 1.

▷ **static** *n* [U] **1** radio on tikah tʊng fiangte ih thei thei lo ko in – *tɛk-tɛk-tɛk... chi-i-i* - tivek ih a awnmi aw; atmospherics tiin khal kawh a si: *There was too much static to hear their message clearly*. **2** (also **static electricity**) sam, sahmul tivek electric tha a hruai thei lomi thilri sungih a khawl-awmi electricity: *Her hair was full of static*.

**statics** *n* [sing *v*] physics ah, a cawl ringringmi thilri, lole tha le tha a bangrep in an hnuk-aw/ an tul-awk ringring ruangah caang lo, cawl ringring vekih ruahmi thilri pawl ih thuhla zirnək.

**station** /steɪʃn/ *n* **1** [C] hnaʊan phunkhat tʊankhawmnak hmun, inn: a *bus, police, fire station* ○ *a radar station* ○ *an agricultural research station* ○ *a nuclear power station*. **2** [C] radio, TV pawl thlahnak hmun, inn: *Which TV station is the programme on?* ○ *a pirate radio station*, ie one using a frequency illegally. **3** [C] (a) tlangleng colhnak hmun (zung, lethmat zuarnak hmun, etc pawl tel in): *Which station are you going to?* ○ [attrib] *the station platform, staff*. (b) bus cawlnak hmun: *The bus leaves the bus station at 9.42 am*. **4** [C] (dated or fml) dinhmun, hnaʊan: *people in all stations of life* ○ *He has ideas above his station*. **5** [C] (Austral) (usu large) tuu, caw zuatnak hmun (ram) kaupi. **6** [C, CGp] ralkap, lawngralkap malte umnak hmun: *He's returning to his army station*. **7** [U] tekmi umhmun: *One of the*

*warships was out of station*, ie not in its correct position relative to other ships. **8** (idm) **panic station** ⇒ PANIC.

▷ **station** *v* [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] hmun pakhat ah umter: *Their regiment is stationed in Cyprus*. ○ *The detective stationed himself (ie hid) among the bushes*.

□ **station-master** *n* tlangleng colhnak zung ih tʊanvo neitu.

**Stations of the Cross** Bawipa Jesuh a thihnak le a zonzaidan hmuhmi zuk 14: himi zuk zoh in biakinn hrekhat ah thla an cam theu.

**station-wagon** *n* (US) = ESTATE CAR (ESTATE).

**stationary** /steɪʃənri; US -neri/ *adj* **1** (a) caang lo, thawn lo ih um ringringmi: *remain stationary* ○ *collide with a stationary van*. (b) thawn a theih lo, thawn ding khal a si lomi: *a stationary crane*. Cf MOBILE 1. **2** umdan, a tam/a mal a thleng-aw lomi.

**stationer** /steɪʃnə(r)/ *n* cahnah, cabu le cangannak ih a tʊlmi thilri pawl zuartu: *Is there a good stationer's (shop) near here?*

▷ **stationery** /steɪʃənri; US -neri/ *n* [U] cangannak ih a tʊlmi thilri hmuahhmuah (cahna, pen, cabawm, tivek): [attrib] *a stationery cupboard*, eg in an office.

**statistics** /stə'tɪstɪks/ *n* (a) [pl] a zat theihnək nambat pawl (cazin): *Politicians love to use statistics to support their arguments*. ○ *Have you seen the latest statistics on crime?* (b) [sing *v*] theih duhmi thil pawl khawl, a phun a phun in khawm ih a thuhla thei dingin hlathlai thiamnak, science thiamnak: *She's studying statistics at university*.

▷ **statistic** *n* nambat ih ngan thehmi a zat theihnək: *unearthed a fascinating statistic*.

**statistical** /stə'tɪstɪkl/ *adj* a tʊlmi pawl nambat thawn ngan theh a simi: *statistical evidence*.

**statistically** /-kli/ *adv*: *It has been proved statistically that...*

**statistician** /stætɪ'stɪʃn/ *n* statistics a zirtu, lole statistics lam hnaʊan tʊantu.

**statuary** /stætʃʊəri; US -ueri/ *n* [U] **1** lungto, thir, tivek parih kermi (tuahmi) lem: *a display of bronze statuary*. **2** lem tuahthiamnak.

**statue** /stætʃu:/ *n* thing, lungto, thir, tivek thawn tuahmi lem – tumpipi ih tuah a si theu: *erect a statue of the king on a horse*.

▷ **statuesque** /stætʃʊesk/ *adj* (approx) (a) milem tia a simi, milem vekin caang loih a ummi, milem vekin dai le rem ih a ummi. (b) (usu of a woman) a sang, duhnungza zoh a mawi, hmaizahlak a simi: *her statuesque figure*.

**statuette** /stætʃʊet/ *n* milem fate: *A china statuette of a shepherdess stood on the table*.

**stature** /stætʃʊet/ *n* [U] **1** ruangrai, pumrua: *short of stature*. **2** mah ih thil ti theinak le fimnak ruangih ngahmi hminthannak, mi

thupi sinak: *a scientist of international stature.*

**status** /stætʃə(r)/ *n* [U] **1** sinak, dinhmun: *Women have very little status in many countries* ○ *What's your official status in the company?* **2** hnaʔuan upa sinak; mi ih hmaizah upatmi mi upa sinak: *seek status and security* ○ *He's very aware of his status.*

□ **status symbol** neihmi thil thupi – a cuih thil zoh in a neitu pa kha mi in mi neinung mi upa tiah theih a theih, ruat a theih; a neihmi zoh ih a sum tah: *He only bought the yacht as a status symbol — he hates sailing.*

**status quo** /stetəs 'kwəʊ/ **the status quo** mah keel dinhmun; tulaifang ih thil/thu um vek dinhmun, lole, tubaite ih thil/thuhla a thleng-awk hlan dinhmun: *upset/restore/preserve the status quo* ○ *conservatives who defend the status quo.*

**statute** /stætʃu:t/ **1** parliament, lole daan tuahtu pawl tuahmi upadi: *decreed by statute.* **2** ca zirnak tlawng, pawlkom ih upadi daan: *under the University's statutes.*

▷ **statutory** /stætʃutri/; US -tɔ:ri/ *adj* [usu attrib] upadi in cuvek khavak si ding ti ih ti ciami, upadi vekin tuah zomi, upadi ih duhdan vek a simi: *one's statutory rights* ○ *statutory control of prices and incomes.* **statutorily** *adv.*

□ **statute-book** *n* kumpi (cozah) pakhat ih tuahmi upadi hmuahhmuah khawlkhawmmi upadi; a cuih khawlkhawmmi upadi hmuahhmuah ngan zomi: *not on the statute book*, ie not included in statute law.

**statute law** a tlun ih ngan zomi statutes a zate kom. Cf CASE-LAW (CASE<sup>1</sup>), COMMON LAW (COMMON<sup>1</sup>).

**staunch**<sup>1</sup> /stɔ:tʃ/ *adj* (-er, -est) ruahdan umdan a fek a khoh ih rinsantlak a simi: *a staunch Christian, Conservative, Republican, etc* ○ *one of our staunchest allies.*

**staunch**<sup>2</sup> = STANCH.

**stave**<sup>1</sup> /stev/ *v* **1** pung tumpipi tuahnak ih hmanmi thing phel-kum-sau tete. **2** (music) = STAFF 5.

**stave**<sup>2</sup> /stev/ *v* (pt, pp **staved** or **stove** /stəʊv/) (phr v) **stave sth in** kemter, kuarter, sawhtlang: *The side of the boat was staved in by the collision* ○ *The victim's skull had been stove in by a heavy instrument.* **stave sth off** (pt, pp ~ **d**) rehter, hloter, demter, a laangte fungter: *stave off disaster, danger, bankruptcy, the pangs of hunger.*

**stay**<sup>1</sup> /stei/ *v* **1** (a) [La, I, Ipr, Ip, It, In/pr] (hmun pakhat ah) um: *stay (at) home*, ie not go out or to work ○ *stay late at the office* ○ *I'm afraid I can't stay*, ie I must leave now. ○ *stay in teaching, journalism, etc*, ie not change one's job ○ *stay away from* (ie not go to) school ○ *Stay on this road for two miles then turn left.* ○ *Stay here until I come back.* ○ *We stayed to see what would happen.* ○ *I can only stay a few*

*minutes.* ⇒ Usage at AND. (b) [La, Ln] dinhmun pakhat ah reinawn um: *stay awake* ○ *stay single*, ie not marry ○ *he never stays sober for long.* ○ *They stayed friends for years.* **2** [I, Ipr, In/pr] hmun pakhat ah a laangte in um mikhual, ti pawl vekin: *It's late — why don't you stay* (ie for the night)? ○ *stay in a hotel* ○ *Why don't you come to stay with us next time you visit Durham?* ○ *Jenny's staying in Dublin for a few days, but she now lives/is now living* (ie has her home) *in Belfast.* ○ *stay the night with sb*, ie sleep at sb's house for the night. **3** [Tn] (fml) cawltter, hmuter, caan khatkhat ah tuah leh dingin cawl – tuah loin um, kham: *stay* (ie delay) *punishment/judgement* ○ *stay the progress of a disease* ○ *a little food to stay* (ie temporarily satisfy) *one's hunger* ○ (arch) *stay one's hand*, ie refrain from doing sth. **4** [I] (arch) (usu imperative) um ta hrih!: *Stay! What is this I see?* **5** (idm) **be here to stay/have come to stay** (infml) a tang, a um, a si tata/a si lan ding, pompi a sita dah ding: *I Hope that (the idea of) equality of opportunity for men and women has come to/is here to stay.* **keep/stay/steer clear** ⇒ CLEAR<sup>2</sup>. **stay the course** har khal sehla, mah ih tumtahmi kha bang lohli loin a net tiang tuah: *I don't think he's sufficiently dedicated to stay the course.* **stay put** (infml) mah ih umnak hmun ah, lole retnak hmunah thawn loin um: *The baby wouldn't stay put long enough for the photo to be taken.*

**6** (phr v) **stay away (from sb/sth)** hrial? kaam, a hlatnak ah um; hnaihok pe loin um: *Tell him to stay away from my sister!*

**stay behind** tapta, tangta: *They stayed behind after the party to help clear up.* ○ *The teacher told him to stay behind after class.* **stay down** (a) (of food) pum sungah tang – luak loin: *She's so ill that nothing will stay down, not even water.* (b) tanglam ah tang, um: *The switch on the kettle won't stay down.*

**stay for/to sth** rawl ei ta dingah tang – mi inn ah: *Won't you stay for/to supper?*

**stay in** (a) leng suak loin um: *The doctor advised me to stay in for a few days.* (b) midang pawl tlawngtum hnu ah tlawngah tang – cawhkuan ruangah.

**stay on** (a) a zik, a tlun ah tang: *My hat won't stay on properly.* (b) cawlta lawk ti um loin pehzom in vang, kang ringring: *The TV stays on all day at this place.*

**stay on** (at...) rualpi dangpawl, tlawng, hnaʔuan, tivek ihsin suak hnu ah suak loin tang ringring: *He stayed on at university to do research.*

**stay out** (a) thim hnu ah lengsuak, lengvak: *I don't like you staying out so late.* (b) tuan nuar, ngol in um ringring: *The miners stayed out for a whole year.* **stay out of sth** dai ban lo,

hnaihnik thei lonak ah um, hrial: *His father told him to stay out of trouble.*

**stay up** (a) it loin to rei: *She promised the children they could stay up for their favourite TV programme.* (b) ret, sak, bunnak hmunah til lo, siatbal lo, pil lo, hlo lo tein a um kelte vekin tang, um ringring: *I'm surprised some of those cheap houses stay up at all.* ○ *My trousers only stay up if I wear a belt.* ○ *The poster only stayed up a few hours, before it was stolen.*

**stay with sb** (infml) thusimmi thate in ngaisak ringring: *Please stay with me a moment longer — I'm getting to the point of the story.*

▷ **stay** n 1 um, caam, riak: *an overnight stay in Karachi* ○ *a fortnight's stay with my uncle.* 2 (idm) **a stay of execution** (esp law) thuthennak zungin thah ding, tivek ih thuthen ciami kha thatlohli lo ih hnuter, lole a tuah caan ding ni thin dingin thu pek: *They were due to start demolishing the old theatre today but there's been a last-minute stay of execution.*

**stayer** n a dang pawl thi thluh, cawl thluh, tivek hnu khal ah tang ringring theimi tuartheinak cahnak a neimi minung/ramsa: *He's not a fast horse but he's certainly a stayer.*

□ **stay-at-home** n (infml usu derog) inn ih um ringring a hmanngi minung.

**staying-power** n [U] banghar, thasaunak: *Long-distance runners need staying-power.*

**stay**<sup>2</sup> /stei/ n 1 [C] tlu lo dingih kaitu hri, thirhri.

2 [C] dotu, domtu, bawmtu: (fig) *the prop of* (ie the person who helped him in) *his old age.* 3

**stays** [pl] ruangpum tuahmawh ton caan ih tuamremnak dingah saruh, lole plastic thawn khohtermi ruangtuamnak puan (corset) — hlanlai deuh ah an hmanng.

**STD** /es ti: 'di:/ abbr (Brit) subscriber trunk dialing (by telephone): *The STD code for London is 10.*

**stead** /sted/ n (idm) **in sb's/sth's stead** (fml) mi/thil ai-ah: *I can't attend the meeting but I'll send my assistant in my stead.* **stand sb in good stead** thathnempi: *My anorak has stood me in good stead this winter.*

**steadfast** /stedfast; US -fæst/ adj ~ (in sth/to sb/sth) (fml usu approv) a khoh, a hmun, a thlang lo, a sung pek lo: *a steadfast friend* ○ *a steadfast gaze, refusal* ○ *steadfast in adversity* ○ *be steadfast to one's principles.*

▷ **steadfastly** adv.

**steadfastness** n [U].

**steady** /sted/ adj (-ier, -iest) ciamciam, hmaanhmaan, a hnget khoh, hnin luaklo lo, tluk zikzik lo, a kel in hmaante in um, hnin lo thir lo: *hold the ladder steady* ○ *make a table steady, eg by repairing a leg* ○ *He's not very steady on his legs after his illness.* ○ *Such fine work requires a steady hand and a steady eye.* ○ *She was trembling with excitement but her voice*

*was steady.* 2 mah sikel, sizatte in si ringring: *a steady wind* ○ *a steady speed, flow, rate, pace, etc* ○ *steady progress, improvement, etc.* 3 lungput, nuncan thil tidan thlang hnuaihni loin hmaante in, a kelte in a si ringringmi; rinsantlak: *a steady young man* ○ *a steady worker.* 4 pehzomte ih a ummi: *a steady faith* ○ *with a steady purpose* ○ *Have you got a steady boy-friend?* ○ *The ship kept to a steady course.* 5 (idm) **steady (on)!** (infml) (used as a warning) ler hlah, cu tiin kha tiin um hlah, thate in um! tiih ralrin peknak: *I say, steady on! You can't say things like that about someone you've never met.*

▷ **steadily** /steidli/ adv: *work steadily* ○ *Prices are rising steadily.* ○ *His health is getting steadily worse.*

**steadiness** n [U].

**steady** adv (idm) **go steady (with sb)** (dated infml) (of sb not engaged to marry) tlangtlaang ringring; mipa le nunau caan reidaih in pehawknak nei: *Are Tony and Jane going steady?*

**steady** n (dated infml) a ringring ih neihmi fala, tlangval: *He's my steady.*

**steady** v (pt, pp **steadied**) [I, Tn] thlang hluahhlo, hnin duldo, sawn duldo lo dingih umter, lole um: *Prices are steadying.* ○ *steady a boat* ○ *He steadied himself by holding on to the rail, eg on the deck of a rolling ship.*

**steak** /steik/ n 1 [C, U] kio-car ding, em ding, rawh dingah a sah a per ih ah-mi satit, nga: *fillet/rump steak* ○ *two tuna steaks* ○ [attrib] *a steak knife*, ie for cutting steak, etc when eating it. 2 [U] hnam, so cerhco — in reipi suan ding hrangih ah-mi a liang, a hngawng sa.

□ **steak-house** n em, rawhmi sa, emmi sa zuarnak rawldawr.

**steal** /sti:/ v (pt **stole** /stəul/, pp **stolen** /stəulən/)

1 [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (from sb/sth) fir, a dik lo zawngh thil laak: *it's wrong to steal.* ○ *He stole from the rich to give to the poor.* ○ *Someone has stolen my watch.* ○ *I have had my watch stolen.* ○ *He stole a bun from the shop.* ⇒ Usage at ROB. 2 [Tn, Tn-pr] (fml) a thupte in la hruak, ngah hruak, a bik in bum ih laksak: *steal a few minutes' sleep* ○ *steal a kiss from sb* ○ *steal a glance at sb in the mirror.* 3 [Ipr, Ip] ~ **in, out, away, etc** thupte le daite in: *He stole into the room.* ○ *A tear stole down her cheek.* ○ *The morning light was stealing through the shutters.* ⇒ Usage at PROWL. 4 (idm) **steal a march (on sb)** thupte, lole, hrokhrawl in mi tuah hlan ah, tuah khelh, mi hleih. **steal the scene/show** mi hip, lawm le thangthat co — ruah lo pi in: *Despite fine acting by several well-known stars it was a young newcomer who stole the show.* **steal sb's thunder** mi pakhat in a thil timi khi a dik, a tha, thangthat tlak ka si a ti tum lai ah, midang in tong long, tong khelh,

lode thudang ah fehsak hlo.

▷ **steal** *n* 1 [US sl] fifir. 2 (infml esp US) man thum cia ih zuarmi: 'Ladies and gentlemen, it's a steal at only \$50.'

**stealth** /stelθ/ *n* [U] thupte, daite, thawthang nei lo te ih thilti, um tlang sinak: *Tracking wild animals requires great stealth.* ○ *The burglars had entered the house by stealth.*

▷ **stealthy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) thawthang nei lo, a thupte: *stealthy footsteps.* **stealthily** /-li/ *adv.*

**stealthiness** *n* [U].

**steam** /sti:m/ *n* 1 [U] (a) tisa-khu. (b) tisa-khu tha: *a building heated by steam* ○ [attrib] *a steam brake, whistle, winch, etc.* ie worked by steam ○ *steam cleaning*, ie done by steam. 2 tisa bel, tivek ihsin suakmi hmuh theih tisa-khu: *steam coming out of a boiling kettle* ○ *The laundry was full of steam.* 3 (idm) **full speed/steam ahead** ⇒ FULL. **blow off/let off steam** (infml) sup tenōmi thazaang, cet sung tisa-khu tivek thlah/suah: *The children were out in the playground letting off steam.* **get up steam** (a) (of a vehicle or an engine) leng, engine nuamte te in cakter vivo. (b) (infml) (of a person) thinkhur, lau, thinheng deuhdeuh/vivo. **run out of steam** (infml) tha a cem: *There is a danger of the housing programme running out of steam*, ie losing its impetus. **under one's own steam** lenglam bomnak tel loin, mahte in.

▷ **steam** *v* 1 [I, Ip] hmuh theih, lode, hmuh theih lo tisa-khu suah: *steaming hot coffee* ○ *The kettle was steaming (away) on the stove.* 2 [Tn, Cn-a] tisa-khu thawn suang, hut, kholh, nemter: *steamed pudding* ○ *Steam the fish for 10 minutes.* ○ *steam open an envelope*, ie use steam to soften the glue on the flap. ⇒ Usage at cook. 3 (idm) **be/get (all) steamed up (abut/over sth)** (infml) thatho deuh, thinheng deuh, phur deuh, tivek in um/tur kaak ciamco: *Calm down — it's nothing to get steamed up about!* 4 (phr v) **steam across, along, away, off, etc** tisa-khu thazaang hmangin feh – lawng, tlangleng, tivek thawn: *a boat steaming up the Nile* ○ *The train steamed into/out of the station.* ○ *We were steaming along at 50 mph.* **steam sth off (sth)** tisa-khu thawn nemter ih khok – cabawm par ih milu tivek: *steam stamps off envelopes.* **steam (sth) up** tidai for tete ah a cang salmi tikhu in a khuh: *The car windows steamed up.* **steamer** *n* 1 tikhu thazaang hmangih fehmi tangphawlawng. 2 thilhutnak kuang – a kimvel ah a ong fatete a nei.

**steamy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) 1 tikhu thawn a pehparmi, tikhu vek a simi, tikhu a tammi: *a steamy jungle.* 2 (infml) mi a hurter theimi: *steamy love scenes.* **steaminess** *n* [U].

□ **steamboat** *n* tiva le tipikap tluan ih a fehmi tikhu thazaang hmang tangphawlawng fate.

**steam-engine** *n* tikhu thazaang in a hermi cet.

**steam iron** electric puanhnawtnak – puanhnawtnak thirper ihisn tidai maltete a zit phah thei.

**steam radio** (infml joc) TV thawn thim asile, san a man nawn lo ti ih ruahmi radio thuthan.

**steamroller** *n* lampi rialnak lengpi. — *v* 1 [Tn] lampi rialnak cet ih rial vekin mi a neh huhu: *steamrolling all opposition.* 2 (phr v) **steam roller sb into sth/doing sth** hramhram in sb kha dinhmun pakhat ah thlenter, lode thil pakhat khat tuahter.

**steamship** *n* tikhu tha hmangmi tangphawlawng.

**steam-shovel** *n* (esp US) leikua, khur laihsak cet – hlan ah tikhu thazaang an hmang.

**steam train** tikhu thazaang ih fehmi tlangleng: [attrib] *a steam train enthusiast.*

**steed** /sti:d/ *n* (arch or joc) rang (horse): *my trusty steed.*

**steel** /sti:l/ *n* 1 [U] (a) kahpathir: *It's made of steel.* ○ [attrib] *steel knives.* (b) kahpathir tuahnak hmun, cet zung; kahpathir ihsin tuahmi: [attrib] *the steel strike* ○ *deserted steel mills* ○ *the steel areas of the north.* 2 [C] hraptermi kahpathir namtatnak. 3 [C] (arch) hriamnam: *an enemy worthy of one's steel*, ie one who will fight well. 4 (idm) **of steel** a cak zet, a khoh, a fek zet: *a man of steel* ○ *nerves of steel* ○ *a grip of steel.*

▷ **steel** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Tnt] ~ **oneself/sth (for/against sth)** thin khohter: *I'm afraid I have bad news for you, so steel yourself.* ○ *She had to steel her heart against pity.*

**steely** *adj* (-ier, -iest) kahpathir vekin a hak, a tleu, a khohmi: *a steely look* ○ *with steely determination.* **steeliness** *n* [U].

□ **steel band** West Indian ih hlasak thiam pawl pawlkom – an awnmawi kha pung lawng tivek pawl thawn an tuah.

**steel-plated** *adj* adj kahpathir pheng tete thawn tuahmi, khuhmi.

**steel wool** bel tivek rawtfainak thirhritom. Cf WIRE WOOL (WIRE).

**steel worker** kahpathir tuahnak hmunih hnañuantu.

**steelworks** *n* (pl unchanged) [sing or pl v] kahpathir tuahnak hmun (cet-zung).

**steelyard** /sti:lja:d or, rarely, 'sti:ljd/ *n* fungcuai – fung pakhat lawng a simi cuai, a saunak lamah khing thlahi ih a tawinak lam ah thilri thlahi in cuai thlai a si.

**steep** 1 /sti:p/ *adj* (-er, -est) 1 (of a slope, stairs, etc) a hrap, a so, a tung, a khaam: *a steep path, descent, hill, climb, gradient* ○ *a steep roof* ○ *I never cycle up that hill — it's too steep.* 2 (infml) (of a price or demand) a tawk zawn loin a luan tuk ih man dil, thil duh: *She wants you to feed her cats for four weeks — that's a bit steep!* ○ *I wouldn't pay £300 for his old car — it's too*

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steep.

▷ **steepen** /'sti:pən/ *v* [I, Tn] soter, tungter, hrapter; a so, a khaam, a hrap, a tung deuhdeuh: *The path steepens as you climb the hillside.*

**steepish** *adj* a khaam, a hrap, a so, a tung nawn.

**steeply** *adv.*

**steepness** *n* [U].

**steep<sup>2</sup>** /sti:p/ *v* **1** [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (in **sth**) nemseh, thiangseh, lole, a rim umseh tiah ciah: *fruit steeped in brandy* ○ *steep onions in vinegar*, ie to pickle them. **2** (phr *v*) **steep sb/oneself/sth in sth** (esp passive) ciah; thil pakhat khat thei famkim dingin tuah/tuah-aw: *steeped in ignorance/prejudice* ○ *a city steeped in history* ○ *He steeped himself in the literature of ancient Greece and Rome.*

**steep<sup>1</sup>** /sti:pl/ *n* inn zim zum (spire) biakinn (darkning tarnak) tower.

□ **steep<sup>1</sup>jack** *n* rem dingah, lole tinbawsii (a rong) tivek thuh dingah steep<sup>1</sup>, tower, tivek a kaitu minung.

**steep<sup>1</sup>chase** /sti:pltsɛɪs/ *n* **1** lam hlatpi, rangtlan zuamnak, lole, tleng kham lan ding le khur kaan ding tivek a ummi rangtlan zuam-awknak. Cf FLAT RACING (FLAT<sup>2</sup>). **2** a tlun ih tlan zuamnak hmun vekah minung tlan zuam-awknak.

▷ **steep<sup>1</sup>-chaser** *n* a tlun ih tlan zuam-nak hmun vekih tlan a zuamtu rang, minung.

**steer<sup>1</sup>** /stiə(r)/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] her, mer, hruai, mawng: *You steer and I'll push.* ○ *steer by the stars* ○ *steer a boat into (the) harbour* ○ (fig) *He managed to steer the discussion away from the subject of money.* ○ (fig) *She steered me towards a table in the corner.* (b) [I] (of a boat, car, etc) her theih, merh theih: *a car that steers well on corners.* **2** [Tn] mah hoinak hmun hoi ringring in feh: *keep steering north/a northerly course.* **3** (idm) **keep/stay/steer clear** ⇒ CLEAR<sup>2</sup>.

▷ **steerer** /stəɪə(r)/ *n* hertu, merhtu, hruaitu, mawngtu.

**steering** /stiəriŋ/ *n* [U] lawng, mawṭawka, tivek mawnnak (hermi) thilri: *power steering* ○ *There is something wrong with the steering.*

**steersman** /-zmən/ *n* (pl **-men** /-mən/) lawng, tangphawlawng mawngtu. Cf HELMSMAN (HELM).

□ **steering-column** *n* mawṭawka mawnnak kutkaih bunnak thirtluan.

**steering committee** pawlkom hnaṭuannak kha ziangti zawngin ṭuan ding tiih hruaitu, khiihmuhtu kawmīti (committee).

**steering lock** mawṭawka, tivek pawl kha mi in fir thei hlahseh tiah a mawnnak tawh hren.

**steering-wheel** *n* mawṭawka mawnnak kutkaih, bial.

**steer<sup>2</sup>** /stiə(r)/ *n* sa ei ding hrangih zuatmi tilper cia cawcang no. Cf BULL<sup>1</sup> 1, BULLOCK, OX 1.

**steerage** /stiəri:dʒ/ *n* [U] **1** tangphawlawng, tivek mawng le mawn ruangih a sican daan. **2** lawng ih mei rudder thawn a naih biknak hmun – hlan ahcun hih hmunah toman mal bik petu khualtlawng pawl an to theu: *travel steerage* ○ [attrib] *steerage class.*

□ *steerage-way* *n* [U] (nautical) tangphawlawng, tivek mawng thei dingah hmailam ih a tawt theinak.

**stellar** /stelə(r)/ *adj* [esp attrib] (fml) arsi thawn, lole arsi pawl thawn a pehparmi: *stellar light.* Cf INTERSTELLAR.

**stem<sup>1</sup>** /stem/ *n* **1** (a) thingrah, pangpar, thinghnah pawl ih an ngiang. (b) a hnah a par pawl keuhnak a kung tluan, a kung, a kuang. **2** thil pakhat ih a femnak zawn – hai ih a ngelnak zawn, kuak lu le a hmun karlak ih dawng femte tivek. **3** (grammar) noun, verb pawl ih ṭonghram – a cuih ṭonghram ih a zim lam thleng vivo – tican dangdang a suak thei. **4** (fml) sungkhat hrinkhat zawt tikah ci le kuang bik a simi minung pawl. **5** (idm) **from stem to stern** hmailam bik ihsin dunglam bik tiang – a bik in tangphawlawng pawl ah: *The liner has been refitted from stem to stern.*

▷ **stem** *v* (-mm-) (phr *v*) **stem from sth** thil pakhat ihsin a ṭeek, a suah, a keuh, thil pakhat ruangah a cang: *discontent stemming from low pay and poor working conditions.*

**-stemmed** (forming compound *adjs*) cuvek khavet phun kutkaih, a ngiang, a kung a kuang, a neimi: *long-/short-/thick-stemmed glasses* ○ *a straight-stemmed flower.*

**stem<sup>2</sup>** /stem/ *v* (-mm-) [Tn] luang ding pawt ding kha kham, phit: *bandage a cut to stem the bleeding* ○ *stem the flow of water from a burst pipe* ○ (fig) *The government are unable to stem the tide of popular indignation.*

**Sten** /sten/ *n* (also **Sten gun**) stenkan meithal timi ralkahnak nawtpuak meithal fate (tai zawn ihsin kah a si).

**stench** /stentʃ/ *n* (usu *sing*) ṭawt, uih, thu rim: *the stench of rotting meat.*

**stencil** /stensl/ *n* [C] **1** thirper, lole cahnah sah kha duhmi vekih ongter in, tan in, phar tivek parah ret ih si hnih tikah duhmi zuk le ca a pawttermi; *phazawng.* **2** a tlun ih thil, stensil hmangih nganmi zuk, cafang: *decorate a wall with flower stencils.* **3** ca-rialnak ih hmanmi stensil cahnah: *cut a stencil.*

▷ **stencil** *v* (-ll-; US also -l-) [I, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (A on B/B with A) stensil hmangin puan, cahnah tivek parah ca ngan, zuk suai: *Do you know how to stencil?* ○ *stencil a pattern on cloth* ○ *stencil cloth with a pattern.*

**steno** /stenə/ *n* (infml esp US) = STENOGRAPHER (STENOGRAPHY).

**stenography** /stə'nɒgrəfi/ *n* [U] (esp US) = SHORTHAND.

▷ **stenographer** /-fə(r)/ (esp US) (Brit shorthand-typist) *n* kutngan tawi nganthiamtu minung, lole kutngan tawi ngantu dingih sanmi minung.

**stentorian** /stən'tɔːriən/ *adj* (fml) (of a voice) a ring, a khawk, huham a neimi: *stentorian tones*.

**step**<sup>1</sup> /step/ *v* (-pp-) [Ipr, Ip] **1** kekar, ke in pal; kal suan. *step on sb's foot* ○ *step in a puddle* ○ *step forwards/backwards*. **2** feh, kar: *step across a stream* ○ *step into a boat* ○ *step onto/off the platform* ○ 'Kindly *step this way* (ie come here, follow me), please.' ○ (fig) *step into a job*, ie get one without effort. **3** (idm) **step into the breach** ra suak thei lomi ai-awh in hna tuan. **step into sb's shoes** mi ih hna tuannak hmun ah lut, thleng; long, sawng. **step on it** (US also **step on the gas**) (infml) nawt deuh in feh, mawtawka, tivek pawl cakter deuh, manhlap in feh: *You'll be late if you don't step on it*. **step out of line** mi nun zawng loin nung: *The teacher warned them that she would punish anyone who stepped out of line*. **tread/step on sb's toes** ⇒ TOE. **4** (phr v) **step aside** kian: *He stepped aside to let me pass*. ○ *It's time for me to step aside and let a younger person become chairman*.

**step down** mah ih tuannak hmunah midang tuan/lut thei dingah hna tuan ihsin suak, cawl. **step forward** mi bawm dingah, thuthang sim dingah hmaiah suak: *The organizing committee is appealing for volunteers to step forward*.

**step in** buainak, do-awknak tivek ah kham, then, thlak: *If the police had not stepped in when they did there would have been serious violence*.

**step out** cak deuh in feh, rang deuh in thawn. **step up** hmai ah suak. **step sth up** thil pakhat khat tuahmi kha cakter deuh: *step up production* ○ *step up* (ie put more effort into) *the campaign for nuclear disarmament*.

□ **stepping-stone** *n* (a) tiva te, tivek tan tikah pal vivo dingih retmi lung pheng pawl. (b) (fig) thiltha deuh pakhat tuah thei dingih kaibak; tanlak pal lung: *a first stepping-stone on the path to success*.

**step**<sup>2</sup> /step/ *n* **1** [C] ke kar (lam feh, tlan, lam, tivek ah): *walk with slow steps* ○ *The water was deeper at every step*. ○ *He took a step towards the door*. **2** [C] ke kar (a tawisau): *retrace one's steps*, ie go back ○ *move a step closer to the fire* ○ *It's only a few steps farther*. ○ *He walked with us every step of the way*. **3** [sing] a naite: *It's only a step to the park from here*. **4** (also **footstep**) [C] (a) ke feh awn: *We heard steps outside*. (b) fehdan, feh-awn: *with a light cheerful step* ○ *That's Lucy — I recognize*

*her step*. **5** [C] kekardan (lam tikah): *I don't know the steps for this dance*. **6** [C] kekar – thil tuah tikah ziang tiin ke kan kar ding tivek kekar: *a step in the right direction* ○ *This has been a great step forward*, ie Much progress has been made. ○ *What's the next step?* ie What must we do next? **7** [C] kalbak, karbak: *a flight of steps* ○ *Mind the steps when you go down into the cellar*. ○ *They had to cut steps in the ice as they climbed*. ○ *The child was sitting on the top step*. ⇒ Usage at STAIR. **8 steps** [pl] = STEP-LADDER: *a pair of steps* ○ *We need the steps to get into the loft*. **9** [C] kar – hna tuan kai lamah, karkhat, bakkhat a kai tivek, thansonak lam ah, kan hmai ah kar tampi an thleng zo tivek: *Our marketing methods put us several steps ahead of our main rivals*. ○ *When do you get your next step up?* ie When will you be promoted? **10** (idm) **break step** laam tikah, lam feh tikah kekar sual. **change step** ⇒ CHANGE<sup>1</sup>. **a false step** ⇒ FALSE. **in/out of step** (with sb/sth) (a) (in marching or dancing) laam le lam feh tikah mi kar zawngin kar/kar lo: *he's out of step with modern ideas*. **keep step** (with sb) mi thawn kekar/ke cawi bangrep in feh. **mind/watch one's step** (a) ralring in feh. (b) ralring zet in nung: *You'll be in trouble if you don't watch your step*. **step by step** kalkhat hnu kalkhat, a sangsang tein: [attrib] *a step-by-step instruction manual*. **take steps to do sth** tumtahmi hlansuah duh ah tuah thok: *The government is taking steps to control the rising crime rate*.

□ **step-ladder** *n* biltheih, duhduh nak ih thiar theih, amah te in a ding thei, a ke palnak kha kalbak a si ih a lu thlung a rawnmi kailawn.

**step-** *pref* nu le pa pakhat khat innsang neih salnak ihsin a suakmi.

**stepbrother, stepsister** pa ih nunawn, lole nu ih panawn ih kenmi fapa, fanu (unau-seu).

□ **stepchild** *n* (pl -children) nu ei, pa ei ih faken.

**stepfather, stepmother** *ns* panawn, nunawn, pa-ei, nu-ei.

**step-parent** *n* pa-ei, nu-ei.

**stepson, stepdaughter** *ns* nupi-nawn, pasal-nawn ih kenmi fanu, fapa.

**steppe** /step/ *n* (usu pl) SE Europe le Siberia ram ih hrampi tampi, thingkung malte keuhnak hmunrawn: Cf PAMPAS, PRAIRE, SAVANNAH, VELD.

**-ster** *suff* (with *ns* and *adjs* forming *ns*) –ster hmai ih nganmi tongfang vek a simi, lole pehparmi minung: *gangster* ○ *prankster* ○ *youngster*.

**stereo** /steriəʊ/ *n* (pl ~s) **1** [U] stereophonic aw, aw khumnak: *broadcast in stereo* ○ [attrib] *a stereo recording, record, cassette, system*. **2** stereophonic record player, radio, etc: *Where's*

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your stereo? Cf MONO.

**stereo-** *comb form* kap thum ih a langmi: *stereoscope*.

**stereophonic** /stɛrɪəˈfɒnɪk/ *adj* **1** (of recorded or broadcast sound) aw kel vekih a fiang zetmi – loudspeaker **2** a um t̃ul: *a stereophonic recording*. **2** (of apparatus) hivek phun ih aw khumnak thilri. Cf MONOPHONIC.

**stereoscope** /stɛrɪəˈskəʊp/ *n* zuk zohnak thilri – hmun hnih ihsin zukmi thil pakhat ih zuk **2** kha hi thil thawn zoh tikah pakhat vekin a langih a ngaingai kha mit ih zoh vekin a fiang. ▷ **stereoscopic** /stɛrɪəˈkɒpɪk/ *adj* kapthum in a langmi, mit in a thil ngaingai zoh vekih a fiangmi: *a stereoscopic image, photograph, etc.*

**stereotype** /stɛrɪəˈtaɪp/ *n* [C] **1** mi burkhat in daan vekih an hmanmi ruahdan, hmuhihmel umdan, hoiherdan, sinfindan, tivek pawl: *He doesn't conform to the usual stereotype of the city businessman with a dark suit and rolled umbrella*. ○ [attrib] *a play full of stereotype characters*. **2** a cawang pawl bennak a thawn theimi carialnak cet.

▷ **stereotyped** *adj* (often derog) (of images, ideas, characters, etc) thleng-aw lo, mah ih umdan si loin mah ih tlanlenpi pawlkom ih umdan ruahdan in khuh-aw, ciah-aw: *stereotyped images of women in advertisements*.

**stereotyping** *n* [U]: *sexual stereotyping*.

**sterile** /stɛrəl/; US 'stɛrəl/ *adj* **1** (of plants, animals or humans) fa-cing: *Medical tests showed that he was sterile*. **2** (of land) rawlsuak thei lo, ramcar ramkolh: *a sterile debate*. **3** (fig) thuṭha relsuakmi um lo, a santlai lo: *a sterile debate*. **4** nathrik a kop lo: *sterile bandages* ○ *An operating theatre should be completely sterile*. Cf FERTILE.

▷ **sterility** /stɛrɪˈlɪtɪ/ *n* [U] facing sinak, nathrik kop lo sinak.

**sterilize, -ise** /stɛrəˈlaɪz/ *v* [Tn] **1** nat hrik kop lo dingin tuah: *sterilized milk* ○ *sterilized surgical instruments*. **2** fa-cing ko in, fa nei thei lo dingin tuah: *After her fourth child she decided to be/have herself sterilized*.

**sterilization, -isation** /stɛrəˈlaɪzɪʃn; US -lɪz-/ *n* [U].

**sterling** /stɜːlɪŋ/ *adj* **1** (abbr **stg**) (of coins or precious metal) a si ding zatin a simi, a thiangmi, rawi lomi, a hmaanmi: *sterling silver cutlery*. **2** [usu attrib] (fig) (of a person or his qualities, etc) lom tlak, thil a ti thei zetmi: *her sterling qualities as an organizer*.

▷ **sterling** *n* [U] British tangka: *the pound sterling*, ie the British £ ○ *payable in sterling or American dollars*. Cf POUND<sup>1</sup> **2**.

□ **the sterling area** British sterling in paisa a rak khawltu ram pawl.

**stern**<sup>1</sup> /stɜːn/ *adj* (-er, -est) (a) zaangfahnak hmel, lunghmui hmel a cuang lomi, khoh

remrem, a fek zetmi: *a stern taskmaster, teacher, parent, etc* ○ *a stern face, expression, look, etc*. (b) a fek tukmi, a nasa tukmi, a heng zetmi: *stern treatment for offenders* ○ *Police are planning sterner measures to combat crime*. ▷ **sternly** *adj*. **sternness** *n* [U].

**stern**<sup>2</sup> /stɜːn/ *n* [C] **1** lawng a dunglam kap: *standing at/in the stern of the boat* ○ *walk towards the stern of a ship*. **2** (infml esp joc) taw: *Move your stern, I want to sit down*. **3** (idm) **from stem to stern** ⇨ STEM<sup>1</sup>.

**sternum** /stɜːnəm/ *n* (pl ~ **s** or **sterna** /stɜːnə/) (anatomy) = BREASTBONE (BREAST).

**steroid** /stɛrɔɪd, 'stɛrɔɪd/ *n* (chemistry) taksa ih suahmi vitamin, hormone, tivek sii pawl: *He's being treated with steroids for leukaemia*.

**stertorous** /stɜːtərəs/ *adj* (fml) (of breathing or a person breathing) a hngawkmi.

▷ **stertorously** *adv*.

**stet** /stet/ *v* **1** [I] (used only in the form *stet* as an instruction to a printer, etc when written beside a word that has been crossed out or corrected by mistake) remmi, rin ih phiatihi cawang kiangah stet tiin ngan a si le, rem a si sal lo, phiati a si sal lo tinak. **2** (-tt-) [Tn] t̃ongfang kiangah stet ngan; rem ciami remsal lo in siter: *The proof-reader had changed a word but I stetched it*.

**stethoscope** /stetəˈskəʊp/ *n* sibawi pawl ih lungtur dan le thawthaw dan ngainak thil.

**stetson** /stetsn/ *n* a bikin cowboy pawl ih khummi a lu a sangih a kapper a kaumi lukhuh.

**stevedore** /stɪvədɔː(r)/ *n* lawng parih thil san le suahtu kuli.

**stew** /stjuː; US stuː/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] tidai malte thawn bel sin tahrat in a reipi suang: *The meat needs to stew for several hours*. ○ *stewing steak*, ie beef suitable for stewing ○ *stewed chicken, fruit* ○ *stewed apple and custard*. **2** [I] (infml) a sa tuk, mi a hu tuk: *Please open a window — we're stewing in here!* **3** (idm) **let sb stew** (infml) run duh loin a tuahsual ruangih zonzai a tuarmi kha tuarter rero. **stew in one's own juice** (infml) mah ih thil tuahmi ruangah mah zonzai tuar rero: *I don't see why I should help her — she can stew in her own juice for a bit*.

▷ **stew** *n* **1** [C, U] suanmi sa, hanghnah hangrah hmeh: *make a stew* ○ *have some more stew*. **2** (idm) **get (oneself) into/be in a stew (about sth)** (infml) thil pakhat ruangah thinkhur, thin khuaruahhar, thin hnaihok in um: *He's got himself into a complete stew about his exams*.

**stewed** *adj* [usu pred] **1** (of tea) ciah reituk ruangih a kha tukmi, a thaw lomi. **2** (sl) zuri.

**steward** /stjuəd; US 'stjuːəd/ *n* **1** inn tumpi, ram tivek kiltu. **2** college, club, tivek hrangah ti-rawl ngah thei ringring dingih tawlreltu. **3**

(fem **stewardess** /ˈstjuədəs; US ˈstu:ədəs/) tangphawlawng, tlangleng, vanzamleng parih khualtlawng pawl kilkhawitu: *the baggage/cabin/deck steward* ○ *an air stewardess*. **4** tlan zuamnak, lam, thilri hmuh, pumkhawm, mipi zinzawh, tivek ih tawreltu upa: *The stewards will inspect the course to see if racing is possible*. ▷ **stewardship** *n* [U] (fml) steward sinak, tuanvo.

**Sth** abbr South: *Sth Pole*, eg on a map: thlanglam.

**stick**<sup>1</sup> /stɪk/ *n* **1** [C] funghreu – bungthun, mi thawinak, tik dingih hmanmi: *collect dry sticks to make a fire* ○ *cut sticks to support peas in the garden*. **2** [C] = WALKING-STICK (WALK<sup>1</sup>): *The old man cannot walk without a stick*. **3** [C] bawhlung thawinak fung – hockey, polo, tivek ah: **4** [C] a hreu tuangti thil: *sticks of celery, chalk, charcoal, dynamite, rhubarb, wax* ○ *brass candlesticks*. **5** [C] hla khawngtu/hla hruaitu ih fung. **6** [C] artlang ih tla dingah pakhat hnu pakhat thlakmi bomb rual. **7** [C usu pl] ~ (of sth) (infml) a tlang tete (bungrua pawl ah): *These few sticks (of furniture) are all he has left*. **8** [C] (infml) mi phundang, pawl nuam lo, hnihhmai nei lo: *He's a rather boring old stick*. **9** the sticks [pl] (infml) khuapi thawn a hlatmi khuate lam: *live (out) in the sticks*. **10** (idm) **be in a cleft stick** ⇒ CLEAVE<sup>1</sup>. **the big stick** ⇒ BIG. **the carrot and the stick** ⇒ CARROT. **get the wrong end of the stick** ⇒ WRONG. **get/take stick (from sb)** (infml) cawhkuan tuar, nasa zetih tisiat tuar: *The government has taken a lot of stick from the press recently*. **give sb stick** (infml) sb kha cawh, napi in tisiat. **a rod/stick to beat sb with** ⇒ BEAT<sup>1</sup>. **up sticks** ⇒ UP *v*.

□ **stick insect** hnam funghreu, (nu taang vek) **stickpin** *n* (US) = TIE-PIN (TIE<sup>1</sup>).

**stick shift** (US) mawtawka merhnak kutkaih bial ah so loin a tung ih ummi gear thlengnak.

**stick**<sup>2</sup> /stɪk/ *v* (pt, pp **stuck** /stʌk/) **1** (a) [Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ sth in/into/through sth; ~ sth in/through a sungah/tlangko in, a zummi thil sawh: *Stick the fork into the potato*. ○ *The cushion was stuck full of pins*. (b) [Ipr, Ip] ~ in/into/through sth; ~ in/through thil zum in sun ih tang ringring: *The needle stuck in my finger*. ○ *I found nail sticking in the tyre*. ○ *Your umbrella is sticking into my back*. **2** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ben, bek: *This glue doesn't stick very well*. ○ *The dough stuck to my fingers*. ○ *stick a stamp on a letter* ○ *stick a broken cup (back) together*. **3** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] (infml) rang zet in, lole ralring loin ret, ben, sawh, hrolh: *stick up a notice on the notice-board* ○ *He stuck the pen behind his ear*. ○ *Stick the books on the table, will you?* **4** [I, Ipr] ~ (in sth) taang, bek, dir suak theih lo: *This drawer sticks badly* ○ *The key stuck in the lock*. ○ *The bus stuck in the*

*mud*. **5** [Tn] (infml) tuar, thlah, siang: *I don't know how you stuck that man for so long*. ○ *I won't stick your rudeness any longer*. **6** [I] (infml) umta, hmanhta dahdah: *They couldn't make the charges stick*, ie prove that they were true. ○ *He got the nickname 'Fatty' on his first day at school — and unfortunately the name stuck*, ie has been used ever since. **7** (idm) **cling/stick to sb like a leech** ⇒ LEECH. **mud sticks** ⇒ MUD. **poke/stick one's nose into sth** ⇒ NOSE<sup>1</sup>. **put/shove/stick one's oar in** ⇒ OAR. **stand/stick out like a sore thumb** ⇒ SORE. **stand/stick out a mile** ⇒ MILE. **stick/stop at nothing** thil bal, thil sual a si khalle, mah ih duhmi cu tuah thocho. **stick 'em up!** (infml) hriamnam nei suamhmang pawl in mi pakhat kha na lu tlun ah na kut thilir aw! an timi. **stick fast** thuhla ah siseh, um hmunah siseh, thleng thei lo thawn thei lo, thleng duh lo in um: *His head was stuck fast in the railings*. ○ (fig) *He stuck fast to his theory*, ie maintained it firmly. **stick in one's mind** (of a memory, image, etc) thinlung mitah, lungsungah caan reipi tang/caam ringring: *The image of the dead child's face stuck in my mind for ages*. **stick in one's throat** (infml) (a) (also **stick in one's craw/gizzard**) cohlan, pom a har: *It sticks in my throat to have to accept charity from them*. (b) (of words) sim a har, sal a har, tong a suak thei lo: *I wanted to tell her, but the words stuck in my throat*. **stick one's neck out** (infml) a si khal a si thei a si lo khal a si theimi thil tuah, a awm lemlomi tuah: *I may be sticking my neck out* (ie in prediction sth uncertain), *but I think he's going to win*. **stick to one's guns** (infml) mah ih ruahdan, tuah lai mi kha, mi in ziang tluk an soisel hmanah, thin loin tuah thiamthiam. **stick to one's last** mah ih ti that thei lomi thil ti nawn loin bansan.

