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T, t /ti:/ *n* (pl **T's, t's** /ti:z/) **1** Mirang (*English*) cafang 20 nak: 'committee' is spelt with two t's. **2** (idm) **dot one's/the i's and cross one's/the t's** ⇒ DOT. **to a T/tee** (*infml*) cekci, a rem/kaih cekci: *This new job suits me to a T.*
□ T-bone *n* T thawn a bangmi saruh.
T-junction *n* lamzin, asilole tidawng (*pipe*) pakhat le pakhat tonawknak.
T-shirt (also **tee-shirt**) *n* banian angki; angki (kor) bantawi pharh tikih T pungsan nei.
t (*US tn*) *abbr* ton(s); tonne(s): *5t* (ie tonnes) of wheat per acre.
ta /ta:/ *interj* (*Brit infml*) ka lung a awi (nauhak tong).
tab /tæb/ *n* **1** hnipuan, thir, caku pawl khainak/dirhnak, phihnak ih tuahmi thil thlahi fate: *To open, pull tab*, eg on a can of beer. ○ *a name-tab*, ie one sewn into clothes, etc. **2** (*US*) tangka cazin: *pick up* (ie pay) *the tab*. **3** (idm) **keep a tab/tabs on sth/sb** (*infml*) hminsins: *keep tabs on who's using the phone*.
Tabasco /tə'bəskəʊ/ *n* [U] (*propr*) hmakphek thawn tuahmi catani, lole hangbawl/hangtam.
TAB (also **Tab**) /ti:/ *abbr* typhoid paratyphoid A and B vaccine; Typhoid nat khamnak dawtmi sii: *have a Tab injection*.
tabby /tæbi/ (also **tabby-cat**) *n* tlavang vekih a tjalmi zawhte.
tabernacle /tə'bænækl/ *n* **1** **the tabernacle** [sing] (*Bible*) Israel pawl in nelrawn ih an feh lai ih an phurh vivomi. **2** [C] (in the Roman Catholic Church) biaknak puanthlaam; Bawipa Zanriah ih hmanmi sangreu le cabitti retnak bawm/thingkuang. **3** [C] Khristian pawlih Pathian biaknak hmun.
table /terbl/ *n* **1** [C] cabuai: *a dining-table* ○ *a bedside-table* ○ *a billiard-table* ○ *lay/set the table*, ie prepare it for a meal with plates, cutlery, etc. **2** [sing] rawl-ei ding a tokhawm minung/rawl hiltu: *His jokes amused the whole table*. ○ *a table of card-players*. **3** [sing] pekmi rawl: *He keeps a good table*, ie provides good meals. **4** [C] (also **table-land** /-lənd/) tlangpar hmunrawn kaupi. **5** [C] thuhla, nambat felfai zetih tuahmi cazin: *a table of contents*, ie a summary of what a book contains ○ *learn one's (multiplication) tables* ○ *Do you know your six times table?* ○ *log tables*. **6** (idm) **at table** rawl-ei lai ah: *Children must learn to behave at table*. ○ (*fml*) *They were at table when we called*. **drink sb under the table** ⇒ DRINK². **lay/put one's cards on the table** ⇒ CARD¹. **the negotiating table** ⇒ NEGOTIATE. **on the table** (*Brit*) ruat ding le relkhawm dingih thu suahpi:

Management have put several new proposals on the table. (**b**) (*esp US*) (of a proposal, etc) relkhawm leh dingih taan. **turn the tables (on sb)** mah le mah a sang sawn ih ret-aw thei dingih thil umdan lingletter. **under the table** (of money) a thupte ih pe. **wait at table** ⇒ WAIT¹.
▷ table *v* [Tn] **1** (*Brit*) thurel ding bur, lole thu suahpi: *The Opposition have tabled several amendments to the bill*. **2** (*esp US*) relkhawm leh dingih thu bur, lole thu suahpimi taanta.
□ table-cloth *n* cabuai khuh puan.
table-knife *n* rawl-einak ih hmanmi namte.
table-linen *n* [U] cabuai khuh, rawl-ei lai ih hnipuan bal lo dingih hrukmi le kut le hmur hnawtnak puan.
table manners midang thawn rawl-ei khawm tikih umtu ding ziaza.
table-mat *n* cabuai siat lo dingih a sa tukmi khuat le kheng tangih danmi thilphah fate.
tablespoon *n* **1** rawl-ei tikih hmanmi darhai. **2** (also **tablespoonful** /-fʊl/) darhai khat: *add 2 tablespoons/tablespoonfuls of flour*.
table-talk *n* [U] rawl-ei lai ih biak-awknak.
table tennis = PING-PONG.
table-turning *n* [U] mitthi thlarau pawl thawn biak-awk laifang ih a her reromi cabuai.
tableware *n* [U] rawl-ei tikih hmanmi khukheng, darkeu le namte pawl.
tableau /tæbləʊ/ *n* (pl ~ **x** /-ləʊz/) **1** (also **tableau vivant** /tæbləʊ'vi:vɑ:n/; *US* -vi:'vɑ:n/) (pl ~ **x** **vivants** /tæbləʊ'vi:vɑ:n/; *US* -vi:'vɑ:n/) minung bur khat in zuk, lole thil thlendan tong lole cang lo ih zohlaimei hmuh (piah). **2** thil umdan cawnnak.
table d'hôte /tɑ:bl 'dəʊt/ (of a restaurant meal) a man thawn kaih aw ih tuahmi bituk/tekmi rawl: *The table d'hôte menu offers good value*. Cf À LA CARTE.
tablet /tæblɪt/ *n* **1** cangan um lungtleep (khanlung vek). **2** siihlum; siitleep: *Take two of the tablets three times daily before meals*. **3** satpia tlang fate.
tabloid /tæblɔɪd/ *n* mi ih duhzetmi cahmai malte lawng nei thuthang ca: [attrib] *the tabloid press* ○ (*often derog*) *tabloid journalism*. Cf BROADSHEET **2**.
taboo /tə'bu:/; *US* tæ'bu:/ *n* (pl ~ **s**) **1** [C, U] (in certain cultures) a zarh; biaknak lam le thildang ruangah thil pakhat tuah lo ding/tham lo ding tiih khamnak. **2** [C] (*fig*) thil pakhat rel lo ding le tuah lo dingih lungkimnak: *There's a taboo on smoking in this office*.
▷ taboo *adj* biaknak lam ihsin khammi, sian

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lomi: *Questions and problems that were once taboo are now discussed openly.* ○ *Sex is no longer the taboo subject it used to be.* ○ *Any mention of politics is taboo in his house.*

□ **taboo words** (mi zapi in siloin) ðong huatsuak/ðong sia, ðong mawi lo ih an ruahmi ðong.

tabular /ˈtæbjulə(r)/ *adj* cazinah ðate le felte ih khum/fiangfai teih langter: *statistics presented in tabular form.*

tabulate /ˈtæbjuleɪt/ *v* [Tn] thu le nambat pawl cazin ah felfai zetih langter hmuh/tarlang.

▷ **tabulation** /ˈtæbjuleɪʃn/ *n* [U, C].

tabulator *n* **1** cazin ðuahtu minung/thil. **2** typewriter ah cazin pungsan ih a suahtertu thil.

tachograph /ˈtækəgrəf/ *n* motor ih khul le peng ziangzat a feh zo ti hminsintu.

tacit /ˈtæst/ *adj* [usu attrib] kaa in sim lo ih theithiam; sim lo ih langter: *give tacit consent, agreement, etc.*

▷ **tacitly** *adv.*

taciturn /ˈtæstɜːn/ *adj* ðongmal; ðong duh lo.

▷ **taciturnity** /ˈtæstɜːnəti/ *n* [U].

tack /tæk/ *n* **1** [C] ram zuk le cahnah khennak a lu peerbo tlawngkhen tawi: *a carpet tack*, ie one used for securing a carpet to the floor ○ *a tin-tack*. **2** [C] thil puan ðit taktak hlan ih ðim thawn a kaang-aw zetih ðit daan: *tailor's tacks*, ie ones used to mark the place for a seam, etc. **3** [C] (*nautical*) (of sailing vessels) thlitha ringih a fehmi puanzar long fehnak lam: *on the right/wrong tack* ○ *on the port/starboard tack*, ie with the wind on the port/starboard side. **4** [U, sing] (*fig*) tuahdan/tumtahmi thuhla: *It would be unwise to change tack now.* ○ *try a different tack* ○ *be on the right/wrong tack*. **5** (idm) **get down to brass tacks** ⇨ BRASS.

▷ **tack v** **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] thil pakhat khat tlawngkhen (tack) thawn khi/hren: *tack down the carpet*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] thil pakhat khat (tack) thawn thit: *tack a ribbon onto a hat* ○ *tack (up) the hem of a dress* ○ *tack down a fold* ○ *a tacking stitch*. **3** (*nautical*) [I, Ipr, Ip] fehnak zin thleng: *tack to port/starboard* ○ *tacking about*. **4** (phr v) **tack sth on(to sth)** (*infml*) a hleifuan ih bet: *a cover charge tacked onto the bill*.

tackle /tækl/ *n* **1** [U] long puanzar le thilrit pawl khaisan le thumnak ih hmanmi leeng thlaihmi hridai. **2** [U] lehpannak le hnañuannak ih hmanmi thilthuam: *fishing-tackle*. **3** [C] fekte ih kaihnak: *The policeman brought the thief to the ground with a flying tackle*.