**8** (phr v) **stick around** (infml) kiangkap ah um rero (thil pakhat khat hngak in): *Stick around, we may need you*.

**stick at sth** thlah lo in pehzom te in tuan, taima: *If we stick at it, we should finish the job today*.

**stick by sb** (infml) harcaan khalah, phatsan lo rinsan tlak dinhmun in tanpi, bawm ringring: *Her husband stuck by her in good times and bad*. **stick sth down** (a) a phaw, a khuh kha sengerh (kaw) thawn ben: *stick down (the flap of) an envelope*. (b) (infml) ret, thlak: *Stick it down anywhere you like*. (c) (infml) ngan: *Stick down your names on the list*.

**stick sth in/into sth** cabu, tivek sungah ziangmaw kha kaw thawn ben: *stick stamps into an album*.

**stick sth on (sth)** thil hmai ah thil pakhat kaw thawn ben: *Stick a label on your suitcase*.

**stick (sth) out** lengah a pawt/pawtter: *His ears*



*stick out.* ○ a girl sticking her tongue out at her brother ○ Don't stick your head out of the car window. **stick it/sth out** (infml) a har, a nuam lo nain colhsan, bansan loin a cemnet tiangin tuan: *He hates the job — but he's determined to stick it out because he needs the money.* **stick out for sth** (infml) mah ih duhmi ngah hlanlo ti fetfet: *They're sticking out for higher wages.*

**stick to sth** (a) tanta lo, thleng lo, thlah loin hmang ringring: *'Would you like some wine? 'No, I'll stick to beer, thanks.'* ○ We don't want to hear your opinions; stick to the facts! ○ That's my story and I'm sticking to it, ie I shall maintain that it is true. (b) a har nain thlah loin a net tiang tuan ringring: *stick to a task until it is finished.*

**stick together** (infml) (of people) rualremte in phatsan-aw loin, rinsantlak in um tlang: *If we keep calm and stick together, we'll be all right.*

**stick up** tlunlam ah pawt, sawh, a tung in um: *The branch was sticking up out of the water.*

**stick sth up** (infml) thil fir, thil lon duh ah meithal thawn khiih in mi thih. **stick up for sb/oneself/sth** mi/mah/thil kha bawm, tanpi, tang: *Don't allow those big boys to bully you; stick up for yourself!* ○ *stick up for one's right.*

**stick with sb/sth** (infml) hlon loin peh-aw ringring, tanpi ringring, pom ringring: *I'm sticking with my original idea.* ○ *Stick with me and you'll be all right.*

▷ **stick-in-the-mud** n (infml derog) thleng-awknak a duh lomi minung: [attrib] *stick-in-the-mud attitudes.*

**stick-on** adj [attrib] a dunglam ah kaw thuh ciami, a bekmi thuh ciami: *stick-on labels.*

**sticking-plaster** (also **plaster**) n [C, U] (Brit) (US **adhesive plaster**) hma bennak plaster.

**stick-up** n (infml) meithal hmang ih suamhmang (damiah)thaihnak: *Don't move — this is a stick-up!*

**sticker** /stɪkə(r)/ n 1 a dunglam ah a bekmi thuh ih a hmailam ah zuk, ca tivek a ummi ben dingmi cahnah: *The child had stickers all over his school books.* 2 (infml approv) a tha lam in, ziangtluk harnak ton khalle thlah lo ih tang eueu thei minung.

**stickleback** /stɪklbæk/ n a zaang tluan ah hling zum tete (teh) a neimi nga fate phunkhat.

**stickler** /stɪklə(r)/ n ~ **for sth** amah ih hmuitin a thatuk tiah ruat in, thlun cio dingah midang a forh rerotu: *a stickler for accuracy, punctuality, discipline, etc.*

**sticky** /stɪki/ adj (-ier, -iest) 1 a seng, abek, a tlor: *sticky fingers covered in jam* ○ *The floor's very sticky near the cooker.* 2 (infml) (of weather) mi a hu, thlan a suakter theimi, a nuam lo zetmi nikhua: *a sticky august afternoon.* 3 (infml) a nuam lo, a har zetmi: *His dismissal was rather a sticky business for all*

*concerned.* ○ *Their marriage is going through a sticky patch,* ie an unpleasant period of time. 4 [usu pred] (infml) mi ih elnak a ummi, elnak a um theimi, a thahnem lomi: *The bank manager was a bit sticky about letting me have an overdraft.* 5 (idm) **come to a bad/sticky end** ⇒ END<sup>1</sup>. **sticky fingers** (euph) fir duh, fir hmang. **sticky wicket** (Brit) (a) (in cricket) a ciar ih ni a sa tikah hul a ol nain, leknak dingah a nuam lomi cricket lehnak hmun. (b) (fig) lairel dingah a harmi dinhmun: *We're on a sticky wicket with these negotiations — they could very well fail.*

▷ **stickily** /-li/ adv. **stickiness** n [U].

□ **sticky tape** plaster vekih a erh thei vemi thil pehnak hriper sau.

**stiff** /stɪf/ adj (-er, -est) 1 a khong, a khoh: *a sheet of stiff cardboard* ○ *a stiff drawer* ○ *a stiff pair of shoes* ○ *have a stiff neck,* ie painful and difficult to move ○ *feel stiff* (ie have stiff muscles and joints) *after a long walk.* 2 a khang: *Stir the flour and milk to a stiff paste.* 3 (a) a har: *a stiff climb* ○ *a stiff exam.* (b) a khoh, a har, a nasa: *The judge imposed a stiff sentence.* ○ *Competition is stiff.* 4 duhdaw-aw lemlo, daan men ah khoh teuteu nawn ih pawlkom-aw: *Their manner was rather stiff.* 5 (infml) (of a price) a khung, a sang tuk: *pay a stiff membership fee.* 6 (of a breeze) (thli) cak zet, khoh zet in a hrang. 7 (of an alcoholic drink) tidai rawi lo, a khoh zetmi: *That was a shock — I need a stiff drink!* ○ *a stiff glass of rum.* 8 (idm) **stiff/straight as a ramrod** ⇒ RAMROD. (keep) **a stiff upper lip** nat le buai caan ah zianghman cang lo vek daite ih um thei.

▷ **stiff** adv (infml) luan zet in, nasa zet in: *worried/scared/frozen stiff* ○ *The opera bored me stiff.*

**stiff** n (sl) miruak.

**stiffly** adv: *He bent down stiffly.*

**stiffness** n [U].

□ **stiff-necked** adj (fml derog) thinhak, mi hngal.

**stiffen** /stɪfn/ v [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (up) (with sth) khohter, thongter, khohter sin, thongter sin, a thong a khoh: *My back has stiffened (up) overnight.* ○ *He stiffened (with terror) at the horrific sight.* ○ *cotton stiffened with starch* ○ (fig) *The promise of a reward might stiffen their resolve,* ie make them braver. ▷ **stiffener** /stɪfnə(r)/ n thongtertut: *a collar stiffener.*

**stiffening** /stɪfnɪŋ/ n [U] thongternak dingih hmanmi thilri – hnipuan thongternak.

**stifle** /staɪfl/ v 1 [I, Tn] thli khop ih ngah lo ruangah thawthawt har in um; cutiin mi umter: *We were stifling in that hot room with all the windows closed.* ○ *a baby stifled by a pillow*

○ *the smoke filled the room and almost stifled the firemen.* **2** [Tn] hmit; thli ngah loin tuahih meisa mitter: *stifle flames with a blanket.* **3** [Tn] namneh, cemter, dawn: *stifle a rebellion* ○ *stifle a yawn, laugh, cry, sob, etc* ○ (*derog*) *stifle ideas, initiative.*

▷ **stifling** /ˈstɪflɪŋ/ *adj*: *It's stifling in here; open a window!* ○ *the stifling atmosphere of the royal court, with all its petty restrictive rule.* **stiflingly** *adv*: *stiflingly hot.*

**stigma** /ˈstɪgmə/ *n* **1** [C, U] hmaphe vekih a tangmi ningzah tuarnak: *There is less stigma attached to illegitimacy now than there used to be.* **2** [C] (*botany*) pangpar laifang ih a ngiang zimih a bekmi thil bote- pangpar vut kaitu.

**stigmata** /ˈstɪgmətə/ *n* [pl] Jesuh ih hliamhma vek a simi hma — mi thianghlim hrekkhat ih takpum parah cuvek hma a suak theu ih a thianghlim ti langternak a si tiah Christian hrekkhat in an zum.

**stigmatize, -ise** /ˈstɪgmətaɪz/ *v* [Cn-n/a usu passive] ~ **sb/sth as sth** (*fml*) fifir, hnam nei, tivek tlaksamnak a neih ruangah ningzakza, nautatza asi ti ih ret: *stigmatized a coward and a liar.*

**stile** /stail/ *n* **1** hauhruang, kailawn, kutka, tivek (khatlam ihsin kalbak in kai ih khat lam ah kalbak in tum a si lalami kutka, kailawn.) **2** (*idm*) **help a lame dog over a stile** ⇒ **HELP**<sup>1</sup>.

**stiletto** /ˈstɪlɪtəʊ/ *n* (*pl* ~ **s** /-teuz/) **1** a fem, a zummi namte, lole thilri. **2** (*usu pl*) (*Brit infml*) kedil a fem, a sangmi nunau kedan.

□ **stiletto heel** (*Brit*) a sang, a femmi nunau kedan kedil.

**still**<sup>1</sup> /stɪl/ *adj* (**-er, -est**) **1** (**a**) cang lo, dai zirziar, daite in: *still water* ○ *absolutely/completely/perfectly still* ○ *Please keep/stay/hold/sit/stand still while I take your photograph.* (**b**) thli hrang lo: *a still day in August.* ⇒ Usage at **QUIET**. **2** [*attrib*] (*of drinks*) pawpaleng a suak lo, thli a suak lomi (*in tha pawl*): *still cider, orange, mineral water, etc.* **3** (*idm*) **the still small voice** (*of conscience*) (*rhet*) a tha a sia thleihdan thiamnak. **still waters run deep** (*saying*) daite ih um minung pawl khi ruahnak thuk nei, a fim, thinlung cangvaihnak nasa zet an nei tinak.

▷ **still n 1** zuknung (*cinema*) film sungta lakmi zuk pakhat – mi theih dingah thangter dingih tarmi: *stills from a new film*, eg as used for advertising. **2** (*idm*) **the still of the night** (*rhet*) zanñim dai, zan-dai.

**still v** [I, Tn] (*fml*) daiter, cawl: *The waves stilled.* ○ (*fig*) *She couldn't still her anxiety.*

**stillness** *n* [U] dai zirziar, cang lo sinak.

□ **still birth** naute a thi cia ih suak. Cf **LIVE BIRTH** (**LIVE**<sup>1</sup>).

**stillborn** *adj* **1** (*of a baby*) a thicia ih suak mi (naute). **2** (*rhet*) (*of an idea or a plan*) a keel ih

um, a thangso lo.

**still life (a)** [U] thingrah, pangpar tivek pawl ih zuk: *I prefer landscape to still life.* (**b**) [C] (*pl still lifes*) a tlun ih ta vek zuk pawl.

**still**<sup>2</sup> /stɪl/ *adv* **1** (*usu in the middle position, but sometimes occurring after a direct object*) lai, hrih, hrih lai, lai hrih: *She's still busy.* ○ *He still hopes/is still hoping for a letter from her.* ○ *Will you still be here when I get back?* ○ *Do you still live in London?* ○ *I still can't do it.* ○ *We could still change our minds.* ○ *I need you still; don't go yet.* **2** thiamthiam, hmansehla, thotho: *He's treated you badly: still, he's your brother and you should help him.* ○ *Although she felt ill, she still went to work.* **3** (**a**) sinsin lai: *Tom is tall, but Mary is taller still/still taller.* ○ *That would be nicer still/still nicer.* (**b**) cuih hlei ah, a bet ah: *He came up with still more stories.* **4** (*idm*) **better/worse still** a tha sin/sia sin in.

**still**<sup>3</sup> /stɪl/ *n* rum, brandy, zureu, tivek suannak, reu-nak, thlornak bel.

**stilt** /stɪlt/ *n* **1** kal-theuh: *a pair of stilts* ○ *walk on stilts.* **2** banthuum: *a house (up) on stilts.*

**stilted** /stɪltɪd/ *adj* (*derog*) (*of a manner of talking, writing, behaving, etc*) tongdan, umtlandan khoh; hawizawng lo, ticop: *a rather stilted conversation.*

▷ **stiltedly** *adv*.

**Stilton** /stɪltən/ *n* [U] Mirang cawhnawikhal.

**stimulant** /ˈstɪmjələnt/ *n* **1** hiartertu/thin turturtu thil inmi: *Coffee and tea are mild stimulants.* ○ [*attrib*] *stimulant drugs.* **2** ~ (**to sth**) nasa zet ih tñan ding le cangvai dingih thapetu thil: *It is hoped the tax cuts will act as a stimulant to further economic growth.*

**stimulate** /ˈstɪmjuleɪt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-t] ~ **sb/sth (to sth)** cangvaiter sinsin/ralringter/thaṭhoter/thinthoter: *Praise always stimulates him to further efforts/to make greater efforts.* ○ *The exhibition stimulated interest in the artist's work.* **2** [Tn, Cn-t] tñanter/cangvaiter: *a hormone that stimulates ovulation.* **3** [Tn] duhnak/hiarnak thoter: *a low level of conversation that failed to stimulate me.*

▷ **stimulating** *adj* (**a**) harhterthei, mi thathoter thei: *the stimulating effect of coffee.* (**b**) ngainuam, hmuhnuam, lole thathoza: *a stimulating discussion* ○ *I find his work very stimulating.*

**stimulation** /ˈstɪmjʊleɪʃn/ *n* [U]: *a working atmosphere lacking in stimulation.*

**stimulus** /ˈstɪmjʊləs/ *n* (*pl* **-li** /-laɪ/) ~ (**to sth/to do sth**) **1** miharhtertu/phuurtertu/thinthotertu: *The nutrient in the soil acts as a stimulus to growth/to make the plants grow.* ○ *Does the child respond to auditory stimuli?* ie Does he react to the sounds around him? **2** (*fml*) cangvai ding le thasuahdingih thapetu: *the stimulus of fierce competition* ○ *Her words of*

praise were a stimulus to work harder.

**sting**<sup>1</sup> /stɪŋ/ *n* **1** [C] tur; khuai, rul, varngen, tawlccep tivek ih taksa zum; mi an cuk, an dawt tikah tur a lut: *The sting of a scorpion is in its tail.* **2** [C] thaihliak. **3** [C] (a) khuai hen, asilole, thaihliak holh ih na: *That bee gave me a nasty sting.* ○ *The sting of a jellyfish is very painful.* (b) khuai hennak/thaihliak holhnak hmun (taksa): *Her face was covered in wasp stings.* **4** [C, U] taksa (asilole) thinlung natnak: *ointment to take the sting out of the burn* ○ *the sting of the wind* ○ *the sting of remorse, jealousy, etc* ○ *His tongue has a nasty sting, ie He says hurtful things.* **5** (idm) **a sting in the tail** nehnhu lam lawngih hmuh le theih a nuam lo zetmi umdan: *The announcement of the pay rise had a sting in its tail — we would have to work longer hours.*

□ **sting-ray** *n* tur nei a mei in na zet ih mi tuahmawh thei nga tumpi phunkhat.

**sting**<sup>2</sup> /stɪŋ/ *v* (pt, pp **stung** /stʌŋ/) **1** [I, Tn] hen, holh, zuk: *Not all nettles sting.* ○ *a stinging wind* ○ *A bee stung me on the cheek.* ○ *The smoke is stinging my eyes.* ○ *The impact of the tennis ball really stung his leg.* ○ (fig) *His words certainly stung (her).* ○ *He was stung (ie deeply upset) by their insults.* **2** [I] thip: *My eyes are stinging from the smoke.* ○ *His knee stung from the graze.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (to/into sth)** paisa pektek; cawh; bum: *Their taunts stung him to action/into fighting.* ○ *Her insult stung him into making a rude reply.* **4** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (for sth)** (infml) mi pakhat nhen ihsin paisa cawi: *He was stung for £5, ie had to pay this amount.* ○ *How much did they sting you for?*

▷ **stinger** *n* (infml) holhtu, hentu, natertu.

□ **stinging-nettle** *n* = NETTLE 1.

**stingy** /stɪŋdʒi/ *adj* (infml) fahhnat/tirhfak/mi thilpek/then sianglo: *Don't be so stingy with the sugar!* ○ *He's very stingy about lending money.* ○ *a stingy portion of food.*

▷ **stingily** /-ɪli/ *adv.* **stinginess** *n* [U].

**stink** /stɪŋk/ *v* (pt **stank** /stæŋk/ or **stunk** /stʌŋk/, pp **stunk**) (infml) **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (of sth) uih/nam: *That rotten fish stinks.* ○ *Her breath stank of garlic.* **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (of sth) (fig) nuam lo zet/sia/ṭha lo/tluangtlam lo: *The whole business stinks (of corruption)!* ○ *What do I think of the film? It stinks (ie is of very low quality)!* **3** (phr v) **stink sth out** rimsia thawn khat: *He stank the whole house out with his tobacco smoke.*

▷ **stink** *n* **1** [C] (infml) rimsia: *What a stink!* **2** [sing] (sl) buainak/harsatnak: *The whole business caused quite a stink.* ○ *kick up/raise/make a stink (about sth).* (idm) **like stink** (sl) nasazetin/napiin: *working like stink.*

**stinker** *n* (Brit) **1** (dated sl) a nuam lo mi minung. **2** (infml) tuah har: *The biology paper*

(ie in an examination) *was a real stinker.*

**stinking** *adj* [attrib] (sl) ṭha lo zet, sia zet, nuam lo zet: *I don't want your stinking money.* ○ *She'd got a stinking cold.* — *adv* (sl) tuk/zet: *stinking rich/drunk.*

□ **stink-bomb** *n* a puak tikihi rimsia zet a suakmi bomb.

**stint** /stɪnt/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **on sth**; ~ **sb/oneself (of sth)** malte lawng hman/pe: *She stinted herself of food in order to let the children have enough.* ○ *Don't stint (on) the cream!* Cf UNSTINTING.

▷ **stint** *n* **1** hman ding zat tangka, tikcu caan: *Everybody must do a daily stint in the kitchen.* ○ *Then I had a stint as security officer in Hong Kong.* **2** (idm) **without stint** (fml) supnei lo/ sian lo nei lo/fahhnat lo: *She praised them without stint.*

**stipend** /ˈstaɪpend/ *n* sumpai bomnak, thlahlawh. ▷ **stipendiary** /ˈstɪpendiəri/; US -dieri/ sumpai bawmnak ngah. — *n* lakha ngah thuthentu.

**stipple** /ˈstɪpl/ *v* [Tn esp passive] zukuai, thinglungker tivek ah rin loin ..... hitivek a sangsangte ih cuk ih suai: *a stippled effect.*

**stipulate** /ˈstɪpjuleɪt/ *v* [Tn, Tf] (fml) a ṭulmi kha fiang zet le fek zet in sim: *I stipulated red paint, not black.* ○ *It was stipulated that the goods should be delivered within three days.*

▷ **stipulation** /ˈstɪpjuleɪʃn/ *n* (fml) (a) [U] a ṭulmi tuahdan ding le ṭuandan ding simfiangnak. (b) [C] a ṭul mifiangte ih simmi/dinhmun: *on the stipulation that...* ○ *There are several stipulations.*

**stir**<sup>1</sup> /stɜ:(r)/ *v* (-rr-) **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (with sth)** cok/lakphak, coffee tuah tikah darhai ih cawk: *stir one's tea with a spoon* ○ *stir the porridge, cake mixture, sauce, etc.* (b) [Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth into sth**; ~ **sth in** cokrawi: *stir milk into a cake mixture* ○ *stir the nuts in (well).* **2** [I, Tn] nuamte in ṭhawn, caang: *Not a leaf was stirring, ie There was no wind to move the leaves.* ○ *A gentle breeze stirred the leaves.* ○ *Nobody was stirring in the house, ie Everybody was resting, sleeping, etc.* ○ *She's not stirring/She hasn't stirred yet, ie She is still in bed.* ○ *Stir yourself!* ie Get moving! Get busy! **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (to sth)** thoter/thinlung herter/hninter: *The story stirred the boy's imagination.* ○ *Discontent stirred the men to mutiny.* **4** [I] (esp of a feeling) thinlung thoter/ruahnak caangter: *Pity stirred in her heart.* ○ *Old memories stirred as she looked at the photographs.* **5** [I] (infml derog) pakhat le pakhat karlak ah buainak suakter: *Who's been stirring?* **6** (idm) **stir one's/the blood** thathoter/thinlung aipuannak suahter: *The music really stirred my blood.* **stir one's stumps** (infml joc) rang deuh cakdeuh in feh/thawn; manhlap in. **7** (phr v) **stir sb up** buaiter/

buainak suakter: *The men are being stirred up by outsiders.* ○ *He needs stirring up.* **stir sth up** thoter, forh : *stir up trouble, unrest, discontent, etc among the workers.*

▷ **stir n 1** [C] coknak/cok: *Give the soup a stir.* **2** [sing] thinthawhnak/hnaihnohnak: *The news caused quite a stir in the village.*

**stirrer** /stɜːrə(r)/ *n* (infml derog) mi karlak ih buainak tuahtu.

**stirring** /stɜːrɪŋ/ *adj* [usu attrib] thinlung cangvaite, thoter: *stirring adventure stories.* **stirringly** *adv.*

□ **stir-fry** *v* (pt, pp -fried) [Tn] hanghnah hangrah siti thawn sungkio ih cok. — *n* hmehkio.

**stir<sup>2</sup>** /stɜː(r)/ *n* (idm) **in stir** (sl) thawngtla.

**stirrup** /stɪrəp/ *n* rangpar totu ke retnak D vek: *a pair of stirrups.*

□ **stirrup-cup** *n* rangto ih khualtlawngtu a fehsuak zik ih pekmi in ʔha, cabitti, tivek.

**stirrup-pump** *n* meisa thehnak/hmitnak tidai dawknak cet fate, ken theih a zangtemi.

**stitch** /stɪtʃ/ *n* **1** [C] (a) puan ʔhit/taksa ʔhit. (b) (in knitting or crochet) mawca tah tiki ʔhimfung parih ngerh khat mawca pat. **2** [C] (a) pat/sahmul hri kual: *make long, short, neat, etc stitches* ○ *The cut in my hand needed five stitches.* (b) taksa ʔhitnak ih hmanmi pathri: *I'm having my stitches (taken) out today, ie removed from a wound that has healed.* **3** [C, U] (esp in compounds) ʔhitdan phunkhat(asilole) phiardan phunkhat: *chain-stitch* ○ *knitting in purl stitch.* **4** [C usu sing] tlan cak tuk ruangih tit na sutsi: *Can we slow down and walk for a bit? I'm getting a stitch.* **5** (idm) **drop a stitch** ⇒ **drop<sup>2</sup>**. **have not (got) a stitch on/not be wearing a stitch** (infml) taksa lawng/hnipuan hman hruk lo. **in stitches** (infml) nasa zetih hni/luar tuk ih hni: *The play had us in stitches.* **a stitch in time saves nine** (saying) tuah lohli, ʔuan lohli le neh hnuah ʔuan ding a mal (a tikcu khel ih veikhat ʔhit in veikua ʔhit a awlter).

▷ **stitch 1** (a) [I, Tn] thil ʔhi: *stitching (a shirt) by candlelight.* (b) [Tn-pr] ʔhit kom/ʔhit peh: *stitch a button on a dress* ○ *stitch a sip into a skirt.* **2** (phr v) **stitch sth up** thil pahni pehaw ih ʔhit/a ongmi pit ko ʔhit: *stitch up a wound/a hole* ○ *We'll soon have you (ie your wound) stitched up!*

**stitching** *n* [U] ʔhitnak (tlertluan, zunghrual): *neat stitching* ○ *The stitching has come undone.*

**stoat** /stəʊt/ *n* ʔhal ah a hmul a pawl ih thlatang ah a rangmi zinghnam le sabek tivek a dehtu ramsa fate (ermine = ferret). Cf WEASEL.

**stock<sup>1</sup>** /stɒk/ *n* **1** [C, U] zuar ding/zem ding thilri tampi ret khawmmi: *a good stock of shoes* ○ *Our new stock of winter clothes will arrive soon.* ○ *Your order can be supplied from stock.* **2** [C,

U] ~ (of sth) hman thei dingih retmi thilri khawmli: *a good stock of jokes* ○ *get in stocks of coal for the winter* ○ *Stocks of food are running low.* ○ [attrib] *Stationery is kept in the stock cupboard.* **3** (also **livestock**) [U] inzuat sumhnam: *buy some more stock for breeding.* **4** [C, U] a hlawk khiahmi zat ngah dingin cozah hnenah paisa coih/ret: *government stock.* **5** (a) [U] hnaʔuannak hrangih company pakhat neihmi sumhram/sumlu/a zin. (b) [C usu pl] company hnenih retmi paisa, bulpak ih retmi zat (different from *shares* in that it is not issued in fixed amounts): *invest in stocks and shares.* **6** [U] suahkehnak ihsin ci thlah awk vivonak, ci-le-kuang: *a woman of Irish stock* ○ *born of farming stock*, ie in a family of farmers. **7** [U] (fml) mi pakhat ih dinhmun le mi ih hmuhnakh ʔihzah upattlak a sinak: *His stock is high*, ie He is well thought of. **8** [U] thilri tuahnak cetzung ih hman ding thilri khawm ciami: *paper stock*, eg rags, wood, etc to be made into paper. **9** [C, U] saruh/sa suannak sahang: *sauce made with chicken stock.* **10** [C] meithalkawm: *the stock of a rifle/plough/whip.* **11** [C] zanthing kung a hramlam. **12** [C] thing phundang an pehnak thingkung, pehnak ding a hramlam kung. **13** **stocks** [pl] tangphawlawng tuah lai/a sia rem lai fangih a dotu, ʔhuam tivek. **14** **stocks** [pl] misual hremnak hreng/hrengsutnak/kekol: *be put in the stocks.* Cf **PILLORY**. **15** [C] (a) hlanlai pacang pawlih hngawng orh puan. (b) rang to tiki hrukmi hngawng tuamnak. (c) siangbawi angki hngawng ihsin hmailam ih thlahmi, puan dum, puan sen dum. **16** [C, U] pakhat (asilole) pahni lawng a parmi rim ahmui zet pangpar phunkhat. **17** (idm) (be) **in/out of stock** dawrah zuar ding thil a um lo, a cem: *The book is in/out of stock.* ○ *Have you any grey pullovers in stock?* **lock, stock and barrel** ⇒ **LOCK<sup>3</sup>**. **on the stocks** dawr/thilri ret khawmnakih a ummi thilri hmuahhmuah siar ih cazin fel zet ih khum/hminsins: *our new model is already on the stocks and will be available in the autumn.* **take stock (of sth)** thil umdan leh fehda zingzoi in ʔhate ih ruat sal: *After a year in the job, she decided it was time to take stock (of her situation).*

▷ **stock** *adj* [attrib] **1** dawrah zuar dingih um ringringmi: *stock sizes* ○ *one of our stock items.* **2** hmantam tuk ruangah thupi ih ruat lo, ziangsiar lo: *a stock argument* ○ *stock questions/answers* ○ *She's tired of her husband's stock jokes.*

□ **stock-breeder** *n* inzuat sumhnam vulhtu. **stockbroker** (also **broker**) *n* company ih tangka retnak certificate midang hnenihnsin leitu le zuar saltu.

**stockbroking** *n* [U]: *He's in stockbroking.* ○



[attrib] *a stockbroking friend of mine.*

**stock-car** *n* **1** zuam-awknak ih hman ding ah tha cakter salmi mawtawka. **2** (US) *tilva phurhnak mawtaw. stock-car racing* *tilva phurhnak mawtaw tlan zuamawknak.*

**stock certificate** (US) *company ih share (covo) leinak lethmat.*

**stock company** **1** *thuanthu cawngtu, hlasatu, awnmawi/khuang dar tumtu pawl komkhawm ih a phunphun hmuhtu le suahtu company.* **2** (also **jont-stock company**) *hnañuan pakhat òuan suahnak dingah paisa burih hnañuan khawmtu kom.*

**stock-cube** *n* *sathau khal kilruk nei, tihang le hmeh tuah tiki hman mi: beef stock-cubes.*

**stock exchange** *stock le share lei le zuarnak hmun: The London Stock Exchange is in turmoil today. o lose money on the stock exchange.*

**stockholder** *n* (esp US) *stock le share neitu.*

**stock-in-trade** *n* [U] **1** *pursum leilawnnak (asilole) hnañuannak ih a òulmi thil tinkim/thil hmuahhmuah.* **2** (fig) *minung ih tu le tu tuah/òuan, sim hmanmi thil: Facetious remarks are part of his stock-in-trade.*

**stockjobber** *n* *a hlawk ngah dingin stock le shares zuar hmuni h stock le share lei le zuartu.*

**stockman** /-mən/ *n* (pl **-men** /-mən/) (Austral) *innzuat sumhnam fingkhawitu.*

**stock-market** *n* *company ih covo (share) lei le zuar hnañuan, cu ti vek stocks le share zuarnak le leinak hmun: dealings on the stock-market o [attrib] stock-market prices.*

**stockpile** *n* *a hnu lam ah a òul tiki hman ding thil tampi khawl cia. — v [Tn] hman le ding hrangih thil khawl cia: stockpiling nuclear weapons.*

**stock-pot** *n* *sahang (tihang) ihsin ngahmi sathau khal retnak bel.*

**stock-taking** *n* [U] **1** *dawr ih a ummi thilri cazin ngankhumnak: Next week we shall be closed for stock-taking.* **2** *maih dinhmun, umnak le nei hmi vun thlirsalnak.*

**stockyard** *n* *a langte sumhnam òilva retnak hmun.*

**stock**<sup>2</sup> /stɒk/ *v* **1** [Tn] *retkhawm/khawl khawm: Do you stock raincoats? o They stock all sizes.*

**2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (with sth) *thilri pek/thil khah: stock a shop with goods o a shop well stocked with the latest fashions o a badly stocked library o (fig) He has a memory well stocked with facts.* **3** (phr v) **stock up** (on/with sth) (for sth) *hmailam tikcu hrangah thil rak khawl/khawm: As soon as they heard about possible food shortages, they began to stock up. o stock up on fuel for the winter o stock up with food for Christmas.*

▷ **stockist** /stɒkɪst/ *n* *zuar leh dingih thilri khawltu: available from all good stockists.*

**stockade** /stɒ'keɪd/ *n* *ral khamnak ih zanthing phunmi ralhruang.*

▷ **stockade** *v* [Tn usu passive] *ralhruang kulh.*

**stockinet** (also **stockinette**) /stɒk'riːnɪt/ *n* [U] *sunghruk tivek ih hmanmi puan phiar òazet.*

**stocking** /stɒkɪŋ/ *n* **1** *mawca sau: a pair of nylon/silk/woolen/cotton stockings. Cf TIGHTS.* **2** (idm) **in one's stocking(es) feet** *mawca lawng hruk (kedan hruk lo).*

**stock-still** /stɒk 'stɪl/ *adv* *cang himhrih lo in: remain standing stock-still.*

**stocky** /stɒki/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) *bial òutthi, cak, ceng, pawr: stocky legs o a stocky little man.*

▷ **stodgy** /stɒdʒi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml derog) **1** (of food) *tam, khoh, rialcip har: stodgy school meals.* **2** (of a book, etc) *thatho lo zet le thinlung lut lo zet ih ngan.* **3** (of a person) *lung lut lo, thatho lo, aa hnuamhni. stodgily adv.*

**stodginess** *n* [U].

**stoic** /stɔɪk/ *n* (fml) *mah leh mah uk-aw thei, natnak, nom lonak le vansiatnak phunzai lo ih a tuartheitu.*

▷ **stoical** /-kl/ (also **stoic**) *adj* (fml) *phunzai lo, aihram lo ih natnak tuar: a very stoical response to hardship. stoically /-kli/ adv.*

**stoicism** /stɔɪsɪzəm/ *n* [U] (fml) *phunzai lo teih tuarnak: She showed great stoicism during her husband's final illness. o They reacted to the appalling weather with typical British stoicism.*

**stoke** /stəʊk/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) (with sth) *engine ah, a si lo le meisa ah lungmeihol, zanthing, tivek thlak bet: stoke the boiler with coal.* **2** (phr v) **stoke up** (with sth) (a) *lungmeihol, zanthing, tivek bet: The caretaker stokes up twice a day.* (b) (infml) *mahte ih rawl ei, rawl tampi ei: You should stoke up now — you may not get another meal today.*

▷ **stoker** *n* **1** *meisa bettu (tangphawlawng sungah).* **2** *mei ah meihol, asilole, zanthing thlak bettu cet.*

□ **stokehole** (also **stokehold**) *n* *tangphawlawng sungih meipi tihnak hmun.*

**STOL** /es ti: əv 'el ɔː, in informal use, stɒl/ *abbr* (of aircraft) *short take-off and landing: a STOL plane o flying STOLs. Cf VTOL. tual tawite ih òum le pok thei (vanzamleng lam).*

**stole**<sup>1</sup> /stəʊl/ *n* **1** *nupinu liangbah puan.* **2** *hngawng tuamnak puan, (hmai lamih thlaimi Pastor pawl ih hrukmi.)*

**stole**<sup>2</sup> *pt, pp* of STEAL.

**stolen** *pp* of STEAL.

**stolid** /stɒlɪd/ *adj* (usu derog) (of a person) *thinlung fek le khoh, thin rang lo: He conceals his feelings behind a rather stolid manner.*

▷ **stolidly** *adv.* **stolidity** /stɒ'lɪdətɪ/ (also **stolidness**) *n* [U].

**stomach** /stəmæk/ *n* **1** [C] *pumpi: It's unwise to*

*swim on a full stomach*, ie when one has just eaten a meal. ○ *I don't like going to work on an empty stomach*, ie without having eaten anything ○ *He felt an aching feeling in (the pit of) his stomach*. ○ [attrib] *a stomach upset, disorder, etc.* **2** [C] (infml) pum, țang le phei karlak: *He hit me in the stomach*. **3** [U] (a) rawl ei hiarnak, duk: *have a very small stomach*. (b) ~ **for sth** (fig) thil pakhat duh/hiar: *I had no stomach for a fight*. **4** (idm) **sb's eyes are bigger than his stomach** ⇒ EYE<sup>1</sup>. **sick to one's stomach** ⇒ SICK. **a strong stomach** ⇒ STRONG. **turn one's stomach** fih, ningsin: *The film about eye operations turned my stomach*.

▷ **stomach** *v* [Tn] (esp in negative sentences or questions) **1** thinlung nom lonak um lo ih ei: *I can't stomach seafood*. **2** thil pakhatkhat tuar: *How could you stomach all the violence in the film?*

□ **stomach-ache** *n* [C] pumpi, asilole, rilpinat. **stomach-pump** *n* pumpi sung ihsin hmahnai le tur zuuksuak dingin kaa ihsin pumpi tiang hrolhmi plastic dawngte.

**stomp** /stɒmp/ *v* [Ipr, Ip] ~ **about, around, off, etc** (infml) ke kar lung zetih țhawn, feh, laam: *stomp about noisily* ○ *She slammed the door and stomped (off) out of the house*. ⇒ Usage at STUMP.

**stone** /stəʊn/ *n* **1** [U] (ofen used attributively or in compounds) lungto: *sandstone* ○ *limestone* ○ *a house built of grey stone* ○ *stone walls, buildings, floors, statues*, ie made or built of stone ○ *What type of stone is this?* **2** [C] lungtum (a tumpi tinak a si ce lo): *a pile of stones* ○ *a road covered with stones* ○ *Small stones rolled down the hillside as thy ran up*. ○ *She picked up the stone and threw it into the river*. **3** [C] (usu in compounds) thil hrangih tuahmi lungto: *a gravestone* ○ *stepping-stones* ○ *paving stones* ○ *tombstones* ○ *millstones*. **4** (also precious stone) [C] lungmankhung: *a sapphire ring with six small stones*. **5** (also esp US **pit**) [C] (sometimes in compounds) thing thei sungmu tuamtu a hawng, eg mekei, cherry, apricot, walnut, coco-nut: *a damson stone*. **6** [C] (esp in compounds) phu, asilole, kaileng ih lungto vekih a hakmi baalkhal/baal hlom: *an operation to remove kidney stones*. Cf GALLSTONE (GALL). **7** [C] (pl unchanged) (abbr **st**) (Brit) pawng 14 a ritmi cuailung: *He weighs 10 stone*. ○ *two stones of potatoes*. **8** (idm) **blood out of/from a stone** ⇒ BLOOD<sup>1</sup>. **hard as nails/stone** ⇒ HARD<sup>1</sup>. **a heart of stone** ⇒ HEART. **kill two birds with one stone** ⇒ KILL. **leave no stone unturned** ⇒ LEAVE<sup>1</sup>. **people in glass houses shouldn't throw stones** ⇒ PEOPLE. **sink like a stone** ⇒ SINK<sup>1</sup>. **a stone's throw** naite, hla lo: *We live a stone's throw from/within a stone's throw of here*. **a rolling stone gathers no moss**

⇒ ROLL<sup>2</sup>.

▷ **stone** *v* [Tn] **1** deng/lungto in deng: *stoned to death*. **2** a hawng khok: *stoned dates*. **3** (idm) **stone the crows** (Brit sl) mangbang vansan tiki hmanmi țong: *Well, stone the crows, he's done it again!* **stoned** *adj* [usu pred] (sl) (a) zuri zet. (b) rit thei pawl zongsang, in loin um thei lo.

**stoneless** *adj* lungto um lo/lungto tel lo, hawnghak nei lo: *stoneless fruit*.

□ **the Stone Age** Lungto San; hlanlai lungto hriamnam hman san: [attrib] *Stone Age settlements*.

**stone-cold** *adj* dai zet/dai ngaingai: *The body was stone-cold*. ○ *This soup is stone-cold*. **stone-cold sober** zu in lo, fimhringzet.

**stone-dead** *adj* thi zo, thi ngah.

**stone-deaf** *adj* hnaset remrem/zianghman thei lo.

**stone-fruit** *n* [C, U] sungmu hak nei rah.

**stonemason** *n* lungto sertu le lungto ih inn saktu.

**stoneware** *n* [U] beel lei le lung hak zet rawi ih tuahmi bel kheng pawl: [attrib] *stoneware jugs*.

**stonework** *n* [U] inn sak tikah lungto hman nak hmun: *a church with beautiful stonework*.

**stonewall** /stəʊn'wɔ:l/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] (infml esp Brit) thusutmi let duh lo in thurelkhawmnak le relcatnak hnuter, dawnkham: *a deliberate attempt to stonewall (the debate)*. **2** [I] (in cricket) neh tumnak nei lo ih cricket thawi.

▷ **stonewaller** *n*.

**stonewalling** *n* [U].

**stony** /stəʊni/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** lungto tam/lung hrawl/lungto a khat mi: *a stony road* ○ *a river with a stony bottom*. **2** khawruah saknak, lainatnak le zaangfahnak tel lo: *a stony stare, glare, look, gaze, etc* ○ *maintaining a stony silence* ○ *stony-hearted*. **3** [pred] (sl) tangka nei lo, malte hman nei lo. **4** (idm) **flat/stony broke** ⇒ BROKE.

▷ **stonily** /-ili/ *adv* ruahsaknak le lainatnak tel loin: *stonily polite* ○ *She stared stonily in front of her*.

**stood** *pt, pp* of STAND.

**stooge** /stu:dʒ/ *n* **1** (theatre sl) hnihsuah saitui in hnihsuhsainak ih a hmanmi a rualpi. **2** (infml derog) (a) hnațuan nuam lo țuansaktu. (b) midang thu ih a nungmi: *She's fed up with being her husband's stooge*.

▷ **stooge** *v* [Ipr] ~ **for sb** hnihsuah sainak ih hman dingah mah leh mah pe aw.

**stool** /stu:l/ *n* **1** (often in compounds) ke pathumnei tohkeng, hngohsan nei lo tohkheng: *a bar stool* ○ *a piano stool* ○ *sitting on stools around the table*. **2** ke retnak ih tuahmi tohkheng niam= FOOTSTOOL (FOOT). **3** (usu pl) (medical or fml) eek. **4** (idm) *fall between two stools* mah lungkim vevemi hril

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thei lo dinhmun ih um: *The author seems uncertain whether he is writing a comedy or a tragedy, so the play falls between two stools.*

□ **stool-pigeon** *n* (infml) misual pawl kaih theinak ding an thu hlathlai thei ding le, zingzoi dingin palik ih thlahmi, misual pawl hnenih telve mi (lemsiahtu).

**stoop** /stu:p/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (down) kun, mah le mah niamteraw: *She stooped low to look under the bed.* ○ *he stooped under the low beam.* ○ *stoop (down) to pick sth up.* (b) [Tn] hmailam ah kun: *stoop one's head to get into the car.* **2** [I] tar ruangih lu le liang kun: *He's beginning to stoop with age, ie as he gets older.* **3** (idm) **stoop so low (as to do sth)** thil pakhat tuah dingin thinlungput niamter: *He tried to make me accept a bribe — I hope I would never stoop so low.* **4** (phr v) **stoop to sth/doing sth** thil pakhat tuah dingin thinlung put/tenauter: *He'd stoop to anything, ie He has no moral standards.* ○ *I would never stoop to cheating.* ▷ **stoop** *n* (usu sing) taksa/ruangpum kun: *walk with a slight stoop.*

**stop<sup>1</sup>** /stop/ *v* (-pp-) **1** [Tn] cawl/bang, cawlter/banger: *stop a car, train, bicycle, etc* ○ *Rain stopped play, eg in cricket.* ○ *He stopped the machine and left the room.* ○ *The earthquake stopped all the clocks.* **2** [Tn, Tg] thil pakhat bang, asilole, pehzomnawn lo: *stop work* ○ *Stop it!* ie *Don't do that!* ○ *He never stops talking.* ○ *She's stopped smoking.* ○ *Will you stop making that horrible noise!* ○ *Has it stopped raining yet?* ○ *Supplies have stopped reaching us.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tsg, Tng] kham: *I'm sure he'll go, there's nothing to stop him.* ○ *You can't stop our going/us (from) going if we want to.* ○ *Can't you stop your son from getting into trouble?* ○ *I only just managed to stop myself from shouting at him.* ○ *We bandaged his wound but couldn't stop it bleeding/stop the bleeding.* **4** (a) [I] peh vivo lo dingih suup aw, cawl/bang/caang nawn lo: *The rain has stopped.* ○ *The clock stopped.* ○ *His heart has stopped.* (b) [I, Ipr] cawl, caam, ding, banglawk: *They stopped for a while to admire the scenery.* ○ *Do the buses stop here?* ○ *The train stopped at the station.* ⇒ Usage at AND. **5** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth (up) (with sth)** khatter, phit: *stop a leak in a pipe, a gap in a hedge* ○ *stop up a mouse hole.* ○ *stop one's ears, ie cover them with one's hands to avoid hearing sth.* **6** [Tn] (ha) kua phit. **7** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (out of/from sth)** tangka ding kham/el: *stop a cheque, ie order a bank not to cash it* ○ *The cost was stopped out of (ie deducted from) my wages.* **8** [I, Ipr] (Brit infml) um, caam (rei lo te sung): *Are you stopping (for supper)?* ○ *I'm stopping (at) home tonight.* ○ *We stopped at a campsite for a week.* **9** [Tn] (music) a aw duh zawng suak dingin

tingtang hri nam ih a ong phit. **10** (idm) **the buck stops here** ⇒ BUCK<sup>4</sup>. **stick/stop at nothing** ⇒ STICK<sup>2</sup>. **stop dead (in one's tracks)** hmakhatte ih cawl/bang. **stop short of sth/doing sth** tuah dingih ruatmi cin tlun lan lo: *He can be ruthless in getting what he wants, but I believe he would stop short of blackmail.* **stop the show** puai zohtu mipi ih thapeknak le lomnak nasa tuk ih ngah ruangah puai peh zom thei lo. **11** (phr v) **stop by** (also **stop round**) (esp US) mi inn, zung ah leng hruak: *Ask him to stop by for a chat.* **stop off (at/in...)** thil pakhat tuah duh ah khualtlawn cawl/bang lawk; cawl phah: *stop over in Rome for two days en route for the Middle East.* **stop up** ih caan keel hnakhil tlai ih it: *stop up (late) to watch a film on TV.*

▷ **stoppage** /'stopidz/ *n* [C] **1** cetzung hnañuantu pawl ngol ruangih hnañuan colhnak: *another stoppage at the car plant.* **2** **stoppages** [pl] hlauh-ruaitu in hnañuantu pawl hlauhmi ihsin a dirh sakmi tangka (ngunkhuai hrangih hnukmi): *There's not much money left after stoppages.* **3** (thlahlawh, zungpit ni tivek) hrensaknak, aislole, hlonsaknak: *stoppage of leave, eg in the army as a punishment.* **4** kham/phit: *a stoppage in a gas pipe.*

**stopping** *n* ha kua phit, asilole, benpit.

□ **stopcock** *n* pipe (tidai dawng) ihsin a rami tidai le datkhu onnak le phihnak: *If a water-pipe bursts turn off the stopcock immediately.*

**stopgap** *n* a langte ih ai rak awhtu minung/thil: [attrib] *stopgap measures in an emergency.*

**stop-go** *n* [esp attrib] (Brit) thilri mankai le tum thleng-awkdan ding tikcu ralring zetih ruat: *a government's stop-go economic policy.*

**stop-light** *n* (US) **1** = TRAFFIC LIGHT (TRAFFIC). **2** = BRAKE LIGHT (BRAKE).

**stopover** *n* (a) khualtlawn lai ih lamzin ih reilolte colhnak, asilole, caamnakh. (b) tlawn lai ih lamzin ih colhnak hmun.

**stopping train** lamzin tluanih colhnak (station) hmuahhmuah ih a cawl vivo mi tlangleng.

**stop-press** *n* [U] (Brit) thuthang suah dingmi ca nam an thok hnu ih a netabik ih a ra thlengmi thuthang: *read sth in the stop-press* ○ [attrib] *a stop-press item.*

**stop-watch** *n* tlanzuam tikih tikcu tahnakh nazi fate.

**stop<sup>2</sup>** /stop/ *n* [C] **1** colhnakh: *make a short stop on a journey* ○ *The train came/was brought to a sudden stop.* ○ *The train goes from London to Leeds with only two stops.* ○ *Production at the factory has come to a complete/full stop.* **2** bus, tlangleng colhnakh hmun: *Where is the nearest bus-stop?* ○ *Which stop do I get off at?* ○ *Is this a request stop?* **3** cangan tikah tongtluan a cem tikih colhnakh, *full stop* = period ( . ). **4**

(*music*) aw phun khat suahtnak artlang ih a ummi pipe pawl. (b) artlangih a um pipe pawl kaih/uknak (control) nak hri bo. **5** (*music*) phirivau phun khatah aw niam le sang thlengnak ding ih tuahmi a kua, pawl khuhnak. **6** (in a camera) a durbing ah tleu (*light*) a tuldan vekih petu. **7** (*phonetics*) consonant aw suaht tikih aw malte sup kirdan (eg /p, b, k, g, t, d/); plosive. **8** (esp in compounds) thil pakhat ih cangvaihdan hrengtu thil: *The door was held open by a doorstop.* **9** (idm) **pull out all the stops** ⇒ PULL<sup>2</sup>. **put an end/a stop to sth** ⇒ END<sup>1</sup>. **stopper** /stɒpə(r)/ (US **plug**) *n* rem zetih tuahmi palang hru: *put the stopper back into a bottle.* ▷ **stopper** *v* [Tn] a hru thawn phit. **storage** /stɔːrɪdʒ/ *n* [U] **1** (a) thilri retkhawmmi: [attrib] *storage space* ○ *a loft with large storage capacity.* (b) thilri ret khawmnak hmun/thilri ret theinak hmun: *fish kept in cold* (ie refrigerated) *storage* ○ *put furniture in storage* ○ [attrib] *storage tanks*, eg for oil. **2** thil ret man: *have to pay storage.* □ **storage heater** electric satnak rak khawltu thir hri ong. **store** /stɔː(r)/ *n* **1** [C] a tul tikih hman ding thil ret khawm: *lay in* (ie buy and keep) *stores of coal for the winter* ○ *have a good store of food in the house.* **2** [C usu sing] ~ (of sth) tam ngaipi khawm/khaw: *a library with a store of rare books* ○ *She keeps a store of amusing stories in her head.* **3** **stores** [pl] (a) thilri: *military stores* ○ *government stationery stores.* (b) thilri retkhawmnak hmun: *available from stores.* **4** [C] (*computing*) thu hawltu le thu sartu hrangih tuahmi. **5** [C] (esp US) (often in compounds) daw: *the liquor store* ○ *the drugstore.* **6** [C] (esp large) thilri phunkim zuarnak dawrlan: *a big department store* ○ *a general store in the village.* **7** (idm) **in store (for sb/sth)** (a) hmailam hman dingmi retcia: *He always keeps several cases of wine in store.* (b) hmailam ih a ra reromi, a cang dingmi: *I can see trouble in store.* ○ *There's a surprise in store for you.* **set (great/little/no/not much) store by sth** thupi le poimawh ih ruat/thupi lo le zianghman lo ih ruat: *I don't set (much) store by weather forecasts.* ▷ **store** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth (up/away)** tui hnu lamih hman dingah thilri khawm ih ret: *a squirrel storing (up) food for the winter* ○ *I've stored my winter clothes (away) in the attic.* **2** [Tn] thilri retnak innpi sungah cabuai/tohkheng/bizu pawl ret: *They've stored their furniture while they go abroad.* **3** [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (with sth)** thil ret/pek: *a gallery stored with fine paintings* ○ *a mind well stored with facts.* **4** [Tn] tlem/re thei: *This cupboard can store enough food for a month.* □ **storekeeper** *n* (esp US) = SHOPKEEPER (SHOP).

**storehouse** (a) thilri tampi retnak inn tumpi. (b) (fig) thuhla phunzakim neitu minung/hmun/thil: *This book is a storehouse of useful information.* **store-room** *n* thilri retnak khan/pindan. **storey** (US **story**) /stɔːri/ *n* (pl **storeys**; US **stories**) **1** inn dot, thuah: *a house of two storeys* ○ *live on the third storey of a block of flats* ○ *a five-storey building* ○ *a multi-storey car-park.* **2** (idm) **the top storey** ⇒ TOP<sup>1</sup>. ▷ **-storeyed** (US **-storied**) /-stɔːrɪd/ (forming compound *adjs*) a dot dot ih a ummi inn: *a six-storeyed building.* **stork** /stɔːk/ *n* ke, hmur, hngawng sau zet nei tidai ih tlang vate rang phun khat. **storm** /stɔːm/ *n* **1** [C] (often in compounds) thlisia, khawri, ruahpi (asilole) vur thawn nazet ih a hrangmi thlipi: *a thunder-/wind-/rain-/dust-/sand-storm* ○ *A storm is brewing*, ie coming. ○ [attrib] *a storm warning* ○ *cross the Channel in a storm* ○ *The forecast says there will be storms.* **2** [C] ~ (of sth) thinlung sung ihsin rin lo in na zet ih a thokmi: *a storm of anger, weeping, cheering, abuse, criticism* ○ *His proposal was met by a storm of protest.* **3** **storms** [pl] (US *infml*) thlisia le thlatang khawdai khamtu hrangih tuahmi sangkapi le sangkate thuah a lenglam sawn. **4** (idm) **any port in a storm** ⇒ PORT<sup>1</sup>. **the calm before the storm** ⇒ CALM *n*. **the eye of the storm** ⇒ EYE<sup>1</sup>. **ride out/weather the/a storm** (a) (*nautical*) tiffinriat parah thlisia tuar na in thi lo ih nungsuak. (b) nazet ih neh loin. **a storm in a teacup** thil thupi lo thu ih thin hnaihnohknak, thin thawnhak, thil thupi lemlo ih buainak. **take sth/sb by storm** (a) rinlopi in nazet ih do/tawngih lak: *take a city by storm.* (b) (of a performer or performance) hlhawhtling ngaingai: *The play took the audience/Paris by storm.* ▷ **storm** *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (at sb) thinheng zet, ringzet ih au kio: *'Get out of here!' he stormed.* **2** [Ipr, Ip] ~ **about, around, off, etc** thin heng zet le cak zetih feh: *storming round the house* ○ *storm out of the room* ○ *After the argument she stormed off.* **3** [Ipr, Ip, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ (one's way) **across, in, through, etc** nazet in maih fehduhnaklam tawng ih pan: *Three soldiers stormed into the house.* ○ *They stormed (their way) in.* **4** [Tn] hmakhat tein do ih lak: *storm a castle, fort, building, etc.* **stormy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** thlipi le ruah tam, vur le rial tam: *stormy weather* ○ *a stormy night* ○ *The day was cold and stormy.* **2** lung khoh le thin aithok, thinheng zet: *a stormy discussion, meeting, etc* ○ *stormy scenes during the debate.* **stormily** *adv.* **storminess** *n* [U]. **stormy petrel** **1** = STORM PETREL. **2** buainak le hnaihnohknak suakter/



umturtu; bawngmal nei lo; vansiak kuaitu.

□ **storm-bound** *adj* khualtlawn peh/thok thei lo ih thlisia in kham: *storm-bound for a week.*

**storm-centre** (a) thlisia hrannak a laifang. (b) (*fig*) hnaihnoknak le buainak hrampi.

**storm-cloud** *n* (a) thlisia thawn a rami mero dum sah zet, thlisia a ra thleng zik a si ti simtu, mero dum sah. (b) (*usu pl*) (*fig*) tihnungza le hronak khiihmuhtu: *storm-clouds of war gathering over Europe.*

**storm-door** *n* (*esp US*) khawsik, ruah, thli khamnak hrangih tuahmi sangka thuahhni h a lengta sawn.

**storm-lantern** *n* = HURRICANE LAMP (HURRICANE).

**storm petrel** (also **stormy petrel**) Atlantic le Mediterranean ih a um, a dum le rang ih a tial tiffinriat vate phunkhat.

**stormproof** *adj* thlisia khamtheimi: *This house isn't exactly stormproof — the roof leaks!*

**storm-tossed** *adj* thlisia ih a siatbalmi le semhlomi.

**storm-trooper** *n* nazet le lainatnak nei lo ih raldo dingih zirhmi ralkap pawl.

**storm-window** *n* (*esp US*) khawsik, ruah le thli khamtu dingah sangkate thuah hni h, a lengta sawn.

**story**<sup>1</sup> /stɔ:ri/ *n* 1 ~ (about/of sb/sth) (a) tikcu liam cia ih thuhla asilole thuanthu: *the Christmas story* ○ *the story of Martin Luther King* ○ *stories of ancient Greece.* (b) tuah cop (asilole) ruahnak ih tuahmi thuanthu: *a fairy story* ○ *a ghost story* ○ *an adventure story for children* ○ *My father always used to tell us bedtime stories.* ○ *The play is really a love story.* 2 (also **story-line**) cabu, zuknak film, baisikup le thuanthucawnnak ih thil thleng a sangsang, asilole, a dotdot teih nganmi thuhla: *a spy novel with a strong story(-line).* 3 (*journalism*) (a) thuthang ca, mekazin cabu le radio ih thanmi/nganmi thu: *a front-page story.* (b) cuvek ih ngan dingmi thuhla: *That'll make a good story.* 4 (*infml*) thuphan, a hman lomi thu: *don't tell stories, Tom.* 5 (*idm*) a **cock-and-bull story** ⇒ **COCK**<sup>1</sup>. **cut a long story short** ⇒ **LONG**<sup>1</sup>. **a hard-luck story** ⇒ **HARD**<sup>1</sup>. **a likely story** ⇒ **LIKELY**. **the same old story** ⇒ **SAME**<sup>1</sup>. **the story goes that.../so the story goes** mi in cu ti ih an ti hrangah. **a success story** ⇒ **SUCCESS**. **a tall story** ⇒ **TALL**. **that's the story of my life** (*infml*) vansiaknak vei tampi a rak tuar/tongdah mi in van siatnak a ton tikih simmi “ka tuar dah zomi/ka tuar kel a si” tinak.

□ **story-book** *n* nauhak hrangih nganmi thuanthu cabu: [attrib] *Their love affair had a story-book ending*, ie ended happily, as most children's stories do.

**story-teller** *n* 1 thuanthu simtu. 2 (*infml*) thu hman lo simtu/thuphan simtu.

**story**<sup>2</sup> (*US*) = STOREY.

**stoup** /stu:p/ *n* biakinn phar par ih tidai thiang retnak lung kheng.

**stout** /staut/ *adj* 1 [usu attrib] hngetkhoh: *stout boots for climbing* ○ *a stout walking-stick.* 2 (*esp euph*) (of a person) thau nawn/taksa tha, cakvak: *She's growing rather stout.* ⇒ Usage at FAT<sup>1</sup>. 3 [usu attrib] (*fml*) tumruh/raltha: *a stout heart* ○ *offer stout resistance.*

▷ **stout** *n* (a) [U] Malt, asilole, barley ih tuahmi a khoh zetmi beer zuu. (b) [C] a cak zet le a dummi beer khuat khat: *Three stouts, please.*

**stoutly** *adv.*

**stoutness** *n* [U].

□ **stout-hearted** *adj* (*fml*) raltha le tumruh.

**stove**<sup>1</sup> /stəʊv/ *n* [C] 1 rawl suannak mei pung: *put a pot on the stove.* Cf COOKER 1. 2 innsung hlumternak meisa tihnak hmun thuk, asilole, kaam: *a wood-burning stove.* Cf FIRE<sup>1</sup> 3, HEATHER (HEAT<sup>2</sup>).

**stove**<sup>2</sup> ⇒ STAVE<sup>2</sup>.

**stow** /stəʊ/ *v* 1 [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ A with B; ~ B (away) in/into A thil pakhat khat, tomtel tahratin thingkuang/bawm sungih khum: *stow a trunk with clothes* ○ *stow clothes (away) into a trunk* ○ *stow cargo in a ship's hold* ○ *Passengers are requested to stow their hand-baggage in the lockers above the seats.* 2 (*phr v*) **stow away** khualtlawng dingin a thuptein tangphawlawng/vanzam sungih relh: *stow away on a ship bound for New York.*

▷ **stowage** /stəʊɪdʒ/ *n* [U] 1 ralring zet le felfaite ih tomtelnak. 2 tomtelmi pawl retnak ih hmanmi hmun.

□ **stowaway** *n* vanzam, tangphawlawng a feh suak hlanah a sung hmun pakhat khat ih a thupte ih relhtu.

**Str** *abbr* Strait: *Magellan Str.*, eg on a map.

**straddle** /strædl/ *v* 1 [I, Tn] rang, asilole, saikal tivek karceh in to: *straddle a fence, ditch, horse.* 2 [Tn] batmi ngah loin dunglam deuh le hmailam deuh ah kap/bomb thlak.

**strafe** /strɑ:f, streɪf/ *v* [Tn] vanzam tlun ihsin bomb, asilole, meithal thawn do/kap/tawng.

**straggle** /strægl/ *v* 1 [I, Ipr] mumal nei loin hmun kip ih kho, asilole, ram kip ih darhsarh: *a straggling village* ○ *vines straggling over the fences.* 2 [I, Ipr, Ip] midang thawn hmunkhat ah fehkhawm loin dunglam ah khulfung zet ih feh: *a few young children straggling along behind their parents.*

▷ **straggler** /stræglə(r)/ *n* midang man loin, dunglam ah a dangte ih fehtu: *The last stragglers are just finishing the race.*

**straggly** /stræglɪ/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) darh, darhsarh: *wet straggly hair.*

**straight**<sup>1</sup> /streɪt/ *adj* 1 a ding/a kawi lo: *a straight road, line, rod* ○ *straight hair*, ie not curly ○ *a straight skirt*, ie not flared. 2 [usu pred] fel khengkhi/thiangfai/felfai: *It took hours to get*

the house straight. **3** [pred] rual aw (a sang a niam um cuang lo): *Put the picture straight.* ○ *Is my tie straight?* ○ *His hat isn't on straight.* **4** (of a person, his behaviour, etc) mi hman le miding: *give a straight answer to a straight question* ○ *I don't think you're being straight with me.* ○ *It's time for some straight talking,* ie some frank discussion. **5** [attrib] cekci/a sam a hleifuan um lo: *tell a straight story* ○ *give sb a straight* (ie reliable and accurate) *tip.* **6** [attrib] (of a play or theatrical style) nomnak men si loin, thungai thlakih tuah: *a straight actor* ○ *a straight play,* ie not a musical or variety show. **7** [attrib] a pehpeh ih hlawhtlinnak: *ten straight wins in a row.* **8** (also neat) (of an alcoholic drink) a hliir, a hriim (ziahngman rawi lo): *Two straight whiskies, please.* ○ *I like my vodka straight.* **9** (sl) (a) tidankel thleng lo ih um. (b) nunau le mipa pawl-awknak lam hiarnak suakter theitu: *straight men.* **10** (idm) **get sth right/straight** ⇒ RIGHT<sup>1</sup>. **keep a straight face** mah le mah hni lo dingih kham/sup aw: *He has such a strange voice that it's difficult to keep a straight face when he's talking.* **put/set the record straight** ⇒ RECORD<sup>1</sup>. **put sb straight** (about sth) mi pakhatkhat ih sualnak remsak. **put sth straight** a hnokmi rem fel: *Please put your desk straight before you leave the office.* **stiff/straight as a ramrod** ⇒ RAMROD. (as) **straight as an arrow/die** (a) dingzet in. (b) (of a person) miding mihman. **the straight and narrow** (infml) hman le dingte ih nun: *He finds it difficult to stay on/stick to the straight and narrow for long.* (vote) **the straight ticket** (US) party pakhatih prokarem le hriil dingmi hmincazin lungkimp i pom. ▷ **straight** *n* (sl) (a) thil thar thleng duh lo, a kel ih um duhtu. (b) nu le pa pawl-awknak. **straighten** /streitn/ *v* **1** [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (up/out) dingter, ding: *The road straightens (out) after a series of bends.* ○ *straighten one's tie, skirt* ○ *Straighten your back (up)!* **2** (phr v) **straighten sth out** dinhmun buai le hnaihnoknak felte ih rem (asilole) thianhlim: *Let's try to straighten out this confusion.* **straighten sb out** (infml) theih lonak le zum lonak cemter, hloter: *You're clearly rather muddled about office procedures but I'll soon straighten you out.* **straighten (oneself) up** mah ih ruangpi dingter. **straightness** *n* [U]. □ **straight-edge** *n* thilirinnak pidan vekih hmanmi thing (asilole) thir pheng sau fate. **straight fight** (esp politics) minung pahnih (asilole) party pahnih zuamawknak. **straight man** hnihsuah sait u in hnihsuah sainak ih hman dingih a pe-awmi. **straight**<sup>2</sup> /streit/ *adv* **1** a kaw i lo, a kwal lo/a ding: *sit up straight,* ie without bending one's back ○

*Keep straight on for two miles.* ○ *Look straight ahead.* ○ *The smoke rose straight up.* ○ *He was too drunk to walk straight* ○ *I can't shoot straight,* ie aim accurately. ○ (fig) *I can't think straight,* ie logically. **2** lam dingin (pialhnuaihni loin)/zamrang in/hnu loin/thu pheh nei lo, hmante in: *Come straight home.* ○ *He went straight to Logos, without stopping in Nairobi.* ○ *She went straight from school to university.* ○ *I'll come straight to the point — your work isn't good enough.* **3** tluangtlam tein, pheh loin : *I told him straight that I didn't like him.* **4** (idm) **go straight** sual zet ih nun hnua hdingfel zetih nung sal, tha leh sal. **play straight** (with sb) midang thawn ding zet le mawi zet in pawl/kom aw. **right/straight away/off** ⇒ RIGHT<sup>2</sup>. **straight from the shoulder** (of criticism, etc) pheh nei lo ih ding le hman zetih sim: *She gave it to me straight from the shoulder.* **straight out** hrelh loin, sup loin, fiangtein: *I told him straight out that I thought he was lying.* ○ *She didn't hesitate for a moment but came straight out with her reply.* **straight up** (Brit sl) (used esp in asking and answering questions) hman le dingzet in/a taktak/a ngaingai in.

**straight**<sup>3</sup> /streit/ *n* **1** (usu sing) tlan zuamawknak ih a netnak lamding, asilole, lamzin dingnak hmun: *on the home straight,* ie approaching the finishing line ○ *The two horses were level as they entered the final straight.* **2** (in the card-game of poker) a sangsang in card 5 pek, asinan suit phe sungin phun khat hnaki h tam.

**straightforward** /streit'fɔ:wəd/ *adj* **1** (of a person, his manner, etc) ding/tluang/tluangtlam: *straightforward in one's business dealings.* **2** tuah ol/theih ol, hnaihnok lo/har lo: *a straightforward examination question* ○ *written in straightforward language* ○ *The procedure is quite straightforward.*

▷ **straightforwardly** *adv*: *behave, speak straightforwardly.* **straightforwardness** *n* [U]: *She admired his straightforwardness.*

**straightway** /streit'wei/ *adv* (arch) lohli/khul rangin/zamrangin/hmakhatte ah.

**strain**<sup>1</sup> /strein/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] rintuk; hridai catzik tiangih rin/merh: *strain a rope* (to breaking-point/until it breaks). **2** [I, It, Tn, Tnt] cahnak le thazaang hmuahhmuah suah: *wrestlers heaving and straining* ○ *strain* (one's ears) *to hear a conversation* ○ *straining to understand what she meant* ○ *strain one's voice to shout.* **3** [Tn] taksa natter/derthawmter: *strain a muscle, one's heart* ○ *strain one's eyes,* eg by reading in a bad light ○ *strain one's voice,* ie by speaking or singing too long or too loudly ○ (ironic) *I would welcome some help — but don't strain yourself!* **4** [Tn] (fml fig) tuar thei zat hnaki h tam tuarter: *strain the credulity*

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of one's listeners ○ *strain one's authority, rights, power, etc.*, ie go beyond what is allowed or reasonable ○ *Her prose strains language* (ie the meaning of words) *to the limits*. **5** [Tn] khohrik, asilole, puan thawn hrik/cit; a ti le a tak then/hrik, eg lakphak fe le a ti cit, hrik: *strain the soup, vegetables* ○ *The tea hasn't been strained*, ie It is full of tea-leaves. **6** (idm) **strain after effects/an effect** thinlung kheng thei zet vek ih lang dingin hramhram ih zuam. **strain at the leash** (infml) tuah duhmi tuah dingin zalonnak neih hiar: *teenagers straining at the leash to escape parental control*. **strain every nerve (to do sth)** zuam theitawkih zuam. **7** (phr v) **strain at sth** thil dirhna ih thazaang tampi suah: *rowers straining at the oars* ○ *dogs straining at the lead*. **strain sth off (from sth)** khohrik, puanthan thawn a ti le a tak thia/then: *strain off the water from the cabbage when it is cooked*.

▷ **strained** adj **1** daankel si lo, tuahcop/thinlung nuam lo: *a strained laugh* ○ *strained relations*, ie unpleasant tension between people, groups or countries. **2** baang tuk, cau tuk, khawruahhar/donhar: *she looked very strained when I last saw her*.

**strainer** n (esp in compounds) thilhrinak, thilcitnak, khohrik: *a tea-strainer*.

**strain<sup>2</sup>** /streɪn/ n **1** [C, U] (a) rin, rinzet ih dir: *The rope broke under the strain*. (b) rin dingih nor: *calculate the strains and stresses of a bridge* ○ *What is the breaking strain of this cable?* ie How much strain would break it? **2** (a) [C, U] mah ih thinlung le taksa cahnak, sumhram le thiltitheinak nazet ih a fulnak: *be under severe strain* ○ *beginning to feel the strain* ○ *the strain of modern life* ○ *Paying all the bills is a strain on my resources*. ○ *He finds his new job a real strain*. ○ *How do you stand (ie cope with) the strain?* (b) [U] donharnak: *suffering from mental/nervous strain*. **3** [C, U] ilh le merh ruangih tha na, tha cat ruangih tisa natnak: *a painful strain* ○ *groin strain*. **4** [C usu pl] (fml) awnmawi ri/thawm: *hear the strains of the church organ* ○ *the angelic strains of choirboys singing*. **5** [C usu sing] ngandan/tongdan: *her speech continued in the same dismal strain*.

**strain<sup>3</sup>** /streɪn/ n **1** (usu sing) ~ (of sth) nuncan umtlandan ah a zon-aw theimi thil: *There's a strain of madness in the family*. **2** cithlah/phun: *a new strain of wheat* ○ *strains of mosquitoes that are resistant to insecticide*.

**strait** /streɪt/ n **1** [C often pl with sing meaning, esp in proper names] tiffinriat pahnih pehtu tidai fate, tihriat tivek tipi pahnih pehtu: *the Straits of Gibraltar* ○ *the Magellan Straits*. **2** **straits** [pl] buainak/harsatnak: *be in(dire)/desperate/serious financial straits*.

**straitened** /ˈstreɪtnd/ adj (idm) **in straitened circumstances** (fml esp euph) tangka hmanding tawk fang nei lo, farah zetin.

**strait-jacket** /ˈstreɪtʃækɪt/ n **1** mi-aa cangvai ciamco thei lo dingih tuamnak angki. **2** (fig derog) thansonak le pitlinnak khamtu, asilole, dawntu: *the strait-jacket of repressive taxation*. ▷ **strait-jacket** v [Tn] **1** strait-jacket hukter. **2** (fig) thangso thei lo dingin dawnkham: *feel strait-jacketed by poverty* ○ *feel strait-jacketed by the lack of government subsidy*.

**strait-laced** /ˈstreɪt ˈleɪst/ adj (derog) ziaza nundan a fek zetmi; ti fekfek tuk a duhmi: *My old aunts are very strait-laced*.

**strand<sup>1</sup>** /strænd/ n (arch or rhet) vunnel a khatmi tiffinriat kap, tiva kap.

▷ **strand** v [Tn esp passive] ramdang le hmundang ih feh thei nawn lo nak hmuni tang/tangphawlawng tiva kap vunnel parih tang: *a ship stranded on a sandbank* ○ *a whale stranded by the high tide*.

**stranded** adj harsa zet dinhmun ih tang (bawmtu nei lo ih tang): *stranded tourists* ○ *be left stranded in a foreign country without one's passport*.

**strand<sup>2</sup>** /strænd/ n **1** (a) pathri/hridai/thirhri. (b) pat phang: *a strand of cotton hanging from the hem of skirt*. **2** sam thlai. **3** (fig) thuanthu fehdan: *drawing together the strands of the narrative*.

**strange** /streɪndʒ/ adj (-r, -st) **1** theih dah lo, hmuh dah kel lo: *in a strange country, town, neighbourhood, etc* ○ *Never accept lifts from strange men*. **2** um dah kel lo, mangbangza, lamdang: *What strange clothes you're wearing!* ○ *It's strange we haven't heard from him*. ○ *She says she feels strange*, ie rather unwell, perhaps dizzy. ○ *It feels strange to be visiting the place again after all these years*. **3** [pre] ~ **to sth** thar hlam/zongsang hrihlo daan kel thei hrih lo: *He's strange to the work*. ○ *The village boy was strange to city life*. **4** (idm) **strange to relate/say...** mangbangnak/khawruahharnak: *Strange to say, he won!*

▷ **strangely** adv: *The house was strangely quiet*. ○ *It turned out we'd been at school together, strangely enough*. **strangeness** n [U].

**stranger** /ˈstreɪndʒə(r)/ n **1** mikhual: *I'd met Anna before, but her friend was a complete/total stranger to me*. ○ *Our dog barks at strangers*. **2** mi thar, hmuh kel lomi: *I'm a stranger in this town*, ie I do not know my way around it. **3** (idm) **be a/no stranger to sth** (fml) zongsang hrih lo/daan kel ih neih lo: *He's no stranger to misfortune*, ie He has experienced it before.

**strangle** /ˈstreɪŋɡl/ v **1** [Tn] hngawng rek/hngawngmerh in that: *He strangled her with her own scarf*. ○ (infml) *I could cheerfully strangle you for getting me into this mess!* ○

(fig) *This stiff collar is strangling me*, ie making it difficult for me to breathe. **2** (a) [Tn] thannak/tuannak cangvaihnak/thansonak kham, phit: *She felt her creativity was being strangled*. (b) [Tn usu passive] ka ih suak dingmi kham: *a strangled* (ie partly suppressed) cry.

▷ **strangler** *n* thi ko hngawng rektu/hngawng merhthattu.

□ **stranglehold** *n* (a) thawthawt thei lo ko mi hngawng rek. (b) (usu *sing*) ~ (on sth) (fig) thango thei lo dingin fek zet ih uk/hrekhawng, kham: *The new tariffs have put a stranglehold on trade*.

**strangulate** /'stræŋgjuːleɪt/ *v* [Tn esp passive] (medical) napiin nam, fek zet in reek: *a strangulated hernia*, ie one from which the blood supply has been cut off.

▷ **strangulation** /'stræŋgjuːleɪʃn/ *n* [U] **1** thi ko reknak/merhnak. **2** thawpit ko hngawng rek/merh.

**strap** /stræp/ *n* (esp in compounds) **1** [C] savun hri pheng, taikhap, asilole, nazi hri vek: *a watch-strap* ○ *My camera strap has broken*. ○ *A rucksack has straps that go over the shoulders*. **2** [C] liangbah hri: *bra-straps* ○ *a summer dress with thin shoulder-straps*. **3** the strap [sing] (esp formerly) savun hri ih thawi/hremnak: *I got/was given the strap*.

▷ **strap** *v* **1** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] savun hri pheng thawn tem: *strap sth in place* ○ *They strapped their equipment on(to their backs)*. ○ *Make sure the passengers are strapped in(to their seats) before driving off*. ○ *The lorry's load had been securely strapped down*. **2** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) hliamhma tuam, tem: *His injured arm was tightly strapped (up)*. **3** [Tn] savun hridai thawn thawi.

**strapless** /'stræplɪs/ *adj* (esp of a dress or bra) liangbah hri nei lo.

**strapped** *adj* [pred] ~ (for sth) (infml) sumpai (tangka) tawkfang nei lo, thilri tawf fang nei lo: *I'm a bit strapped for cash*.

**strapping** *adj* (esp *joc*) tum, sang,cak/dam: *She's a strapping lass*.

□ **straphanger** /'stræphæŋə(r)/ *n* (often *derog*) bus, tlangleng, motor ah tonak co lo ih thluntu.

**strata** *pl* of STRATUM.

**stratagem** /'strætədʒəm/ *n* (fml) mi bumnak: *a cunning stratagem*.

**strategic** /'strætiːdʒɪk/ (also **strategical**) *adj* [usu attrib] **1** tumtahnak le hmuitin nei; thil ti dingdan lam: *strategic(al) decisions*. **2** thil pakhat tumtahnak ah a hlawkmi, a rem caangmi: *a strategic position, move* ○ *strategic bombing*, eg of industrial areas and communication centres ○ *strategic materials*, ie those that are necessary for war. **3** (of weapons, esp nuclear missiles) meithal le

hriamnam pawl, ral umnak ram lam kap dingih timtuah. Cf TACTICAL (TACTIC).

▷ **strategically** /-klɪ/ *adv*: *a strategically placed microphone*.

**strategy** /'strætədʒi/ *n* **1** [U] ral dodan le ral nordan tawlrelnak: *military strategy* ○ *skilled in strategy*. **2** [U] ziangthu khal thazet ih tawlrel le ruat thiamnak: *By careful strategy she negotiated a substantial pay rise*. **3** [C] thil pakhat a bikih tumtahnak: *economic strategies* ○ *a new police strategy for crowd control*. Cf TATIC.

▷ **strategist** /-dʒɪst/ *n* thil tidan tawlrel thiam.

**stratify** /'strætɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **-fied**) [Tn usu passive] thuah-aw/a thuah thuah in um: *stratified rock* ○ *a highly stratified society*, ie having many different levels.

▷ **stratification** /'strætɪfɪ'keɪʃn/ *n* [U] thuahawknak/a thuathuah ih umnak: *social stratification*.

**stratosphere** /'strætəsfrə(r)/ *n* [sing] km 10 in km 60 tiang a sahmi leilungpi tuamtu thli: Cf IONOSPHERE.

**stratum** /'strætəm; US 'streɪtəm/ *n* (pl **strata** /-tə/) **1** a phei thuah umdan, a bik in lungto a thuah ih ummi. **2** mifarah le milian hleih-awknak: *a gathering of people from a variety of social strata*.

**straw** /strɔː/ *n* **1** [U] fang, sangvut kung ro; cangpawl: *a stable filled with straw* ○ [attrib] *a straw mattress*, ie one filled with straw. **2** [C] fang, sangvut kung ro pakhat: *There are a few straws in your hair*. **3** [C] cahnah, asilole, plastic dawng, tidai thil ti innak: *drinking lemonade through a straw* ○ *A packet of (drinking) straws, please*. **4** a straw [sing] thil thupi lo, man nei lo: *not care a straw* ○ *be not worth a straw*. **5** (idm) **clutch/grasp at a straw/straws** luat thei ding le nunnak ngah thei ding in, beidong phah in caan laak. **the last/final straw (that breaks the camel's back)** a neta bik tuar thei lo dinhmun a suaktertu a ol ih a zaangtemi thil tuah/hnaŋuan tivek. **make bricks without straw** ⇒ BRICK. **a man of straw** ⇒ MAN. **a straw in the wind** ziang tiin thil a um/a cang ding ti malte khiihmuhnak. □ **straw-coloured** *adj* aihre rau (fangfang).

**straw pool** (also **straw vote**) (esp US) senpi ih thinlung dap.

**strawberry** /'strɔːbri; US -beri/ *n* (a) [C] theihmung rah; strawberi thei, arte cukcun: *fresh strawberries and cream* ○ [attrib] *strawberry jam* ○ *strawberry pink*. (b) a kung niam theihmung.

□ **strawberry-mark** *n* suaipi taksa sen, vun sen.

**stray** /streɪ/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] **1** lam pial, a peng ah feh, lam hlo: *Some of the cattle have strayed*. ○ *stray into the path of an oncoming car* ○ *Young*



children should not be allowed to stray from their parents. ○ He had strayed from home while still a boy. **2** zinpial/peng: My mind kept straying from the discussion (to other things). ○ Don't stray (away) from the point.

▷ **stray** *adj* [attrib] **1** lamzin ihsin a pialmi, hlomi, a pengmi ih fehmi: a home for stray dogs ○ (fig) Stray papers littered his desk. **2** a burih umkhawm loin a pakpak in ram kipah um: killed by a stray bullet, ie by chance, not on purpose ○ The streets were empty except for a few stray passers-by.

**stray** *n* (a) zin hman ihsin a pial/a peng/a hlomi minung lole tilva: This dog must be a stray. Cf WAIF. (b) thilri a umnak ah um loin hmun dangah a pakih um.

**streak** /stri:k/ *n* ~ (of sth) **1** pianzia a bangrep lomi parih riin saupi e.g a rang parah a dum riinmi, a dum lakah a rangmi sam, tivek: streaks of grey in her hair ○ a streak (ie flash) of lightning ○ streaks of fat in the meat. **2** minung ih neihi ziaza pakhat: streak of jealousy, vanity, cruelty, etc ○ have a jealous streak. **3** (esp in gambling) a pehpeh ih nehnak (asilole) sunnak: a streak of good luck ○ hit (ie have) a winning/losing streak. **4** (idm) like a streak of lightning ⇒ LIGHTNING<sup>1</sup>. a yellow streak ⇒ YELLOW.

▷ **streak** *v* **1** [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (with sth) phunkhat lakah phundang pakhat te tel; fate in rin riahri: have one's hair streaked ○ white marble streaked with brown. **2** [Ipr, Ip] (infml) cakzet le zamrang zetin thawn: The children streaked off (down the street) as fast as they could. **3** [I] misenpi lungawiter ding le mangbangter dingah taksa lawng (hnipuan hruk lo) ih tlan. **streaker** *n* senpi hmuh ih taklawng ih tlantu (STREAK *v* 3).

**streaky** *adj* (-ier, -iest) tiriak ri ih ngan/tial a neimi: streaky bacon, ie with layers of fat and lean in it.

**stream** /stri:m/ *n* **1** tiva te: a small stream running through the woods. **2** ~ (of sth/sb) luang: a stream of blood ○ a steady stream of abuse, complaints, etc ○ streams of shoppers, traffic. **3** tidai (asilole) thildang hmai hoi zawngih luang/feh/thawn: leaves moving with the stream. **4** (esp Brit) (in some schools) kum le thiamnak a bangrepmi nauhak pawl a dangdangih pawl (class) thenmi: the A, B, C, etc stream. **5** (idm) go up/down stream tiva ah so/suk. go, swim, etc with/against the stream/tide suk leuh, phei leuh, so leuh santiluan le a tikcu caan vekih fehthiam/nung thiam, asilole, feh thiam lo/nung thiam lo: Teenagers often go against the stream. on stream cangvai theizet (asilole) rah suah thei: The new plant comes on stream in March.

▷ **stream** *v* **1** [I, Ipr] tiva vekin luang (asilole)

thawn: Sweat streamed down his face. ○ People were streaming out of the station. **2** (a) [Tn] thil pakhat khat suakter/suak: The wound streamed blood. (b) [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) a tiisuak thil pakhat khat suak: a streaming cold, ie with much liquid coming from the nose ○ His face was streaming with sweat. **3** [I, Ipr, Ip] thli/tidai in fen: Her hair streamed (out) in the wind. **4** [Tn usu passive] (esp Brit) tlawngta nauhak a khan then A, B, C tivek ah ret: Children are streamed according to ability. **streamer** *n* **1** thantar fate sau zet. **2** rongnei cahnah (ribbon) saupipi, sau ziarziar ih tuahmi: a room decorated with balloons and streamers. **3** = BANNER HEADLINE (BANNER). **streaming** *n* [U] tlawngta nauhak a khan thenih retnak (STREAM 4).

□ **stream of consciousness** mah ih ton le theih fiangnak ihsin catbang lo ih a suakmi ngaidan, ruatdan le thinlung ih tuardan.

**streamline** /stri:mlan/ *v* [Tn] **1** cak zet le rang zetih feh thei dingin nal zet, rualrem le ding zetin tuah. **2** hlawhkaitei, asilole, hmual neihter: We must streamline our production procedures.

▷ **streamlined** *adj* cak zet le ol zet ih thawn thei ding, feh thei dingin nal le rualrem zet hmuihmel, asilole, pianzia neimi: modern streamlined cars.

**street** /stri:t/ *n* **1** (abbr St) khuapi sung ih lamzin pi: cross the street ○ meet a friend in the street ○ gangs foaming the streets ○ His address is 155 Smith Street. ○ [attrib] at street level, ie on the ground floor ○ a street map/plan of York ○ street lighting ○ street theatre, ie plays, etc performed in the street, usu with a social or political theme. ⇒ Usage at ROAD. **2** lamzinpi ih um le hnauantu pawl: Our street puts on a carnival every year. **3** (idm) be in Queer Street ⇒ QUEER. be (out) on/walk the streets (infml) (a) inn nei lo. (b) (euph) taksa zuar go on the streets (euph) taksa zuar ih pumcawm. the man in the street ⇒ MAN. not the same street (as sb/sth) (infml) tha tuk lo/niam sawn, nauta sawn, tha lo deuhmi. streets ahead (of sb/sth) (infml) tampi tha sawn/tuah thei sawn, fim sawn, tivek. (right) up one's street (infml) mah theihban mi: This job seems right up your street.

□ **streetcar** *n* (US) = TRAM.

**street credibility** (also **street cred**) (infml) thangthar pawlih pomthei le a tha tivek ih nung thiam/santiluan vekih um thiam.

**street-girl** (also **street-walker**) *n* lamzinpi parih mipa a hawltu taksa zuartu nunau tha lo.

**street value** daan ih khammi thilri zuar theinak man: Customs officers have seized drugs with a street value of over £1 million.

**street-wise** *adj* (infml) zaran minung ziangtin

an khawsa/an nung ti theih theinak.

**strength** /streŋθ/ *n* **1** [U] cak/tha cahnak: a man of great strength ○ strength of character, mind, will ○ regain one's strength after an illness ○ the strength of a rope, ie its ability to resist strain ○ put on a show of strength, ie show how strong one is ○ For a small woman she has surprising strength. ○ The strength of feeling on this issue is considerable. ○ How is the strength of alcoholic drinks measured? ⇨ Usage. **2** [C, U] caktetu, thazaang neihtertu: the strengths and weaknesses of an argument ○ Tolerance is one of her many strengths. ○ His strength as a news-reader lies in his training as a journalist. **3** [U] hmunkhat ih umkhawm/tuankhawmtu minung hmuahhmuah: What is the strength of the work-force? **4** (idm) **be at full/be below strength** a tulzat nei/minung a tul zat hnakh mal nei. **bring sth/be up to (full) strength** a tul zat/a samzat thlenter/hmun pakhat thlenter: We must bring the police force up to (full) strength. **from strength to strength** hlawhtlinnak karh/thang sinsin: Since her appointment the department has gone from strength to strength. **in (full, great, etc) strength** um ding zat, tampi/tam zet: The army paraded in (full) strength. **on the strength** (infml) ralkap tivek pawlkom pakhat sungtel sinak in. **on the strength of sth** thawng in, vang in: I got the job on the strength of your recommendation. **outgrow one's strength** ⇨ OUTGROW. **a tower of strength** ⇨ TOWER.

▷ **strengthen** /streŋθn/ *v* [I, Tn] cakter/cahnak thapek: The current strengthened as we moved down the river. ○ a special shampoo to strengthen your hair ○ strengthen a garrison with extra troops ○ This latest development has further strengthened my determination to leave.

NOTE ON USAGE: Compare **strength**, **power**, **force** and **vigour** (US **vigor**). **Strength** and **power** indicate an internal quality of an object or person. The **strength** of a body, bridge or rope is its ability to hold great weight: *I haven't the strength to carry you.* The **power** in a person's body, in a machine or in the wind is the energy within it that can be applied: *We can harness the power of the wind to make electricity.* **Force** and **vigour** relate to the application of energy. The **force** of an explosion, a storm or a blow is the energy released and its impact on objects: *The car was completely wrecked by the force of the collision.* A person's **vigour** is the energy used, especially in work: *She does her work with tremendous vigour.*

**strenuous** /strenjuəs/ *adj* **1** taimak suah; thatho zet: strenuous workers ○ make a strenuous

attempt to reach the top of the mountain. **2** thazaang tampi suah a tulmi: a strenuous itinerary ○ strenuous work ○ lead a strenuous life.

▷ **strenuously** *adv*: She strenuously denies all the charges.

**streptococcus** /streptə'køkəs/ *n* (pl **-cocci** /-'køkai/) (medical) son-awk thei natnak pangang (a burih ummi.)

▷ **streptococcal** /-'køkəl/ *adj*.

**streptomycin** /streptəu'maɪsɪn/ *n* [U] (medical) son-awk thei natnak pangang karh zai lo dingih khamtu sii phunkhat.

**stress** /stres/ *n* **1** [U, C] thinlung le taksa ih bangnak le retheih mangbangnak: be under/suffer from stress ○ in times of stress, ie difficulty, trouble, etc ○ the stresses and strains of modern life. **2** [U] ~ (on sth) a hleice ih uarnak le thupitternak: He feels that there is not enough stress on drama at the school. ○ She lays great stress on punctuality, ie regards it as very important. **3** [C, U] (a) aw uak (pawr) deuh ih suah: In 'strategic' the stress is/falls on the second syllable. ○ Stress and rhythm are important in speaking English. ○ You must learn where to place the stresses. Cf INFLECTION 2, INTONATION 2. (b) awnmaw tum tik ih uak deuhnak: Put a stress on the first note in each bar. **4** [C, U] ~ (on sth) (esp in mechanics) thil siatbaltu tha: High winds put great stress on the structure. ○ [attrib] a stress fracture of a bone in the leg.

▷ **stress** *v* [Tn] tɔng tikah cafang pakhat aw khi uak deuh in suah: You stress the first syllable in 'happiness.' ○ He stressed the point that....

**stressful** /-fl/ *adj* uartilak: She finds her new teaching job very stressful.

□ **stress mark** uak deuh ih aw suah ding khihmuahnak/hminsinnak: In the word 'sympathetic' /sɪmpə'tetɪk/ the primary stress (ˈ) is on the third syllable, and the secondary stress (, ) is on the first syllable.

**stretch** /stretʃ/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Cn-a] pharh/zam/dok, eg rubber coil, cangvat (leech) tivek dok: stretch a rope across a path ○ stretch a pair of gloves/shoes, eg to make them fit better ○ stretch a hat to fit one's head ○ stretch a rope tight. **2** [I] a dok-aw, a daih: These socks stretch. ○ The pullover stretched (ie out of shape) after I had worn it a few times. ○ (fig) I'd love a holiday if our money will stretch that far. **3** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] taksa dok-aw; dawh; daak: He woke up, yawned and stretched. ○ She stretched across the table for the butter. ○ stretch one's arms, legs ○ He stretched out his arm to take the book. ○ She stretched her neck up, eg to see over the heads of people in a crowd. **4** [I, Ipr, Ip] pharh/darhsarh: forests

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*stretching for hundreds of miles* ○ *The road stretched (out) across the desert into the distance.* ○ *The ocean stretched as far as they could see on all sides.* ○ *The long summer holiday stretched ahead (of them).* **5** [Tn] ramkip hmunkip ah pharh, phah/darhter: *The race really stretched him/his skill as a runner.* ○ *She has not been sufficiently stretched at school this term.* ○ *We can't take on any more work — we're fully stretched* (ie working to the utmost of our powers) *at the moment.* **6** [Tn] a rinthei bik in dir/uar, thupitter?: *stretch the truth*, ie exaggerate or lie ○ *stretch the meaning of a word* ○ *You can't stretch the rules to suit yourself.* **7** (idm) **stretch one's legs** harhdamnak ding lamleeng (feh): *She went out to stretch her legs after lunch.* **stretch a point** khiahmi lan ih tuah/rikhiah zat lan ih feh: *She doesn't have all the qualifications but I think we should stretch a point in her favour.* **8** (phr v) **stretch (sth) out** ʔul zat daih (asilole) samzat daihter: *He couldn't stretch out his money to the end of the month.* **stretch (oneself) out** taksa ruangpi pharhzam; kethluang le kut pharh ih it: *He stretched (himself) out in front of the fire and fell asleep.*

▷ **stretch n 1** [C usu sing] pharh: *With a stretch of his arm, he reached the shelf.* ○ *The dog woke up, had a good stretch and wandered off.* **2** [U] dok-awk theinak; pharh theinak, asilole, lan theinak: *This material has a lot of stretch in it.* ○ [attrib] *stretch jeans, seat-covers, underwear.* **3** [C] (a) ~ (of sth) a pehzom ih kau deldel: *a beautiful stretch of countryside* ○ *a long stretch of open road.* (b) cat bang lo: *a four-hour stretch.* **4** [C usu sing] (sl) hnaʔuan sung, asilole, thawng tlak sung: *do a stretch in the army* ○ *He did a long stretch for attempted murder.* **5** [C usu sing] tlan zuamawknak ih a ding zetmi rin: *the final/finishing/home stretch*, ie the last part of the course. **6** (idm) **at full stretch** ⇨ FULL. **at a stretch** cawl bang loin, a pehzom in: *She worked for six hours at a stretch.* **not by any/by no stretch of the imagination** thinlung ih ruah lawng cun a si thei lo: *By no stretch of the imagination could you call him ambitious.*

**stretchy** /stretʃɪ/ adj (-ier, -iest) (infml) a pharh thei/a dok theimi: *stretchy materials.* **stretchiness** n [U].

**stretcher** /stretʃə(r)/ n **1** mina zawnnak laang: *An ambulance officer brought a stretcher for the injured woman.* **2** thil kap pharhnak, asilole, doktert; dokmi parih thil kai-awktu hrangih tuahmi a phunphun.

□ **stretcher-bearer** n mina phurtu/zawntu, asilole, laang zawntu minung pahnih.

**strew** /stru:/ v (pt **strewed**, pp **strewed** or **strewn** /stru:n/) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **A** (on/over **B**);

~ **B** with **A** vorh, darhter, darhdaiter: *Strew papers over the floor/strew the floor with papers.* **2** [Tn] hmunhkipah darh: *a litter-strewn playground* ○ *papers strewn the floor.* ⇨ Usage at SCATTER.

**strewth** /stru:θ/ interj (Brit sl becoming dated) mangbangnak, thinhengnak le thlaʔem thinphan tiki hmanmi: *Strewth, look at the time! We're late!*

**striated** /straɪeɪtɪd/ US 'straɪeɪtɪd/ adj (fml) a ʔialmi; a tung zawngih rinthlur ih ummi, eg leilung laih kuar tluan.

▷ **striation** /straɪeɪʃn/ n (fml) **1** [C] tung zawng ngan ʔiak, a ʔial.

**stricken** /stri:kən/ adj ~ (by/with sth) (esp in compounds) thinlung nom lonak, harnak le natnak ih a neh zetmi/nat ngahmi/mi derthawm: *stricken with malaria, cancer, fever, etc* ○ *stricken by poverty/poverty-stricken* ○ *grief/panic/terror-stricken* ○ *Rescue teams raced to the stricken ship.*

**strict** /strikt/ adj (-er, -est) **1** a fekfek; a khoh remrem; umtlandan le ziaza a khoh zetmi; mi daithlang lo: *a strict teacher* ○ *a strict upbringing* ○ *a strict rule against smoking* ○ *She's very strict with her children.* **2** (a) fiang zet le cekci: *in the strict sense of the word* ○ *the strict truth* ○ *a strict understanding, interpretation.* (b) a kim/a sam bau lo/famkim: *give information in strictest confidence/in strict secrecy*, ie expecting complete secrecy.

▷ **strictly** adv **1** famkim zetin/fekzekin: *Smoking is strictly prohibited.* **2** (idm) **strictly speaking** a taktak/a sinak vek cekci ih sim ahcun: *Strictly speaking, he's not qualified for the job.*

**strictness** n [U].

**stricture** /striktʃə(r)/ n **1** (usu pl) (fml) soiselnak, hnonnak, mawthluknak: *pass strictures on sb.* **2** (medical) a dan kel hnaki a hleiluan ih tetternak, taksa ih ongkuate (dawngte vek) a fiakzetmi thi fehnak zin.

**stride** /straɪd/ v (pt **strode**, pp rarely **stridden** /straɪdn/) **1** [Ipr, Ip] kekar sau pipi ih feh: *stride along the road* ○ *striding across the fields* ○ *She turned and strode off.* ○ *striding out for* (ie walking determinedly towards) *the distant hills.* **2** [Ipr] ~ **across/over sth** kekar khat ih kaan: *stride over a ditch.*

▷ **stride n 1** kar: *I was three strides from the door.* **2** fehdan/kardan. **3** (idm) **get into one's stride** thiam, nal, ʔuan pekah thiam lo, khul fung, a hnu ah thiam, ʔuan zutzo thei: *She found the job difficult at first, but now she's really getting into her stride.* **make great, rapid, etc strides** cak zet, zamrang zetih ʔhangso: *Tom has made enormous strides in his maths this term.* **take sth in one's stride** buai lo, phang lo ih thil har ʔuan: *Some people find*

retiring difficult, but she has taken it all in his stride.

**strident** /straɪdnt/ *adj* (of a sound, esp a voice) ring le ngainuam lo awhrosia: *strident protests* ○ *strident in their demands*.

▷ **stridency** /straɪdənsɪ/ *n* [U].

**stridently** *adv*.

**stridulate** /strɪdʒʊleɪt/ *v* [I] (of insects such as crickets) khuangbai, thereng vek, a taksa khawng aw ih nazet/ringzet ih ai/kiu/hram/awn.

▷ **stridulation** /strɪdʒʊleɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**strife** /straɪf/ *n* [U] mi pahnih (asilole) pawl pahnih kar lakih tawh-awknak, ral-awknak, rem-awk lonak: *industrial strife*, ie between employers and workers ○ *a nation torn by political strife*.

**strike**<sup>1</sup> /straɪk/ *n* **1** (hnaʔuantu pawl hnaʔuan duh lo ih) ngolnak: *a miners' strike* ○ *industrial strikes* ○ *a strike by bus drivers* ○ *a general, an unofficial, a wildcat strike* ○ *call a strike* ○ *break a strike* ○ [attrib] *take strike action*. **2** leilung sungih sui, ngun le zinan rinlopi ih tong, hmakhatte ih tongsuak: (fig) *a lucky strike*, ie a fortunate discovery. **3** hmakhatte ah vanzam, asilole, (missile) thawn ral do, do/ral tawng: *an air strike* ○ [attrib] *first strike capacity in a nuclear war*, ie the ability to attack an enemy before they can attack you ○ *The footballer took a strike at the goal*. ○ *the strike of a hawk on its prey*. **4** (idm) **be/go on strike**; **be/come/go out on strike** hnaʔuan duh lo in ngol: *we are (going) on strike*. ○ *The ship-builders came/went out on strike for higher pay*. □ **strikebound** *adj* hnaʔuantu pawl ngol ruangih hnaʔuan thei lo/cangvai thei lo ih um: *The docks were strikebound for a week*.

**strike-breaker** *n* mah ih hnaʔuanpi pawl ngol laifang ih ngol loin hna rak ʔuantu. Cf BLACKLEG.

**strike-breaking** *n* [U].

**strike pay** hnaʔuan ngol sung hnaʔuan ngoltu pawl hnenih pekmi tangka.

**strike**<sup>2</sup> /straɪk/ *v* (pt, pp **struck** /strʌk/) **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-n] vua/thawi/phom/deng/deng ngah: *The stone struck me on the side of the head*. ○ *He struck the table a heavy blow with his fist*. ⇒ Usage at HIT<sup>1</sup>. (b) [I, Tn, Tn-pr] thil khawng: *There was a crash of thunder; then the storm struck*. ○ *People say that lightning never strikes twice in the same place*. ○ *The ship struck a rock*. ○ *The tree was struck by lightning*. ○ *He struck his head on/against the beam*. ○ *He struck the beam with his head*. ○ (fig) *The family was struck by yet another tragedy*. (c) [Tn] thong: *Who struck the first blow* (ie started the fight)? (d) [Ipr] ~ **at sb/sth** vua: *He struck at me repeatedly with a stick*. (e) [Tn-pr, Tn-p] leilungah ril/sawn/tlu ko thawi: *He struck her to the ground*. ○ *She struck the ball away*. **2** (a)

[I] do/siim: *Enemy troops struck just before dawn*. ○ *The lioness crouched ready to strike*.

(b) [I, Tn esp passive] (of disaster, disease, etc) vansiatak, natnak tuarter: *It was not long before tragedy struck again*. ○ *The area was struck by an outbreak of cholera*. **3** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] meilung talh ih mei ci/mei tek suakter: *strike sparks from a flint*. (b) [I, Tn] kaangter/mei alhter: *This damp matches won't strike*. ○ *strike a match*. **4** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] a awn thei thil awnter/tum/aw suahter: *strike a chord on the piano* ○ (fig) *strike a note of* (ie give an impression of) *gloom, optimism, caution*. (b) [I, Tn] (of a clock) nazi a awn: *The clock has just struck (three)*. ○ *The clock strikes the hours*. (c) [I] (of time) nazi kim sim/theihter: *Four o'clock had just struck on the church clock*. **5** [Tn] sui, khur sungsuak thil mankhung lei ngah; zinaan, tivek umnak tiang leilung lai, asilole, virh: *strike a rich vein of ore*. **6** [Tn] tangka fang, asilole, medal tacik parah hminsinnak khen: *The Royal Mint will strike a commemorative gold coin*. **7** [Cn-a esp passive] rinlopi thil pakhat rungthleng/cang dukdi: *be struck blind, dumb, silent, etc*. **8** [Tn, Dn-f, Dn-w] (not in the continuous tenses) thinlung sungih ra lut/rung um: *An awful thought has just struck me*. ○ *What struck me was/I was struck by* (ie I noticed) *their enthusiasm for the work*. ○ *It strikes me that nobody is in favour of the changes*. ○ *It suddenly struck me how we could improve the situation*. **9** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (as sth) thinlung kheng/deng khawih: *How does the idea strike you?* ○ *The plan strikes me as ridiculous*. ○ *The house strikes you as welcoming when you go in*. **10** [I, Ipr] ~ (for/against sth) (of workers) lungawi lonak le riahsiatnak langternak ih hnaʔuan cawl, ngol: *Striking workers picketed the factory*. ○ *The union has voted to strike for a pay increase of 10%*. **11** [Tn] lawngpuan zar (asilole) puan (muka) thawn sakmi thlam, tivek bal/thiat: *strike* (ie dismantle) *the set after the play is over*. Cf PITCH<sup>2</sup> 1. **12** [Tn] hlawhtling/ʔuansuak. **13** [Tn] lamzin ah thleng/lamzin hmu/tong: *It was some time before we struck the track*. **14** [Tn] thingkung ih a hnge saattan in hmun dangah phun. **15** (idm) **be struck on sb/sth** (infml) thinlung hip/thinlung la/thinlung dir, duh: *He's very much struck on his new girlfriend*. **hit/strike home** ⇒ HOME<sup>3</sup>. **hit/strike the right/wrong note** ⇒ NOTE<sup>1</sup>. **lightning never strikes in the same place twice** ⇒ LIGHTNING<sup>1</sup>. **strike an attitude/a pose** mi thinlung a lamdang deuh ih hip dingin mah ih taksa a lamdang deuh ih tuah: *He struck an attitude of defiance with a typically hard-hitting speech*. **strike at the root of sth** ⇒ ROOT<sup>1</sup>. **strike a balance** (between A and B) a luantuk veve,



khui tawh lam khal tan loin, a laifang, a mawimi hawl/hmu; thu laitan hawl: *It was difficult to strike the right balance between justice and expediency.* **strike a bargain (with sb)** nasa zetih rel khawm le el-awh hnuih lungkim tlang: *They struck a bargain with the landlord that they would look after the garden in return for being allowed to use it.* **strike a blow for/against sth** thil pakhat khat tanpi le bawm zawngin simaw, el le dodal zawngin simaw langternak ih cangvai le tñanmi: *By their action, they struck a blow for democracy.* **strike camp** umnak inn fate/thlam bal ih zual. **strike a chord (with sb)** midangih zaangfah lainatmi thil pakhat thu sim: *The speaker had obviously struck a chord with his audience.* **strike/sound a false note** ⇒ FALSE. **strike fear, etc into sb/sb's heart** tñhter/lauter: *The news of the epidemic struck terror into the population.* **strike gold/oil** thu theihmi ih a hram, lennak ih a hram, lungawinak ih a hram hmuuak, tong: *She hasn't always been lucky with her boyfriend but she seems to have struck gold this time.* **strike a light!** (dated Brit sl) mangbang vansang (asilole) elnak tñong. **strike (it) lucky** (infml) thu pakhat ah, vanthhatnak nei/tong: *We certainly struck (it) lucky with the weather.* **strike/sound a note (of sth)** ⇒ NOTE<sup>1</sup>. **strike it rich** (infml) rinlopiin hmakhatte ah paisa tampi ngah. **strike while the iron is hot** (saying) (often imperative) tikcu caan remcang hmang lohli aw; tikcu remcang lai ah tuah aw. **take/strike root** ⇒ ROOT<sup>1</sup>. **within striking-distance** olte ih simban, thlenban. **16** (phr v) **strike sb down** (a) (fml) ril/sawn/tlu ko thawi/vua. (b) (of a disease, etc) hna thate ih tñan thei lo ih tuah/besia zetih natter/thihter: *He was struck down by cancer at the age of thirty.*

**strike sth off** nazet ih thawi in dawi hlo/tan ih hlón hlo: *He struck off the rotten branches with an axe.* **strike sb/sth off (sth)** hmin cazin, pawlkom, tivek ih hlón, hminphiat: *Strike her name off the list.* ○ *The doctor was struck off for incompetence.*

**strike on sth** rinlopi in thei hruak, tong hruak: *strike on a brilliant new idea.*

**strike out (at sb/sth)** napi ih thawi/do/tawng: *He lost his temper and struck out wildly.* ○ (fig) *In a recent article she strikes out at her critics.*

**strike sth out/through** rin ih phiat/hlón: *The editor struck out the whole paragraph.* **strike out (for/towards sth)** thil pakhat khat lamah feh/tuah: *strike out on foot for the distant hills* ○ *He struck out (ie started swimming) strongly for the shore.* ○ (fig) *strike out on one's own*, ie start an independent life, a new career, etc.

**strike (sth) up** (of a band, an orchestra, etc) awnmawi tum: *The band struck up (a waltz).*

**strike up sth (with sb)** pawl-awknak, hmeltheih-awknak le biak-awknak thok: *He would often strike up conversations with complete strangers.*

**striker** /straikə(r)/ n **1** hna tñan duh loh ngoltu. **2** (sport) (a) (in football) kawh thun dingih hmai nortu. Cf FORWARD<sup>4</sup>. (b) (in cricket) thawimi (bowl) rak kiltu (batsman).

**striking** /straikin/ adj **1** (a) duhum/mihip: *a striking display, effect* ○ *There is a striking contrast between the two interpretations.* (b) mi hiip thei: *his striking good looks* ○ *a very striking young woman.* **2** (of a clock, etc) tikcu kim tikih a awnmi nazi.

▷ **strikingly** adv: *a strikingly handsome man.*

**string**<sup>1</sup> /strɪŋ/ n **1** (a) [U] pathri/hridai: *a ball of string* ○ *tie up a parcel with string* ○ *attach sth with a length/piece of string.* (b) [C] thi (asilole) pangpar thulnak hri: *a puppet on strings*, ie made to move by pulling strings attached to its joints ○ *The key is hanging on a string by the door.* ○ *She wore the medal on a string round her neck.* ○ *I have broken several strings in my tennis racket.* **2** [C] violin, tñgtang hri, tivek rin zet ih tñempi. **3 the strings** [pl] hri nei tum theimi tñgtang phunphun tumtu pawl. **4** [C] (a) hridai ih thul mi thi, pangpar, tivek: *a string of beads, pearls, etc* ○ *a string of onions.* (b) a pehpeh ih rami milai, a pehpeh ih ummi thil: *a string of visitors* ○ *a string of small lakes* ○ *a string of abuse, curses, lies* ○ *a string of wins.* (c) hmunkhat ih zirhkhawm tlanzuamnak rang burkhat. **5** [C] bekawng sir khat lam veve a pehtu hri. **6** (idm) **the first/second string** mah tumtahmi ti hlawhtling dingih rinsanmi pakhatnak, lole ai-awhtu minung/thil. **have/keep sb on a string** kuttangah ret/khawng/uk: *She's had us all on a string for too long.* **have two strings/a second, etc string to one's bow** ⇒ BOW<sup>1</sup>. **one's mother's, etc apron strings** ⇒ APRON. (with) **no strings attached/without strings** (infml) hren behnak um loin, zalongtein: *a loan of £3000 and no strings attached.* **pull strings/wires** ⇒ PULL<sup>2</sup>. **pull the strings/wires** ⇒ PULL<sup>2</sup>.

▷ **stringy** adj (-ier, -iest) **1** hridai vek: *lank stringy hair.* **2** (a) (of beans, etc) hri tñgtang nei. (b) (of meat) hak/khoh. **stringiness** n [U]. □ **string band, string orchestra** hri nei tñgtang hmuahhmuah.

**string bean** = RUNNER BEAN (RUNNER).

**string quartet** mi pali ih hrinei awnmawi tum. **string vest** (esp Brit) sur ong vekih tuahmi banian, sunghruk angki.

**string**<sup>2</sup> /strɪŋ/ v (pt, pp **strung** /straŋ/) **1** [Tn] thalkahnak li (asilole) saihli hri bun tñgtang hri/tennis racket hri sih, bun: *loosely/tightly strung.* **2** [Tn] kep/thi/pangpar, tivek hridai ih thul. **3** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) hridai in khai,

teem: *lanterns were strung in the trees around the pool.* ○ *Flags had been strung up across the street.* **4** [Tn] bepi, purawng, tivek hri hik. **5** (phr v) **string sb along** hruaisual hrimhrim: *She has no intention of marrying him — she's just stringing him along.* **string along (with sb)** khui maw caan caan ah, asilole, a remcan tikah mi pakhatkhat hnenah um/ a fehnak ah thlun: *I don't want them stringing along as well!* ○ *She decided to string along with the others as she had nothing else to do.* **string (sb/sth) out** solh sungah pakhat hnu pakhat thlun aw ih feh: *The players were told to string out across the field.* ○ *The horses were strung out towards the end of the race.* ○ *Warning notices were strung out along the motorway.* **string sth together** òngfang, asilole, òngfang bur pawl sawhduhsan le tican neih komkhawm: *I can just manage to string a few words of French together.* ○ *He hadn't prepared a speech but he managed to string together a few remarks at the end of the meeting.* **string sb up** (infml) hngawng ah hridai khith thlaithat: *If the crowd catch him, they'll string him up on the nearest tree.*

□ **stringed instrument** hrinei tummi òngtàng a phunphun: *The viola is a stringed instrument.*

**stringent** /strindzənt/ adj **1** (of a law, rule, etc) thlun ding daan: *a stringent ban on smoking.* **2** (of financial conditions) tangka daih um lo ruangih harsa: *a stringent economic climate.*

▷ **stringency** /-nsi/ n [U]: *in these days of financial stringency.*

**stringently** adv: *The regulations must be stringently observed.*

**stringer** /'striŋə(r)/ n thuthang ca ih suah ding thuthang kuattu.

**strip** /stri:p/ v (-pp-) **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Cn-a] **sth (from/off sth/sb); ~ sth/sb (lof sth); ~ sth (off)** phoih, haw, hlit, phuak, ong, òhawn hlo: *strip (ie dismantle) a machine* ○ *strip the bark off a tree/strip a tree of its bark* ○ *The bandits stripped him (naked)/stripped him of his clothes.* ○ *The paint will be difficult to strip off.* ○ *They stripped the house bare, ie removed everything from it.* (b) [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (down) (to sth); ~ (off) hnipuan phoih: *The doctor asked the patient to strip.* ○ *strip to (ie remove all one's clothes except) one's underwear* ○ *strip to the waist, ie remove clothes from the upper part of one's body* ○ *They stripped off and ran into the water.* **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **sb of sth** thilri, hminthataknak lak sak: *He was stripped of all his possessions.* ○ *The general was stripped of his rank.* **3** [Tn] screw òal le gear bal/siat/khiak (kiakter). **4** (idm) **strip to the buff** (infml) phuak aw òeh. **5** (phr v) **strip sth down** rem ding, faiter dingin engine phoih òeh.

▷ **strip** n **1** tawlawng umnak, lawngfangkkeh

hmuhnak: *do a strip.* **2** ram fiakte sau zetmi/a sau a fatemi cahnah: *a strip of paper* ○ *a strip of land suitable for a garden* ○ *a landing-strip in the jungle.* **3** (infml) bawhlung sittu pawlih hrukmi rong nei kor/angki: *England are playing in the blue and white strip.* **4** (idm) **tear sb off a strip/tear a strip off sb** ⇒ TEAR<sup>2</sup>.

**stripper** n **1** [C] lawngfangkkeh hmuhtu. **2** [C, U] thuhsi (tinbawisi) kholh fainak sii phunkhat. □ **strip cartoon** (Brit) = COMIC STRIP (COMIC).

**strip club** (US also **strip joint**) taklawngih umnak club(pawlkom).

**strip lighting, strip light** a saumi electric meitleunak.

**strip-tease** n [C, U] zohtu senpi hmai ah hnipuan pakhat hnu pakhat phoih ih mi nuamternak.

**stripe** /straip/ n **1** a tung zawng òal: *a white table-cloth with red stripes* ○ *the tiger's stripes* ○ *The plates have a blue stripe round the edge.* **2** ralkap senben: *How many stripes are there on a sergeant's sleeve?* ○ *She was awarded another stripe.* **3** (usu pl) (arch) savun hridai thawn thawi/vua.

▷ **striped** /straip/ adj a tung zawng, a ngaan òalmi: *striped material* ○ *a striped shirt, suit, tie.*

**stripy** /'straipi/ adj (-ier, -iest) (infml) = STRIPED: *bright stripy cloth.*

**stripling** /'stripliŋ/ n (fml or joc) nauhak le pacang karlak; tlangval: *a young man, hardly more than stripling.*

**strive** /straiv/ v (pt **strove** /strəʊv/, pp **striven** /'strivn/) (fml) **1** [Ipr, It] ~ (for/after sth) na pi ih zuam, teima: *strive for success* ○ *strive to improve one's performance.* **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (against/with sb/sth) napi ih dodal/tawng: *strive against oppression, the enemy.*

**stroboscope** /'strəʊbəskəʊp/ n tleu zamrang zet ih suakertu thil.

▷ **stroboscopic** /'strəʊbə'skəʊpik/ adj.

□ **strobe light** (also **strobe**) tleu thul thim thul, tleu zurhzo: *disco dancers lit by strobe lights.*

**strode** pt of STRIDE.

**stroke**<sup>1</sup> /strəʊk/ n **1** (a) vuak, thawi, cum, sat, dawl: *kill sb with one stroke of a sword* ○ *20 strokes with a whip.* (b) (sport) (in tennis, golf, etc) bawhlung thawi zia/zat: *a forehand stroke* ○ *a graceful stroke with the bat* ○ *She won by two strokes.* **2** (a) tileuh le lawng zap (asilole) hlau tiki baan cang zat: *long powerful strokes* ○ *a fast/slow stroke, ie in rowing.* (b) (esp in compounds) tileuh tiki awm/zang cangdan: *do (the) breast-stroke, back-stroke, etc* ○ *Which stroke are you best at?* **3** (in a rowing crew) lawng hlau zuamawknak, lawng meilam ih to, lawng hlautu. **4** ~ of sth vei khat thil tuahsuak theinak khi: *Your idea was a stroke of genius!* ○ *It was a stroke of luck that I found you here.* ○

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Various strokes of misfortune led to his ruin. **5** veikhat ngan, vei khat hnih ih (hminsint tuah): *thin/thick strokes* ○ *with a stroke of the pen* ○ *put the finishing strokes to a painting*. **6** kiling le nazi awn: *on the stroke of three*, ie at three o'clock exactly. **7** (medical) hmakhatte ih thluak nat ruangih cangvai thei lo le ðong fiang lo ih um (li-phiai): *The stroke left him paralysed on one side of his body*. Cf APOPLEXY. **8** (idm) **at a/one stroke** veikhatte ih thiltinak: *They threatened to cancel the whole project at a stroke*. **not do a stroke (of work)** zianghman ðuan lo: *We'll have to get rid of him — he never does a stroke*. **put sb off his stroke** thil ti, tuah/ðuannak ah bahter, lauter, thinphangter: *My speech went quite well until I was put off my stroke by the interruption*.

▷ **stroke v 1** [Tn] lawng hlau, mawng. **2** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] bawhlung thawi (tennis etc): *stroked the ball cleverly past her opponent*.

**stroke<sup>2</sup>** /strəʊk/ v [Tn] kutih zut: *stroke a cat, one's beard, sb's back*.

▷ **stroke n** (usu sing) zut rero: *give her hair an affectionate stroke*.

**stroll** /strɒl/ n nuamnaite ih lam feh: *go for/have a stroll*.

▷ **stroll v** [I, Ipr, Ip] nuamnaite ih feh: *strolling (around) in the park* ○ *he strolls in and out as he pleases*. **stroller n 1** lamzin ah nuamte ih fehtu. **2** (esp US) = PUSH-CHAIR (PUSH<sup>2</sup>).

**strong** /strɒŋ; US strɔːŋ/ adj (-er /-ŋgə(r)/, -est /-ŋgɪst/) **1** (a) cak, khoh, hak, khal, fek: *a strong stick, fort, structure* ○ *feel quite strong again*, ie in good health after an illness ○ *The chair wasn't strong enough and it broke when he sat on it*. ○ *We need strong defences against the enemy*. ○ *We still have a strong chance of winning*. (b) thil tithei, thacak: *strong muscles* ○ *a strong country*, ie one with a large army, etc ○ *an actor with a strong voice* ○ *strong enough to lift a piano alone*. (c) napiin tuah, caang cak zet: *a strong push, blow* ○ *play a strong shot*, eg in tennis. **2** (a) (of emotions, opinions, etc) thinlung fek, thinlung khoh/hak: *strong will, belief, determination* ○ *have strong nerves*, ie be not easily frightened, worried, etc. (b) mi thinlung le ruahdan neh thei, thlengter, asilole, cangvaiter: *strong conviction, protest* ○ *a strong personality* ○ *strong leadership* ○ *There is strong (ie convincing) evidence of her guilt*. (c) [attrib] (of a person) a fehmi: *a strong believer, supporter*. **3** khulrang zetih ðawn, caang: *a strong wind, current, etc*. **4** (a) nasa, asilole, thilti thei: *a strong light, colour* ○ *a strong feeling of nausea* ○ *her breath is rather strong*, ie has an unpleasant smell. (b) thaw: *strong tea, cheese, etc* ○ *a strong taste of garlic*. (c) (of a drink) (zu) akhoh, a ðha: *Whisky is stronger than beer*. **5**

(of a person) ðahnem/santlai/thiam thei: *a strong candidate for a job*, ie one who is likely to get it ○ *a pupil who is strong in physics but weak in English*. **6** (after numbers) nambat kim: *an army 5000 strong/a 5000-strong army*. **7** (commerce) (a) nuamte ih thil man kai vivo: *strong prices, share values, etc* ○ *The stock market is stronger now*, ie People are more willing to buy shares, etc. (b) (of a currency) tangka tor/man kai vivo: *Is the pound strong or weak (against the yen) at the moment?* **8** [usu attrib] (grammar) (a) (of the pronunciation of some words) awphei (vowel) thlengih past tense cangmi, (eg *sing, sang*) past tense ah -d, -ed, -t hmang lo pawl (verb). (b) (of the pronunciation of some words) aw suah tikah a sangmi: *The strong form of 'and' is /ænd/*. **9** [pred] (infml esp Brit) tuar lo dingmi/zawi lo dingmi: *It was a bit strong of him to call me a liar in front of the whole department*. **10** (idm) **be strong on sth** thiam/nal: *I'm not very strong on dates*. **one's best/strongest card** ⇨ CARD<sup>1</sup>. **going strong** (infml) tlan zuam, thil pakhat ðuannak ah, cawl lo ih pehzom vivo/harhdam vivo: *She's 91 years old and still going strong*. ○ *The runner is still going strong on the last lap*. (as) **strong as a horse/an ox** taksa/thazaang cahnak nasazet nei. **one's/sb's strong point/suit** thiam zawng; ðha zet ih tuah/ðuanmi thil: *Don't ask me to add up the bill: arithmetic isn't my strong point*. **a strong stomach** ning lo, luak suak lo, fih lo ih um theinak: *You have to have a strong stomach to watch animals being slaughtered*.

▷ **strongly** adv: *strongly built* ○ *a light shining strongly* ○ *a strongly-worded protest* ○ *She finished the race strongly*. ○ *I feel strongly that....*, ie I firmly believe that....

□ **strong-arm** adj [attrib] hro suangmi: *use strong-arm methods, tactics, etc*.

**strong-box** n a khohmi thingkuang, thil mankhung retnak kuang.

**stronghold** n **1** ralhhruang, fek zetih ralkhamnak hmun. **2** (fig) bawmtu tamnak hmun: *a stronghold of republicanism*.

**strong language** (euph) ðongsia, ðongkha, siatserh camsiat ðong.

**strong-minded** adj thinlung fek, khoh.

**strong-room** n thilmankhung retnak a khoh, fekzetmi innkhan.

**strontium** /strɒntiəm; US -nʃiəm/ n [U] a nemmi ngunrang.

□ **strontium 90** radio active form of strontium found in the fall-out from nuclear explosions and extremely harmful to people and animals when taken into the body; minung le ramsa taksa sungah siatnak nasa zet a suaktertun gunrang pian nei *radio active*.

**strop** /strop/ n sammetnak namte tatnak savun

- pheng.  
 ▷ **strop** *v* (-pp-) [Tn] savun pheng parih namte tat.
- strophy** /ˈstɒpi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (Brit sl) (of a person) thinsia, thintawi, biak har: *Don't get strophy with me — it's not my fault!*
- strove** *pt* of STRIVE.
- struck** *pt, pp* STRIKE.
- structuralism** /ˈstrʌktʃərəlɪzəm/ *n* [U] thu a phunphun ih thendan e.g social sciences, psychology, language, literature.  
 ▷ **structuralist** /-rəlɪst/ *adj* [esp attrib]: a structuralist approach, analysis. — *n* cuvek ih thendan hmangtu.
- structure** /ˈstrʌktʃə(r)/ *n* **1** [U, C] (inn) sakdan pakhat ih ruangrai; a ruangzing: *the structure of the human body* ○ *rules of sentence structure* ○ *the company's management structure* ○ *molecular structure*. **2** [C] a phunphun komkhawmmi; inn ruangzingmi: *The model is an odd-looking structure of balls and rods.* ○ *The Parthenon is a magnificent structure.*  
 ▷ **structure** *v* [Tn] a ruangzing; tawrel kaikhawn: *structure one's day, life, career* ○ *an intelligently structured essay.*  
**structural** /ˈstrʌktʃərəl/ *adj* [usu attrib] a ruangrai le a ruh-rang thawn a pehparmi: *structural alterations to a building*, eg removing internal walls to make rooms bigger.  
**structurally** /-ərəli/ *adv*: *The building is structurally sound.*
- strudel** /ˈstruːdl/ *n* [C, U] thingthei thlum rawimi sang (cake): *a slice of apple strudel.*
- struggle** /ˈstrʌɡl/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (with sb) mi pakhat khat thawn sual-aw: *two boys struggling (together)* ○ *The shopkeeper struggled with the thief.* (b) [I, Ipr, Ip, It] ~ (against/with sb/sth) taal ciamco: *The prisoner struggled (against his captors) but couldn't escape.* ○ *She struggled to get away from her attacker.* **2** [I, Ipr, It] ~ (against/with sb/sth) (for sth) neh tum: *struggle with a problem, one's conscience* ○ *The two leaders are struggling for power.* ○ *We must struggle against this prejudice for a more tolerant attitude to our beliefs.* ○ *I'm struggling to finish the huge helping you gave me.* **3** [Ipr, Ip] feh tumnak lamah feh dingin harzetih zuam: *The chick finally broke through the shell and struggle out (of it).* **4** (phr v) **struggle along/on** harsatnak nasa zet um khal sehla, nung dingin cangvai: *We're struggling along on a tiny income.*  
 ▷ **struggle** *n* **1** sualawknak/do awknak: *a fierce struggle between two wrestlers* ○ *a power struggle* ○ *the class struggle* ○ *We will not surrender without a struggle.* **2** (usu sing) nasa zetih thasuah/zuamnak: *After a long struggle, she gained control of the business.*
- strum** /strʌm/ *v* (-mm-) [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn] ~ (on sth) tingtang tum, thiam cuca loin tum: *strumming (away) on my guitar* ○ *strum a tune on the banjo.*
- strumpet** /ˈstrʌmpɪt/ *n* (arch or joc derog) hlawhllaang (nunau tawzuar).
- strung** *pt, pp* of STRING<sup>2</sup>.  
 □ **strung up** /ˈstrʌŋ ˈʌp/ thluak le thinlung buai: *I get very strung up before an exam.*
- strut<sup>1</sup>** /strʌt/ *n* inn, phar tivek ih a tlaangkaitu thir.
- strut<sup>2</sup>** /strʌt/ *v* (-tt-) [I, Ipr, Ip] (often derog) hngalzet, uar awzet phun ih lam feh: *strutting peacocks* ○ *She strutted past us, ignoring our greeting.*  
 ▷ **strut** *n* (usu sing) hngalzet, uar awzet phun ih lamfehnak.
- strychnine** /ˈstriːkniːn/ *n* [U] tur a nei thil, thahri nat bawlnak eimi sii ih hmanmi.
- stub** /stʌb/ *n* **1** kuak bul; a tawhram; khedan bul: *The crayon had been worn down to a stub.* ○ *The dog only has a stub of a tail*, ie a very short one. **2** cheŋue paisa suahnak cabu ih a hram lam a tangmi khi: *fill in a cheque stub.*  
 ▷ **stub** *v* (-bb-) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (against/on sth) khawng; sitpang (ke zungpi lungto ah khawng sual) napi ih khawngsual/pang: *I've stubbed my toe on a rock.* **2** (phr v) **stub sth out** kuak bul ih meisa mit dingin pakhat khat ah tat/rawt.
- stubble** /ˈstʌbl/ *n* [U] **1** vainim, faang, a vuinak hram (lakcih lo ih tantami). **2** khahmul hram tawite: *three days' stubble on his chin.*  
 ▷ **stubbly** /ˈstʌbli/ *adj* a bultanmi, a tawimi: *a stubbly beard, chin.*
- stubborn** /ˈstʌbən/ *adj* **1** (often derog) lungruh; lunghak: *be too stubborn to apologize* ○ *show stubborn resistance to change.* **2** olte ih ti a theih lomi; ti dingih a harzetmi: *You'll have to push hard, that door is a bit stubborn.* ○ *a stubborn cough that has lasted for weeks.* **3** (idm) **obstinate/stubborn as a mule** ⇨ MULE<sup>1</sup>.  
 ▷ **stubbornly** *adv*: *stubbornly refuse to do it.*  
**stubbornness** *n* [U].
- stubby** /ˈstʌbi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) a tawi ih a pawrmi: *stubby fingers* ○ *a stubby tail.*
- stucco** /ˈstʌkəʊ/ *n* [U] tlunvanzial (ceilings = silling), lole, phar mawiternak ih khuhmi (plaster or cement).  
 ▷ **stuccoed** *adj*.
- stuck<sup>1</sup>** *pt, pp* of STICK<sup>2</sup>.
- stuck<sup>2</sup>** /stʌk/ *adj* **1** [pred] a taarmi; a awk-awmi; a taang cihmi; a suak thei nawn lo, a ben cihmi: *Help! I'm stuck in the mud!* ○ *We were stuck in a traffic jam for an hour.* ○ *I'm stuck on (ie unable to answer) the second question.* **2** [attrib] (of an animal) ramsa a hngawng ih satmi, lole, sunmi: *scream like a stuck pig.* **3** [pred] ~ on sb (infml) duh zet: *He's really stuck on his new girl-friend.* **4** [pred] ~ with sb/sth



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(*infml*) pakhatkhat duh na lo ih nei ringring: *I'm stuck with my sister for the whole day.* ○ *Why am I always stuck with the washing-up?* **5** (*idm*) **get stuck in(to sth)** (*infml*) hiarzet in tuah: *Here's your food. Now get stuck in* (ie start eating it)! ○ *We got stuck into the job immediately.*

**stuck-up** /stʌk 'ʌp/ *adj* (*infml*) mah le mah a uar awmi; a porh-awmi (*snobbish*).

**stud**<sup>1</sup> /stʌd/ *n* **1** (**a**) kor beh, a bo te pahnih um mi korsih. (**b**) hnakhaih tivek ih an benmi lung mankhung: *diamond studs in her ears.* **2** (**a**) mawinak ih benmi (thil parah) tlawngkhen lu tuum, (shield laksawng par vekah a mawinak in an ben theu). (**b**) savun kedan tangih a khohnak ih khih cihmi tlaawngkhen lubol: *the studs on a football boot.*

▷ **stud** *v* (-**dd-**) [Tn, Tn-pr usu passive] ~ **sth** (**with sth**) mawiter; mawi dingin (ben) thuam; lung mankhung pawl in an thuam (ben): *millions of stars studding the night sky* ○ *a crown studded with jewels* ○ *a sea studded with small islands.*

**stud**<sup>2</sup> /stʌd/ *n* **1** (**a**) faa nei dingih zuatmi rang: [attrib] *a stud mare.* (**b**) (also **stud-farm**) rangpawl zuatnak hmun. **2** (Δ *infml*) mipa nunau pawl-awknak ah a cakvak zet dingih ruatmi tlangval no. **3** (*idm*) **at stud** (of a stallion) a man pek ih a ci laak theih rangcang. **put sth out to stud** a ci hrangah (rang) zuat.

□ **stud-book** *n* tlan zuam-awknak ih hmanmi rang pawl a hringtu nupa, pipu pawl ih thuhla cazin, cinmi khumnak cabu.

**student** /stju:dnt; US 'stu:-/ *n* **1** (**a**) zirsang tlawng ah degree, lole, diploma hrang a zirlai tlawngta: *a BA student* ○ *a medical student* ○ [attrib] *a student nurse, teacher, etc* ○ *student politics.* (**b**) (*esp US*) (Amerika ram ah) tlawngta pohpoh. **2** ~ **of sth** (*fml*) thiamnak pakhat khat ah thinlung pe ih a zir rerotu: *a student of politics, human nature, theology.*

**studied** /stʌdɪd/ *adj* thate ih ruah ciamciammi, ti hrinni: *reply with studied indifference* ○ *the studied slowness of his movements.*

**studio** /stju:drəʊ; US 'stu:-/ *n* (*pl* ~ **s**) **1** mizuk lam ih hnaʔuantu pawl, thing, leilung tivek ih mi hmelzuk tuahtu pawl ih hnaʔuannak khan. **2** radio, television tivek pawl suahnak le khumnak hmun zung khan: [attrib] *a studio audience*, ie an audience in a studio, to provide applause, laughter, etc. **3** (**a**) lemnung (*bioscope*) an zuknak hmun. (**b**) (*usu pl*) lemnung (*bioscope*) kampani, an zung, a zuknak innpi a zate tel cih thluh in: [attrib] *a studio executive.*

□ **studio couch** mi zuknak tohkham (duh le ihkhun ah thlung theihmi).

**studio flat** (*Brit*) (also *esp US studio apartment*) innsungsang khat umnak innkhan

fate; mileng khan, (itnak ceem le rawlsuan), tidai hmannak khaan lawng a ummi.

**studious** /'stju:diəs; US 'stu:-/ *adj* **1** ca a zuam zetmi, ca lawnglawng a zohmi: *a studious pupil.* **2** [*esp attrib*] (*fml*) felzet le ciamciam ih zohfel mi: *the studious checking of details* ○ *with studious politeness.*

▷ **studiously** *adv.* **studiousness** *n* [U].

**study**<sup>1</sup> /stʌdi/ *n* **1** [U] (also **studies** [*pl*]) thu pakhatkhat zirnak, cabu siarnak; cabu sung um fimnak le thiamnak ngah duh ih cabu siar rero: *fond of study* ○ *give all one's spare time to study* ○ *My studies show that...* ○ [attrib] *study time.* **2** [C] (**a**) ramsung thuhla pakhat khat felte ih zingzoi hnuah cabu ih suahmi theihfel duhnak thawn siar: *make a study of the country's export trade* ○ *publish a study of Locke's philosophy.* (**b**) (*usu pl*) felte ih zingzoiimi thuhla: *scientific, legal studies.* **3** [C] cazoh, cangannak khan. **4** [C] (**a**) tumdeuh ih suai hlan ah zirnak ih suaimi zuk. (**b**) (*music*) awnmawi tum zirnak (tisinnak) ih tuahmi. **5 a study** [*sing*] zohtlakmi; hmuh dah keel lomi: *His face was a study as he listened to their amazing news.* **6** (*idm*) **in a brown study** ⇒ BROWN.

**study**<sup>2</sup> /stʌdi/ *v* (*pt, pp studied*) **1** [I, Ipr, It, Tn, Tw] zir, zirsangtlawng ah, lole, ca siar in zir: *studying (for a degree in) medicine* ○ *studying to be a doctor* ○ *It's hard finding time to study (the subject).* ○ *I'm studying how children learn to speak.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] felte ih zoh: *study the map, menu, programme* ○ *Scientists are studying the photographs of Mars for signs of life.*

**stuff**<sup>1</sup> /stʌf/ *n* **1** [U] thilri pakhat tuahnak ih hmanmi thil: *What stuff is this jacket made of?* ○ *A kind of plastic stuff is used to make the plates.* ○ (*fig*) *Real life is the stuff* (ie subject-matter) *of all good novels.* ○ (*fig*) *We must find out what stuff he is made of*, ie what sort of man he is, what his character is. **2** [U] (*sl*) hminsinnak tuah lomi thil, neihmi thilri, cangvainak pakhat khat, ziang maw thil: *Leave your stuff in the hall.* ○ *This book is really boring stuff.* ○ *Do you call this stuff beer?* ○ *There has been some really good stuff on TV lately.* **3** (*idm*) **a bit of stuff** ⇒ BIT<sup>1</sup>. **do one's stuff** (*infml*) titheimi suahve: *It's your turn to sing now, so do your stuff.* **hot stuff** ⇒ HOT. **kid's stuff** ⇒ KID<sup>1</sup>. **know one's onions/stuff** ⇒ KNOW. **stuff and nonsense** *interj* (*dated infml*) thulolak!: *Stuff and nonsense! You don't know what you're talking about. that's the stuff!* (*infml*) khakha si a ʔha, lole, khami si cu kan duhmi.

**stuff**<sup>2</sup> /stʌf/ *v* **1** (**a**) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (**up**) (**with sth**) khahter, phit khat ko in than; pit ko in than ciamco: *stuff a pillow* (*with feathers*) ○

*stuff up a hole (with newspapers)* ○ *My nose is stuffed up*, ie full of mucus. ○ (fig) *Don't stuff him with silly ideas.* (b) [Tn-pr; Tn-p] ~ **sth into sth/in** pakhat sungah thil phunkhat teetzet in thun: *stuff feathers into a pillow* ○ *She stuffed her clothes in and then tried to close the lid.* **2** [Tn-pr; Tn-p] rangzet, ralring lo zet in hmunkhat ah ret; sanhrak: *She stuffed the coins into her pocket.* ○ *he stuffed the letter trough (the door) and hurried away.* **3** [I, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **(sb/oneself) (with sth)** pum puar ko in ei; tam tuk ei: *I'm stuffed* (ie full of food)! ○ *She sat stuffing herself with biscuits.* **4** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (with sth)** suan dingmi sa sungah thil dang pawl than: *stuffed veal* ○ *a turkey stuffed with parsley, thyme, chestnuts, etc.* **5** [Tn esp passive] ramsa ruak pakhat, a sung ril hmuah phorh suak hnu ah, siat lonak sii le thil pawl than in ret ding le mi hmuh dingah a nunlai hmuhiemel kengter: *a stuffed tiger, owl, etc.* **6** [Tn] (sl) hnong; duh lo ruangah hlom, retmen: *You can stuff the job, I don't want it.* **7** [Tn] (Δ dated sl) nunau sualpi. **8** (idm) **get stuffed** (Brit sl) duhlonak langter: *he wanted to borrow some money from me but I told him to get stuffed.* **a stuffed shirt** (infml) a zum-aw zetmi, mi porh-aw.

▷ **stuffing** *n* [U] **1** (US dressing) arsa tivek suan dingmi ah siti, cite le hmuhiemer pawl rawi cia. **2** tokham danih hmanmi thil neem. **3** (idm) **knock the stuffing out of sb** ⇒ KNOCK<sup>2</sup>.

**stuffy** /ˈstʌfi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** (of a room, etc) thli thiag mal: *a smoky, stuffy pub.* **2** (infml) (of a person or thing) hlandan vekih a felmi, a ti kherkhermi, mi kermeidan bangtuk ih faite ih um a hmanmi: *a stuffy newspaper, club, legal, practice* ○ *Only the stuffier members were shocked by her jokes.* **3** (infml) (of the nose) hnar pit.

▷ **stuffyly** /-li/ *adv.* **stiffness** *n* [U].

**stultify** /ˈstʌltɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp -fied) [Tn] (fml) **1** santlai lo canter; mualphohter; cemter: *Their unhelpfulness has stultified our efforts to improve things.* **2** tha a tho lo, mi a ning: *the stultifying effect of work that never varies.*

▷ **stultification** /ˈstʌltɪfɪkəɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**stumble** /ˈstʌmbəl/ *v* [I, Ipr] **1** ~ **(over sth)** bah; thil pakhatkhat sitsual ih bah: *stumble and fall* ○ *I stumbled over a tree root.* **2** ~ **(over sth)**; ~ **through sth** tong baibah; tong lai ih tong sual; awnmawi tum lai ah sual phah: *she stumbled briefly (over the unfamiliar word) but then continued.* ○ *The child stumbled through a piece by Chopin.* **3** (phr v) **stumble about, along, around, etc** tawivaak; zuri in feh: *a drunk stumbled past us.* ○ *stumbling around in the dark.* ⇒ Usage at SHUFFLE. **stumble across/on sb/sth** ruahlopi ih tong; ruahlopiin hmu: *Police investigating tax fraud stumbled across a*

*drugs ring.*

▷ **stumble** *n* bah; a bah.

□ **stumbling-block** *n* dawnkhamtu; mi a rilhtertu: *The failure to agree on manning levels is a major stumbling-block to progress in the talks.*

**stump** /stʌmp/ *n* **1** thingsumhmui. **2** (a) kuakbul; khedan tawhram; habul: *the stump of a pencil, cigar, tooth.* (b) kebul, kutbul. **3** (in cricket) dennak ding zawn ih an phunmi thum tawite pathum: *the leg/middle/off stump.* **4** (idm) **draw stumps** ⇒ DRAW<sup>2</sup>. **stir one's stumps** ⇒ STIR.

▷ **stump** *v* **1** [Ipr, Ip] au celcel ih vak/feh: *They stumped up the hill.* ○ *He stumped out in fury.* ⇒ Usage. **2** [Tn esp passive] (infml) thei lo; mangbang: *I'm stumped: I just don't know what to do.* ○ *Everybody was stumped by the problem.* **3** [Tn] (esp US) vak rero; tlawnng vivo (thuthangtha sim in a vak rero). **4** [Tn] (of a wicket-keeper in cricket) cricket lehnak ah bawhlung kai dingih a bawhtu. **5** (phr v) **stump up (sth) (for sth)** (infml) paia, zaran hnak in tamdeuh suah: *I'm always being asked to stump up (extra cash) for school outings.*

NOTE ON USAGE: **Stump, stomp, plod, trudge** and **tramp** all indicate styles of walking with heavy steps. **Stump** and **stomp** can both suggest making a noise while walking in order to show anger: *He slammed the door and stumped/stomped upstairs.* Additionally, **stump** can indicate walking with stiff legs: *stumping up the garden path.* **Stomp** can suggest clumsy and noisy walking or dancing: *He looked funny stomping round the dance floor.* **Plod** and **trudge** indicate a slow, weary walk towards a particular destination. **Plod** suggests a steady pace and **trudge** suggest greater effort: *They had to plod wearily on up the hill.* ○ *We trudged home through deep snow.* **Tramp** indicates walking over long distances, possibly with no specified destination: *They tramped the streets, looking for somewhere to stay the night.*

**stumpy** /ˈtʌmpi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) tawi fawn, thau fawn (thing sumhmui vek a simi): *a stumpy little man* ○ *stumpy legs.*

▷ **stumpiness** *n* [U].

**stun** /stʌn/ *v* **1** [Tn] (-nn-) lu ah pakhat khat thawn khawngngah ruangih lug aa/luri: *The punch stunned me for a moment.* ○ *She sat stunned for a while, until she recovered.* **2** (fig) (a) [Tn] ruahlopiin, thuhla sia ton ruangih luri, lungmit: *I was stunned by the news of his death.* (b) [Tn esp passive] mi thinlung hninter thei: *stunned by her beauty, cleverness, etc.*

▷ **stunner** *n* (infml) nunau zohmawizet.

**stunning** *adj* (infml) (a) thinlung akhoih theizetmi; nasa zetmi: *You look stunning in*

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*your new suit.* ○ *What a stunning idea!* (b) mangbang ter; khuaruah harter: a *stunning* revelation. **stunningly** adv.

**stung** pt, pp of STING<sup>2</sup>.

**stunk** pp of STINK<sup>1</sup>.

**stunt**<sup>1</sup> /stʌnt/ n (infml) (a) mi in, in thei seh tiih thil tuah hrim: a *publicity stunt* ○ pull (ie perform) a *stunt*. (b) thil tihnungza le harsazet a simi, zohnomnak le mi lom dingin tuah: *Her latest stunt is riding a motor cycle through a ring of flames.* ○ [attrib] *stunt flying*, ie aerobatics.

□ **stunt man** (fem **stunt woman**) baisikup zuknak ah tihnungza le a harsa zet thil tuahtu.

**stunt**<sup>2</sup> /stʌnt/ v [Tn esp passive] than ding dawnkham: *stunted trees* ○ *Inadequate food can stunt a child's development.*

**stupefy** /stjuːpɪfaɪ/; US 'stuː-/ v (pt, pp -fied) [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (with sth) 1 thuruat thei lo in aatter; molhter: *stupefied with drink* ○ (fig) *the stupefying boredom of this repetitive work.* 2 mangbang; khuaruahhar: *I was stupefied by what I read.*

▷ **stupefaction** /stjuːpɪfæksən/; US 'stuː-/ n [U] (fml) thluak a let thluh; aat cilh thluh.

**stupendous** /stjuːpəndəs/; US 'stuː-/ adj khuaruahharza, maksak: a *stupendous mistake, achievement* ○ *The opera was quite stupendous!*

▷ **stupendously** adv.

**stupid** /stjuːpɪd/; US 'stuː-/ adj (-er, -est) 1 (a) fimkhur lo; aa deuh: a *stupid person, dog.* (b) ruat fel lo; ruat lemlo: a *stupid plan, idea, remark* ○ *What a stupid thing to do!* (c) [attrib] (infml) duh lemlo nak langter ih tòngmi: *I don't want to hear your stupid secret anyway!* ○ *This stupid car won't start.* 2 [usu pred] ~ (with sth) (fml) pakhat khat rit tuk ruangah maw, tihphan ton ruangah maw, mah le mah thei aw nawn lo tiang molh: *stupid with sleep.*

▷ **stupidity** /stjuːpɪdəti/; US 'stuː-/ n 1 [U] aatnak; aatthu. 2 [C usu pl] tòng lo dingmi tòng, sim lo dingmi sim: *the stupidities of schoolboy humour.* **stupidly** adv.

**stupor** /stjuːpə(r)/; US 'stuː-/ n [U, C usu sing] zu, sii, lautuk t'ivek ruangih cangmi molhnak/aat: *in a drunken stupor.*

**sturdy** /stɜːdi/ adj (-ier, -iest) 1 (a) a fek a khohmi: a *sturdy chair, structure, car.* (b) harhdam zet, cakvak zet: a *sturdy child, constitution.* 2 hnget, fek zetin: *sturdy resistance to the plan* ○ *sturdy common sense.*

▷ **sturdily** /-ɪli/ adv: a *sturdily built bicycle, man.* **sturdiness** n [U].

**surgeon** /stɜːdʒən/ n tiva nga a phunphun.

**stutter** /stʌtə(r)/ v [I, Tn, Tn-p] = STAMMER.

▷ **stutterer** /stʌtərə(r)/ n tònghak.

**stutteringly** /stʌtərɪŋli/ adv.

**sty**<sup>1</sup> /stai/ n = PIGSTY (PIG) vok inn fate, a bal zetmi

innkhan.

**sty**<sup>2</sup> (also **stye**) /stai/ n (pl **sties** or **styes**) a thlingmi mitvunzim (a nami).

**Stygian** /stɪdʒiən/ adj [usu attrib] (fml) a thim bembem; thim hmumhmi: *the Stygian blackness of the night.*

**style** /stai/ n 1 [C, U] (a) thiltidan, lamdang deuh ih umdan, hnipuan hrukdan cangandan, thil tidan, tòngdan: *She's a very popular writer but I just don't like her style.* ○ *write in house style*, ie following the manner of spelling and punctuation, etc used by a particular publishing company ○ a *style of speech-making that is easy to listen to.* (b) midang pawl ih zia thlun loin lamdang deuh ih cangan/zuksuai: a *poem in classical style* ○ a *building in Gothic, Romanesque, Tudor, etc style* ○ *the architectural styles of ancient Greece.* 2 [C, U] thil pakhat tidan: a *typically British style of living* ○ a *very unusual style of swimming* ○ *American-style hamburgers* ○ *I like your style*, ie the way you do things. 3 [U] midang ta thawn thim le a lamdang zetnak (a that deuhnak – distinctiveness): *She performs the songs with style and flair.* ○ *The piano gives the room a touch of style.* 4 (a) [C, U] hnipuan hrukdan a lamdannak: *the latest styles in trousers, hats, shoes, etc* ○ *have a good sense of style.* (b) [C] thil pakhat tuahtu (a pungsan): a *very short hair-style* ○ *We have vases in various styles.* 5 [C] (fml) kawhnak hmin vo neihnak: *Has he any right to use the style of Colonel?* 6 [C] (botany) thingkung pakhat ih a ci cannak kiangkap. 7 (idm) **cramp sb's style** ⇒ CRAMP<sup>2</sup>. **in (great, grand, etc) style** duhdan duhzawng: *dine in style* ○ *We arrived in fine style in a hired limousine.* (**not/more**) **sb's style** mi ih duhdan; mi ih duhzawng: *Big cars are not my style.* ○ *I don't like opera; chamber music is more my style.*

▷ **style v** 1 [Tn, Cn-a] piangter; hmuihmel tuah sak: *style sb's hair (shorter).* 2 [Tn, Cn-n] (fml) kawhnak hmin: *How should we style her?* ○ *Should he be styled 'Mr' or 'Reverend'?*

**styling** n [U] thuammi hmuihmel: *the car's brand-new styling.*

**stylish** adj thuam awkdan phun dang a simi: *stylish clothes, furniture* ○ a *stylish skier, dancer, etc.*

**stylishly** adv: *stylishly dressed.* **stylishness** n [U].

**stylist** /staijist/ n 1 sinak lamdang cuang a tuahtu; zia lamdangtertu. 2 thuamawkdan remtu (hnipuan hrukdan samtuahdan tivek): a *hair-stylist.*

▷ **stylistic** /staijistik/ adj [usu attrib] duhzawng hmuihmel: *make a stylistic comparison of the two paintings.*

**stylistically** /-kli/ adv. **stylistics** n [sing v] tòng

thu zirnək.

**stylize, -ise** /ˈstɑɪlaɪz/ *v* [Tn esp passive] tidan, sidan vekin umter; a danvek in tuamhlawm.

▷ **stylization, -isation** /ˌstɑɪlaɪzɪʃn/; US -lɪz-/ *n* [U].

**stylized, -ised** *adj* a dan vek in hmuh, tuah, zoh, tuamhlawm: *the highly stylized form of acting in Japanese theatre.*

**stylus** /ˈstɑɪləs/ *n* **1** darhlasa tumnak thim. **2** stencil paper parih cangannak cafung zum.

**stymie** /ˈstɑɪmi/ *n* **1** (in golf) (Golf lek tikah,) mah thawn zuamawtu ih bawhlung kha, a kua le mah ih bawhlung karlak ih um. **2** (*fig infml*) laklawhzet, harsa zet dinhmun ih um.

▷ **stymie** *v* (*pt, pp stymied, pres p stymieing*) **1** [Tn] (in golf) (Golf lehnak ah) bawhlung kha mi bawhlung rilhnak ding zawn ciah ih um. **2** [Tn esp passive] (*fig infml*) mi pakhat ih thil tuah ding kham (siatsuah): *I was completely stymied by her refusal to help.*

**styptic** /ˈstɪptɪk/ *n, adj* [usu attrib] thisuak a pitter theitu thil: *a styptic pencil*, ie a stick of this, used eg on a cut made while shaving.

**suave** /ˈswɑːv/ *adj* (*sometimes derog*) (usu of a man) thlum zet ih mi biak thiam (mipa ah a si deuh), awka naal, tongka thlum.

▷ **suavely** *adv*. **suaveness, suavity** /-əti/ *ns* [U].

**sub<sup>1</sup>** /sʌb/ *n* (*infml*) **1** tisung lut tangphawlawng (submarine). **2** cricket, lole, bawhlung lehnak ah a sawngtu, ai aw ih a lektu. **3** (usu *pl*) pawlkhawm sungtel theinak dingih pekmi sum/paisa. **4** editor bawmtu.

**sub<sup>2</sup>** /sʌb/ *v* (**-bb-**) (*infml*) **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (**for sb**) airaw: *I had to sub for the referee, who was sick.* **2** [I, Tn] bawm tahrat in cekfel: *subbing on a local newspaper.*

**sub-** *pref* **1** (with *ns* and *adjs*) a tang; a thuai: *subway* ○ *subsoil* ○ *submarine*. **2** (with *ns*) niam deuh; nauta deuh: *sub-lieutenant* ○ *subspecies*. **3** (with *adjs*) deuh lo; a si zikte: *subnormal* ○ *subtropical* ○ *substandard*. **4** (with *vs* and *ns*) a fate deuh, lole, a thupi lo deuh: *subdivide* ○ *subcommittee* ○ *subset*. Cf UNDER.

**subaltern** /ˈsʌbltən/; US səˈbɔːltərn/ *n* (*Brit*) Mirang ralkap ah Captain (bothum) hnak ih niam sawn hnaʔuan dot (*rank*) hmuahhmuah.

**subarctic** /ˌsʌbˈɑːktɪk/ *adj* [usu attrib] North Pole a simi Arctic kiangkap nikhua umdan: *subarctic conditions, temperatures*. Cf SUBTROPICAL.

**subatomic** /ˌsʌbəˈtɒmɪk/ *adj* [usu attrib] thilfate atoms timi hnak in a fate hrihmi; a tom sungih a langmi: *subatomic theory, research*.

**subcommittee** /ˌsʌbkəˈmɪti/ *n* kawmiti pi sungin ʔuanvo hleice hrangih hrilmi kawmiti fate.

**subconscious** /ˌsʌbˈkɒnʃəs/ *adj* ruahnak, umcia thil theih theinak (*instincts*), ʔihnək tivec, mah le mah thei-aw lemlo ih cangvainak a

lamdangter theimi; thinlung a dot hnihnək (*influence one's actions*): *the subconscious self* ○ *subconscious urges*. Cf UNCONSCIOUS.

▷ **the/one's subconscious** *n* [sing] ruahnak, umcia theih theinak, ʔihnək tivec pawl.

**subconsciously** *adv*: *I suppose that, subconsciously, I was reacting against my unhappy childhood.*

**subcontinent** /ˌsʌbˈkɒntɪnənt/ *n* leilung then (*continent*) pakhat sungih um ram kau pakhat: *the Indian subcontinent*.

**subcontract** /ˌsʌbkɒnˈtrækt/ *contract* in a hnaʔuan bawm dingih, ʔuanvo zem dingih, a lakmi.

▷ **subcontract** /ˌsʌbkənˈtrækt/; US -ˈkɒntrækt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (**to sb**) subcontract hnaʔuan pek: *subcontract the installation of the shower to a plumber*. **subcontractor** /ˌsʌbkənˈtræktə(r)/; US -ˈkɒntrækt-/ *n* subcontract ʔuantu.

**subculture** /ˌsʌbkʌltʃə(r)/ *n* mi burpi sungih um milai pawl khat ih nunphung; an umtudan, cangvaihdan tivec pawl: *the teenage subculture*.

**subcutaneous** /ˌsʌbkjuːˈteɪniəs/ *adj* [usu attrib] vun tang: *subcutaneous fat* ○ *a subcutaneous injection*.

▷ **subcutaneously** *adv*.

**subdivide** /ˌsʌbdɪˈvaɪd/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (**sth**) (**into sth**) then sin: *Part of the building has been subdivided into offices*.

▷ **subdivision** /ˌsʌbdɪˈvɪʒn/ *n* **1** [U] then sinmi. **2** [C] pakhat kha then sinmi: *a subdivision of a postal area* ○ *This division of the chapter has several subdivisions*.

**subdue** /səbˈdjuː/; US -ˈduː/ *v* [Tn] **1** neh; kut tang ah ret: *subdue the rebels*. **2** daitein umter (*calm*): *He managed to subdue his mounting anger*.

▷ **subdued** /səbˈdjuːd/; US -ˈduːd/ *adj* **1** aw a ringtuk lomi; a nasa nawnmi; theih thei tukmi: *a subdued conversation* ○ *subdued lighting* ○ *a note of subdued excitement in her voice*. **2** ziangkhal paih cuca lo; napi in hiarnak nei lo: *You're very subdued. What's wrong?*

**sub-edit** /sʌbˈedit/ *v* [Tn] **1** cabu, thuthang ca tivec suah hlanah zoh felta. **3** thuthang ca editor bawmtu ʔuan.

▷ **sub-editor** *n*.

**subheading** /ˌsʌbhedɪŋ/ thuthangca tivec ah, thu tlangpi ihsin then sinmi thu tlangte.

**subject<sup>1</sup>** /ˈsʌbdʒɪkt/ *n* **1** (**a**) (simmi, relmi, minung thilri) thuhla: *an interesting subject of conversation* ○ *choose a subject for a poem, a picture, an essay, etc* ○ (*fml*) *What did she say on the subject of* (ie about) *money?* (**b**) tlawng ih zirmi thuhla: *Physics and maths are my favourite subjects*. **2** minung maw thilri pakhat maw zirnək ih tuahmi: *We need some male subjects for a psychology experiment*. **3** ~ **for sth** ruah ding, tuah ding a suaktertu minung,



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thilri: a subject for pity, ridicule, congratulation  
 ○ *His appearance was the subject for some critical comment.* **4** (grammar) (**a**) tuahtu; a cangtu, eg *the book in The book fell off the table.* Cf OBJECT<sup>1</sup>. **5** ram pakhat ah uktu a lu bik siar lo, ukmi hmuahhmuah: *I am French by birth and a British subject by marriage.* ⇨ Usage at CITIZEN. **6** (music) hla ih a awsuahnak hram. **7** (idm) **change the subject** ⇨ CHANGE<sup>1</sup>.

□ **subject-matter** *n* [U] a thuhla: *although the subject-matter (of her talk) was rather dull her witty delivery kept the audience interested.*

**subject**<sup>2</sup> /səbdʒekt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth (to sth)** ram pakhat, lole, milai pakhat ih ukmi sungah ret: *Ancient Rome subjected most of Europe (to its rule).* **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth to sth** mi ih soisel ding, huat ding, hnihsuak ding ah cang: *subject sb to criticism, ridicule, abuse, etc* ○ *She was repeatedly subjected to torture.* ○ *As a test the metal was subjected to great heat.*

▷ **subjection** /səbdʒekʃn/ *n* [U] uknak; uk: *the country's subjection of its neighbour* ○ *The people were kept in subjection.*

**subject**<sup>3</sup> /səbdʒɪkt/ *adj* **1** [attrib] midang kuthnuai ih ummi; midang ukmi tangah um; amahte a zalen lomi: *a subject province* ○ *subject peoples.* **2** [pred] ~ **to sth/sb** thu pakhat khat tang ih um: *We are subject to the law of the land.* ○ *Peasants used to be subject to the local landowner.* **3** [pred] ~ **to sth** a cang theumi; neih theumi; a si theu mi: *Are you subject to colds?* ○ *Trains are subject to delay(s) after the heavy snowfalls.* ○ *The time table is subject to alteration.* **4** [pred] ~ **to sth** cumi lo cun; cuti lo ahcun: *sold subject to contract*, ie provided that a contract is signed ○ *The plan is subject to the director's approval.*

**subjective** /səbdʒektɪv/ *adj* **1** (of ideas, feelings, etc) mah sungih a um cia ruahnak: *a subjective impression, sensation, etc* ○ *our perception of things is often influenced by subjective factors, such as tiredness.* **2** (sometimes derog) duhzawng/mahte hmuhdan: *a very subjective judgement of the play* ○ *A literary critic should not be too subjective in his approach.* Cf OBJECTIVE.

▷ **subjectively** *adv* mah hmuhdan, mah duh zawngin zoh: *don't judge her work too subjectively.*

**subjectivity** /səbdʒektɪvəti/ *n* [U].

**subjoin** /səb'dʒɔɪn/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (to sth)** (fml) a netnak ah a dang pakhat pehzom (bet): *subjoin a postscript to a letter.*

**subjudice** /səb'dʒu:disi/ (Latin) (of a legal case) thuþhentu zung ah upadi daan thu vekin rel rero laimi thu khi a lenglam thuthang ca tivek in a thuhla ngan lo ding/rel lo ding (Mirang uk ih thlunmi daan).

**subjugate** /səbdʒuɡert/ *v* [Tn] ram pakhat do ih

neh/uk.

▷ **subjugation** /səbdʒuˈɡeɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**subjunctive** /səb'dʒʌŋktɪv/ *adj* (grammar) tuahter (verb) phunkhat, duhmi, a cang theimi, sining a sim:siningla, sisehla, ...etc *In the phrase 'if I were you', 'were' is subjunctive.* Cf IMPERATIVE 3, INDICATIVE.

▷ **subjunctive** *n* (grammar) **1 the subjunctive** [U] tuahtu (verb) pianzia ih a umtu hmuah: *In 'I wish you were here', 'were' is in the subjunctive.* **2** [C] subjunctive verb.

**sublease** /səb'li:s/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (to sb)** inn, leilung tivek midang hnenah a man lak ih hlan sin: *The company subleases flats to students.*

▷ **sublease** *n* hitivekin, innkhan, lo tivek a man lak ih hlan sin.

**sublet** /səb'let/ *v* (-tt; pt, pp **sublet**) [I, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (to sb)** inn, innkhan tivek a hlangtu in midang hnenah hlan sin: *sublet a room to a friend.*

**sub-lieutenant** /səbleftənənt; US -lu:'t-/ *n* Navy ral bawi lieutenant hnakin a niamdeuhmi (bokhat).

**sublimate** /səblɪmeɪt/ *v* [Tn] **1** (psychology) thinlung kha a thatnaklam ih fehter: *sublimating one's sex drive by working hard.* **2** (chemistry) a khalmi thil pakhat kha satter in a khu ah canter, a khu kha daihter hnu ah a thiang hlimzetmi a khal ah a cang lala.

▷ **sublimate** *n* thil pakhat er in a thianghlim zet thil ah canternak.

**sublimation** /səblɪmeɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**sublime** /sə'blaɪm/ *adj* **1** tumbik; upat tlak bik; duhnung bik: *sublime heroism, beauty, scenery* ○ *her sublime devotion to the cause* ○ (infml) *The food was absolutely sublime.* **2** [attrib] (sometimes derog) a tituk; miangmo (extreme) ziang a cang ding ti ruat lo ih thil ti hlauhlo: *sublime conceit, indifference, impudence* ○ *She approached the angry crowd with a sublime lack of concern for her own safety.* **3** (idm) **from the sublime to the ridiculous** sangzet, maksak zetnak ihsin tuktak zet, fate zet ih cang; sanlai luunglo, sazawng tuanþi: *Interrupting an opera on television for a pet-food commercial is going from the sublime to the ridiculous.*

▷ **sublimely** *adv*: *play the piano sublimely* ○ *She was sublimely unaware of how foolish she looked.* **sublimity** /sə'blɪməti/ *n* [U].

**subliminal** /səb'limɪnəl/ *adj* theithiam aw lemloin (theih kar hlante ah) thinlung ah a lut (a thih): *the subliminal message of the text*, ie one not explicitly stated ○ *subliminal advertising*, eg by means of an image flashed onto a screen so briefly that it is noted only by the subconscious mind.

**sub-machine-gun** /səbməʃɪŋɡən/ *n* kut in kai ih ziandawng tampi a pehpheh ih kap thei

raldonak meithal.

**submarine** /sʌbməˈriːn/; US 'sʌbməriːn/ **n** 1 tidai sung lut thei raldonak tangphawlawng; ti tlun khalah ral a do thei: [attrib] *a submarine officer, crew*. 2 (also **submarine sandwich**) (esp US) sa, cheese, salat hnah tivek pawl a karlak ah cepih ih tuahmi sang.

▷ **submarine** *adj* [attrib] ti sung; tipi sungih ta: *submarine plants* ○ *submarine exploration* ○ *a submarine cable*.

**submariner** /sʌbməˈriːnə(r)/; US 'sʌbməriːnər/ **n** tidai sung lutthei tangphawlawng hnaʔuantu.

**submerge** /səbˈmɜːdʒ/ **v** 1 (a) [I] tidai sungah pil in feh: *The submarine submerged to avoid enemy ships*. (b) [Tn] tidai in a khuh; ti sungah langlo in a pil, ti ah hniim: *a wall submerged by flood water* ○ *The child submerged all her toys in the bath*. 2 [Tn usu passive] (fig) a khuh thluh; a nehkhuh: *be submerged by paperwork* ○ *The main argument was submerged in a mass of tedious detail*.

▷ **submerged** *adj* tidai ih khuhmi: *a partly-submerged wreck*.

**submergence** /səbˈmɜːdʒəns/, **submersion** /səbˈmɜːʃn/; US -mɜːrʒn/ **ns** [U].

**submersible** /səbˈmɜːsəbl/ **n, adj** (ship or craft) ti sungih a lut theimi; a piltheimi (lawng tivek): *exploring the sea bed in a submersible*.

**submission** /səbmɪʃn/ **n** ~ (to sb/sth) 1 [U] (a) (mah sinak huham hmuahhmuah a sung pekin) mi kutsung ah lut: *submission to sb's will* ○ *starve the city into submission*, ie force it to submit by cutting off its food supplies. (b) Thazaang tumdeuh/cakdeuh kutsung ah lut: *During the occupation, we had to live in total submission (to the invader)*. ○ *parents who want children to show complete submission to their wishes*. 2 [C, U] relsak dingin an hmaih retmi thuhla: *the submission of a claim, a petition, an appeal, etc*. 3 [C, U] (law) thuthentu hmai ah thuhla umdan sim/thlen: *In my submission, the witness is lying*.

**submissive** /səbmɪsɪv/ *adj* mi thungai; mi thuthlun: *a humble and submissive servant*.

▷ **submissively** *adv*. **submissiveness** **n** [U].

**submit** /səbˈmɪt/ **v** (-tt-) 1 [I, Ipr] ~ (to sb/sth) lut; ap (bawi, upa ih relsak/thensak dingin ap): *I refuse to submit*. ○ *submit to discipline, superior force, etc* ○ *submit to the enemy, a tyrant, etc*. 2 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (to sb/sth) ap/peek (pakhat khat tuahsak dingin ap/pek): *submit an essay to one's tutor* ○ *submit plans to the council for approval* ○ *submit an application, estimate, claim, etc*. 3 [Tf no passive] (law) thuthentu bawi hnenah thu sim; hitin siseh la, kha ti deuh in a tha ding ti ih ruahnak pek/sim: *Counsel for the defence submitted that his client was clearly innocent*. ○ *The case, I would submit, is not proven*.

**subnormal** /sʌbˈnɔːml/ *adj* 1 a si theumi hnakin niamdeuh/mal deuh: *subnormal temperatures*. 2 thluak fimnak/fimvarnak zaran hnakin niamdeuh, mi a bang lomi: *a subnormal child* ○ *educationally subnormal*.

▷ **subnormal** **n** (infml) fimvarnak lamah zaran a si tuk lomi.

**suborbital** /sʌbˈɔːbɪtl/ *adj* (leilung, thlapi tivek an hel awknak ah) hel khat a kim lomi: *a suborbital space flight*.

**subordinate** /səˈbɔːdɪnət/; US -dənət/ *adj* (a) ~ (to sb) a nauta deuh hnaʔuantu (zung pakhat sungah): *He was always friendly to his subordinate officers*. (b) ~ (to sth) thupi lo deuh: *All the other issues are subordinate to this one*.

▷ **subordinate** **n** hnaʔuan nauta; kut hnaʔuan: *the commanding officer and his subordinates*.

**subordinate** /səˈbɔːdɪnət/; US -dənət/ **v** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (to sth) thupi lo deuh ah ruat: *In her book, she subordinates this issue to more general problems*.

**subordination** /səˈbɔːdrɪneɪʃn/; US -dən'eɪʃn/ **n** [U].

□ **subordinate clause** (also **dependent clause**) (grammar) catluan pakhat ah bawmtu tongfang bur a simi, eg *when it rang* in *She answered the phone when it rang*. Cf COORDINATE CLAUSE (CO-ORDINATE<sup>1</sup>).

**suborn** /səˈbɔːn/ **v** [Tn] (fml) tetti kha thuthentu zungih thuphan simding in nawhthuh pek: *suborn a witness*.

▷ **subornation** /səˈbɔːneɪʃn/ **n** [U].

**sub-plot** /sʌbˈplɒt/ **n** thuanthu nganmi ah thuhla then pakhat.

**subpoena** /səˈpiːnə/ **n** (law) thuthentu zung thurelnak ah suak ve dingih kawhnak ca order (Tetti pawl kawhnak ca): *serve a subpoena on a witness*.

▷ **subpoena** **v** [Tn, Cn-n/a, Cn-t] thuthentu zung thurelnak hmai ih suak lo thei lo dingin ko: *subpoena a witness* ○ *The prosecution subpoenaed her (to appear) as a witness*.

**subroutine** /sʌbrʊːtiːn/ **n** (computing) computer hnaʔuan kel lakih a lamdang deuhmi hnaʔuan fate phunkhat.

**subscribe** /səbˈskraɪb/ **v** 1 [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (to sth) bomnak pek: *subscribe to a charity* ○ *How much did you subscribe (to the disaster fund)?* 2 [I, Ipr] ~ (to sth) thuthang ca, magazine tivek pawl hmaantein la ringring: *The magazine is trying to get more readers to subscribe*. ○ *Which journal(s) do you subscribe to?* 3 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (to sth) (fml) lungkim tlangmi (document) cangan tangah hminkar: *subscribe one's name to a petition* ○ *subscribe a few remarks at the end of the essay*. 4 (phr v) **subscribe to sth** (fml) ruahnak (opinion), lungkimp; ruahdan (theory) ah lungkimp: *Do*

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*you subscribe to her pessimistic view of the state of the economy?*

▷ **subscriber** *n* 1 thuthang ca, magazine tivek a la ringringtu. 2 telephone thlatin man pekih a hlangtu.

**subscription** /səb'skrɪpʃn/ *n* 1 [U] khuanmi sum: *a monument paid for by public subscription*. 2 [C] (a) paisa khuan (bomnak paisa pek): *a £5 subscription to charity*. (b) club (pawl komnak phunkhat) sungtel sive nakih thlatin/kumtin pekmi sum: *renew one's annual subscription*.

□ **subscriber trunk dialing** (abbr **STD**) telephone in a hlatpi ta biak tikah exchange ko hmasa loin hmakhatte ih biak theimi.

**subscription concert** ticket zuar cia ih tuahmi hlasak puai.

**subsection** /səb'sekʃn/ *n* a caang fate (upadi, Bible tivek ih hmanmi): *Please turn to section 5, subsection b*.

**subsequent** /səbsɪkwənt/ *adj* [attrib] nehhnuah; a hnuih a ra cangmi: *Subsequent events proved me wrong*. ○ *The first and all subsequent visits were kept secret*.

▷ **subsequently** *adv* a nehhnu ah: *They subsequently heard he had left the country*.

□ **subsequent to** *prep* (fml) a hnu ah: *Subsequent to its success as a play, it was made into a film*. ○ *He confessed to other crimes subsequent to the bank robbery*.

**subservient** /səb'sɜːviənt/ *adj* ~ (to sb/sth) 1 (often derog) mi a upat thei zetmi; tangdor zetmi: *a subservient manner, attitude* ○ *Are priests too subservient to their bishops?* 2 a thupi lo deuh; a nauta deuh: *People should not be regarded as a subservient to the economic system*.

▷ **subservience** /-əns/ *n* [U]. **subserviently** *adv*.

**subside** /səb'saɪd/ *v* 1 [I] a tum; a kiang; a kiam: *The flood waters gradually subsided*. ○ *The boiling soup subsided when the pot was taken off the heat*. 2 [I] (of land) (leilung) a tlak. 3 [I] (of buildings, etc) tangah a tlak: *Weak foundations caused the house to subside*. 4 [I] kiam;; cak lo deuh vivo: *The storm began to subside*. ○ *He waited until the applause had subsided*. ○ *I took an aspirin and the pain gradually subsided*. 5 [Ipr] (infml joc) pil (tokham sahpi ah to ih pilvek): *subsiding onto the sofa/into an armchair*.

▷ **subsidence** /səb'saɪdɪns, 'səbsɪdɪns/ *n* 1 [U] a kang vivo (tidai) (SUBSIDE 1): *the gradual subsidence of the river*. 2 [U, C] a tla vivo; neem (SUBSIDE 3, 4): *a building damaged by subsidence* ○ *The railway line was closed because of (a) subsidence*.

**subsidiary** /səb'sɪdɪəri; US -dɪəri/ *adj* 1 ~ (to sth) thupi lo deuh; niam (fate) deuh: *a subsidiary*

*stream flowing into the main river* ○ *The question of finance is subsidiary to the question of whether the project will be approved*. 2 (of a business company) sum tuahnak company (of a business company) a si ih a tum deuh a dangpakhat ih ukmi (kuttang um) a si.

▷ **subsidiary** *n* sum tuahnak company tivek ah amah hnak ih tumsawn company pi kuttang ih a ummi.

**subsidy** /səbsɪdɪ/ *n* [C, U] bomnak ih pekmi paisa (cozah in mipi hrangah thilri man ol deuh dingin thilri tuahtu company pawl bomnak an pekmi paisa): *food subsidies*, eg to reduce the price of basic foods ○ *increase/reduce the level of subsidy*, eg to the arts, farmers, etc.

▷ **subsidize, -ise** /səbsɪdaɪz/ *v* [Tn] tangka (sum) bawm: *subsidized industries*.

**subsidization, -isation** /səbsɪdaɪ'zeɪʃn; US -dɪz-/ *n* [U].

**subsist** /səb'sɪst/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (on sth) (fml) nungthei fangfang: *How do they manage to subsist (on such a low wage)?* ○ *he subsisted mainly on vegetables and fruit*.

▷ **subsistence** /-təns/ *n* [U] nunnak; khawsaknak: *reduced to subsistence on bread and water* ○ [attrib] *subsistence farming*, ie farming that produces only enough crops for the farmer and his family to live on, leaving no surplus which could be sold ○ *a subsistence wage*, ie one that is only just enough to enable a worker to live.

□ **subsistence crop** mah eikhop cinmi rawl. Cf CASH CROP (CASH).

**subsistence level** nung theikhop pumcawmnak ngah.

**subsoil** /səbsɔɪl/ *n* [U] leilung a tluntabik (a parbik) sangtu. Cf TOPSOIL (TOP<sup>1</sup>).

**subsonic** /səb'sɒnɪk/ *adj* (flying at a speed) awfeh hnakihi a fung deuh mi vanzam: *a subsonic speed, aircraft, flight*. Cf SUPERSONIC.

**substance** /səbstəns/ *n* 1 [C] thil phunkhat: *a poisonous substance like cyanide* ○ *a substance that will prevent rust* ○ *Water and ice are the same substance in different forms*. 2 [U] (a) a ngaingai; a taktak: *They maintained that ghosts had no substance*. (b) a khalmi rawl; taksa hrangih a thami rawl: *I like a meal that has some substance to it*, ie has nourishing food in it. ○ (fig) *an argument of little substance*, eg lacking specific details, etc. 3 [U] a thupi bik: *the substance of the speech* ○ *I agree with the substance of what you say/with what you say in substance, but differ on points of detail*. 4 [U] (fml) sumpai; thilri: *a man/woman of substance*, eg a property owner.

**substandard** /səb'stændəd/ *adj* tahfung hnakin niam deuh: *substandard goods* ○ *She has written good essays before, but this one is*

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 substandard.

**substantial** /səb'stænfəl/ *adj* **1** a tumpi; a tampi: a substantial improvement, decrease ○ *Her contribution to the discussion was substantial.* ○ *obtain a substantial loan.* **2** [usu attrib] hnget khoh zet ih tuahmi/sakmi: a substantial padlock, chair, wall. **3** [usu attrib] thilri tampi nei; milian: a substantial business, company ○ *substantial farmers.* **4** [attrib] thil pakhat ih a thupit biknak zawn; a tlangpi in: *We are in substantial agreement.* **5** (fml) hmuh, theih le ruahnak men si loin, a taksapum thawn ummi; a ngaingai (real): *Was it something substantial that you saw, or was it a ghost?*

▷ **substantially** /-fəli/ *adv* **1** tumpi in; tampi in: *substantially improved* ○ *They contributed substantially to our success.* **2** a tlangpi in; a hrampi in: *Your assessment is substantially correct.*

**substantiate** /səb'stænfɪet/ *v* [Tn] a dik ti langter: *Can you substantiate your accusations against him?*

▷ **substantiation** /səb'stænfɪ'eɪʃn/ *n*.

**substantive<sup>1</sup>** /səb'stæntɪv/ *adj* (fml) a tak, a si rori; a dik: a discussion of substantive matters ○ *a guarantee of substantive progress.*

▷ **substantive** *n* (dated grammar) noun.

**substantive<sup>2</sup>** /səb'stæntɪv/ *adj* [attrib] (of military rank) ralkap hnatuan upa (rank) ngahmi ah a langte hrang si loin reipi hrang a simi: *a substantive major.*

**substation** /səb'steɪʃn/ *n* electric cetzung pi ih thlahmi meitha peksinnak zung.

**substitute** /səbstɪtjuːt/ *US* -tʊt/ *n* ~ (for sb/sth) ai awhtu; ai-rawltu: *The manager was unable to attend but sent his deputy as a substitute.* ○ *This type of vinyl is a poor substitute for leather.* ○ [attrib] a substitute player, horse, machine.

▷ **substitute** *v* (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (for **sb/sth**) ai-rawltu pakhat ret: *The understudy was substituted when the leading actor fell ill.* ○ *We must substitute a new chair for the broken one.*

(b) [Ipr] ~ **for sb/sth** aiawh; airollh: *Can you substitute for (ie go instead of) me at the meeting?* ○ *Honey can substitute for sugar in this recipe.*

**substitution** /səbstɪ'tjuːʃn/ *US* -tʊːʃn/ *n* **1** [U] ai-awhnak; ai-rollhnak. **2** [C] thleng-awknak; sawng-awknak (bawhlung lektu an sawng aw tvek): *Two substitutions (ie of players) were made during the match.*

**substratum** /səb'strætəm/ *US* 'səb'streɪtəm/ *n* (pl **substrata** /səb'strætə; *US* 'səb'streɪtə) **1** thapkhak tang ih a ummi thapdang: *a substratum of rock.* **2** (fig) a tangdan; a hram: *a substratum of truth in her story.*

**substructure** /səb'strʌktʃə(r)/ *n* a tang dantu; a tangphah; a hram. Cf SUPERSTRUCTURE **1**.

**subsume** /səb'sjuːm/ *US* -sʊːm/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~

**sth** (in/under sth) (fml) a phun (class) ih ret; a pawl (group) ih ret: *This creature can be subsumed in the class of reptiles.*

**subtenant** /səb'tenənt/ *n* inn, innkhan tvek hlangintu.

▷ **subtenancy** /-ənsɪ/ *n* [C, U].

**subtend** /səb'tend/ *v* [Tn] (geometry) (of a chord<sup>2</sup> (1) or the side of a triangle) geometry zirnakah a rin pawlih khatlam ral; a ralsanmi rin, lole, kelkawm: *The chord AC subtends the arc ABC.* *The side XZ subtends the angle XYZ.*

**subterfuge** /səb'tɜːfjuːdʒ/ *n* (a) [C] harsatnak, mawhthluknak, sunnak tvek pawl hrialnak ih ngaithiam, lole, va bumnak: *Her claim to be a journalist was simply a subterfuge to get into the theatre without paying.* (b) [U] cutivek ih bumawknak: *gain sth by subterfuge.*

**subterranean** /səb'tɛrɪnɪən/ *adj* leitang; leihnuai: *a subterranean passage, river, tunnel* ○ *subterranean digging.*

**subtitle** /səb'taɪtl/ *n* **1** cabu a hmin ngai sangtu. **2** (usu pl) (esp cinema) film, vedeo tvek ah, an ʔong thei lo ruangih a zuk tang ah theihmi ʔong in ca an nganmi (hivek cangan cu hnaset pawl hrang khalah a si).

▷ **subtitle** *v* [Tn usu passive] cabu a hmin hleiah, hmin fate dang pek: *a book subtitled 'A Study of Methodism'.*

**subtle** /sətl/ *adj* (-r, -st) (esp approv) **1** apaat zet; a neem zet; theih/hmuh/sim thiam ding ol lo: *a subtle charm, flavour, style* ○ *subtle humour* ○ *a subtle distinction* ○ *paint in subtle shades of pink.* **2** fimkhur zet, thiam zet ih cangvaimi: *a subtle argument, design, strategy* ○ *a subtle analysis of the problem.* **3** a theih harzetmi thei thiam, a hmuh har zetmi hmu thiam: *a subtle observer, critic, analyst, etc* ○ *She has a very subtle mind.*

▷ **subtlety** /sətlɪ/ *n* **1** [U] theih a harzetnak/hmuh thiam a har zetnak. **2** [C] a dan-awkdan theih a harzetnak.

**subtly** /sətlɪ/ *adv*.

**subtopia** /səb'təʊpiə/ *n* [C, U] hramlak lam ah a pil vivomi khuapi kiangkap inn pawl.

**subtotal** /səb'təʊtl/ *n* nambat pawl khi a zate in vei khat ah kom lo in, a ʔhen a ʔhen in kommi.

**subtract** /səb'trækt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (from sth) dir (kanaan ah a dir): *subtract 6 from 9* ○ *6 subtracted from 9 is 3, ie 9 - 6 = 3.* Cf ADD, DEDUCT.

▷ **subtraction** /səb'trækʃn/ *n* **1** [U] dirnak. **2** [C] dir: *Two from five is a simple subtraction.*

**subtropical** /səb'trɒpɪkl/ *adj* a satnak ram sangtu a simi: *subtropical plants* ○ *a subtropical climate.* Cf SUBARCTIC.

**suburb** /səbʊːb/ *n* (esp residential) khualipi leeng deuh ih um veeng: *an industrial suburb* ○ *a suburb of Naples* ○ *live in the suburbs, ie in such a district* ○ *the inner/outer suburbs* ○

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a *dormitory suburb*, ie one from which people travel elsewhere to work.

▷ **suburban** /sə'bʌ:bən/ *adj* **1** khualipi a kaplam veng ih a ummi: a *suburban street, shop, newspaper*. **2** (*fig derog*) hmuhdan fiak deuh/puan deuh, tuktak deuh a simi: a *rather suburban attitude to life*.

**suburbanite** /sə'bʌ:bənait/ *n* (*infml often derog*) khualipi kap ih um pawl.

**Suburbia** /sə'bʌ:bɪə/ *n* [U] (*esp derog*) khualipi kap (um milai pawl ih nuncan le lungput).

**subvention** /səb'venʃn/ *n* (*fml*) thiltuahnak (puai laamnak zung, cet zung saknak tivek) hrangih bommi tangka.

**subversive** /səb'vɜ:sɪv/ *adj* ~ (**of sth**) ram ukdan parih zumnak nauter, siatsuah dingih a tuahtu: *subversive propaganda* ○ a *subversive book, speaker, influence* ○ Was her speech *subversive* (*of law and order*)?

▷ **subversive** *n* siatsuah dingih a tuahtu.

**subversively** *adv*.

**subversiveness** *n* [U].

**subvert** /səb'vɜ:t/ *v* [Tn] **1** uknak lam, biaknak lam tivek lingletter/siatsuah: *subvert the monarchy* ○ *writings that subvert Christianity*. **2** mi ih ziaza le felnak siatsuah: a *diplomat subverted by a foreign power*.

▷ **subversion** /səb'vɜ:ʃn/; US -'vɜ:rʒn/ *n* [U].

**subway** /səb'weɪ/ *n* **1** leitung lamzin: *Use the subway to cross the road*. Cf UNDERPASS. **2** (US) leitung um tlangleng lam: *travel by subway* ○ [attrib] a *subway train, station*. Cf UNDERGROUND<sup>2</sup> *n*, TUBE **3**, METRO.

**subzero** /səb'zeɪərəʊ/ *adj* (*of temperatures*) khawhlum khawsik tahnak ah nambat lolak tang a tummi: *the subzero temperatures of a Siberian winter*.

**succeed** /sək'sɪd/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (**in sth/doing sth**) tuahsuak thei; hlawhtling; tisuak thei: *The attack succeeded, and the fort was taken*. ○ *She's absolutely determined to succeed (in life)*. ○ (*saying*) *If at first you don't succeed, try, try again* ○ (*ironic*) *I tried to clean the watch, but only succeeded in breaking it*. Cf FAIL **1**. **2** [Tn] hnaŋuan sawng: *Who succeeded Churchill (as Prime Minister)?* ○ *The silence was succeeded by the striking of a clock*. **3** [I, Ipr] ~ (**to sth**) thih tikah rosartu in a hnaŋuan sawng: *When the king died, his eldest son succeeded (to the throne)*. **4** (idm) **nothing succeeds like success** (*saying*) *I won the essay prize, then was offered a scholarship: nothing succeeds like success!*

**success** /sək'ses/ *n* **1** [U] hlawhtlinnak; lennak; hmin thannak; hnaŋuan tumpi ngahnak: *achieve great success in life* ○ *make a success of sth* ○ *The race ended in success for (ie was won by) the Irish horse*. ○ *I haven't had much success in my applications for jobs*. **2** [C] milai,

lole, thilri hlawh tlinnak: *He wasn't a success as a teacher*. ○ *Of her plays, three were successes and one was a failure*. **3** (idm) **nothing succeeds like success** ⇨ SUCCEED. **a roaring success** ⇨ ROARING (ROAR). **a success story** (harsatnak tampi lakah ruahlopi in) hlawhtlinnak tumpi a ngahtu: *Her rapid rise to the top has been one of the film industry's most remarkable success stories*.

▷ **successful** /-fl/ *adj* tisuak theimi; hlawhtling theimi: a *successful businesswoman, career, plan* ○ *My final attempt to fix it was successful*. **successfully** /-fəli/ *adv*.

**succession** /sək'se:ʃn/ *n* **1** [C] milai, lole, thil tampi pakhat hnu pakhat sawng-aw (thlun-aw) vivomi: a *succession of wet days, defeats, poor leaders*. **2** [U] milai, lole thil pakhat hnu pakhat a rami: *the succession of the seasons*. **3** [U] siangphahrang, puithiam, mi-uk, rothil, tonak, hnaŋuan, neihnak sawng-aw (rero) vivo: *Who is first in succession to the throne?* **4** (idm) **in succession** pakhat hnu pakhat; a sangsang in: *three victories in (quick) succession*.

**successive** /sək'sesɪv/ *adj* [attrib] a peh vivomi: *successive governments, victories, attempts* ○ *The school has won five successive games*.

▷ **successively** *adv*.

**successor** /sək'sesə(r)/ *n* ~ (**to sb/sth**) hnaŋuan a sawngtu: *the successor to the throne* ○ *appoint a successor to the headmaster* ○ *This car is the successor to our popular hatchback model*. Cf PREDECESSOR.

**succinct** /sək'sɪŋkt/ *adj* (*approx*) tawite fiangzet ih simi: a *succinct summary of the argument*.

▷ **succinctly** *adv*. **succinctness** *n* [U].

**succour** (US **succor**) /səkə(r)/ *n* [U] (*fml*) a tultukmi, lole, tihphan tik ih bomnak: *bring succour to the sick and wounded*.

▷ **succour** *v* [Tn] (*fml*) bomnak pek.

**succubus** /səkjʊbə/ *n* (*pl succubi* /səkjʊbaɪ/) mipa itthatmi thawn nupa sualnak tuah a hmanngi khawisia nunau. Cf INCUBUS.

**succulent** /səkjʊlənt/ *adj* **1** (*approx*) (*of fruit and meat*) a hang zet ih a thaw zetmi: a *succulent steak, pear, etc*. **2** (*of plants*) a kung a thau zetih tidai tamzet a ummi.

▷ **succulence** /-əns/ *n* [U].

**succulent** *n* relete.

**succumb** /sək'kʌm/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (**to sth**) (*fml*) tuar theinawn loin a sung pek (natnak a tuar theinawn lo ih a thi; sualfornhak a tuar thei nawn lo ih paisatomp a tlanpi): *The city succumbed after only a short siege*. ○ *Several children have measles, and the others are bound to succumb (to it)*. ○ *The driver has succumbed to (ie died of) his injuries*.

**such** /sʌf/ *det* **1** (a) cutivek, cuvek (dunglam ta relsal): *He noticed her necklace, Such jewels must have cost thousands, he thought*. ○ *He told*

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them about the job he had left. Such information was just what they needed. ○ I've been invited to an Asian wedding. What happens on such occasions? ○ He said he hadn't got time or made some such excuse. ○ This isn't the only story of starving children. Many such cases are reported every day. (b) ~ **sth as/that...** (referring forward) cutivek (hmailam ta relcia): Such a disaster as her car being stolen had never happened before. ○ Such poets as Keats and Shelley wrote Romantic poetry. ○ Such advice as (ie The little advice that) he was given proved almost worthless. ○ The knot was fastened in such a way that it was impossible to undo. **2 ~ sth (as/that...) hitivek** (a thupitnak langternak): On an occasion such as this (ie as important as this) we are privileged to welcome... ○ He showed such concern that people took him to be a relative. ○ He's not such a fool as he looks. ○ It was such a boring speech (that) I fell asleep. ○ I'm afraid I can't remember — it was such a long time ago. ○ Such is the influence of TV that it can make a person famous overnight. **3** (as an intensifier) cutitluk; cutivek (thiamnak, lennak a makdan relduhnak): She's got such talent. ○ We're having such a wonderful time. ○ Baby giraffes seem to have such long legs. ○ I've had such a shock. ○ Why are you in such a hurry?

▷ **such pron 1** cutivek milai; cutivek thil. (a) dunglam ta relsal: Cricket was boring. Such (ie That) was her opinion before meeting Ian. ○ She's a competent leader and has always been regarded as such by her colleagues. (b) ~ **as to do sth; ~ that...** (referring to forward): The pain in her foot wasn't such as to stop her walking. ○ The damage was such that it would cost too much money to repair. **2** (idm) **as such** cutivek cu a si ih: The new job is not a promotion as such but it brings good prospects for the future. ○ I can't call my book a best seller as such but it's very popular. **such as (a)** vektla: Wild flowers such as orchids and primroses are becoming rare. (b) ziang kinin: Such as remains after tax will be yours when I die. **such as it is** hitivek men a si ruangah: You're welcome to join us for supper, such as it is — we're only having soup and bread.

□ **such-and-such** pron, det (thing) cuvek, khami vek: Always say at the start of an application that you're applying for such-and-such (a job) because...

**suchlike** /sʌtʃlaɪk/ pron, det (things) (thilri a phun a bangmi) cuvek pawl: you can buy string, glue, paper-clips and suchlike (items) at the corner shop.

**suck** /sʌk/ **v 1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] (a) zuuk; hawp: feep suck the juice from an orange ○ suck the poison out (of a wound) ○ suck milk through a

straw. (b) (of a pump, etc) hawp: The pump sucks air out (of the vessel) through this valve. ○ plants that suck up moisture from the soil. **2** [Tn, Cn-a] fawp: a baby sucking its mother's breast ○ suck an orange dry. **3** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (away) (at/on sth) fawp: The baby sucked (away) (at its bottle) contentedly. ○ The old man was sucking at his pipe. ○ Suck on the tube to draw up the water. **4** [Tn] lei in fawp phah in zuuk; reek; sawr: suck a toffee ○ a child that sucks its thumb. **5** (idm) **milk/suck sb/sth dry** ⇒ DRY<sup>1</sup>. **teach one's grandmother to suck eggs** ⇒ TEACH. **6** (phr v) **suck sb in/into sth** thangsiatnak, hauawknak ah duh na loin telter: I don't want to get sucked into the row about school reform. **suck sb/sth under, into, etc sth; suck sb/sth down, in, etc** dirh thlak; dawk: The canoe was sucked (down) into the whirlpool. ○ Dangerous currents can suck swimmers under. **suck up (to sb)** (derog sl) mi pakhat lungawi dingah porh ciamco; bawm ciamco: She sucks up to him by agreeing with everything he says.

▷ **suck n** fawp; zuuk: have/take a suck (at sth).

□ **sucking-pig** n hnawi fawp lai vokfa.

**sucker** /sʌkə(r)/ **n 1** (a) rannung hrekhat pawl ih kutke (thil pakhat khat ah hngetzet ih a ben, a kopter theimi): An octopus has suckers on its tentacles. (b) phar parih a ben-aw theimi sialriat. **2** thingkung hramkung hram ihsin a khomi a teek. **3** (infml) olte ih bum theih milai: all the suckers who bought these worthless shares. **4 ~ for sb/sth** (infml) mah le mah a el aw thei lomi/a uk aw neh lomi; mi a el lo, zawnlung tukmi; thil pakhat a duh tuk, a uar tukmi: I've always been a sucker for romantic movies.

**suckle** /sʌkl/ **v** [Tn] fate nu hnawi fawh.

▷ **suckling** /sʌklɪŋ/ **n** (idm) **out of the mouths of babes and sucklings** ⇒ MOUTH<sup>1</sup>.

**sucrose** /su:kraʊz, -rəʊs/ **n** [U] cini; cithlum (fuu le mungla tawba ih suakmi.)

**suction** /sʌkʃn/ **n** [U] hawpnak, zuuknak (ti ih balh termi, thli ih balh termi, hnawmhne ih balh termi a sungta kholhnak): Some pumps and all vacuum cleaners work by suction. ○ Flies' feet stick to surfaces by suction. ○ [attrib] a suction pump, pad.

**sudden** /sʌdn/ **adj 1** hmakhatte ih a cangmi rinlopi: a sudden decision, arrival, increase ○ a sudden turn in the road ○ Your marriage was very sudden. Have you thought things over properly? **2** (idm) **all of a sudden** rinlopiin: All of a sudden, the tyre burst. **sudden death** leh zuamawknak ah a hmat a bang si le, sung le neh hliah dingin hmat khat ngah tiang lek salnak: [attrib] a sudden-death play-off.

▷ **suddenly** **adv** rinlopi in: The end came quite suddenly. ○ Suddenly, everyone started

shouting and singing.

**suddenness** *n* [U].

**suds** /sʌdz/ *n* [pl] **1** satpia phuan phulhlom tete.

**2** (US infml) beer zu.

▷ **sudsy** *adj*: sudsy water.

**sue** /su:/; also, in British use, sju:/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn.pr] ~ (sb) (for sth) tazacuai; zupu; lupu: *If you don't complete the work, I will sue you (for damages)*, ie for money to compensate for my loss. **2** [Ipr] ~ for sth (fml) pakhat hnenih ngahvo/covo ih ruatmi kha thuthen zung ihsin dilnak: *sue for peace* ○ *a prisoner suing for mercy* ○ *sue for a divorce*.

**suede** /sweɪd/ *n* [U] savun neem, a khatlam a nalih a khatlam amah vek ih tuahmi: [attrib] *a suede coat, dress, etc* ○ *suede shoes*.

**suet** /suːt/; also, in British use, 'sjuːt/ [U] caw le tuu pawl ih a hlap, (a kal kam ih ummi a thau khal,) : [attrib] *a suet pudding*, ie one made with flour and suet.

▷ **suety** *adj* caw le tuu, a hlap a telmi.

**suffer** /sʌfə(r)/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (from/with/for sth) tuar: *Do you suffer from* (ie often have) *headaches?* ○ *She's suffering from loss of memory.* ○ *He suffers terribly with* (ie is pained by) *his feet.* ○ *He made a rash decision — now he's suffering for it.* ○ *Think how much the parents of the kidnapped boy must have suffered.* **2** [Tn] nazetih tuar: *suffer pain, torture, defeat* ○ *We suffered huge losses in the financial crisis.* **3** [I] siatsuah (hnaihnoknak a pek): *Your studies will suffer if you play too much football.* ○ *Her business suffered* (eg made less profit) *when she was ill.* **4** [Tn] (fml) tuarthei: *How can you suffer such insolence?* **5** (idm) **not/never suffer fools gladly** mi aa ih ret mi hnenah thinsau lo/thinfual lo: *an arrogant, impatient woman who doesn't suffer fools gladly.*

▷ **sufferer** /sʌfərə(r)/ *n* a tuartu: *arthritis sufferers.*

**suffering** /sʌfərɪŋ/ *n* **1** [U] naa, tuarnak: *There is so much suffering in this world.* **2** **sufferings** [pl] nat tuar, thinnom lonak tivek: *the sufferings of the starving refugees.*

**sufferance** /sʌfərəns/ *n* [U] rak cohlan ʔentonak, duhmi ciah a si lo nan thinsau terzet in tuarnak: *He's here on sufferance.*

**suffice** /sə'faɪs/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, It, Tn no passive] ~ (for sb/sth) a daih, a tawk: *Will £10 suffice for the trip?* ○ *One warning sufficed to stop her doing it.* ○ *A light lunch should suffice me.* **2** (idm) **suffice it to say (that...)** tawkter; daih (fml) ʔongding tampi a um lai nain ti duhmi a kim zo ih hi vial hin tawk thlang seh: *I won't go into all the depressing details; suffice it to say that the whole affair was an utter disaster.*

**sufficient** /sə'fiʃnt/ *adj* ~ (for sth/sb) a tawk fang; daihtawk: *sufficient money, time, fuel* ○

*Is £10 sufficient for your expenses?* ○ *Do we have sufficient (food) for ten people?*

▷ **sufficiency** /-nsɪ/ *n* ~ of sth [sing] (fml) a daih zet; a tawk zet: *a sufficiency of fuel for the winter.*

**sufficiently** *adv*: *not sufficiently careful.*

**suffix** /sʌfɪks/ *n* ʔongfang dunglam bettu (bettu), eg -y added to *rust* to make *rusty*, or as an inflexion, eg -en in *oxen*. Cf PREFIX.

**suffocate** /sʌfəkeɪt/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] thawpit(thaw, thaw thei loin phitsak): *Passengers suffocated in the burning aircraft.* ○ *The fireman was suffocated by the fumes.* **2** [I] thaw, thawt harzet: *I'm suffocating in here; can't we open a few windows?*

▷ **suffocating** *adj* thaw thawt har: *the suffocating heat of a tropical night* ○ (fig) *a suffocating bureaucracy*, ie one which prevents freedom of action.

**suffocation** /sʌfə'keɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**suffragan** /sʌfrəɡən/ *adj* [attrib] (of a bishop) bishop zungpi zohbawmtu dingah a dang bishop ret betmi.

▷ **suffragan** *n* bishop bawmtu.

**suffrage** /sʌfrɪdʒ/ *n* [U] ram thuhla tawlrel theitu hril awknak ih me a pe theitu: *universal suffrage*, ie the right of all adults to vote ○ *Women had to fight for their suffrage.*

▷ **suffragette** /sʌfrədʒet/ *n* kum zabi 20 laiah Britain ram ah nunau me pek theinak ding a tawlreltu.

**suffuse** /sə'fjuːz/ *v* [Tn, Tn.pr esp passive] ~ sth (with sth) (esp of colour or moisture) a khuh thluh; thil pakhat parah a pharh/a darh thluh: *A blush suffused his cheeks.* ○ *The evening sky was suffused with crimson.*

▷ **suffusion** /sə'fjuːzn/ *n* [U].

**sugar** /'fʊɡə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) [U] cini, cithlum: *Don't eat too much sugar.* ○ *Do you take sugar?* ie *Do you have it in your tea, etc?* ○ [attrib] *a sugar plantation, refinery, bowl.* (b) [C] a sawlte ih tuahmi cini khal; cini darkeu khat: *Two sugars in my coffee, please!* **2** (infml esp US) duhkawhnak: *Hello, sugar, nice to see you!*

▷ **sugar** *v* [Tn] **1** thlumter, lole, cini rawi: *Is this tea sugared?* ○ *sugared almonds.* **2** (idm)

**sugar/sweeten the pill** ⇨ PILL.

**sugary** /'fʊɡəri/ *adj* **1** thlumtermi, a thlum: *sugary tea.* **2** (fig derog) thinlung a khoihtukmi ʔongthlum: *a sugary love scene in a film.*

**sugariness** *n* [U].

□ **sugar-beet** *n* [U] mungla sen, (tawba thlum tumpi a neimi.)

**sugar-cane** *n* [U] fuu.

**sugar-coated** *adj* **1** a thlum ih tuammi/fuunmi. **2** (fig derog) mi thinlung la thei dingih tuahmi: *a sugar-coated promise.*

**sugar-daddy** *n* (infml) fala note pawl paih zetmi milianpa (a siang zet ih a teer paih

zettu).

**sugar-lump** *n* lakphak le khafi ih a khalte thlak ding ih tuahmi cini khal.

**sugar-maple** *n* N. America ih maple thingkung (a thling a thlum zetmi.)

**sugar-tongs** *n* [pl] cini khal cepnak cehrep: *a pair of sugar-tongs.*

**suggest** /sə'dʒest; US səg'dʒ-/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tf, Tw, Tg, Cn-n/a] ~ **sb** (for sth); ~ **sb/sth** (as sth) ruahding/hrilding suahpi/ruahnak pek: *I suggest a tour of the museum.* ○ *Whom would you suggest for the job?* ○ *I wrote suggesting that he should come for the weekend.* ○ *Can you suggest how we might tackle the problem?* ○ *He suggested taking the children to the zoo.* ○ *I suggest Paris as a good place for a honeymoon.* (b) [Dn-pr, Dnpr-f, Dpr-w] ~ **sth to sb** ruahnak pe: *What did you suggest to the manager?* ○ *I suggested to him that we should tackle the problem another way.* **2** [Tn, Tf, Dn-pr, Dpr-f] ~ **sth (to sb)** mi thinlung ah ruatding pe: *Which illness do these symptoms suggest (to you)?* ○ *His cool response suggested that he didn't like the idea.* **3** [Tn, Tf] dingte in si loin a vel ih tɔŋmi: 'Are you suggesting that I'm not telling the truth?' 'I wouldn't suggest such a thing for a moment.' **4** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **itself (to sb)** pakhat ih thinlung ah a suak/pawt: *I tried to think what could have happened, but nothing suggested itself.* ○ *An idea suggests itself to me.* ▷ **suggestible** /-əbl/ *adj* olte ih zum theimi (easily influence): *I did many stupid things when I was young and suggestible.* **suggestibility** /sə'dʒestə'bɪləti; US səg'dʒ-/ *n* [U].

**suggestive** /-rv/ *adj* **1** ~ (of sth) mi thinlung ah ruahnak pethei a simi: *an aroma suggestive of spring flowers* ○ *a complex suggestive poem.* **2** a borhhlawhmi (pawlawk duhnak) ruahter: *He gave her a suggestive glance, and she blushed.*

**suggestively** *adv.*

**suggestion** /sə'dʒestʃən; US səg'dʒ-/ *n* **1** [U] ruahnak: *On/At your suggestion* (ie Because you suggested it) *I bought the more expensive model.* **2** [C] ~ (that...) ruahnak, tumtahmi, hminsin duhmi: *I want suggestions about what to do today.* ○ *Janet was my first suggestion as chairperson.* ○ *There's no suggestion that she should resign,* ie That would be completely unthinkable. **3** [C usu sing] theih tham lote a cangmi: *speak English with the suggestion of a French accent.* **4** [U] a dang ruahnak, thuhla, tivek thawn pehpar in mi pakhat thinlung ah ruahnak pek: *Most advertisements work through suggestion.*

**suicide** /suɪsaɪd; also, in British use, 'sjuɪ-/ *n* **1** (a) [U] mah le mah thah-awknak: *commit suicide* ○ *four cases of suicide.* (b) [C] mah le mah thah-awknak tuahmi: *three suicides in one week.* **2** [C] mah le mah a that-awtu. **3** [U]

(fig) mah ih tuahmi ruangah hnu lamah harnak tumpi a pe-awtu: *political suicide*, ie action by a politician that will ruin his career ○ *economic suicide*, eg adopting policies that will ruin the economy.

▷ **suicidal** /suɪ'saɪd; also, in British use, 'sjuɪ-/ *adj* **1** mah le mah that-aw ding tiang a cangtheimi: *suicidal tendencies* ○ *in a suicidal state.* **2** (of a person) mah le mah that aw ding vek in a ummi: *She's feeling suicidal today.* **3** mah ih siatnak a thleng theimi: *a suicidal policy.* **suicidally** /-dəli/ *adv*: *suicidally depressed.*

**suit**<sup>1</sup> /sut; also, in British use, 'sjuɪ-/ *n* **1** (a) kawt angki le bawngbi sau kopkhat: *a business suit* ○ *a pin-stripe lounge suit* ○ *a dress suit*, ie a man's formal evening suit ○ *a trouser-suit*, ie a woman's suit of jacket and trousers. (b) hruhpuan kopkhat: *a spacesuit* ○ *a diving suit* ○ *an asbestos suit*, eg to protect sb from heat ○ *a suit of armour.* **2** hawkom, pana, ciria, timi pheleknak parih zuk (ie spades, hearts, clubs, diamonds). **3** (also **lawsuit**) thuhtentu zungih luputmi thu: *file/bring a suit against sb* ○ *a criminal/civil suit* ○ *a divorce suit.* **4** (fml) uktu bawi hnenih dilmi thu: *grant sb's suit* ○ *press one's suit*, ie beg persistently. **5** (idm) **follow suit** ⇒ FOLLOW. **in one's birthday suit** ⇒ BIRTHDAY. **one's/sb's strong suit** ⇒ STRONG.

▷ **-suited** (forming compound *adjs*) suit phun khat a hrukmi: *sober-suited city businessmen.*

**suiting** *n* [U] kopkhat hruh puan thitding puanthan: *serge suiting.*

□ **suitcase** *n* khualtlawn tik ih kenmi hruk puan retnak kuang.

**suit**<sup>2</sup> /sut; also, in British use, 'sjuɪ-/ *v* **1** [Tn] (esp of clothes, hairstyles, etc) a mawiterzet; a tawkzet, a kaihzet: *Does this skirt suit me?* ○ *It doesn't suit you to have your hair cut short.* ○ *That colour doesn't suit your complexion.* **2** (a) [I, Tn] remcang: *Will Thursday suit (you)?* ○ *The seven o'clock train will suit us very well.* ○ *If you want to go by bus, that suits me fine.* ○ *Would it suit you to come at five?* (b) [Tn] (usu in negative sentences) a kaihzwang; duhzawang (asilo lam ah): *This climate doesn't suit me.* ○ *Very spicy food doesn't suit my stomach,* ie makes me feel ill. **3** [Tn] ~ **oneself** (infml) duhzawang in: *You don't want to join the club? Oh well, suit yourself.* **4** [Tn-pr] ~ **sth to sth/sb** a kaihzwang dingin tuah: *suit the punishment to the crime* ○ *suit the play to the audience.* **5** (idm) **suit one's/sb's book** (infml) mi ih duhzawang/remtizawang: *It suits my book if I never have to go there again.* **suit sb down to the ground** (infml) kaihzwang ciah: *I've found a job that suits me down to the ground.*

▷ **suited** *adj* [pred] ~ (for/to sb/sth) a kaih/a rem aw sawnmi: *He is better suited to a job with*



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older pupils. ○ He and his wife are well suited (to each other).

**suitable** /su:təbl/; also in British use, 'sju:t-/adj ~ (for/to sth/sb) a tawkwawnmi; a kaihmi: a suitable room, book, proposal, date ○ clothes suitable for cold weather ○ a place suitable for a picnic ○ a suitable case for (eg surgical, psychiatric, etc) treatment ○ Would now be a suitable moment to show the slides?

▷ **suitability** /surtə'bɪləti/, **suitableness** ns [U].

**suitably** /-əbli/ adv: go to a party suitably dressed.

**suite** /swi:t/ n **1** bungrua khuahkim: a three-piece suite, eg two armchairs and a sofa ○ a dining-room suite, ie a table, chairs, and often a sideboard. **2** (a) riahbuk (hotel) ah ihnak khaan, tikholhnak khaan a umcihmi: the honeymoon/bridal suite, ie for a honeymoon couple in a hotel. (b) (US) ðaihkhakaan; umnak innkhakaan (apartment, flat): a suite of programs for a computer. **4** (music) hla fing pawlkhat (hla phun bang-awmi fing 3, fing 4 tivek). **5** mi thupi/upa pawl tuamhlawmtu, dungthluntu pawl.

**suitor** /surtə(r); also, in British use, 'sjur:/ n (dated) fala helhtu; fala daptu: She had rejected all her many suitors.

**sulfate** (US) = SULPHATE.

**sulfide** (US) = SULPHIDE.

**sulfur** (US) = SULPHUR.

**sulk** /salk/ v [I, Ipr] ~ (about/over sth) (derog) aithok/thinheng ruangah ðong duh lo/mi pawlkom duh lo ih um; ngol: He's been sulking for days about being left out of the team.

▷ **the sulks** n [pl] (infml) a ngolmi: have (a fit of) the sulks.

**sulky** adj (-ier, -iest) a ngolmi/ðongduh lo, mi pawl/kom duh loih a ummi: a sulky person, look, mood.

**sulkily** /-li/ adv. **sulkiness** n [U].

**sullen** /sələn/ adj (derog) **1** thinheng, mithmai thim zet ðongduh lo ih a ummi: a sullen person, look ○ All my attempts to amuse the children were met with sullen scowls. **2** (esp rhet) thim zet, mithmai sia zet, rehsia mithmai: a sullen sky.

▷ **sullenly** adv. **sullenness** n [U].

**sully** /sali/ v (pt, pp **sullied**) [Tn] (fml or rhet usu fig) balhter; borhnhawmtar; ðophnop: It's tainted money; I wouldn't sully my hands by accepting it. ○ sully sb's name, honour, etc.

**sulpha drug** (US **sulfa drug**) /salfə dræg/ = SULPHONAMIDE.

**sulphate** (US **sulfate**) /salfet/ n [C, U] sulphuric acid le a dang sii pawl cokrawimi: copper sulphate.

**sulphide** (US **sulfide**) /salfad/ n [C, U] sulphur le a dang thil cokrawimi.

**sulphonamide** (US **sulfo-**, **sulpha drug**) /

salfəməid/ rulcawng, pangngang (bacteria) thahnak sii phunphun cokrawimi.

**sulphur** (US **sulfur**) /salfə(r)/ n [U] kaat (zian sungih rawimi).

▷ **sulphuretted** (US **sulfur-**) /salfjʊretɪd/ adj [attrib] (of a compound) sulphur thawn tuahmi: sulphuretted hydrogen, ie hydrogen sulphide.

**sulphuric** (US **sulfu-**) /salfjʊərɪk/ adj sulphur tel. **sulphuric acid** thil siatsuah (ei) a cakzetmi acid phunkhat.

**sulphurous** (US **sulfu-**) /salfərəs/ adj **1** sulphur vek a simi: a sulphurous smell coming from the laboratory ○ the volcano's sulphurous fumes. **2** sulphur.

**sultan** /saltən/ n muslim ram uktu siangphahrang: the Sultan of Brunei.

▷ **sultanate** /saltənert/ n **1** sultan uksung ram, lole, uk caan. **2** sultan ih neihmi ram/sultan uk ram: the Sultanate of Oman.

**sultana** /səltɑ:nə; US -ənə/ n **1** rawl ei theh ih ei mi a thlum, hmuk hlum ti vekih an rawimi a muril tel lo thingthei car. **2** sultan nupi, a nu, a farnu, lole, a fanu.

**sultry** /səltri/ adj (-ier, -iest) **1** (of the weather, air, etc) a hlum zet ih a hnawngmi nikhua: a sultry summer afternoon. **2** (of a woman or her looks) duhnungza tum uari: a sultry smile ○ a sultry Mexican beauty.

▷ **sultrily** /-trəli/ adv. **sultriness** n [U].

**sum** /sʌm/ n **1** [C often pl] kanaan ðuatnak: do a sum in one's head ○ be good at sums. **2** [C] ~ (of sth) paisa um zat: He was fined the sum of £200. ○ Huge sums have been invested in this project. **3** (a) [C usu sing] ~ (of sth) a zate kom ngahmi: The sum of 5 and 3 is 8. (b) [sing] (also **sum total**) the ~ of sth a zate kom; a bik in a kim deuh hrih lo hmang tiih ruatmi: Is that the sum of what you've done in the last two years? **4** (idm) **in sum** (dated) tawite ih sim asile (in a few words): In sum, the plan failed.

▷ **sum v (-mm-)** (phr v) **sum (sth) up** (a) a thu a tawizawng in sim: Now sum up (your views) in a few words. (b) (of a judge) thuðhentu hmai ih ðongmi hmuahhmuah a tawi zawngtein relsal. **sum sb/sth up** thil/mi pakhat cuvek a si tiih ruat ngah: I summed her up as a competent manager. ○ He summed up the situation at a glance, ie realized at once what was happening. **summing-up** n (pl **summings-up**) thuðhentu in a hmai ih thurelmi hmuahhmuah tawite in a simsalmi.

□ **sum total** **1** a zate kom ngahmi. **2** = SUM 3b.

**summary** /sʌməri/ n **1** thuhla pakhat tawite ih finkhawmmi: a two-page summary of a government report ○ Here is a summary of the news/a news summary. **2** (idm) **in summary** tawite in a thupi hmuah lakmi: And so I would say, in summary, that the campaign has been a

great success.

▷ **summary** *adj* [usu attrib] **1** (sometimes derog) a ol zawng ih thu then sakmi (Tetti a ummi hmuah sut nawn lo in a ol zawng in hmakhat te ih a thu thenmi): *summary justice, punishment, methods* ○ *Such an offence will lead to a summary fine.* **2** a thupitnak zawn lawng lakin tawitakte ih simsalmi: *a summary account of a long debate.*

**summarily** /sə'mərəli/ *US* sə'merəli/ *adv*: *summarily dismissed.*

**summarize, -ise** /sə'məraɪz/ *v* [I, Tn] a tawizawng in simsəl: *a talk summarizing recent trends in philosophy.*

**summation** /sə'meiʃn/ *n* (fml) **1** a tawizawng in relsal: *begin a summation of the evidence presented.* **2** a belh bawmtu (addition): *do a rapid summation of the figures.* **3** a dangdang ta hmunkhat ah finkhawm thluh: *The exhibition was a summation of his life's work.*

**summer** /sə'mər(r)/ *n* [U, C] **1** thal; vulpi (Mirang pawl ih thal cu June, July, August): *In (the) summer we go on holiday.* ○ *in the summer of 1979* ○ *this/next/last summer* ○ *a cool, hot, wet, etc summer* ○ *a lovely summer's day* ○ (rhet) *a girl of ten summers*, ie ten years of age ○ [attrib] *summer weather* ○ *the summer holidays* ○ *a summer cottage*, ie for use during the summer. **2** (idm) **an Indian summer** ⇒ **INDIAN. one swallow does not make a summer** ⇒ **SWALLOW**<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **summery** /sə'məri/ *adj* thal thawn a bang/a kaih-awmi: *a summery day* ○ *a summery dress.*

□ **summer-house** *n* inn fate, hmuansung thingkung tang pawlah tonak tla a ummi.

**summer pudding** (Brit) sang (pawngghmuk) sungah thingthei hmin rial-ih phumcihmi.

**summer school** thal sung ih tuahmi, fimthiam zirnak; University tlawngpi ah tuah a si theu.

**summer-time** *n* [U] thal tikcu: *It's beautiful here in (the) summer-time.*

**summer time** (Brit) (**US fast time**) thaal tikcu nazi, ni a sau ruangah, tikcu hmailam ah nazi pakhat an nawt. Cf **DAYLIGHT SAVING** (**DAYLIGHT**).

**summit** /sə'mɪt/ *n* **1** a sangbiknak, tlang, a zim: *climb to the summit* ○ (fig) *the summit of her career, ambition, etc.* **2** leilung tlun ih ram thangcak bik pawl uktu bawibik pahnih, lole, pahnih hnaki tam tokhawm thurel tlangnak: *attend a summit in Washington* ○ [attrib] *a summit talk/meeting/conference* ○ *the summit powers.*

**summon** /sə'mən/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Cn-t] ~ **sb** (to sth); ~ **sb** (together) ko; ko khawm: *I was summoned by my boss (to explain my actions).* ○ *The shareholders were summoned to a general meeting.* ○ *Summon the pupils together in the school hall.* (b) [Tn, Cn-t] zungin hraamhraam in ko: *The debtor was summoned*

(to appear before the magistrates). **2** [Tn] thurel khawmnak (meeting); tonkhawmnak (conference) tivek ih rak kai dingin ko: *summon a conference* ○ *The Queen has summoned Parliament.* **3** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) tang; thasuah: *summon (up) one's courage for the battle* ○ *I had to summon (up) all my nerve to face my boss.* ○ *I can't summon up much enthusiasm for the project.* **4** (phr v) **summon sth up** thinlungah a suaksal (evoke sth): *a smell which summons up memories of my childhood.*

**summons** /sə'mənz/ *n* (pl ~ **es**) **1** (a) thuthentu zung hmaiah suak dingin hraamhraam ih kawhmi: *issue a summons.* (b) hivek hraamhraam ih kawhnak ca: *The summons was served by a bailiff.* **2** hraamhraam ih tuahtermi: *You must obey the king's summons.*

▷ **summons v** [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-t] ~ **sb** (for sth) hraamhraam in thuthentu zung hmai ih suakter: *He was summoned for speeding.*

**sump** /səmp/ *n* **1** mawṭawka engine tangih anal tertu si (oil) pawl donnak kheng. **2** hmanciami tisia luannak kua.

**sumptuous** /səmp'tʃuəs/ *adj* mankhung, ngaingai vek a simi: *a sumptuous feast* ○ *sumptuous clothes.*

▷ **sumptuously adv.** **sumptuousness n** [U].

**sun** /sʌn/ *n* **1** (also **the sun**) [sing] ni: *the sun's rays* ○ *sending a space probe to the sun* ○ *A watery sun shone through the rain-clouds.* **2** (also **the sun**) [sing, U] ni ihsin a rasuakmi tleunak le a hlumnak; nitlang: *sit in the sun* ○ *have the sun in one's eyes* ○ *draw the curtains to shut out/let in the sun* ○ *I like lots of sun on holiday.* **3** [C] arsi (ni an si ih heltu an nei fingfing): *There are many suns larger than ours.* **4** (idm) **catch the sun** ⇒ **CATCH**<sup>1</sup>. **make hay while the sun shines** ⇒ **HAY. a place in the sun** ⇒ **PLACE**<sup>1</sup>. **under the sun** khuikhui khal ah (leilung tlun khuitaw khalah): *the best wine under the sun* ○ *every country under the sun.* **with the sun** nisuak, lole, nitlak: *get up/go to bed with the sun.*

□ **sun v** (-nn-) [Tn] ~ **oneself** ni tlang ai: *He sat in a deck-chair sunning himself.*

**sunless** *adj* ni tlanglo, ni dur, nitlang malte ngah caan, nitlang lo remrem: *a sunless day, room.*

**sunny** *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** ni a sa; ni a tlang, ni a ngahmi: *a sunny day, room, garden.* **2** (fig) lungawi; aipuang; hmaipan: *a sunny smile, disposition, welcome* ○ *She always looks on the sunny side*, ie is optimistic. **sunnily** /-li/ *adv.*

**sunniness n** [U]. **sunny-side up** (**US**) (of an egg) a khatlam lawng kiaumi.

□ **sun-baked** *adj* (a) ni ih em carmi, ni ih phoromi: *sun-baked mud, fields, etc.* (b) ni a tlang tha zet: *sun-baked beaches.*

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**sunbathe** *v* [I] hnipuan sin loin taklawng ih ni ai; ni ah em-aw.

**sunbeam** *n* ni ke.

**sun-blind** *n* sangka, tukvirh tivek ah nisa/ nitlang khamnak puanzar; nitlang phentu.

**sunburn** *n* [U] vun ni ih em cakmi; taksa vun kangmi. Cf **SUN-TAN**. **sunburned**, **sunburnt** /sʌnbɜːnt/ *adjs* (a) nisa ih kangmi: *sunburnt shoulders*. (b) nisa ih kang ruangah vun a senmi.

**sundial** /ˈsʌndaɪəl/ *n* ni nazi; ni a her vivo veki, an phunmi fung ih thucawng khal a herve (a feh ve).

**sundowner** *n* [U] (*esp US*) nitlak. **sundowner** *n* 1 (*Austral*) nitlak tiki thleng theutu, mi vakvai. 2 (*Brit infml*) (usu alcoholic) nitlak tiki in mi (zu a si theu).

**sun-drenched** *adj* (*approv*) ni sat zetnak: *sun-drenched beaches along the Riviera*.

**sunfish** *n* tipi nga (tiffinriat sung um bawhlung vek a pummi nga).

**sunflower** *n* ni hoihpar, ni-iangpar (Kawl: *nicia*): [attrib] *sunflower seeds, oil*.

**sun-glasses** *n* [pl] nisa khamnak mitkharh (a dum): *a pair of sun-glasses*.

**sun-god** *n* ni pathian.

**sun-hat** *n* nisa lak ih khummi lukhuh.

**sun-lamp** *n* ultra-violet light a suahtu mei-inn, mei inn sendup zetih a tleumi, nisa kangmi veki vun a sendup ter thei.

**sunlight** *n* [U] nitleu.

**sunlit** *adj* [usu attrib] ni ih a cerhmi: *a sunlit garden, scene, landscape*.

**sun lounge** (*Brit*) (*US sunparlor, sun porch*) nitlang ainak innkhaan, veranda, tivek thlalang ih kulhmi a si theu.

**sun-ray** *n* ray of ultra-violet light; sendup ih a tleumi, taksa sen-dupternak le sii phun ih hmanmi: [attrib] *a sun-ray lamp* ○ *sun-ray treatment*.

**sunrise** *n* [U] nisuak zawng: *She got up at sunrise*. **sunrise industry** a thar le a kau (karh) sin vivomi cet hnaʔuannak.

**run-roof** *n* (also **sunshine roof**) nitlang, thli, tivek luhnak ih tuahmi, mawtawka a tlunkhuh par ih tuahmi ong.

**sunset** *n* 1 [U] ni tlak zawng: *finish work at sunset*. 2 [C] nitlak zawng ih van a mawi vek khi: *the beautiful sunsets in the desert*.

**sunshade** *n* 1 nisa khamtu ih hmanmi nithawng tumpi. Cf **PARASOL**. 2 sangka, tukvirh tivek ih nisa/nitlang khamnak puanzar.

**sunshine** *n* [U] 1 nitlang, nisa: *sitting out in the bright/worm sunshine*. 2 (*fig infml*) lungawi hmaipan: *the loss of her closest friend which took the sunshine out of her life*. 3 (*Brit infml*) lungawi ai-puang zet caan ih rualpi kawhnak: *Hello, sunshine!* 4 (*idm*) **a ray of sunshine** ⇒ **RAY**. **sunshine roof** = **SUN-ROOF**.

**sunspot** *n* 1 (*astronomy*) a caancaan ni sungah a dum a suak theu ih electric le radio pawl hnaihnoknak a pe theu, ni sungih hmunduur.

2 (*infml*) nitlang tha zet ih ngahnak hmun.

**sunstroke** *n* [U] nitlang, nisa ah reituk um ruangih ngahmi natnak.

**sun-tan** *n* taksa (vun) sen ko nisa ih em-awk: *get a good sun-tan* ○ [attrib] *sun-tan oil, lotion, cream, etc*. Cf **SUNBURN**. **sun-tanned** *adj*: *her sun-tanned legs*.

**sun-trap** *n* thli daihnak nitlang ngah hmun.

**sun-up** *n* [U] (*US infml*) nisuah.

**sun-worship** *n* [U] 1 ni biaknak. 2 (*infml*) nitlang ai duh hnginmi.

**sun-worshipper** *n*.

**Sun** *abbr* Sunday: *Sun 1 June*.

**sundae** /ˈsʌndeɪ/ *n* thingthei thingrah thawn rialdip ih tuahmi eithaw vurkhal: *a peach sundae*.

**Sunday** /ˈsʌndi/ *n* (*abbr Sun*) 1 [C, U] zarhpum nisarih ah ni hmaisabik; Khristian pawl hrangah Pathian biak ni; Nipi ni. 2 [C usu pl] Nipi ni suahmi thuthang ca. 3 (*idm*) **for/in a month of Sundays** ⇒ **MONTH**. **one's Sunday best** (*infml joc*) neihmi hnipuan thabik: *Go to the party in your Sunday best*.

□ **Sunday school** nipi ni ih Pathian thu zirnak tlawng.

For the uses of *Sunday* see the examples at *Monday*.

**sunder** /ˈsʌndə(r)/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth/sb** (**from sth/sb**) (*fml or rhet*) theendarh; a bikin hramhram ih then, asilole, kumkhawdaih in.

**sundry** /ˈsʌndri/ *adj* [attrib] 1 phun dangdang; a phunphun: *on sundry occasions* ○ *rice, flour and sundry other items of food*. 2 (*idm*) **all and sundry** (*infml*) mi hmuah, zohman thleidannak um loin: *She invited all and sundry to her party*. ▷ **sundries** *n* [pl] thil phunphun: *My expenses claim includes — £15 for sundries*.

**sung** *pp* of **SING**.

**sunk** *pt, pp* of **SINK**<sup>1</sup>.

**sunken** /ˈsʌŋkən/ *adj* 1 [attrib] a tlami, a pilmi: *a sunken ship* ○ *sunken treasure*. 2 (of cheeks, etc) a tlak (dam lo ruangih mit, biang ti vek a kuar, a thukmi): *the sunken eyes of the dying man*. 3 [attrib] a niam deuhmi (kiangkaph thawn a can-aw lomi): *a sunken terrace at the bottom of the garden*.

**sup** /sʌp/ *v* (**-pp-**) 1 [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (**up**) (*Brit dialect*) maltetein: *They sat supping their beer*. ○ *Come on, sup up your tea*. 2 [I, I-pr] ~ (**on/off sth**) (*arch*) zanriah ei: *We supped on cold roast beef*.

▷ **sup** *n* (*Brit dialect*) kakhatte: *a sup of ale*.

**sup** *abbr* above; earlier on (in a book, etc) (*Latin supra*). Cf **INF**.

**super**<sup>1</sup> /ˈsuːpə(r)/; also, in *British use*, ˈsjuː-/ *adj* (*infml*) a tha zetmi; a maksakmi: *a super meal*,

book, dress ○ you'll like her, she's super.

**super<sup>2</sup>** /su:pə(r); also, in British use, 'sju:-/ (Brit infml) Mirang (Brit) ram khawpi pakhat ih palik bawibik lubik: the chief super.

**super-** pref **1** (a) a tlunlam; tlunvan ah: superstructure ○ superimpose. (b) (with adjs and advs) a t̄hasawn; a sang deuh: superhuman ○ supernaturally. **2** (esp with adjs) a nasa zetmi: super-intelligent ○ super-chic. **3** (esp with ns) a tum timi hnakin a tum deuh hrihmi; a thiam timi hnakin a thiam deuh hrihmi: superglue ○ super-lubricant. Cf OVER.

**superabundant** /su:pərə'bændənt; also, in British use, 'sju:-/ (fml) a tam hnginmi: a superabundant harvest.  
▷ **superabundance** /-əns/ n [U, sing] ~ (of sth) (fml) a hleiluan in a tam; t̄ul ngaingaimi hnakin a tamsawn: food in superabundance ○ a superabundance of fuel.

**superannuate** /su:pə'rænjueit; also, in British use, 'sju:-/ v [Tn] kum a kim ruangah pension fehter.  
▷ **superannuated** adj [usu attrib] (infml esp joc) kum a tam (a rei) ruangah rinsan a tlak nawn lomi: Are you still riding that superannuated old bike?  
**superannuation** /su:pə'rænjuei'n; also in British use, 'sju:-/ n **1** [U] pension. **2** pension pawl ih ngahmi paisa.

**superb** /su:'pɜ:b; also in British use, 'sju:-/ adj a t̄hatukmi; a maksakmi: a superb player, painting, view ○ The sports facilities are superb.  
▷ **superbly** adv.

**supercharge** /su:pə'ʃɑ:dʒ; also in British use, 'sju:-/ v [Tn] cet engine tha cakter deuh dingin thli le mei tamdeuh ih pek: a supercharged racing-car (engine).  
▷ **supercharger** n engine tha karhternak thilri.

**supercilious** /su:pə'siliəs; also in British use, 'sju:-/ adj (derog) mah le mah a zum aw zetmi; a zohsang-awmi, midang niamzet ih a hmumi (nautat): a supercilious person, smile, attitude ○ The shop assistant was very supercilious towards me when I asked for some help.  
▷ **superciliously** adv. **superciliousness** n [U].

**superconductivity** /su:pəkɒndʌk'tɪvəti; also, in British use, 'sju:-/ n [U] (physics) property of certain metals, at temperatures near absolute zero, of having no electrical resistance, so that once a current is started it flows without a voltage to keep it going.  
▷ **superconductor** /su:pəkən'dʌktə(r); also in British use, 'sju:-/ n superconductivity a um mi thir.

**super-duper** /su:pə'du:pə(r)/ adj (infml) a t̄ha tukmi, a maksakmi: I've got a super-duper new radio.

**super-ego** /su:pə'regəʊ; also in British use, 'sju:-/

n (psychology) sia t̄ha thleidan thiamnak thinlung. Cf EGO **1**, ID.

**superficial** /su:pə'fiʃl; also in British use, 'sju:-/ adj **1** a lenglam lawng a simi: a superficial wound ○ Superficial scratches can be easily removed. **2** a taktak lo; zoh hruakah a taktak a bangmi: a superficial similarity. **3** (a) a sung ziang ngaipi a asilomi: a superficial book, mind ○ have only a superficial knowledge of the subject. (b) (derog) ruahnak thukpi a nei lo: You're too superficial to appreciate great literature like this.  
▷ **superficiality** /su:pə'fiʃlæləti; also in British use, 'sju:-/ n [U].  
**superficially** /-ʃəl/ adv: only superficially alike.

**superfine** /su:pə'fain; also in British use, 'sju:-/ adj a t̄ha hleice: superfine flour, grains ○ a superfine needle ○ superfine silk.

**superfluous** /su:'pɜ:fluəs; also in British use, 'sju:-/ adj a hlei fuanmi: Repack all the superfluous cups in the box. ○ The crowd was so well-behaved that the police presence was superfluous. ○ That remark was superfluous, ie It should not have been made, eg because it contributed nothing or was offensive. ○ They were only interested in each other, so I felt rather superfluous, ie felt that I shouldn't be there.  
▷ **superfluity** /su:pə'fluəti; also in British use, 'sju:-/ n [U, sing] ~ (of sth) (fml) a hleifuan: have food in superfluity/a superfluity of food.  
**superfluously** adv.

**superhuman** /supə'hju:mən; also in British use, 'sju:-/ adj mi zaran hnakin a cak, a tum, a fimmi: It required superhuman effort to lift the huge boulder. ○ her intelligence seems almost superhuman.

**superimpose** /su:pə'rim'pəʊz; also in British use, 'sju:-/ v [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (on sth) a parah ret; (a tangta thawn t̄him khawm tengteng thei dingah a parah ret): a map of Great Britain superimposed on a map of Texas, eg to show comparative size ○ superimpose an English commentary on the original soundtrack.  
▷ **superimposition** /su:pə'rim'pəʊzɪ'n; also in British use, 'sju:-/ n [U].

**superintend** /supə'rim'tend; also in British use, 'sju:-/ v [Tn] (fml) tawlrel ih finkhaw: appointed to superintend (the staff in) the toy department.  
▷ **superintendence** /-əns/ n [U] (fml) tawlrel finkhawinak: work done under the personal superintendence of the manager.

**superintendent** /-ənt/ n **1** tawlrel, finkhaw (zohfel)tu: the park superintendent. **2** (in Britain) palik bawibik.

**superior** /su:'piəriə(r); also in British use, 'sju:-/ adj **1** (a) zaran hnakin a sangmi/a t̄hami: a



superior cloth, team, standard ○ a girl of superior intelligence ○ This candidate is clearly superior. (b) ~ (to sb/sth) tha deuh; cak deuh tivek: Which of the two methods is superior? ○ The match will show who is the superior player. ○ This cloth is superior to that. ○ The enemy forces were superior in numbers. ○ Which side has the superior weapons? 2 ~ (to sb) hnaʔuan/dinhmun a sang sawn mi: a superior court ○ A soldier must obey his superior officers. ○ She works well with those superior to her in the firm. 3 (derog) mi hnakin ka sangsawn tiih a ruataw mi: a superior smile, look, air, etc ○ Don't be so superior! 4 [usu attrib] (fml) a sangsawnnak hmun; tlunlam: a superior stratum of rock. Cf INFERIOR.

▷ **superior** *n* 1 hnaʔuannak ah mah tlun ih upa a simi: obey one's superiors. 2 minung/thilri a tha sawnmi: She is my superior in knowledge, ie knows more than I do. ○ He has no superior as a Shakespearian actor. 3 (in titles) biaknak lam ih a lubik hmin: the Father Superior, eg an abbot.

**superiority** /su:piəri'tɒrɪ/; US, -'ɔ:ɪ; also in British use, sju:-/ *n* [U] ~ (in sth); ~ (to/over sth sb) sangsawn; thiamsawn; tamsawn sinak: the superiority of one thing to another ○ her superiority in talent ○ They won the battle because of their massive superiority in numbers. □ **superiority complex** (a) (psychology) midang hnak in ka tuum sawn, ka fimsawn, ka lian sawn, ka thiam sawn hman tiih ruat-awk (a taktak ahcun mi, ka tluk lo ti a thei-aw na cingin). Cf INFERIORITY COMPLEX (INFERIOR).

**superlative** /su:'pɜ:lətɪv/; also in British use, sju:-/ *adj* 1 bik (a sang bik, a sia bik; a ʔhabik; bik a simi: a superlative achievement, performance, meal ○ This wine is quite superlative. 2 (grammar) Adjective (fiangtertū), lole Adverb (thuamtu) pawl in 'a bik' relnak, eg best, worst, slowest, most difficult. Cf COMPARATIVE 3.

▷ **superlative** *n* adjective le adverb ih a bik relnak: a book review full of superlatives, ie expressions praising it highly.

**superlatively** *adv*: She plays the mandolin superlatively well.

**superman** /su:pəmæn/; also in British use, 'sju:-/ *n* (pl -men/-men/) midang hnak in a fim, a cak hleicemi: He's a kind of intellectual superman.

**supermarket** /su:pə'mɑ:kɪt/; also in British use, 'sju:-/ *n* thilri phunkim zuarnak dawr tumpi.

**supernatural** /su:pə'nætʃrəl/; also in British use, 'sju:-/ *adj* milai ih ruah ban lo le theih ban lomi thil; thil umkeel hnak ih lamdang cuang; nasa cuangmi (vanmi, khuavang, muthla tivek): supernatural beings, eg angels and devils ○ witch-doctors believed to have supernatural powers.

▷ **the supernatural** *n* [sing] milai ruahnak le

thiamnak ih ban thei lomi thil, lole thilcang: an interest in the supernatural.

**supernaturally** /-nætʃrəli/ *adv*.

**supernova** /su:pə'nəʊvə/; also in British use, 'sju:-/ *n* (pl -vae /-vi:/ or ~ s) (astronomy) a kuai ruangih a vaang nasami arsi. Cf NOVA.

**supernumerary** /su:pə'nju:mərəri/; US -'nu:mərəri; also in British use, 'sju:-/ *adj* (fml) a keel hnakin a tammi; a hleimi: a supernumerary (ie sixth) finger.

▷ **supernumerary** *n* (fml) um ding zat hnak ih tam milai, lole, thilri a hleifuannmi.

**superphosphate** /su:pə'pəʊə(r)/; also in British use, 'sju:-/ *n* dat dawm a si ih a zuup theimi phosphates tel.

**superpower** /su:pə'pəʊə(r)/; also in British use, 'sju:-/ *n* cozah huham cak bik le lian bik: [attrib] a superpower summit.

**superscript** /su:pə'skript/; also in British use, 'sju:-/ *adj* [attrib] cafang pakhat tlunih fianternak (hminsinnak) ah pakhat khat nganmi: Different words with the same spelling are distinguished in this dictionary by superscript numbers.

**supersede** /su:pə'si:d/; also in British use, 'sju:-/ *v* [Tn] rak um ciami ai-rawl; a canca ih hman; a dang in thleng (lamzin a ʔat tikah hmanmi mawʔawka an thleng ve): Motorways have largely superseded ordinary roads for long-distance travel. ○ Will factory workers be entirely superseded by machines one day?

**supersonic** /su:pə'sənɪk/; also in British use, 'sju:-/ *adj* aw thawm khul hnakin rang sawn (ih a feh theimi): a supersonic aircraft ○ supersonic speeds. Cf SUBSONIC.

**superstar** /su:pə'stɑ:(r)/; also in British use, 'sju:-/ *n* (infml) hmin thang zet ih cawlcang thiammi: Hollywood superstars ○ [attrib] superstar footballers.

**superstition** /su:pə'stɪʃn/; also in British use, 'sju:-/ *n* [C, U] 1 milai ruahnak le thiamnak ih simfiang thei lomi zumnak(khuavang, khawsia, hnam tivek zumnak) rul in hmai in lamzin a tan le vansiat tong thei tivek pawl zumnak: Ignorance and superstition prevent them from benefiting from modern medicine. 2 mi tampi in a um, a hman a si tiin an zumnan, hitin a si ti ih hmuh theih lomi le a hmanna tetti piah thei lomi: It's just (a) superstition that you shouldn't walk under ladders.

▷ **superstitious** /-stɪʃəs/ *adj* 1 zumnak fel fai lonak a simi: superstitious beliefs, ideas, practices. 2 felfai lo a zummi: I always put my left shoe on first: I'm superstitious (about it).

**superstitiously** *adv*.

**superstore** /su:pə'stɔ:(r)/; also in British use, 'sju:-/ *n* ei in le innsung hman thilri kimte ih a zuarnak dawr tumpi: a DIY superstore.

**superstructure** /su:pə'strʌktʃə(r)/; also in

*British use*, 'sju:-/ n **1** (a) sth par ih sakmi inn fateinn, leitang dot (a tangtabik). Cf SUBSTRUCTURE. (b) tangphawlawng ih tlunta dot pawl. **2** (esp in Marxist theory) nunkhawsak le pumcawm hawlnak ihsin a suakmi nuncan khawsakdan, nunphung, pawlkom.

**supertanker** /su:pətæŋkə(r); also in *British use*, 'sju:-/ n zinan phurhnak tipithuanthum par feh tangphawlawng tumbik pawl.

**supertax** /su:pətæks; also in *British use*, 'sju:-/ n [U] sumlut tampi neitu pawlin, a dan keel hnakin hlei ih pekmi ngunkhuai.

**supervene** /su:pə'veɪn; also in *British use*, 'sju:-/ v [I] (fml) tnatban lo hnaihnoknak a ra: *She was working well until illness supervened.*

▷ **supervention** /-ˈvenʃn/ n [U] hnaihnoknak.

**supervise** /su:pəvaɪz; also in *British use*, 'sju:-/ v [I, Tn, Tng] (hnaʔuan) khawng; kil: *The chief clerk supervises the work of the department.* ○ *I supervised the workers loading the lorry.*

▷ **supervision** /su:pə'vɪʒn; also in *British use*, 'sju:-/ n [U] khawng, kilvennak: *Children should not be left to play without supervision.* ○ *This drug should only be taken under the supervision of (ie as supervised by) a doctor.*

**supervisor** n khawngtu, kiltu (thil tinak ah): *university students showing essays to their supervisor.*

**supervisory** /su:pəvaɪzəri; also in *British use*, 'sju:-; US 'su:pəvaɪzəri/ adj a khawng lam, a kilven lam: *supervisory duties* ○ *a supervisory committee.*

**supine** /su:pain; also in *British use*, 'sju:-/ adj (fml) **1** zaphathal in ih: *a supine figure on the bed.* Cf PRONE, PROSTRATE **1**. **2** (fig derog) cang paih lo, zangzel le zee zet ih a ummi: *accept unfair treatment in supine submission.*

▷ **supinely** adv.

**supper** /səpə(r)/ n [C, U] zan ih zik zawngih eimi rawl, zanriah hnakin a thupi lo deuhmi neta bik eimi rawl (hmun hrekkhat ah dinner thawn a bangrep; hi tawkah cun dinner hnakin a mal deuh): *have cold meat for supper* ○ *have a late supper* ○ *eat very little supper.* ⇒ Usage at DINNER.

□ **supper-time** n [U] zanriah ei caan.

**supplant** /sə'plɑ:nt/ v [Tn] (fml) thleng; ai-rawl; canca ih um: *Oil has supplanted coffee as our main export.* ○ *The party leader has been supplanted by his rival.* ○ *She has been supplanted by another in his affections,* ie He now loves sb else.

**supple** /səpl/ adj (-r, -st) a neemmi; koih theihmi; a koih olmi; a khoh lomi: *the supple limbs of a child* ○ *Exercise keeps you supple.* ○ *She has a supple mind,* ie is quick to respond to ideas.

▷ **supplely** (also **supply**) adv. **suppleness** n [U].

**supplement** /səplɪmənt/ n **1** ~ (to sth) betmi;

tha deuh le kim dingih betmi: *The money I get from teaching the piano is a useful supplement to my ordinary income.* **2** (a) ~ (to sth) canganmi, cabu tivek ah cangan theh hnu, thuhla thar a suak ruangih bet salmi: *the supplement to the Oxford English dictionary.* (b) thuthang ca a betnak zawn ih betmi: *the colour supplements of the Sunday newspapers.* **3** a hlei ih ngahmi/pekmi: *a £10 supplement for a single room with a shower.*

▷ **supplement** /səplɪmənt/ v [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (with sth) bet, kim dingin a dang bet: *I supplement my grant by working in the evenings.* ○ *She supplements her diet with vitamin tablets.*

**supplementary** /səplɪ'mentəri; US -teri/ ~ (to sth) **1** a hlei ih betmi: *a supplementary payment, lecture, item.* **2** (mathematics) (of an angle) 180°.

□ **supplementary benefit** (in Britain) Mirang ram ah Cozah in farah zet pawl bomnak ih pek ringringmi paisa: *a family (living) on supplementary benefit.* Cf WELFARE **3**.

**suppliant** /səplɪənt/ n, adj (fml) tangdor zet ih diltu/ngentu: *kneel as a suppliant at the altar,* ie praying to God for sth ○ *in a suppliant attitude.*

**supplicate** /səplɪkeɪt/ v [Ipr, Tn, Cn-t] ~ (for) sth (fml) dil, zaangfah dil: *supplicate for pardon* ○ *supplicate sb's forgiveness,* ie ask sb to forgive one ○ *supplicate sb to help.*

▷ **supplicant** /səplɪkənt/ n (fml) a diltu (suppliant).

**supplication** /səplɪ'keɪʃn/ n [C, U] (fml) dilnak: *He was deaf to my supplications.* ○ *kneel in supplication.*

**supply** /sə'plai/ v (pt, pp supplied) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (to sb); ~ **sb** (with sth) pek; suah; ngahter (tul zetmi thil rak pe): *a company supplying heating oil (to homes)* ○ *supply consumers with gas, electricity, etc* ○ *He kept me well supplied with cups of coffee while I wrote the report.* **2** [Tn] tulmi zat in pe: *Will the new power-station be able to supply our cheap energy requirements?*

▷ **supply** n **1** [U] pek mi(n): *a contract for the supply of office stationery* ○ *You promised us fuel, but can you guarantee its supply?* ○ *a reliable source of supply* ○ [attrib] *a supply train.* **2** [C often pl] pekmi thil: *the water-supply* ○ *a supply of reading-matter for the journey* ○ *arms, food, fuel supplies* ○ *Have we got enough supplies of coal?* ○ *Helicopters dropped supplies (ie of food, etc) for the stranded villagers.* **3** (idm) **in short supply** ⇒ SHORT<sup>1</sup>. **supply and demand** (esp economics) zuar duhmi le lei tulmi thilri.

**supplier** /sə'plaiə(r)/ n petu; thilri a tuahtu.

□ **supply teacher** saza dam lo, khuan tivek caanah ai-awh ih a hnaʔuan sawngtu.

**support** /sə'pɔ:t/ v **1** [Tn] do; tuar thei; cawm (tlu

lo dingin do) (thuam thawn): a beam supporting a roof ○ *Is this bridge strong enough to support heavy lorries?* ○ *He was weak with hunger, so I had to support him.* **2 (a)** [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sb/sth** (in sth) bawm (thuhla pakhat ah dinpi; ): support a cause, political party, reform ○ *The directors were trying to get rid of her, but her staff all supported her.* ○ *The American public stopped supporting the war in Vietnam.* ○ *Will you support me in my campaign for election?* **(b)** [Tn] bawm; za-awi (thoh-khan); tha pek: Support your local theatre: buy tickets regularly! ○ *Which football team do you support?* **3** [Tn] bawm; za-awi (thohkhan); a dik ti langternak: a theory that is not supported by the facts ○ *This evidence supports my argument that she is guilty.* **4** [Tn] cawm (zoh): I was supported by my parents when I was studying. **5** [Tn] pek; ngahter (nun theinak ding tirawl a suah): Such a barren desert can support very few creatures. ▷ **support** *n* **1** [U] ~ (for sth) bomnak; cawmnak; thaeknak; za-awinak: adequate support for the great weight of the crane ○ a proposal that received no, little, not much, etc support ○ *I need some financial support for this venture.* ○ *Can I rely on your support (ie Will you vote for me) in this election?* ○ *She is without any visible means of support, ie has no work, income, etc.* **2** [C] a dotu; thaeknak: wearing an athletic support ○ supports holding up a collapsing wall. **3** [C] bawmtu; zaangfahtu: Jim was a great support to us when father died. **4** [U] thapetu; za-awitu: The theatre has had to close for lack of support. **5** (idm) in support (eg of troops) tiar-aw cia ih um; tul vetein bawm thei lohli dingih retmi: We have ten people to do the cooking, with several more in support. in support of sb/sth pakhat khat za-awi; tha pe: speak in support of a ban on arms supplies. **supportable** *adj* (fml) **1** bom theih. **2** (used in negative sentences) ngaidam theihmi: Such rudeness is scarcely supportable. **supporter** *n* ram hruiinak ah mi a tantu (tha a petu): The government's supporters welcomed the new law. **supporting** *adj* [attrib] (in the theatre and cinema) a bawmtu a simi (baisikup, video vek zuk tikah a cangvaitu bik rak bawmtu): a supporting actor/cast/part/role ○ a supporting film, eg one that is shown before the main film. **supportive** /sə'pɔ:tiv/ *adj* (approv) bomnak, zaangfahnak nei thei zet: She has been very supportive during my illness. **suppose** /sə'pəʊz/ *v* **1** [Tf, Cn-a, Cn-t] zum; ruat: What do you suppose he wanted? ○ What makes you suppose (that) I'm against it? ○ I don't suppose for a minute that he'll agree, ie I'm sure that he won't. ○ She'll be there today, I suppose.

○ 'Will he come?' 'Yes, I suppose so.' ○ I suppose you want to borrow money from me again? ie showing annoyance ○ I don't suppose you could help me (ie Please help me) with my homework. ○ It was generally supposed that it would not happen again. ○ (fml) Everyone supposes him (to be) poor, but he is really quite wealthy. ○ It was widely supposed to have been lost during the war. **2** [Tn, Tf, Cn-t] siter; si hniksehla:sibang sehla. a theory which supposes the existence of other worlds besides our own ○ Suppose (that) the news is true: what then? ○ Suppose you had a million pounds — how would you spend it? **3** [Tf] tuah dingih sawmnak (feh sehla, lek sehla, tivek): Suppose we go (ie Let's go) for a swim! **4** [Tn] (fml) pakhat cang thei dingin, a dang pakhat a tul: Creation supposes a creator. **5** (idm) **be supposed to do sth** (a) tuah dingih ruat a si: Am I supposed to (ie Should I) clean all the rooms or just this one? ○ You're supposed to pay the bill by Friday. ○ They were supposed to be here an hour ago. **(b)** (infml) (used in negative sentences) tuah dingih on, sian: You're not supposed to play football in the classroom. ▷ **supposed** /sə'pəʊzd/ *adj* [attrib] titer-awmi; siter-awmi; a tak a si lomi: His supposed generosity is merely a form of self-interest. ○ The supposed beggar was really a police officer in disguise. **supposedly** /sə'pəʊzɪdli/ *adv* zumnak men a simi; an timi vekin (theifelnak um lo): This picture is supposedly worth more than a million pounds. **supposing** *conj* (also **supposing that**) cutin sisehla: Supposing (that) it rains, can we play the match indoors? **supposition** /sə'pɔ:zɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] sisehla tinak: a newspaper article based on supposition, ie only on what the writer supposes to be true, not on fact ○ We must not condemn her on pure supposition. **2** [C] ~ (that...) ruahnak (guess); a sihmang ding timi: Our suppositions were fully confirmed. ○ I am proceeding on the supposition that..., ie by assuming it to be true that.... **suppository** /sə'pɔ:zɪtri/ *US* -tɔ:ri/ *n* sukua, lole, tawkua sung ih thu/ret le a tii thei thluhmi sii khal. **suppress** /sə'pres/ *v* [Tn] **1** baangter, cemter (hriamnam hmangin center): suppress an uprising, a revolt, etc. **2 (a)** (usu derog) hmu le thei lo dingin kham: suppress the truth about sth ○ suppress a newspaper, ie prevent it from being published ○ Are the police suppressing some evidence? ○ The dictator tried to suppress all criticism of him. **(b)** lanter lo dingin kham: suppress one's anger, amusement, etc ○ He could scarcely suppress a laugh. ▷ **suppressible** *adj* khamtheimi; tuah lo ih

suup theimi: *anger that was barely suppressible*.  
**suppression** /sə'preʃn/ *n* [U] donkhamnak, ral tho dai ko tuahnak; do; namcih: *the suppression of a revolt, the facts* ○ *the suppression of one's anger, etc.*

**suppressor** *n* 1 dawnkhamtu, namnuaitu. 2 electrical thilri ah bun cih mi radio le TV set hnaihok tertu donkhamnak thilri.

**suppurate** /sə'pjʊreɪt/ *v* [I] (*fml*) (of a wound, etc) hma a hnai a khuar (pus – hmahnai): *a suppurating sore*.

▷ **suppuration** /ə'pjʊ'reɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**supra-** /su:'prə/ *pref* hlei in, kan in: *supranational*, ie going beyond national boundaries.

**supreme** /su:'pri:m/ *also in British use*, sju:-/ *adj* [usu attrib] 1 tumbik, sangbik, lianbik, cungnungbik: *the supreme ruler of a vast empire* ○ (*fig*) *After a year without defeat, the team now reigns supreme as the finest in the country*. 2 a thupi bik; a nasa: *make the supreme sacrifice*, eg die for what one believes in ○ *When I won an Olympic gold medal, it was, I suppose, the supreme moment of my life*.

▷ **supremacy** /su:'preməsi/ *also in British use*, sju:-/ *n* ~ (over sb/sth) [U] thu neihnak sang bik neitu; bawi bik: *achieve military supremacy over neighbouring countries* ○ *challenging Japan's supremacy in the field of electronics* ○ *the dangerous notion of white supremacy*, ie that white races are better than others and should control them.

**supremacist** /su:'preməsɪst/ *also in British use*, sju:-/ *n*: *white supremacists*.

**supremely** /su:'pri:mlɪ/ *also in British use*, sju:-/ *adv* nasa takin; makzetin: *supremely happy*.

□ **the Supreme Being** (*fml*) Pathian.

**the Supreme Court** thuneihnak pumhlum a neimi ram pakhat ih a sangbik thuthennak zung.

**the Supreme Soviet** Soviet Union ih a sang bik tlangsuak (*parliament*) pawl.

**Supt** *abbr* Superintendent (esp in the police forces): *Supt (George) Hill*.

**surcharge** /sɜ:tʃɑ:dʒ/ *n* 1 ~ (on sth) pekkeelmi hlei ih pek betmi paisa: *a 10% surcharge on the price of a holiday*. 2 cakuatnak milu man a kaimi, milu parih khensalnak.

▷ **surcharge** /sɜ:tʃɑ:dʒ/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-n] ~ sb (on sth) a man keel hnak in tam deuh lak: *They've surcharged us 10% on the price on the holiday because of a rise in air fares*.

**surd** /sɜ:d/ *n* (*mathematics*) Kanan zirnak ah a hram phunkhat asinan, nambat in, lole, siarnak in sim theih lo: *The square root of 5 (√5) is a surd*.

**sure** /ʃʊ:(r); US ʃʊər/ *adj* (-r, -st) 1 [pred] ~ (of/about sth); ~ that...; ~ what, etc... fiang; takngai; a singai: *I think he's coming, but I'm not quite sure*. ○ *I'm not sure when I saw her*

*last*. ○ *Are you sure of your facts?* ○ *If you're not sure how to do it, ask me*. ○ *Can we be sure that she's honest?* ○ *I think the answer's right but I'm not absolutely sure about it*. ○ *Jane is reliable, but I'm not so sure about Jim*. ○ *She felt sure that she had done the right thing*. 2

[pred] ~ of sth taktak; ngaingai: *you're sure of a warm welcome*. ○ *Can I be sure of a profit if I invest?* ○ *You're sure of passing the exam if you work hard*. 3 ~ to do sth rori; tengteng: *It's sure to rain*. ○ *You're sure to fail if you do it that way*. 4 a si rori; a si tengteng: *in the sure and certain knowledge of her guilt* ○ *One thing is sure: we've won a great victory!* ⇒ Usage at CERTAIN. 5 (usu attrib) rintlak; rinum: *no sure remedy for a cold* ○ *There's only one sure way to do it*. ○ *She has always been a sure friend*. 6

sawn hnuaihni lo; fekte le rin-umtein: *She drew the outline with a sure hand*. 7 (idm) **be sure to do sth; be sure and do sth** pakhat khat

tuah ding tlohh hlah aw; tuah tengteng aw: *Be sure (to write) and tell me all your news*. **for sure** (*infml*) sirori; um rori: *I think he lives there but I couldn't say for sure*. **make sure (of sth/that...)** (a) a si rori ti fiangko tuah: *I think the door's locked, but I'd better go and make sure (it is)*. (b) a can tengteng theinak dingah pakhat khat tuah: *arrangements to make sure that the visit goes well*. **sure of oneself** (sometimes derog) mah le mah zumaw tuk: *You seem very sure of yourself, young man!* **sure thing** (*infml esp US*) a si; si ee; duh ve ee: *'Do you want to come too?' 'Sure thing!'* **to be sure** (*fml*) ka el thei lo; thungai ih ti ahcun: *He is clever, to be sure, but not very hard-working*.

▷ **sure** *adv* 1 (*infml esp US*) a si rori: *It sure was cold!* 2 (idm) (as) **sure as eggs is eggs, as fate, as I'm standing here, etc** (*infml*) a si

hrimhrim: *He's dead, as sure as eggs is eggs*. **sure enough** ka ti tho lo maw: *I said it would happen, and sure enough it did*.

**sureness** *n* [U] a si rorinak: *a picture that shows the artist's sureness of touch*.

□ **sure-fire** *adj* [attrib] cang rori ding; neh tengteng ding: *a sure-fire success* ○ *This is a sure-fire way to get publicity*.

**sure-footed** *adj* kekar a fekmi; fehnak le kainak ah tlu lo dingin. **sure-footedly** *adv*.

**sure-footedness** *n* [U].

**surely** /ʃʊ:lɪ; US ʃʊərli/ *adv* 1 thungai in; thutak in: *He will surely fail*. ○ *This will surely cause problems*. 2 a tongtu in a taktak a si ti langter ih a simmi: *This is surely her best play*. ○ *Surely I've met you before somewhere*. ○ *Surely they won't refuse?* ○ *Surely you're not going to eat that!* ○ *He has refused to help? Surely not!* ○ *'That's his wife.' 'His sister, surely?'* 3 (*infml esp US*) aw; si ee: *'Can I borrow your car?'* *'Surely.'* 4 (idm) **slowly but surely** ⇒ SLOWLY



## surety

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(SLOW<sup>1</sup>).

**surety** /'ʃʊərəti/ US /'ʃʊərti/ *n* [C, U] **1** kaih-awh-nak (aamahkhann) aamahkhannak ih peekmi paisa/sum: *offer £100 as (a) surety*. **2** kai-awhtu (aamahkhantu): *stand (ie act as a) surety for sb*.

**surf** /sɜːf/ *n* [U] tisuar, tilet (titlangkam tiang a thlengmi): *splashing about in the surf*.

▷ **surf** *v* [I] (usu **go surfing**) tisuar parah kepalmi thingtlep long fate parah dingin lek.

**surfer** *n* tisuar parah long fate thawn a lektu.

□ **surfboard** *n* tisuar parih lehnak long fate.

**surface** /sɜːfɪs/ *n* **1** [C] **(a)** thil pakhat ih lenglam a hmai; hmairawn: *the surface of a sphere, a ball, the earth* ○ [attrib] *the surface area of the brain*. **(b)** thil pakhat ih a hmai: *A cube has six surfaces*. **(c)** thil pakhat ih a tlunta bik hmairawn: *the rough surface of the wall* ○ *an asphalt road surface* ○ *The insect's sting penetrates the surface of the skin* ○ *wipe all the surfaces in the kitchen*, ie the walls, the tops and sides of furniture, etc ○ [attrib] *a surface layer* ○ *a surface wound*, ie not a deep one ○ *a surface worker*, ie a miner who works above ground ○ *surface noise*, ie unwanted noise caused by dust, static electricity, etc on a record when it is being played. **2** [C usu *sing*] tidai ih a tlunta bik hmai (tidai par) (tipithuanthum par): *The submarine rose to the surface* ○ *the frozen surface of the lake* ○ [attrib] *a surface vessel*, ie an ordinary ship, not a submarine. **3** [*sing*] (fig) mithmai, lole, hmuh theinak minung/thilri ih a hmailam: *Beneath her self-confident surface, she's quite unsure of herself* ○ *You must not look only at the surface of things* ○ [attrib] *surface politeness*, ie concealing anger, etc ○ *surface impressions*, ie ones gained too quickly, without proper thought or observation. **4** (idm) **on the surface** a lenglam zoh in; a tlangpi in: *The scheme seems on the surface to be quite practical* ○ *On the surface, she's a charming, helpful person*. **scratch the surface** ⇒ SCRATCH<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **surface** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (with **sth**) a hmai thil pakhat khat in thuam (thuh, khuh, ben): *surface a road (with tarmac)* ○ *a wall surfaced with plaster*. **2** [I] (of a submarine, skin-driver, etc) tidai parah hung suak (lar). **3** [I] (*infml*) **(a)** mi hnenih suak sal (langsal): *After living abroad for years, she suddenly surfaced again in London* ○ *Their old rivalry soon surfaced when they met again*. **(b)** itthatnak in/lungmitnak in fim sal, tho sal: *he finally surfaced at midday*.

□ **surface mail** vanzam a silo hmuah ih phurhmi cakuat.

**surface tension** a umnak hmun fatettertutidai (a timi pakhat khat); leilung khangtertutidai.

**surface-to-air** *adj* [attrib] (of missiles, etc)

leilung ihsin, asilole, tangphawlawng par ihsin kahmi vanzam kahnak (meithal).

**surfeit** /sɜːfɪt/ *n* (usu *sing*) ~ (of **sth**) a tam tuk: *A surfeit of rich food is bad for you* ○ *There has been a surfeit of plays about divorce on the television recently*.

▷ **surfeit** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/oneself** (with/on **sth**) (*fml*) thil pakhat khat tamtuk ih pek/pek-awk: *surfeit oneself with fruit* ○ *be surfeited with pleasure*.

**surge** /sɜːdʒ/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] tilet vek in let rero (kaithul, tumthul rero): *the surging tide* ○ *The floods surged along the valley* ○ *The crowd surged (past) into the stadium*. **2** [I, Ip] ~ (up) hmakhatte in tho vukvi: *Anger surged (up) within him*.

▷ **surge** *n* (usu *sing*) ~ (of/in **sth**) **1** hmailam/tlunlam ih thawn-awknak: *the surge of the sea*. **2** hmakhatte ih suak (thawh) vukvinak: *a surge of anger, pity, etc* ○ *There's a surge in electricity demand at around 7 pm*.

**surgeon** /sɜːdʒən/ *n* mina attu sibawi: *a heart surgeon*. Cf PHYSICIAN.

**surgery** /sɜːdʒəri/ *n* **1** [U] taksa at tahrat ih bawlnak: *qualified in surgery and medicine* ○ *prepare the patient for surgery* ○ *He underwent open-heart surgery* ○ *cosmetic surgery*. **2** (Brit) **(a)** [C] Mirang ram ah sibawi le haalam sibawi pawl mina zohnak hmun. **(b)** [U] si bawi pawl ih mina zoh tikcu: *Surgery lasts from 9 am to 10 am* ○ [attrib] *surgery hours*. **3** [C] (Brit *infml*) mipi aiawh ih hrilmi tlangsuak upa (member of parliament) kha amah hriltu mipi ih ton thei caan le hmun: *She holds her surgery on Fridays at 6 pm*.

**surgical** /sɜːdʒɪkl/ *adj* [attrib] mina at ih bawlnak thawn a pehparmi: *surgical instruments, treatment, skills* ○ *a surgical ward*, ie for patients having operations ○ *a surgical stocking*, ie one specially designed to support an injured or diseased leg.

▷ **surgically** /-kli/ *adv*: *a tumour removed surgically*.

□ **surgical spirit** (Brit) (US **rubbing alcohol**) sibawi hman ding taksa kholh fainak zureu phun spirit.

**surly** /sɜːli/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) thin tawi, pawl theih lo: *a surly person, look, refusal* ○ *Don't look so surly!*

▷ **surliness** *n* [U].

**surmise** /sə'maɪz/ *v* [Tn, Tf, Tw] (*fml*) a si hman ti ih ruah; ruat: *With no news from the explorers we can only surmise their present position/where they are* ○ *We surmised that he must have had an accident*.

▷ **surmise** /sɜːmaɪz/ *n* [C, U] (*fml*) a si hman tinak: *Your first surmise was right* ○ *This is pure surmise*.

**surmount** /sə'maʊnt/ *v* **1** [Tn] doneh hmaisak ;

neh ðeh: *We had many problems to surmount before we could start the project.* **2** [usu passive: Tn, Tn-pr] a zim parah um, ret: *A weather-vane surmounts the spire/The spire is surmounted by a weather-vane.*

▷ **surmountable** *adj* (of difficulties, etc) neh ðeih, namsuk ðeih.

**surname** /'s:neim/ *n* hrin/hnam hmin, Mirang pawl in an hmin ngai a netabik ah, Tuluk pawl in an hmin ngai a thok ah an bun/an ret, eg *Robert G. Johnson* ah *Johnson* cu *surname* a si: *Smith is a common English surname.* ⇨ Usage at NAME<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **surnamed** *adj* [pred] phunhnam hmin sak, nei, pek: *a boy surnamed Harris.*

**surpass** /sə'pɑ:s; US -'pæs/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (in sth) (fml) ða deuh ih tuah; ða sawn; neh deuh: *surpass sb in speed, strength, skill* ○ *It will be hard to surpass this very high score.* ○ *The beauty of the scenery surpassed all my expectations.*

▷ **surpassing** *adj* [attrib] (fml) a ða cuangmi; a dang hnak in a hleice ih ðhami: *surpassing beauty.*

**surpassingly** *adv.*

**surplice** /'sɜ:pɪs/ *n* (Pathian hnañuantu le hlarem saktu pawl sin ðheu mi korfual raang dorpi..

**surplus** /sɜ:pɪləs/ *n* [C, U] **1** a hleimi; a hleifuan; duhmi hnakih a hleimi: *Surpluses of food can be sold for cash.* ○ *We have a trade surplus of £400 million.* ○ *a time of great surplus followed by a time of shortage* ○ [attrib] *an army surplus store*, ie one selling clothes, equipment, etc no longer needed by the army. Cf DEFICIT. **2** (idm) **in surplus** a hleim: *Our trade is in surplus*, ie We are exporting more than we are importing. ▷ **surplus** *adj* ~ (to sth) a hleimi: *surplus labour*, ie workers for whom there are no jobs ○ *a sale of surplus stock* ○ *This food is surplus to requirements.*

**surprise** /sə'praiz/ *n* **1** (a) [U] mangbangnak (thil pakhat rin lo ih a canhrak ruangah); khuaruahharnak: *Their defeat caused little surprise*, ie was expected. ○ *To my surprise, the plan succeeded.* ○ *Imagine our surprise on seeing her there.* ○ *She looked up in surprise when I shouted.* ○ *He expressed surprise that no one had offered to help.* (b) [C] thil pakhat khat a canhrak ruangih khuaruahharnak/mangbangnak: *What a surprise!* ○ *We've had some unpleasant surprises.* ○ *The gift came as a complete surprise (to me).* ○ *They sprang quite a surprise on me when they offered me that job.* ○ [attrib] rinlopi. *a surprise visit, attack, party.* **2** (idm) **take sb/sth by surprise** rin lo lai ah tuah/an rin lo laiah sim, vado; ralrin lo laifang ih lon/lak tivek: *The town was well defended so there was little chance of taking it*

*by surprise.* **take sb by surprise** rinlopi ih a canhrak ruangah mangbangter; thla phangter: *Her sudden resignation took us all by surprise.*

▷ **surprise** *v* **1** [Tn] khuaruahharter; thlaphangter; mangbangter: *She's over 80? You surprise me!* ○ *She was surprised by the boy's intelligence.* ○ *It wouldn't surprise me/I wouldn't be surprised if they lost*, ie I rather expect them to lose. ○ *Would it surprise you to know that I'm thinking of resigning?* **2** [Tn, Tng] rinlopi in do (hmatekhatah sim – sudden attack): *surprise the opposition*, ie attack them when they are unprepared ○ *We returned early and surprised the burglars searching through the cupboards.* **3** [Tn-pr] ~ **sb into sth/doing sth** mi parah rinlopi in thil tuah tahrat in, mi kha thil pakhatkhat tuahter: *By firing a few shots we can surprise them into revealing their positions.*

**surprised** *adj* ~ (at sth/sb) mangbang: *a surprised look, cry* ○ *We were surprised at the news.* ○ *I'm surprised at you, playing with dolls at your age!* ○ *I'm very surprised to see you here.* ○ *I'm surprised that he didn't come.* ○ *It's nothing to be surprised about.*

**surprising** *adj* mangbangza; khuaruahharza: *a surprising decision, defeat* ○ *It's surprising they lost.*

**surprisingly** *adv*: *Surprisingly, no one came.* ○ *She looked surprisingly well.*

**surreal** /sə'riəl/ *adj* a taktak a si lomi thil, manglam ih thil hmuhmi vek (fantastic; bizarre): *Under the influence of the drug my mind was filled with surreal images.* ○ *Meeting you here like this is positively surreal!*

**surrealism** /sə'riəlizəm/ *n* [U] kum zabi 20 lai ih zukuai lam, calai lam ih an suahmi, thinlung fiangfai lemlo, manglam vek ih hmuhmi thil hmuhdan.

▷ **surrealist** /-list/ *n, adj* [attrib] (artist, writer, etc) *surrealism* a tuahtu cangantu pawl le zuk suaitu pawl: *a surrealist painting, exhibition.*

**surrealistic** /sə'riə'listik/ *adj* **1** *surrealism* a simi, thawn a pehparmi: *a surrealist style.* **2** *surreal.*

**surrender** /sə'rendə(r)/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (oneself) (to sb) lut; a sung pek; ka sungzo ti ih pekaw: *We shall never surrender.* ○ *The hijackers finally surrendered (themselves) to the police.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth/sb (to sb)** (fml) mah kutsung ih ta, mah neih cia pe, ap sal: *We shall never surrender our liberty.* ○ *They surrendered their guns to the police.* ○ *He surrendered his insurance policy*, ie gave up his rights under the policy in return for immediate payment. **3** (phr v) **surrender (oneself) to sth** (fml or rhet usu derog) lut; pe-aw; ap-aw: *He surrendered (himself) to despair and eventually committed*

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suicide.

▷ **surrender** *n* [U, C] sungnak, a sungpeknak: demand the surrender of the town ○ She accused the government of a cowardly surrender to big-business interests. ○ [attrib] What is the surrender value of these shares?

**surreptitious** /sʌrəptʃʊəs/ *adj* (usu derog) tuah thupmi: a surreptitious glance ○ She carried out a surreptitious search of his belongings. ○ I don't mind you smoking occasionally — there's no need to be so surreptitious about it!

▷ **surreptitiously** *adv*.

**surrogate** /sʌrəgeɪt/ *n* ~ (for sb/sth) (fml) ai-awhtu; pakhat umnak a sawngtu: Fiction is a poor surrogate for real experience. ○ [attrib] a surrogate mother, ie a woman who has a baby on behalf of another who is unable to have babies herself.

**surround** /sə'raʊnd/ *n* [Tn, Tn-pr] (a) ~ **sb/sth** (with **sb/sth**) kulh; a kimvel in kulh: Troops have surrounded the town. ○ They have surrounded the town with troops. ○ (fig) He likes to surround himself with beautiful things. (b) ~ **sth/sb** (by/with **sth**) (esp passive) pakhat khat a kimvel in kulh: Trees surround the pond. ○ The house was surrounded by high walls. ○ (fig) The new plan is surrounded by much speculation, ie Everyone is wondering about it. ○ She has always been surrounded with fashionable friends.

▷ **surround** *n* (usu decorative) a kimvel ih kulhna a ri: a fireplace with a tiled surround.

**surrounding** *adj* [attrib] kiangkap a simi: York and the surrounding countryside.

**surroundings** *n* [pl] kiangkap thil umtudan: living in pleasant surroundings ○ Animals in zoos are not in their natural surroundings.

**surtax** /sɜːtæks/ *n* [U] a dankeel pekmi hnak in tamdeuh sangdeuh ih pekmi ngunkhuai.

**surveillance** /sɜː'veɪləns/ *n* [U] sualnak a tuahtu tiih zummi pawl, tha zet ih zohngiatnak: The police are keeping the suspects under round-the-clock surveillance.

**survey** /sə'veɪ/ *v* [Tn] zoh, (hlat piin ziang vek a si ti thlir): surveying the crowds from a balcony ○ survey the countryside from the top of a hill ○ She surveyed me haughtily over the top of her glasses. **2** felte in zingzoi hnuah a sinak sim: a speech in which she surveyed the international situation ○ In this book, the author surveys recent developments in linguistics. **3** leilung a tum, a kauhdan felte ih tah (inn hmun tah ti vek): survey a plot of land for building. **4** (Brit) inn pakhat lei hlanah, a sinak cekci felte in zingzoi: have a house surveyed before deciding to buy it. **5** miphun, mibur pakhat ih an nunzia, an ruahnak zingzoi: Of the five hundred householders surveyed, 40% had dishwashers.

▷ **survey** /sɜːveɪ/ *n* **1** buaktlak ih hmuhdan: A

quick survey of the street showed that no one was about. ○ a survey of the situation, subject ○ a comprehensive survey of modern music. **2** felte in zoh ih tahnak: hitivek in tah in zuk le khummi, a kauhlam, a saulam zianghmuah ti felte ih nganmi. **3** (Brit) inn pakhat ih a sining felte in zingzoinak. **4** mipi ih hmuhnak le ruahnak zingzoi khawmmi: a public opinion survey ○ Surveys show that 75% of people approve of the new law.

**surveyor** /sə'veɪə(r)/ *n* **1** inn a sinak zoh fel ih a man a tuattu. **2** ram, leilung a tahtu. **3** thil pakhat a dik le dik lo, a man felte in zoh ih cektu: surveyor of weights and measures ○ the surveyor of highways.

**survival** /sə'vaɪv/ *n* **1** [U] midang thih lakah thi loin nunsuah theinak: the miraculous survival of some people in the air crash ○ the survival of the fittest, ie the continuing existence of those animals and plants which are best adapted to their surroundings, etc ○ [attrib] a survival kit, ie a package of items needed by survivors of a disaster, eg at sea. **2** [C] ~ (from **sth**) nunphung, thilri, ziaza, daan, zumnak, tivek pawl hlanpi ihsin tuni tiang a tang laimi: a ceremony which is a survival from pre-Christian times.

**survive** /sə'vaɪv/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (from **sth**); ~ (on **sth**) a nunghrih; a dam hrih; nung thei: the last surviving member of the family ○ Of the six people in the plane that crashed, only one survived. ○ Many strange customs have survived from earlier times. ○ I can't survive on £30 a week, ie It is not enough for my basic needs. ○ (fig) Life is hard at the moment, but we're surviving, ie coping successfully with the difficulties. **2** [Tn] nungsuak thei; luat: survive an earthquake, shipwreck, etc ○ Few buildings survived the bombing raids intact. ○ The plants may not survive the frost. **3** [Tn] nungsau deuh; nun hleih: The old lady has survived all her children.

▷ **survivor** *n* a nung suak theitu; thi lo ih a luattu: send help to the survivors of the earthquake.

**sus** (also **suss**) /sʌs/ *v* (-ss-) (sl) **1** [Tn, Tn-p, Tf, Tw] ~ **sb/sth** (out) hmungah; tongngah: I've got him/it sussed (out), ie I now understand him/it. ○ We've sussed (out) who did it. **2** (phr v) sus sth out that in zoi fiang: I sent Joe along to sus out the possibility of doing a deal with them.

**susceptible** /sə'septəbl/ *adj* **1** ~ to **sth** [pred] olte in mi thu lung thei; olte in natnak a ngah thei: highly susceptible to flattery ○ plants that are not susceptible to disease. **2** oltein a lunglut theimi; lungkhoih ol: a naïve person with a susceptible nature ○ He's so susceptible that she easily gained his affection. **3** ~ of **sth** [pred]

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(fml) a tuar thei; a ti thei: *Is your statement susceptible of proof?*

▷ **susceptibility** /səˌseptəˈbɪləti/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (to sth) olte zumtheinak: *take advantage of her susceptibility* ○ *susceptibility to persuasion*. **2** **susceptibilities** [pl] thinlung khoih (tuaitam) olnak: *Do nothing to offend her susceptibilities*.

**suspect** /səˈspekt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tf, Tnt] a si hmang ding tiuh ruat/zum; lunghrin: *he suspected an ambush*. ○ *I strongly suspect that they're trying to get rid of me*. ○ *Most people don't, I suspect, realize this*. ○ *What she said sounded convincing, but I suspect it to be a lie*. **2** [Tn] zum lemlo; ring lo: *suspect sb's motives* ○ *I suspect the truth of her statement*. **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (of sth/doing sth) puh; sualnak a tuahtu kha amah a si hmang tiuh ruat, kut kaih a si lo na in: *Who do the police suspect (of the crime)?* ○ *What made you suspect her of having taken the money?*

▷ **suspect** /səˈspekt/ *n* lunghrinmi milai: *The police are interrogating two suspects*. ○ *He's a prime suspect in the murder case*.

**suspect** /səˈspekt/ *adj* zum tlak lo: *His statements are suspect*. ○ *The car has a suspect tyre, eg one that is damaged and therefore dangerous*.

**suspend** /səˈspend/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (from sth) (fml) taar; thlai: *A lamp was suspended from the ceiling above us*. **2** [Tn-pr usu passive] a taang; tla (pil) loin um: *a balloon suspended above the crowd* ○ *Smoke hung suspended in the still air*. ○ *particles suspended in water*. **3** [Tn] (a) caan khat sung cawlcang lo ding ih kham: *suspend a rule* ○ *Rail services are suspended indefinitely because of the strike*. ○ *During the crisis, the constitution was suspended*, ie people did not have their normal civil rights. (b) caan/tikcu, thawn; hnutter: *suspend introduction of the new scheme* ○ *suspend judgement*, ie delay forming or expressing an opinion ○ *give a criminal a suspended sentence*, ie not send him to prison unless he commits a further offence. **4** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (from sth) hnatuan ihsin caan tawite sung banter lawk; colh ter lawk: *The policeman was suspended while the complaint was investigated*. ○ *She was suspended from school for stealing*.

□ **suspended animation** a nung ko nain zianghman a thei thei nawn lomi; thehhrih lo nain, tuanpeh thei hrih lomi: (fig) *The whole project is in suspended animation while we wait for permission to proceed*.

**suspender** /səˈspendə(r)/ *n* **1** [C esp pl] (Brit) mawca hri sialrial vek; bawngbi sunghruk sungta bik. **2** **suspenders** [pl] bawngbi, liang ih thlaihnak hri (US) = BRACES.

□ **suspender belt** nunau taikap vekin hnipuan

sungih hruhmi ketuam mawca sau temnak hri-awh.

**suspense** /səˈspens/ *n* [U] thinlung bang zet ih umnak; thin aw-tawmnak; awloksong tiaia ih umnak: *We waited in great suspense for the doctor's opinion*. ○ *Don't keep us in suspense any longer: tell us what happened!*

**suspension** /səˈspenʃn/ *n* **1** [U] hnatuan in/ tlawng in; colhter lawknak, banter lawknak: *the suspension of a rule, law, etc* ○ *the suspension of a pupil from school* ○ *She appealed against her suspension*. **2** [U] mawtawka a rihnak kha axles parih a hun dotu spring le shock absorber tivek pawl: *The poor suspension gives a rather bumpy ride*. **3** [C, U] siivut kha a ti thawn cok ih tuahtu: *medicine in powder form held in suspension*, ie to be taken by drinking.

□ **suspension bridge** thirhri lilawn.

**suspicion** /səˈspɪʃn/ *n* **1** (a) [U] zumlonak; langhrinnak; sualpuhnak: *regard sb with suspicion* ○ *he was arrested on suspicion of having stolen the money*. ○ *After a crime, suspicion naturally falls on the person who has a motive for it*. (b) [C] ~ (about sth/sb); ~ (that...) a palh hmang a sual hmang tiuh ruahnak: *I have a suspicion that she is not telling me the truth*. ○ *It appears to be genuine, but I have my suspicions (about it)*. **2** [sing] ~ (of sth) a rim malte: *a suspicion of garlic in the stew* ○ *a suspicion of sadness in her voice*. **3** (idm) **above suspicion** a tha tuk, a feltuk ruangah zianghman hnawihnih ban lomi: *Nobody who was near the scene of the crime is above suspicion*. **under suspicion** thil sual a tuahtu ah an zum.

**suspicious** /səˈspɪʃəs/ *adj* **1** ~ (about/of sth/sb) zum um lo: *a suspicious look, attitude* ○ *I'm very suspicious about her motives*. ○ *He is suspicious of (ie does not trust) strangers*. **2** zum lo dingih a ummi: *a suspicious action, remark* ○ *a suspicious character*, ie sb who may be dishonest ○ *It's very suspicious that she was in the house when the crime happened*.

▷ **suspiciously** *adv*: *acting suspiciously* ○ *Everything was suspiciously quiet*.

**suss** = SUS.

**sustain** /səˈsteɪn/ *v* [Tn] **1** (fml) tuar; do: *Will this shelf sustain the weight of all these books?* **2** (a) nung ringringter; um ringringter: *You should eat good sustaining food*, ie food that gives strength. ○ *not enough oxygen to sustain life* ○ *Only the hope that the rescuers were getting nearer sustained the trapped miners*, ie kept them cheerful and enabled them to stay alive. (b) ti ringringter thei; feh ringringter thei: *The book's weakness is the author's inability to sustain an argument*. ○ *sustain a note*, ie continue to play or sing it without interruption

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○ *make a sustained effort to finish off the work*  
 ○ *The clapping was sustained for several minutes.* **3** (fml) *tuar, tuar suak thei: sustain a defeat, an injury, a loss* ○ *He sustained a severe blow on the head.* **4** (law) *hngetter; kai hnget: The court sustained his claim that the contract was illegal.* ○ *Objection sustained!*

**sustenance** /səstɪnəns/ *n* [U] *ti le rawl; nuntertu ti rawl: There's not much sustenance in a glass of orange squash.* ○ *weak from lack of sustenance.*

**suture** /sʊtʃə(r)/ *n* (medical) *taksa ah-nak, asilole, hliamhma thitnak.*

▷ **suture** *v* [Tn] (medical) *taksa ah-mi thit.*

**suzerain** /suzəreɪn/ *US -rɪn/ n* (fml) *ram sung pawl anmahte uk-awk a siang nain ramdang thawn pehtlaihnak a kaih saktu ram/uktu.*

▷ **suzerainty** /suzərənti/ *n* [U] (fml) *suzerian bawi ih uknak; bawinak: a country under the suzerainty of its powerful neighbour.*

**svelte** /svelt/ *adj* (approv) (of a person) *ṭawl nawn te, iang nei duhnungzet: a svelte figure.*

**SW** abbr **1** (radio) *short wave (aw suar tawi).* **2** *South-West(ern): SW Australia* ○ *London SW15 6QX, ie as a postal code.*

**swab** /swɒb/ *n* (a) *hmakholhnak ih hmanmi, asilole, hnap le khak laknak ih hmanmi patpar tom fate.* (b) *hnap le khak sibawi zoh dingih patpar tom thawn lakmi: take swabs from children suspected of having diphtheria.*

▷ **swab** *v* (-bb-) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] *parpar tom in hnawtfai: swab the wound with cotton wool* ○ *swab the blood of her face.* **2** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (down) *tidai le puansia thawn zial hnawtfai: swab down the decks.*

**swaddle** /swɒdl/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (in sth) **1** (dated) *naute cang thei lo dingih puansau pi in tuam, zual.* **2** *hnipuan hlum in tuam/mah le mah puan hlum in tuam-aw: She sat by the fire, swaddled in a blanket.*

▷ **swaddling-clothes** /swɒdlɪŋ/ *n* [pl] (dated) *naute tuamnak puansau pi.*

**swag** /swæg/ *n* **1** [C] *pangpar bawr/thing thei bawr vekih salhmi thil.* **2** [U] (dated sl) *ruukmi, firmi thilri.* **3** [C] (Austral) *ke feh ih phurhmi thilri tom.*

□ **swagman** *n* (pl -men) (Austral) *ke ih khual tlawng; ke rori in lamvak.*

**swagger** /swægə(r)/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] (usu derog) *thilrit phur in tluangkhawng porh-aw, asilole, hngal zet in lam feh: Don't swagger (around) just because you got the job.* ○ *He took his prize and swaggered back to his seat.*

▷ **swagger** *n* [sing] (sometimes derog) *mihngal lam fahdan: walk with a swagger.*

**swaggeringly** *adv.*

□ **swagger-stick** (also **swagger-cane**) *n* (Brit) *mirang ralbawi kutkaih fungpum tawite.*

**swain** /sweɪn/ *n* **1** (dated or joe) *mi duh nei*

*tlangval.* **2** (arch) *khawte tlangval.*

**swallow**<sup>1</sup> /swɒləʊ/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Tn] *lem; dolh: Taking pills is easy; just put them in your mouth and swallow.* ○ *Chew your food properly before swallowing it.* (b) [I] *ṭih phah tikih cil dolh: She swallowed hard, and turned to face her accuser.*

**2** [Tn] (infml) (a) *mi ih nautat hmuhsuamnak sawn lo tein um: She called you a liar. Are you going to swallow that?* ○ *He swallowed all the criticism without saying a thing.* (b) *thu lung ol; olte ih zum: He flatters her outrageously, and she swallows it whole, ie believes it entirely.*

**3** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sb/sth** (up) (a) *mit ih hmuh lo dingih dolh hlo, khuh hlo: The jungle swallowed up the explorers.* ○ *The aircraft was swallowed (up) in the clouds.* ○ (fig) *small firms being swallowed up by giant corporations, ie taken over so that they disappear.* (b) *cem ko in hman: The cost of the trial swallowed up all their savings.* **4** [Tn] *thinlung sungih thinhennak, rehshiatnak langter lo tein um: She swallowed her anger and carried on.* ○ *I was forced to swallow my pride and ask for a loan.* **5** (idm) *a bitter pill to swallow ⇒ BITTER.*

**swallow the bait** *thlemnak ih simmi le pekmi rak saang.* **swallow/pocket one's pride** ⇒ **PRIDE.** **swallow one's words** *mah ih tongmi dolh saal: He told me I wouldn't pass the test but I'm determined to make him swallow his words, ie by passing.*

▷ **swallow** *n* (a) *dolh, lemnak.* (b) *veikhat lem (ka khat): take a swallow of beer.*

**swallow**<sup>2</sup> /swɒləʊ/ *n* **1** *peeleng, asilole peeleng vek vate.* **2** (idm) **one swallow does not make a summer** (saying) *vanṭhatnak veikhat ton ruangah a dangdang khalah a ṭha thluh ding tihi ruah a theih lo.*

□ **swallow-dive** (Brit) (*US swan-dive*) *n* *tidai daizik tiang kut pharh ih ti sung lut (diving ṭhut).*

**swam** *pt* of **SWIM.**

**swami** /swɑːmi/ *n* *Hindu biaknak ih zirhtu (saya).*

**swamp** /swɒmp/ *n* [C, U] *cirh; cirhdup.*

▷ **swamp** *v* **1** [Tn] *tidai, ciarbek thawn khat: The sink overflowed and swamped the kitchen.* ○ *A huge wave swamped the boat.* **2** [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (with sth) *khuh thluh; khat ṭheh: We asked for applications and were swamped (with them).* ○ *I've been swamped with work this year.*

**swampy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) *cirh dup (tidai thawn leilung a ciah awmi); cirh umnak hmun: swampy ground.*

**swan** /swɒn/ *n* **1** *rampai hngawngsau (tidai lakih tlang.)* **2** (idm) **all sb's geese are swans** ⇒ **GOOSE.**

▷ **swan** *v* (-nn-) [Ipr, Ip] ~ **off, around, etc** (infml derog) *poinak nei lemloin hel ih tawivak*

rero: *swanning around (the town) in her new sports car when she should have been at work* ○ *Are you swanning off on holiday again?*

□ **swan-dive** *n* (US) = SWALLOW-DIVE (SWALLOW 2).

**swan-song** *n* mi pakhat ih cinkentlak netabik a thil tuahmi: *His performance as King Lear was to be his swan-song before retiring.*

**swank** /swærŋk/ *v* [I] (infml derog) *tuangkhawng; hngal; porh-aw: She's swanking just because they said her essay was the best.*

▷ **swank** *n* (infml derog) **1** [U] mi ih, thupitter duhnak umdan/tong dan: *wear an expensive watch just for swank.* **2** [C] *tuangkhawngtu: Don't be such a swank!*

**swanky** *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml derog) **1** mi in, in hmu seh ti duh ruangah thil mankhung le thil mawimawi lawng hman: *He stays in the swankiest hotels.* **2** a porh aw duhmi: *Jill and her swanky friends.*

**swap** (also **swop**) /swɒp/ *v* (-pp-) (infml) **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Dn-n] ~ (sth) (with sb); ~ (sb) **sth for sth; ~ sth (over/round)** thilri thleng aw: *Your book looks more interesting than mine: do you want to swap (with me)?* ○ *They swapped (ie told each other) stories about their army days.* ○ *I'll swap (you) my Michael Jackson tape for your Bruce Springsteen album.* ○ *She swapped our chairs (round), so I had hers and she had mine.* ○ *I wouldn't swap places with him for anything, ie would not wish to be in his situation.* **2** (idm) **change/swap horses in mid-stream** ⇨ HORSE. **change/swap place** ⇨ PLACE.

▷ **swap** *n* **1** (usu sing) thlengaw (thil pakhat le midang ih thil pakhat thleng awknak): *As you like my dress and I like yours, shall we do a swap?* **2** thleng awk dingih a remcangmi thil.

**sward** /swɔ:d/ *n* [U] (dated or rhet) hrampi; hramrul.

**swarm**<sup>1</sup> /swɔ:m/ *n* **1** (vate) rual, (khuai) buur, (sihte) buur: *a swarm of ants, starlings, locusts, etc.* **2** (often pl) (mi) buur; mipi: *swarms of children in the park.*

▷ **swarm** *v* **1** [I] (of bees) khuai buurpi an siangpahrangnu thlun in an vai hmurhmo. **2** (a) [Ipr, Ip] mipi in an pan (rawleinak hmun ah; pumkhawmnak hmunah): *The guests swarmed round the tables where the food was set out.* ○ *The crowd was swarming out through the gates.* (b) [I] mi tampi an pumkhawm: *crowds swarming in the streets.* **3** (phr v) **swarm with sb/sth** (of a place) an khat; an buur ciamco: *The beach was swarming with bathers.* ○ *The stables swarmed with flies.*

**swarm**<sup>2</sup> /swɔ:m/ *v* (phr v) **swarm down/up sth** kut, ke in pom ih kai/tum: *swarm down a rope, up a tree.*

**swarthy** /swɔ:ðɪ/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) a dummi; taksa

dummi: *a swarthy skin, face, complexion, person.*

**swashbuckling** /swɒʃbʌklɪŋ/ *adj* [usu attrib] hlanlai tipi thuanthum suamhmang (damiah) pawl, ralkap pawl fala tlangval duh-awknak le tuksumza an nunzia pawl baisikup le video tivek ih hmuhmi: *swashbuckling heroes* ○ *a swashbuckling tale of adventure on the high seas.*

**swastika** /swɒstɪkə/ *n* thinglamtah pian, a zin vorhlamah a kawi vevemi Hitler paṭi Nazi tacik.

**swat** /swɒt/ *v* (-tt-) [Tn] vuak; (thil pakhat khat in vuak): *swat a fly* ○ *She swatted him on the bottom with a rolled-up newspaper.*

▷ **swat** *n* vuak (thothe kha hmunphiah in thawi/vuak): *Give that fly a swat.*

**swatter** *n* thil pakhat khat thawi/vuaknak dingih tuahmi fung.

**swathe**<sup>1</sup> /sweɪð/ (also **swath** /swɔ:θ/) *n* **1** hramruul (hrampi, pangpar kung tivek pawl hmun kaunawn ah a khat ih khomi): (fig) *The storm cut a swathe through (ie destroyed large areas of) the forest.* **2** pangpar lawngte cinnak hmun: *a swathe of daffodils across the lawn.*

**swathe**<sup>2</sup> /sweɪð/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr esp passive] ~ **sb/sth (in sth)** thil pakhat kha cahnah/puan tivek in a thuaathuah in tuam/fuun: *thick bandages swathed his head.* ○ *They were swathed in scarves and sweaters.*

**sway** /sweɪ/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] khatlam khatlam ah sawn; merh: *trees swaying in the wind* ○ *He swayed slightly, as if about to fall.* ○ *She swayed her hips seductively as she danced.* **2** [Tn] ruahnak, lole, tuah rero lai thil khi phundang in thlengsak: *a speech that swayed many voters* ○ *Your arguments won't sway her: she's determined to leave.*

▷ **sway** *n* [U] **1** sawn, sawi reronak, sepnak: *The sway of the ferry made him feel sick.* **2** (rhet) uknak; kilkhawinak: *people under the sway of Rome, ie ruled by Rome in ancient times.* **3** (idm) **hold sway (over sb/sth)** (dated or rhet) thuhla ah kuttang ih ret theinak huham: *Among English playwrights, few would deny that Shakespeare holds sway.*

**swear** /sweə(r)/ *v* (pt **swore** /swɔ:(r)/, pp **sworn** /swɔ:n/) **1** ~ (at sb/sth) [I, Ipr] siat cam; camriam; siatserh, siatti in: *She bumped her head in the doorway and swore loudly.* ○ *The foreman is always swearing at the workers.* **2** [no passive: Tn, Tf, Tt] napi in eel (ka thei hrimhrim lo tin in eel): *I've never seen him before, I swear it.* ○ *She swore that she'd never seen him.* ○ *I could have sworn (ie I was certain) I heard a knock at the door.* ○ *I swore not to tell anybody about it.* **3** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tf, Tt no passive] thukam (tetti in thuthentu hmaiah thudik ka sim ding tiuh thu kam): *Witnesses*

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have to swear on the Bible (to tell the truth). ○ They have sworn (an oath of) allegiance to the crown. ○ Has the jury been sworn (ie officially appointed by taking an oath)? ○ Are you willing to swear in court that you saw him do it?

**4** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (against sb) siatcamnak tuah: *swear an accusation/a charge against sb.*

**5** (idm) **swear blind** (infml) fel le fiang zet in: *She swore blind that she had not taken the money.*

**swear like a trooper** ðong mawi lo, nautat ðong hman . **swear sb to secrecy** zohman sim lo dingin thu kamter: *I swore her to secrecy about what I had told her.*

**6** (phr v) **swear by sb/sth** (a) hminal in thu kam: *I swear by almighty God that I will tell the truth.*

(b) (infml) rinsan: *Many of my friends are using word processors but I still swear by my old typewriter.*

**swear sb in** (esp passive) hnañuan thar ih lut zawngah thukamnak tuah: *The President has to be sworn in publicly.*

○ Let the witness be sworn in. **swear off sth** (infml) tuah (ti) nawn lo dingin zapi theih ah than: *I've decided to swear off smoking.* **swear to sth** (infml) a dik a si tiin fiang fukfi ih sim: *I think I've met him before, but I wouldn't swear to it, ie I'm not sure.*

▷ **swearer** *n* thukamtu.

□ **swear-word** *n* camriamnak ih hmanmi ðong, siatserhnak ih hmanmi ðong, hmuhsuam ðong.

**sweat** /swet/ *n* **1** [U] thlan: *wipe the sweat from one's forehead* ○ *a vest damp with sweat* ○ (fig) *They built it with the sweat of their brow, ie by working hard.* **2 a sweat** [sing] thlan suak/pawt: *be in/break out in a sweat* ○ *work up a good sweat by running* ○ *They say a good sweat will cure a cold.* **3** [U] ciar. **4** (fig infml) (a) [U] hnañuan har (asilole) tha suah: *Making your own beer? It's not worth the sweat!* (b) **a sweat** [sing] thazaang tampi suah a ðulmi hnañuan: *Climbing all these stairs is a real sweat.* **5** (idm) **all of a sweat** (infml) (a) thlan thawn ciar. (b) donhar, asilole, ðih: *I was all of a sweat before the exam.* **no sweat** (infml) a harsa lo, asilole, remcanlonak a um lo: *I'm sorry to give you so much extra work.* 'No sweat!' ie It doesn't bother me.

▷ **sweat** *v* **1** [I] thlan a suak: *sweating heavily, profusely, etc* ○ *The long climb made us sweat.*

**2** [I] (fig infml) thinphannak le mangbangnak nasa zet dinhmunah um: *They all want to know my decision but I think I'll let them sweat a little, ie by not telling them yet.* **3** [I, Ipr] ~ (over sth) ðuan nasa: *I really sweated over my last essay.*

**4** [Tn] (Brit) sa, asilole, hanghnah hangrah kha a hang suak tiang suang. **5** (idm) **slog/sweat one's guts out** ⇒ GUT. **sweat blood** (infml) (a) ðuan nasa. (b) ðih/phang/donharzet: *I sweated blood for a while thinking I'd broken the TV.*

**6** (phr v) **sweat sth off** taksa rit ðum theinak

dingin taksa cangvaihna nangaipi ih tuah: *I sweated off ten pounds in a week by playing squash every day.* **sweat sth out** lunat le khawsik dam theinak ding thlan suakter. **sweat it out** (infml) thil ra thleng/cang ding le, cem ding nuam lo zetih hngak: *There was nothing more we could do, so we just had to sit and sweat it out until the result was announced.* **sweaty** adj (-ier, -iest) **1** thlan thawn ciar ðeh; thlan ðeh; hnawng ðeh: *sweaty armpits* ○ *a sweaty T-shirt* ○ *I'm all sweaty from running.* **2** thlan suahter: *sweaty work* ○ *a hot sweaty day.*

□ **sweat-band** *n* thlan hnawtnak/hnulan puan; thlanhawp (thlan hnulan ah ngel, asilole lu ih ðemmi).

**sweated labour** (derog) (a) dinhmun sia zeta hlawhman malte lawng ngahmi hnañuan. (b) cu vek hnañuantu.

**sweat-gland** *n* vun tangih a ummi thlansuaktertu taksa hlei pakhat.

**sweat-shit** *n* patih tuahmi angki (kor) bansau.

**sweat-shop** *n* (derog) dinhmun siazet ah, hlawhman malte lawng pekin minung tampi hramhram ih hna an ðuanternak hmun.

**sweater** /swetə(r)/ *n* = JERSEY **1.**

**swede** /swid/ (US also rutabaga) *n* [C, U] mungla tawba.

**sweep** <sup>1</sup> /swi:p/ *v* (pt, pp swept /swept/) **1** (a) [I, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (from, off, into, etc sth); ~ **sth** (away, up, etc) hmun phiat, leikhu le hnawmbal phiat: *Have you swept in here?* ○ *sweep the dust from the carpets* ○ *sweep the crumbs under the carpet, off the table, into the dustpan* ○ *sweep away bits of paper* ○ *sweep the dead leaves up.* (b) [Tn, Tn-p, Cn-a] ~ **sth** (out) phiat fai, thiag ko phiat: *sweep the carpet, floor, yard* ○ *sweep out the porch* ○ *sweep the chimney (free of soot)* ○ *Have the stairs been swept clean?* **2** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] thil pakhat khat cak zet, kham theih loin fehpi, fen hlo, thiar hlo: *The current swept the logs down the river.* ○ *We were almost swept off our feet by the waves.* ○ *She got swept along by the crowd.* ○ *Many bridges were swept away by the floods.* ○ (fig) *Old laws are swept away by the revolution.* **3** [Ipr, Ip, Tn] khuh ðeh/tuam: *A huge wave swept over the deck.* ○ *The fire swept rapidly across the wooded countryside.* ○ *Rumours swept through the town.* ○ *Cold winds swept the plains.* ○ (fig) *The party swept the country, ie won the election by a large majority.* **4** [Ipr, Ip] ðihzahtlak zet, rin-um zet le nuamte ih feh: *She swept out of the room.* ○ *The big car swept up the drive to the front of the house.* **5** [Ipr, Ip] a ding zawng (asilole) a kual zawngin thleng ban: *The road sweeps round the lake.* ○ *The coast sweeps (away) northwards in a wide curve.* **6** [Tn] thil pakhat hawlih vak

rero/tawi rero: *The searchlights swept the sky.*  
 ○ *Her eyes swept the room.* **7** [Tn] kutzungin tok, dai, tham, kut thawn dap vivo; hnawt phah: *His fingers swept the keys of the piano.* ○ *Her dress swept the ground.* **8** (idm) **sweep sth under the carpet** buainak le mi senpi huat zawng a suak thei dingmi thil thup: *sweep embarrassing evidence under the carpet.* **sweep the board** laksawng, tangka le lehnak hmuah lak theh/neh theh/co theh: *Switzerland swept the board in the skiing competition.* **sweep sb off his feet** neh/khuh theh/tuam theh: *I was swept off my feet by her wit and charm.*

▷ **sweeper** *n* **1** (a) hmunphiattu: *a pavement sweeper.* (b) thil phiahnak/hmunphiah: *a carpet sweeper.* **2** (in football) hmai khamtu. **sweepings** *n* [pl] leikhu, phiat khawmmi hnawm le thil nepnawi.

□ **swept-back** *adj* **1** (of aircraft wings) vanzamleng dung lamah a lei/a zau. **2** (of hair) hmailam ihsin dunglam ah sam hriat.

**swept-wing** *adj* [attrib] (of aircraft) dunglam ih a leimi thla nei vanzam leng.

**sweep<sup>2</sup>** /swi:p/ *n* **1** (also **sweep-out**) [C usu sing] phiat: *give the room a good sweep.* **2** [C] vawr, seep: *the sweep of a pendulum* ○ *with a sweep of his arm, scythe.* **3** [C usu sing] a kelkawi/a kualmi lamzin, tiva, tiffinriat kap: *the broad sweep of white cliffs round the bay.* **4** [U] (fig) thil pakhat khat ih huap mi/khuh (asilole) tuam thehmi: *the impressive sweep of a historical novel.* **5** [C] ral do/a hlomi thil/hawl dingih tawi/vak ciamco: *a sweep over the bay by a rescue helicopter* ○ *The police made a thorough sweep of the field where the dead child's body was found.* **6** [C] = CHIMNEY-SWEEP (CHIMNEY). **7** [C] = SWEEPSTAKE. **8** (idm) **a clean sweep** ⇒ CLEAN<sup>1</sup>.

**sweeping** /swi:pɪŋ/ *adj* **1** (a) hmual nei zet in kaupi a huapmi: *sweeping reforms, changes, etc* ○ *sweeping reductions in prices.* (b) [usu attrib] a sia a tha fiangter/rel cat thei/kim: *a sweeping victory.* **2** (derog) (of statements, etc) a hlei ce ih ruat le theih um lo, a tlangpi lawng a simi: *make a sweeping generalization, accusation, etc.*

**sweepstake** /swi:psterk/ (also *infml sweep*) *n* (a) lehnak (betting) (phun khat) a nehtu (pawl) in, betting tuahtu hmuahhmuah ih tangka a lak theh. (b) rang tlanzuam-awknak ih tangka kam-awknak.

**sweet<sup>1</sup>** /swi:t/ *adj* (~ er, ~ est) **1** thlum, cini le khuaizitu vekih thlum: *sweet apples, biscuits, drinks, etc* ○ *sweet wine*, ie tasting sweet or fruity, not dry ○ *Do you like your tea sweet?* ○ *This cake is much too sweet.* **2** rim hmui: *don't the roses smell sweet!* ○ *gardens sweet with the scent of thyme.* **3** ngai nuam, aw thlum awmawi: *the sweet song of the blackbird* ○ *The*

*soprano's voice sounded clear and sweet.* **4** thar, thiang, a tharmi, ziang rawi lomi/a hlang: *sweet milk* ○ *The spring water was sweet* (ie not salty, polluted, etc) *to the taste.* ○ *the sweet air of the countryside.* **5** lungkimnak/lungriamnak pe: *the sweet feeling of freedom, success, etc.* (a) (*infml*) mi hipnak, duh-nunnak nei: *a sweet face, smile, gesture* ○ *a sweet little poodle, baby, cottage* ○ *You look so sweet in that hat!* (b) duhnungza umzia, mithmai nei: *a sweet child, old lady, etc* ○ *a sweet temper, nature, disposition, etc* ○ *It is sweet of you to have remembered us.* ○ *such a sweet-tempered/sweet-natured girl.* **7** (idm) **at one's own sweet will; in one's own sweet time; in one's own sweet way** mah duh vekin: *It's no good telling him — leave him to find out in his own sweet time.* **be sweet on sb** (dated *infml*) duh/cai. **have a sweet tooth** (*infml*) thil thlum duh. **keep sb sweet** (*infml*) mithmai tha ngah duh ruangih mi parih tha ciamco: *I have to keep my boss sweet because I need to ask for a rise.* **revenge is sweet** ⇒ REVENGE. **short and sweet** ⇒ SHORT<sup>1</sup>. **sweet nothings** (*infml* or *joc*) duhawknak ðongkam: *She whispered sweet nothings into his ear.*

▷ **sweetish** *adj* thlum tawkfang.

**sweetness** *n* **1** [U] a thlumnak. **2** (idm) (all) **sweetness and light** (*ironic*) mi nuam thei, pawl nuam, umtlandan thiam: *She's all sweetness and light provided you're doing what she wants.*

□ **sweet-and-sour** *adj* [attrib] cabit titihur (asilole) tanpaya ti rawi ih suanmi catani: *sweet-and-sour pork*, ie a Chinese dish.

**sweet-briar** (also **sweet-brier**) *n* [U] = EGLANTINE.

**sweet corn** vainim thlum.

**sweetheart** *n* **1** (dated) duhzawng/duhmi/caimi: *They were childhood sweethearts.* ○ *Mary has a sweetheart.* **2** (used esp as a loving form of address, eg to a wife, husband, child, etc) duhmi kawhnak ðongkam.

**sweet pea** hruangih a zam theimi le a par rim a thawmi pangpar phunkhat, cadawpe par.

**sweet potato** kawlhra. Cf YAM.

**sweet talk** (US *infml*) a dik lomi porhnak. **sweet-talk** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (into sth/doing sth) dik loin mi porh ih thil pakhat khat tuahter: *You can't sweet-talk me into helping you!*

**sweet-william** *n* hmuanih cinmi a par a bor ih, a rim a hmuimi pangpar.

**sweet<sup>2</sup>** /swi:t/ *n* **1** [C often pl] (Brit) (US **candy** [U, C]) miðhai/thanthling: *a packet of boiled sweets* ○ [attrib] *a sweet shop.* **2** [C, U] (Brit) rawl khop hnuih eimi thil thlum = DESSERT: *What's for sweet?* ○ *have some more sweet.* **3** **sweets** [pl] the ~ s of sth lungawinak/



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thinnomnak: *taste the sweets of success, freedom, etc* ○ *enjoy the sweets of life while one is young.* **4** (used as a loving form of address) duhmi kawhnak; darling: *Yes, my sweet.*

**sweetbread** /swi:tbred/ *n* cawno/tuuno pawl ih la (rawl thaw n eimi cumi sa).

**sweeten** /swi:tn/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] a thlum, thlumter, a thlum rawi: *Fruit sweetens as it ripens.* ○ *I never sweeten my tea.* ○ *sweeten (the air in) a room*, eg by opening a window. **2** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sb** (up) (infml) thil pakhat pe (asilole) tuahsak ih lungawiter: *I'll sweeten her up a bit by inviting her to the party.* **3** (idm) **sugar/sweeten the pill** ⇒ **PILL**.

▷ **sweetener** /swi:tnə(r)/ *n* **1** [C, U] rawl le in dingmi pawl thlumternak ih hmanmi thil. **2** [C] (infml) thil pakhat tuah dingin leem, nawhthuh pe: *The firm offered her a generous bonus as a sweetener.*

**sweetening** /swi:tniŋ/ *n* [C, U] thlumternak thil (ole) in dingmi: [attrib] *sweetening agents.*

**sweetie** /swi:ti/ *n* (infml) **1** (Brit) miñhai. **2** (esp Brit) duhnungza minung: *Thanks for helping, you're a sweetie.* **3** (used as a loving form of address) duh kawhnak (E.g darling).

**swell** /swel/ *v* (pt **swelled** /sweld/, pp **swollen** /'swəʊlən/ or **swelled**) **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn esp passive, Tn-pr esp passive, Tn-p esp passive] ~ (to sth); ~ (sth) (up) (with sth) a thling, a puam: *Wood often swells when wet.* ○ *My eyes swelled with tears.* ○ *His face was swollen (up) with toothache.* ○ *limping because of a swollen ankle.* (b) [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (out) a pawng/phaw, eg lawng puanzar thli in a zappawng: *The sails swelled (out) in the wind.* ○ *The wind swelled (out) the sails.* **2** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr esp passive] ~ (into/to sth); ~ sth (to sth) (with sth) tumter, karhter, tamter, ðhangter: *The group of onlookers soon swelled (in) to a crowd.* ○ *The murmur swelled into a roar.* ○ *Small extra costs all swell the total.* ○ *The river was swollen with flood water.* **3** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (with sth) (of a person, his heart, etc) thinlung sung a khat hluahhlo: *His breast/heart swelled with pride at his achievement.* **4** (idm) **have a swelled/swollen head** (infml) hmakhatte ih hlensuah ruangih porh-aw.

▷ **swell** *n* [U, sing] **1** cawl bang lo ih tiffinriat tilet ðumthul-kaithul: *feel seasick in the heavy swell.* **2** (music) nuamte ih aw thang reromi.

**swell** *adj* (US infml) **1** sanman/a piang: *You look swell in that dress!* **2** ða ngaingai, a ða bik phun: *a swell vacation, player, guy* ○ *That's swell!*

**swelling** /sweliŋ/ *n* **1** [U] a thlinnak: *reduce the swelling with ice-packs.* **2** [C] taksa pa hmunkhat ah lamdang zet ih a thlinnak: *He had a swelling on his knee.*

**swelter** /sweltə(r)/ *v* [I] (infml) khua a sat

ruangih umtlandan nuam ti lo, khawsa tuar: *lie sweltering on a beach* ○ *a sweltering(-hot) day, summer, climate, room* ○ *We were sweltering in our winter clothes.*

**swept** *pt, pp* of **SWEEP**<sup>1</sup>.

**swerve** /swɜ:v/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] herhruak, pial, hrial, kian: *The lorry swerved sharply to avoid the child.* ○ *The ball swerved to the left.* ○ (fml fig) *She never swerves from her determination to succeed.*

▷ **swerve** *n* hrialnak, pialnak: *a wide, dangerous, sudden swerve.*

**swift**<sup>1</sup> /swift/ *adj* (~ **er**, ~ **est**) **1** ~ (to do sth/in doing sth) zamrang, khulrang: *a swift reply, reaction, revenge* ○ *He was swift to condemn the violence/in condemning the violence.* ○ (fml) *She is swift to anger*, ie *She quickly becomes angry.* **2** (often in compounds) ðawnhruak, tlan, luangcak: *a swift runner, horse* ○ *swift-flowing rivers* ○ *swift-footed greyhounds.*

▷ **swiftly** *adv.* **swiftness** *n* [U].

**swift**<sup>2</sup> /swift/ *n* cucik kharbok pawl eitu, cak zetih a zam thei vate phunkhat – (vanva phunkhat) thla fate sau zet a nei.

**swig** /swig/ *v* (-gg-) [Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (down) (infml) tidai/zu in, dawk: *swigging beer out of a bottle* ○ *swig down a glass of rum.*

▷ **swig** *n* dolh/dawk: *taking long swigs (at a bottle) of beer.*

**swill** /swil/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (out/down) (esp Brit) tidai tamzet burh ih kholhfai, hnawtfai: *swill down the front steps* ○ *he swilled his mouth out with antiseptic.* (b) [Ipr, Ip] ~ **around, over, through, etc** (of liquid) hoi zawng nei ih luang, bur, thle: *Beer swilled around the bottom of the barrel.* ○ *Muddy water swilled over the planks.* **2** [Tn] (infml derog) dawk, pham zet ih dolh: *swill beer, tea, etc.*

▷ **swill** *n* **1** [sing] hnawt fai, tidai thaw n kholh/tleng: *give the bucket a swill (out).* **2** (also **pigswill**) [U] vok rawl hrang a hawng le a pilh pawl, rawl hlei, rawl ðhing.

**swim** /swim/ *v* (-mm-; pt **swam** /swæm/, pp **swum** /swʌm/) **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] tileuh: *Fish swim.* ○ *Let's go swimming.* ○ *swim on one's back* ○ *When the ship sank we had to swim for it*, ie *save ourselves by swimming.* ○ *swim underwater, upstream, across, ashore.* (b) [Tn] ti leuh dan: *swim breast-stroke, back-stroke, crawl, etc.* **2** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] leuh dingih timi zat leuh: *swim a mile, race, river* ○ *swim two lengths of the pool* ○ *swim the Channel.* (b) [no passive: Tn-pr, Tn-p] ti leuhter: *She swam her horse across (the river).* **3** (usu in the continuous tenses) (a) [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) ti a lik (asilole) liam: *Her eyes were swimming (with tears).* ○ *The bathroom floor was swimming with water.* (b) [Ipr] ~ **in sth** ti ih fenmi vek in ciar ðheh:

meat swimming in gravy. **4** (a) [I, Ipr] a her ciamco vek : *The room swam before his eyes/around him.* (b) [I] lu rii : *The whisky made his dead swim* ○ *My brain swam at the complexity of the calculations.* **5** (idm) **sink or swim** ⇒ SINK<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **swim** *n* **1** tileuh: *go for a swim* ○ *I only had two swims last year.* **2** (idm) **in/out of the swim** (infml) thil a cangmi thei/tel, asilole, thei lo/tel lo: *Although I'm retired, voluntary work keeps me in the swim (of things).*

**swimmer** *n* tileuhtu: *a strong, good, fast, etc swimmer.*

□ **swimming-bath** *n* (esp pl) (Brit) inn sungih tikholhnaq tili.

**swimming-costume** (also **bathing-costume**) (esp Brit) (US also **bathing-suit**) *n* tileuhnnaq hnipuan.

**swimming-pool** *n* tileuhnnaq ih tuahmi tili.

**swim-suit** *n* nunau ih hrukmi tileuhnnaq a pehawmi hnipuan (sunghruk korte le bawngbite).

**swimming-trunks** *n* [pl] mipa in tileuh tikih an hrukmi hnipuan (bawngbi sau, asilole, bawngbi tawi): *a pair of swimming-trunks.*

**swimmingly** /ˈswɪmɪŋli/ *adv* (infml) hnaihnaq harsatnaq um lovin, tluangte in: *We're getting along swimmingly.* ○ *Everything went swimmingly, ie proceeded without difficulties.*

**swindle** /ˈswɪndl/ *v* (infml) [Tn, Tn-pr] (a) ~ **sb** (out of sth) sum le pai hawlnaah mi bum: *swindle an insurance company* ○ *You're easily swindled!* ○ *I've been swindled out of £5.* (b) ~ **sth** (out of sb/sth) bumawlnaah ih tangka ngah: *She swindled £1000 out of the Social Security.*

▷ **swindle** *n* **1** bum ih tangkangahnaq: *victims of a tax, mortgage, etc swindle.* **2** mi bumnaq ih hmanmi minung/thilri: *That newspaper story's a complete swindle.*

**swindler** /ˈswɪndlə(r)/ *n* mi bumih tangka ngahtu, mi bumtu.

**swine** /swaɪn/ *n* **1** [pl] (arch or fml) vok. **2** [C] (infml derog) fihnungza minung/thil: *Take your hands off me, you filthy swine!* ○ *Those nails were real swines to get out.* **3** (idm) **cast pearls before swine** ⇒ CAST<sup>1</sup>.

□ **swine-fever** *n* [U] (Brit) voknatnaq phurtu (virus) rulcawng fate.

**swing**<sup>1</sup> /swɪŋ/ *v* (pt, pp **swung** /swʌŋ/) **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr] vawr, kut vawr, pepawv vawr: *His arms swung/He swung his arms as he walked.* ○ *The bucket swung from the end of a rope.* ○ *They gymnast swung on the parallel bars.* **2** [Ipr, Ip, Tn-pr, Tn-p] pepawv vekin vawr: *The ape swung (along) from branch to branch.* ○ *He swung himself (up) into the saddle/into the driver's seat.* **3** [Ipr, Ip] rual zet in feh hluarhlo: *The band swung lightly down the street.* ○ *A company of guardsmen swung past.* **4** [Ipr, Ip,

Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Cn-a] a kel, a kawi, a kual ih feh/her/thawn: *A car swung sharply round the corner.* ○ *The boom swung over (the deck).* ○ *She swung the rucksack (up) onto her back.* ○ *swing a telescope through 180°* ○ *The gate (was) swung slowly to/shut.* **5** [Ipr, Ip] ~ **around/round** zamrang zet in dunglam ah her: *She swung round (on him) angrily.* ○ *He swung round to confront his accusers.* **6** [Ipr, Ip, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ (sb) (from sth) to sth hmakhatte ih ngaidan/ruatdan thleng: *Voters have/Voting has swung to the left.* ○ *He swings from wild optimism to total despair.* ○ *Can you swing them round to my point of view?* **7** [I] aw fehdaan rual le ring: *He can write music that really swings.* **8** [Tn] (infml) thil pakhat khat ngah/hlawhtling (a bikin, a dik lo zawngih tuah): *Can you swing it for me so that I get the job?* ○ *She managed to swing an interview with the Prince.* **9** (idm) **room to swing a cat** ⇒ ROOM. **swing into action** khulrangih tuah/tuan: *The police swung into action against the gunmen.* **swing the lead** (dated Brit infml) na vekih umawter in hnaŋuan hrial, kian. **10** (phr v) **swing for sb** (sl or joc) mi thah ruangaah hridai ih thlai that: *That wretched child — I'll swing for him one of these days!*

**swing**<sup>2</sup> /swɪŋ/ *n* **1** [C] nawp, sep: *The golfer took a swing at the ball.* ○ *the swing of a pendulum, pointer, needle, etc* ○ *the swing of her hips as she walked.* **2** [C] (a) pepawv: *children riding on the swings.* (b) pepawv vawr: *have a swing* ○ *give the children a swing.* **3** [U] (also **swing music**) kum 1930 hnurahawng ih hmanmi laamnaah a kat rangmi jazz hla thluk laamnaah awnmawi. **4** [U, sing] hmaanhmaan teih a suakmi thinlung ruahnaah/hmailam nor ih zuamnaah: *music with a swing (to it).* **5** [C] ruahnaah pakhat ihsin ruahnaah dangah a thleng-aw zat: *Voting showed a 10% swing to the Opposition.* ○ *He is liable to abrupt swings in mood, eg from happiness to despair.* **6** (idm) **get in the swing (of sth)** (infml) tidan/tuahdaan kel cang dingih rem umdaan zongsangter: *I've only been at university for a week, so I haven't got into the swing of things yet.* **go with a swing** (infml) (a) (of music, poetry, etc) tidan, fehdaan cak zet, khohzet, feketet nei. (b) (of entertainment, etc) thatho, aipuang: *The party went with a swing.* **in full swing** ⇒ FULL. **swings and roundabouts** (infml esp Brit) a sung le a miat cuai thlai/khingkhai: *Higher earnings mean more tax, so it's all swings and roundabouts.* ○ *What you gain on the swings you'll probably lose on the roundabouts.* **the swing of the pendulum** senpi ruatdan/ngaidan a titukmi, khatlam a titukmi ah thleng/thawn. □ **swing-boat** *n* nunnuam tuahnaah ih hmanmi vokkuang lawng vek pepawv.

**swing bridge** lawng pawl feh thei dingin a kap ih a sep-aw theimi lilawn.

**swing-door** *n* mahte khar thei/ong thei sangka.

**swing shift** (*US infml*) zanlam nazi 4 ihsin zanlai tiang tuantu hnañuan pawl.

**swing-wing** *n* tum zikih hmailamah a thawn thei ih zam zikah dunglamah a thawnmi vanzam.

**swingeing** /swɪŋdʒɪŋ/ *adj* [attrib] (*esp Brit*) **1** (of a blow) na zetih thong, thawi. **2** tamngai pi/tamzet: *swingeing fines, taxes, costs, etc* ○ *swingeing cuts in public services.*

**swipe** /swaɪp/ *v* (*infml*) **1** [Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (at) **sth/sb** kut nawp ih thawi, beng: *He swiped at the dog with his stick, but missed.* ○ *He swiped the ball into the grandstand.* **2** [Tn] (*esp joc*) thil pakhat fir: *Who's swiped my calculator?*

▷ **swipe** *n* ~ (at **sb/sth**) nawp ih thil pakhat khat thawi/beng: *have/take a swipe at the ball* ○ *make a sudden vicious swipe at sb.*

**swirl** /swɜːl/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn-pr *esp* passive, Tn-p *esp* passive] leikhu thli in herpi, zual; tidai her ciamco/tiherh: *dust swirling (around) in the streets* ○ *Smoke swirled up the chimney.* ○ *The log was swirled away downstream by the current.*

▷ **swirl** *n* ~ (of **sth**) **1** hernak: *Dancers spun in a swirl of skirts.* **2** her pungsan: *strawberries topped with a swirl of cream.*

**swish**<sup>1</sup> /swɪʃ/ *v* **1** (a) [Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] thli lakah awn surso ih her, merh, sep: *Scythes swished to and fro.* ○ *The horse swished its tail (about).* (b) [I, Ipr] thinghnah ro hnawt aw-ih awn wekin thli lakah her ih awn: *We swished through the long grass.* ○ *She swished across the floor in her long silk dress.* **2** (phr *v*) **swish sth off** kianghrol, asilole, funghreu hawi in thawitan: *He swished off the tops of the nettles with his cane.*

▷ **swish** *n* [sing] a awn sursomi/card zem tikihi awn vek: *Her skirts gave a swish.*

**swish**<sup>2</sup> /swɪʃ/ *adj* (*infml esp Brit*) a tha, a mak : *swish hotels, resorts, cars.*

**Swiss** /swɪs/ *adj* Switzerland minung le an tong.

▷ **Swiss** *n* (pl unchanged) Switzerland minung.

□ **Swiss roll** sang zual thlum.

**Swiss chard** = CHARD.

**switch** /swɪtʃ/ *n* **1** (a) electric vannak le hmihnak hmehmi a bo: a *light switch* ○ *press the on/off switch* ○ a *two-way switch*, eg at the top and bottom of a staircase. (b) tlangleng lamzin teek tertu. (c) (*US*) = POINTS (POINTS<sup>1</sup> 18). **2** (also **switch-over**) (*infml*) (*esp* sudden) ceer/thleng: *Polls showed a switch to Labour.* ○ a *switch from gas to electric* ○ *make a switch from publishing to teaching* ○ a *switch in method, policy, opinion.* **3** rang thawinak funghreu. **4** nunau sam peh.

▷ **switch** *v* [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ (sth)

(over) (to **sth**) hmakhatte ih ceer/thleng: *switch to modern methods* ○ *Many voters switched to Labour.* ○ *Computers are everywhere now — our firm is switching over soon.* ○ *switch the conversation to a different topic* ○ *Could you switch the TV over?* **2** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (with **sb/sth**); ~ (sth) **over/round** minung/thil thleng awter: *Our glasses have been switched — this is mine.* ○ *Husband and wife should switch roles (with each other) occasionally.* ○ *You drive first and then we'll switch round/over.* **3** [Tn] funghreu thawn (rang) thawi. **4** [Tn-pr] tlangleng zin pakhat ihsin zin dangah pialter/pengter: *switch a train into a siding.* **5** (phr *v*) **switch (sth) off** phoih/pehter lo, phit: *Switch off the gas, power, etc at the mains.* ○ *Don't switch (the TV) off yet.* **switch (sb) off** (*infml*) lunglut lo ih umter/ningter: *I switch off when he starts talking about cars.* ○ *Long lectures really switch me off.* **switch (sth) on** electric ong; TV, radio ong: *Switch on the light at the wall-socket.* ○ *Don't switch (the radio) on yet.*

□ **switch-blade** *n* = FLICK-KNIFE (FLICK).

**switchboard** /ˈswɪtʃbɔːd/ *n* telephone hri pekhawmnak hmunpi bik: *on duty at the switchboard* ○ *Protesting viewers jammed the BBC switchboard.* ○ [attrib] *switchboard operators.*

**switched-on** *adj* (*dated infml*) thil umdan thei thiam/hmuthiam, sanman.

**switch-man** /-mən/ *n* (pl **-men** /-mən/) (*US*) = POINTSMAN (POINT<sup>1</sup>).

**switch-over** *n* = SWITCH 2.

**switch-yard** *n* (*US*) zin dangdang ih a ummi mawtawka tlangleng pawl pehzomnak hmun.

**switchback** /ˈswɪtʃbæk/ *n* **1** (*esp Brit*) = ROLLER-COASTER (ROLLER). **2** solam kainak le a suklam tumnak Z vek tlangleng zin.

**swivel** /ˈswɪvl/ *n* (*esp* in compounds) thil pahnih pehtu, (a pakhat her rero lai ah a dang pakhat cu cang lo ih um tertu): a *swivel-chain*, -hook ○ a *swivel-chair*, ie one that rotates.

▷ **swivel** *v* (-ll-; *US* -l-) [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (round) herter: *He swiveled (round) in his chair to face us.* ○ *She swiveled the telescope (round).*

**swizz** /swɪz/ (also **swizzle**) *n* (usu *sing*) (*Brit infml*) bumnak le hnabeidongnak: *You didn't get a leaving present? What a swizz!*

**swizzle** /ˈswɪzl/ *n* **1** rum zu thawn rawimi in tha. **2** = SWIZZ.

□ **swizzle-stick** *n* (a) in ding thil cawh-nak funghreu. (b) zu phun dangdang rawimi cawh-nak funghreu.

**swollen** pp of SWELL.

**swoon** /swuːn/ *v* (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] (*dated*) lungmit, ziang thei lo: *She swooned into his arms for joy.* ○ *She swooned away.* (b) [I, Ipr] ~ (over **sb/sth**) (fig *esp* *joc*) thinlung tong ngah: *All the*

girls are swooning over the new maths teacher.

▷ **swoon** *n* (dated): fall into a swoon.

**swoop** /swu:p/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (down) (on sb/sth) mupi ih ar la vekin van ihsin leilam ah zuangsuk, dawp, tum: *The owl swooped down on the mouse.* ○ *Planes swooped (low) over the ship.* ○ (fig) *Detectives swooped (on the house) at dawn.* **2** (phr *v*) **swoop sth away/up** (infml) midang hnen ihsin laksak hruak: *The robber swooped up the banknotes.*

▷ **swoop** *n* **1** ~ (on sth/sb) (a) sukzuan cangvaihna. (b) rinlopi ih nor/hmakhateih siim: *Police made a dawn swoop.* **2** (idm) **at one fell swoop** ⇒ FELL<sup>2</sup>.

**swop** = SWAP.

**sword** /sɔ:d/ *n* **1** namsau: draw/sheathe one's sword, ie take it out of/put it into its sheath. **2** (idm) **cross swords** ⇒ CROSS<sup>2</sup>. **fire and sword** ⇒ FIRE<sup>1</sup>. **the pen is mightier than the sword** ⇒ PEN<sup>1</sup>. **put sb to the sword** (dated or rhet) namsau thawn that. **a sword of Damocles** /'dæmækli:z/ (fml) mi pakhat hnenih a thleng theimi thil tha lo le nuam lo, donhar thinphang ko tuahtu: *The possibility of losing her job hung over her like a sword of Damocles all last year.* □ **sword-dance** *n* naam laam phun khat.

**swordfish** *n* hmur zum zet nei tiffinriat nga.

**sword-play** *n* [U] namsau thawn do awknak/tawng awknak.

**swordsman** /-zmən/ *n* (pl **-men**) namsau hman thiammi: *a good, poor, etc swordsman.*

**swordsmanship** /-mənʃɪp/ *n* [U].

**sword-stick** *n* a sungih namsau vekih hman theih namte thanmi kianghrol.

**swore** *pt* of SWEAR.

**sworn**<sup>1</sup> *pp* of SWEAR.

**sworn**<sup>2</sup> /swɔ:n/ *adj* [attrib] **1** thungai sim dingih tiamkam awknak: *a sworn statement.* **2** situk: *sworn friends/enemies.*

**swot** /swɒt/ *v* (-tt-) [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn-p] ~ (up) (for/on sth); ~ sth up (Brit infml often derog) nasa zetih zir/zuam: *swotting for her exams* ○ *I'm swotting up my maths/swotting up on my history.* ▷ **swot** (also **swotter**) *n* zirtu/zuamtu.

**swum** *pp* of SWIM.

**swung** *pt, pp* of SWING.

**sybarite** /sɪbəraɪt/ *n* (fml usu derog) a hleifuan ih nomnak duhtu.

▷ **sybaritic** /sɪbə'rɪtɪk/ *adj* (fml usu derog) a hleifuan ih nomnak a simi: *sybaritic tastes, pleasures.*

**sycamore** /sɪkəmə(r)/ *n* **1** [C] (a) (esp Brit) nitlak mirang ram ih sycamore cu maple kung vek thingkung phunkhat a si; Baibal ih simmi sycamore cu theikung bangtuk rah ei tha thingkung phun a si. (b) (esp US) thal ah a hnah a til theumi zanthing phunkhat. **2** [U] sycamore thinghak mankhung: [attrib] a *sycamore desk, chair, etc.*

**sycophant** /sɪkəfənt/ *n* (fml derog) milian le thil tithei khi a dik lo ih porh le a duhzawng thlun ih mah duhnak, bomnak le tanpinak ngah tumtu, mi tlontu.

▷ **sycophancy** /sɪkəfənsɪ/ *n* [U]. **sycophantic** /sɪkəfəntɪk/ *adj*: *a sycophantic smile.*

**sycophantically** /-klɪ/ *adv*.

**syllable** /sɪləbl/ *n* **1** tongfang pakhat ih um awsuah then: *'Arithmetic' is a word of four syllables.* **2** (idm) **in words of one syllable** ⇒ WORD.

▷ **syllabary** /sɪləbəri/; US -beri/ *n* awsuah hminsinnak nganmi cazin.

**syllabic** /sɪləbɪk/ *adj* **1** tongsem lam, kamlam. **2** (of a consonant) vowel tel loin consonant lawngih aw suahmi tongfang. **syllabically** /-bɪklɪ/ *adv*.

**syllabify** /sɪləbɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **-fied**) [Tn] awsuak thlun ih tongfang then. **syllabification** /sɪləbɪfɪkeɪʃn/ *n* [U] aw suak thennak.

**-syllabled** (forming compound *adjs*) aw-suak fiangfai a neimi: *a two-, three-, four-, etc syllabled word.*

**syllabub** (also **sillabub**) /sɪləbʌb/ *n* [C, U] cabitti phul ko ih rawimi cawhnawi (hmeh ah hman a si).

**syllabus** /sɪləbəs/ *n* (pl ~ **es**) zir ding thuhla, cazin: *'Hamlet' is on this year's English literature syllabus.* Cf CURRICULUM.

**sylllogism** /sɪlədʒɪzəm/ *n* thu pahnih khingkhainak ihsin thu tluknak, asilole, thucatnak tuah, eg *All men must die; I am a man; therefore I must die.* Cf PREMISE 2.

▷ **syllogistic** /sɪlədʒɪstɪk/ *adj* syllagism pianzia/syllagism hoi zawngin.

**sylyph** /sɪlf/ *n* **1** (in ancient myth) thli lak (boruak) ih um khuavang fala (lasi). **2** (fml approv) a mawi feem mi nunau. Cf NYMPH.

▷ **sylyphlike** *adj* (approx or joc) feem le mawi: *'You're not exactly sylphlike, are you?' she said to her fat friend.*

**sylvan** ⇒ SILVAN.

**symbiosis** /sɪmbɪəʊsɪs, -baɪ-/ *n* [U] (biology) nunnak nei thil hnam dang veve, pakhat le pakhat pehzom-awknak, rinsan awknak: *the symbiosis between a plant and the insect that fertilizes it.*

▷ **symbiotic** /-bɒtɪk/ *adj*.

**symbol** /sɪmbl/ *n* **1** ~ (of sth) thlam/hminsinnak zuk: *The cross is the symbol of Christianity.* ○ *The lion is the symbol of courage.* **2** ~ (for sth) tican nei/sawhmi nei hminsinnak: *On maps, a cross is the symbol for a church.* ○ *Au is the chemical symbol for gold.* ○ *algebraic signs and symbols.*

▷ **symbolic** /sɪm'bɒlɪk/, **symbolical** /-kl/ *adjs* ~ (of sth) hminsinnak a simi: *The cross is symbolic of Christianity.* ○ *The power of the monarchy in Britain today is more symbolical*



than real. **symbolically** /-kɪ/ *adv.*

**symbolism** /sɪmbəˈlɪzəm/ *n* [U] thil pakhat aiawh ih hmanmi hmainsinnak: *poetry full of religious symbolism.* **symbolist** /sɪmbəˈlɪst/ *n* symbol a hmanngu zuksuai thiam, cangan thiam.

**symbolize, -ise** /sɪmbəˈlaɪz/ *v* **1** [Tn] hmainsin/ai a aw: a picture of a red disc with rays coming from it, symbolizing the sun. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-n/a] ~ **sth/sb (with/as sth)** thil pakhat khat hmuhsak/khihmmuh/ai-awh/thim: *The poet has symbolized his lover with a flower.*

**symmetry** /sɪmɪtri/ *n* [U] **1** a tum a sen le a pianzia ih a rem aw cekci mi thil pakhat ih a hrek khatlam le khatlam: a tum le a sen a bang aw, a rual aw cekcimi thil kauseu. *the perfect symmetry of the building.* **2** bangawknak le tlukawknak: *the symmetry of her features.*

▷ **symmetric** /sɪˈmetrɪk/, **symmetrical** /-rɪkɪ/ *adjs* (of a design, etc) a tum a sen le pianzia ih a bangrep/a tia aw cekcimi thil hrek pakhat veve: *The plan of the ground floor is completely symmetrical.* ○ *the symmetrical arrangement of the gardens, ie one that shows symmetry.* Cf **ASYMMETRIC.** **symmetrically** /-kɪ/ *adv.*

**sympathetic** /sɪmpəˈθetɪk/ *adj* **1** ~ **(to/towards/with sb)** zawn ruatthiam/zaangfah/lainat thiam: *a sympathetic look, smile, remark* ○ *feel sympathetic towards sb who is suffering* ○ *He was enormously sympathetic when my father died.* **2** duhnungza: *a sympathetic character, ie person* ○ *I don't find her very sympathetic.* **3** duhsaknak le lungkimnak/remtinak langter: *We asked for her support in the election, but she wasn't sympathetic (to our request).*

▷ **sympathetically** /-kɪ/ *adv.*

**sympathy** /sɪmpəˈθi/ *n* **1** [U] ~ **(for/towards sb)** zaangfahnnak, tuarpinak, lainatnak, zawnruahnnak: *feel great sympathy for sb* ○ *She never expressed any sympathy when I was injured.* ○ *Out of sympathy for the homeless children he gave them shelter for the night.* **2** **sympathies** [pl] tuarpinak/lainatnak: *You have my deepest sympathies on the death of your wife.* ○ *My sympathies are with the workers in this dispute.* **3** [U] ~ **(between sb and sb)** ruahnnak le duhzawng a bangrep/a zawng awmi: *A bond of sympathy developed between members of the group.* **4** (idm) **in sympathy (with sb/sth)** thapeknak lungkimpinak langter: *The steel workers came out in sympathy with the miners, ie went on strike to show support for them.* ○ *I'm sure she will be in sympathy with your proposal.* **have no, some, etc sympathy with sb sth** mi ih ruahdan lungkimpi/dinpi thei (asilole) lungkimpi thei lo/dinpi thei lo: *He's wrong — I have no sympathy with him.* ○ *I have some sympathy with that point of view.*

**symphony** /sɪmfəni/ *n* hri awnmawi thawn sak ding bung then thum-li um hlaphuah.

▷ **symphonic** /sɪmˈfɒnɪk/ *adj* symphony vek.

**symposium** /sɪmˈpəʊziəm/ *n* (pl **-sia** /-ziə/) **1** thu pakhat relkhawm ding tonkhawmnak fate. **2** thil pakhat thuhla mi tampi ih nganmi (*essay*) cabu.

**symptom** /sɪmptəm/ *n* **1** natnak a nei a si ti langtertu: *the rash that is a symptom of measles.* **2** thil sia/thil tha lo a um rori a si ti langternak: *This demonstration was a symptom of discontent among the students.*

▷ **symptomatic** /sɪmptəˈmætɪk/ *adj* [pred] ~ **(of sth)** natnak a um ti langtermi: *Chest pains may be symptomatic of heart disease.* ○ *Is inflation symptomatic of economic decline?*

**synagogue** /sɪnəˈɡɒɡ/ *n* Judah mi pawlin biaknak le cazirnak ih hman mi inn, sinakok (biakinn).

**sync** (also **synch**) /sɪŋk/ *n* [U] (*infml*) = **SYNCHRONIZATION** (**SYNCHRONIZE**): *The film's sound-track is out of sync/not in sync with the picture.*

**synchronesh** /sɪŋkrəʊˈmɛʃ/ *n* [U] gearbox sungih then fate te (*parts*) pawl rual zetih cangtertu le gear nal zetih thleng tertu.

**synchronic** /sɪŋˈkrɒnɪk/ *adj* **1** (*linguistics*) tu laifang ih tɔŋfang/kom pawl hmandan/fehdan ziangtik lai ihsin hiti vek in a thok, hlanah ziangvek a si ti theih lomi. **2** = **SYNCHRONOUS** **1**.

**synchronize, -ise** /sɪŋkrəˈnaɪz/ *v* [I, I-pr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **(sth) (with sth)** caankhatte ah cangvaiter, herter, thawnter: *The wheels must synchronize as they revolve.* ○ *The sound on a film must synchronize with the action.* ○ *Let's synchronize our watches, ie set them to show the same time.*

▷ **synchronization, -isation** /sɪŋkrəˈnaɪzɪˈʃn/; **US** -nɪz-/ (also *infml* **sync**) *n* [U].

**synchronous** /sɪŋkrəˈnəs/ *adj* **1** (also **synchronic**) (*fml*) tikcu hmun khat ih a thleng/um/cangmi: *synchronous events.* **2** (*esp physics*) tikcu hmun khat, khul randan khat in cangvai/tuan: *the synchronous rise and fall of the pistons.*

**syncopate** /sɪŋkəˈpeɪt/ *v* [Tn usu passive] rhythm (asilole) beat thleng: *The song has a syncopated rhythm in the jazz version.*

▷ **syncopation** /sɪŋkəˈpeɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**syncope** /sɪŋkəˈpi/ *n* **1** [U, C] (*medical*) reilote sung ziang thei lo ih um/ta cem. **2** [U] (*linguistics*) a lai fangih cawang pawl hlom ih tɔŋfang tawiter E.g. “bosun” for “boatswain”.

**syndicalism** /sɪndɪkəˈlɪzəm/ *n* [U] cet zung le hnaʔuannak zung pawl cu Cozah in nei loin hnaʔuantu pawl in an nei ding a si sawn ti ruah dan.

▷ **syndicalist** /-kəlɪst/ *n* syndicalism duhtu le

thapetu.

**syndicate** /ˈsɪndɪkət/ *n* hnaʔuan tumpi (project) ʔuan dingih kom khawmmi minung pawl, asilole, company pawl.

▷ **syndicate** /ˈsɪndɪkət/ *v* [Tn usu passive] thuthang ca, mekazin, etc. sung in thu than: *His column is syndicated throughout the world.*

**syndication** /ˈsɪndɪkeɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**syndrome** /ˈsɪndrəm/ *n* **1** (medical) natnak a um ti le, taksa umdan kel a si lo ti langtertut. **2** (fig) tikcu le thil umtudan vekih ruahdan thil thlengdan le tuahdan: *Unemployment, inflation, and low wages are all part of the same economic syndrome.*

**synod** /ˈsɪnəd/ *n* kawhhran sungtel, hruaitu pawl thuhla relkhawmnak khawmpi.

**synonym** /ˈsɪnənim/ *n* tican le sullam a bangrepmi ʔongfang dangdang: *'Slay' and 'kill' are synonyms.*

▷ **synonymous** /sɪˈnɒnɪməs/ *adj* ~ (with sth) tican bangrep: *'Slay' is synonymous with 'kill' (though it is more forceful and rather dated).* ○ (fig) *Wealth is not necessarily synonymous with generosity, ie Rich people are not always generous.* Cf ANTONYM.

**synopsis** /sɪˈnɒpsɪs/ *n* (pl **-ses** /-sɪz/) cabu/thuanthu (cawn) ih a thu tlangpi pawl, asilole, khaikhawmnak.

▷ **synoptic** /sɪˈnɒptɪk/ *adj* [attrib] khaikhawmnak lam.

□ **the synoptic gospels** (in the Bible) Matthew Mark le Luka pawl hi an bang aw deuh ih, John a cu danglam zet; A bang-aw deuh pathum hi synoptic gospel an ti.

**syntax** /ˈsɪntæks/ *n* [U] (linguistics) ʔongtluan saktuahdan, ʔongtluan rettan.

▷ **syntactic** /sɪnˈtæktɪk/ *adj* ʔongfang (asilole) ʔonghlom rettan lam: *syntactic differences between English and French.*

**syntactically** /-kli/ *adv*: *a syntactically complex written style.* Cf GRAMMAR 1, MORPHOLOGY 2.

**synthesis** /sɪnˈθæsis/ *n* (pl **-theses** /-sɪz/) **1** (a) [U] a ʔhen fatete pawl a hlompi cang dingih komkhawmdan: *develop a new theory by the synthesis of several earlier theories.* (b) [C] thil ʔhen fate pawl hmunkhat ah komkhawmnak ihsin a suak/a cangmi thil: *a new method that is a synthesis of the best features of the old methods* ○ *Her novels are an odd synthesis of English reserve and Welsh emotionalism.* **2** [U] thingkung hramkung le ramsa ihsin a suak komkhawmmi thil: *produce rubber from petroleum by synthesis* ○ *the synthesis of insulin.*

▷ **synthesize, -ise** /sɪnˈθæsɪz/ *v* [Tn] **1** thil phun dangdang kom khawm, sak, tah: *synthesize diamonds, rubber, fuel, etc.* **2** a pumpi (asilole) a hlompi cang dingih a phunphun komkhawm: *The two elements are*

*synthesized by a chemical process.*

**synthesizer, -iser** *n* aw phun dangdang suahtertu electronic ʔingtang le awnmawi thilri pawl.

**synthetic** /sɪnˈθetɪk/ *adj* **1** a dangdang komkhawm ih tuahmi: *synthetic diamonds, rubber, etc.* **2** [attrib] komkhawm tikah a tak vekih a cangmi: *synthetic chemistry.* **3** (infml derog) a lem, a tak si lomi, tuahcop: *the salesman's synthetic friendliness* ○ *a synthetic blonde, ie sb whose hair is dyed blonde.*

**synthetic** *n* komkhawmnak ihsin a suakmi thil: *natural fibres and synthetics.*

**synthetically** /-kli/ *adv*.

**syphilis** /sɪˈfɪlɪs/ *n* [U] (also **the pox**) nunau mipa pawl-awknak ihsin suan-aw theimi natnak, eg zahmawh natnak.

▷ **syphilitic** /sɪˈfɪlɪtɪk/ *adj* syphilis natnak nei. — *n* syphilis natnak tuartu.

**syringa** /sɪˈrɪŋgə/ *n* [C, U] **1** rim hmui zet pangpar rang ih a parmi thingkung niamte. **2** (botany) lilac par kung.

**syringe** /sɪˈrɪndʒ/ *n* **1** sii sunnak ʔhim le dawngte: *a garden syringe.* **2** = HYPODERMIC SYRINGE (HYPODERMIC).

▷ **syringe** *v* [Tn] thil pakhat syringe thawn sun, theh, kholhfai: *syringe a wound, plant.*

**syrup** /ˈsɪrəp/ *n* [U] **1** cini rawimi tidai: *tinned peaches in (heavy) syrup* ○ *cough syrup, ie syrup with medicine in it to cure coughs.* **2** a thlum zetmi tibek (a khal lomi).

▷ **syrupy** *adj* **1** cini rawi mi tidai vek: *a drink that is too syrupy.* **2** (fig derog) hnok thei; thinglung no: *a rather syrupy love-story.*

**system** /ˈsɪstəm/ *n* **1** [C] thiltuahdan tawlreldan, zin le dan: *the nervous system* ○ *a railway system* ○ *a stereo system, eg a record-deck, an amplifier, loud-speakers, etc combined* ○ *The lifting device is a system of ropes and pulleys.* **2** [C] minung le ramsa pawl ih taksa sunglam le a hnaʔuan huapin: *The poison has passed into his system.* ○ *Alcohol is bad for your system.* **3** [C] thil pakhat tuahdan le tidan: *a system of philosophy* ○ *the democratic system of government* ○ *a good system of teaching languages* ○ *a foolproof new system for winning at roulette.* **4** [U] cin le daan nei zet ih thil tuahdan: *You'll find little system in his method of work.* ○ *We must introduce some system into our office routine.* **5** **the system** [sing] (infml) pawl ho le mi senpi ih tuahdan kel le, cinkenmi tidan kel ih neihmi: *You can't beat the system, ie You must conform to it.* **6** (idm) **get sth out of one's system** (infml) ruahmi le duhnak hlom hlo, asilole, bansan: *He desperately wants to be an actor, so you'll have to give him time to get it out of his system.*

▷ **systematic** /ˌsɪstəˈmætɪk/ *adj* **1** a daan vek/tumtah vek a simi: *the systematic arrangement*

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*of the chairs* ○ *He's very systematic in all he does.* **2** [attrib] (derog) a hlanih remruat le, tumtah vek cekci in tha zet ih tuah/tuah suak a simi: *a systematic attempt to ruin sb's reputation.* **systematically** /-klɪ/ *adv.*

**systematize, -ise** /ˈsɪstəmətaɪz/ *v* [Tn] a thazetmi tidan le tuahdan kel vekih tuah: *We must try to systematize the way we do the accounts.*

**systematization, -isation** /ˌsɪstəmətaɪˈzeɪʃn; US -tɪˈz-/ *n.*

**systemic** /sɪˈstemɪk, also sɪˈstɪmɪk/ *adj* **1** taksa pumpuluk a hlenmi, khoih/hngongmi. **2** thinkung le hrampi ih sa sung ah lut in a eitu cucik pangang pawl thiter: *systemic fungicides.* **systemically** /-klɪ/ *adv.*

□ **systems analysis** tha zet ih tisuak thei dingah tuahdan, tawlreldan zoʔhat saalnak; a bikin computer hmangih hmailam ziangtiin a tha bik pei ti hawlnak. **systems analyst** systems analysis a thiam zettu.

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