▷ **tackle v** **1** [Tn] harsatnak leh nañuan harsa ðuan neh: *It's time to tackle my homework*. ○ *tackle a problem head-on*, ie boldly and vigorously. **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **sb about/over sth** thu

(harsa) sim: *When are you going to tackle your brother about that money he owes me?* **3** [I, Tn] (**a**) (in football, hockey, etc) domi/tongmi ih bawhlung lon sak/kham: *no good at tackling* ○ *He was tackled just outside the penalty area*. (**b**) (in Rugby football) do mi, ral pa ih bawlung kham ih long. **tackler** /ˈtæklə(r)/ *n* (takle) a tuahtu lekthiam: *renowned as a fearless tackler*.

tacky /ˈtæki/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** (of paint, glue, etc) a ro ngah ngaingai lo, malte a beek deuhmi: *still tacky to the touch*. **2** (*infml esp US*) thawtnak nei lo, thaw lem lo.

▷ **tackiness** *n* [U].

tact /tækt/ *n* [U] thudik le thuhmaan sim le ðuan ih mi biakthiam, umtlandan thiam: *She showed great tact in dealing with a tricky situation*. ○ *You need a lot of tact to be an air hostess*.

▷ **tactful** /-fl/ *adj* mi tidan thiam, mi lungkim ko ti thiam.

tactfully /-fəli/ *adv.*

tactless *adj* mi tidan; thiam lo, mi biakdan thiam lo. **tactlessly** *adv.*

tactlessness *n* [U].

tactic /ˈtæktɪk/ *n* **1** thil pakhat khat hlawhtling dingih tuahdan: *a brilliant tactic*. **2 tactics** (**a**) [sing or pl v] raldonak ah ralkahdan thiamnak. (**b**) [pl] (*fig*) thil pakhat hlawhtling ko ih tuahdan le ðuandan: *use surprise tactics* ○ *These tactics are unlikely to help you*. Cf STRATEGY 1.

▷ **tactical** /-kl/ *adj* [usu attrib] **1** thil tuahdan: *tactical advantage, error*. **2** thiam zetih thil ruat/tuah: *a tactical move* ○ *tactical voting*, ie voting not for the candidate or party one prefers but for another that is more likely to defeat the candidate, etc one wishes to be defeated. **3** (of weapons, bombing, etc) naite ih um ral kahnak le donak ih hmanmi ral thuam/hriamnam: *tactical missiles*. Cf STRATEGIC. **tactically** /-kli/ *adv*: *vote tactically*.

tactician /tækˈtɪʃn/ *n* thil tuahdan thiam.

tactile /ˈtæktail/ *US -təl/ adj* (*fml*) tham/tong/dai tiki theih theinak: *a tactile reflex* ○ *tactile organs*.

tad /tæd/ *n* (*US infml*) **1** mipa nauhak fate. **2** malte: *just a tad more milk*.

tadpole /ˈtædpəʊl/ *n* tampawlok, butlak keuh pek, a lu tumzet mei tawite nei butlak keuh pek (tampawlok).

taffeta /ˈtæfɪtə/ *n* [U] pupat vekih a tleu le a khauh zetmi puanthan.

taffrail /ˈtæfreil/ *n* lawng dunglam ih bunmi kutkai.

Taffy /ˈtæfi/ *n* (*infml derog*) Welsh mipa kawhnak. **taffy** (*US*) = TOFFEE.

tag /tæg/ *n* **1** [C] kedan hri zimih bunmi thir (asilole) plastic. **2** [C] thilri parih ðeem, asilole thlaihmi hminsinnak ca fate: *put a name-tag on*

it. **3** [C] a dormi thil zim thlihran tiki a caang rero khi. **4** [C] (*linguistics*) thupitternak ih betmi ðongfang, eg *that is in That's nice, that is: [attrib] a tag question*, ie a tag in the form of a question, eg *isn't it?, won't you?, aren't they?* **5** [C] ðongfang buur le, ðongfiim; simsinmi midang ðong: *Latin tags*. **6** (also **tig**) [U] nauhak lehnak phunkhat; pakhat in midang kha dai tum in a daw.

▷ **tag** *v* (-gg-) **1** [Tn] hminsinnak cafate ben/thlai. **2** (phr *v*) **tag along** (*after/behind/with sb*) naih zet ih thlun: *children tagging along behind their mother* ○ *If you're going to the cinema, do you mind if I tag along (with you)?* **tag sth on (to sth)** a hleifuan ih betmi: *a postscript tagged on (to her letter) at the end*.

□ **tag day** (US) = FLAG DAY (FLAG).

tail /teɪl/ *n* **1** [C] mei, caw mei, rang mei: *Dogs wag their tails when they are pleased*. **2** [C] mei vek, mei thawn a bangmi: *the tail of a comet, a kite, an aircraft, a precession*. **3** [C] (*dated infml*) tawtawk: *give sb a smack on the tail*. **4** [C] (*infml*) thupteih zohtu: *put a tail on sb*, ie tell sb to follow him. **5 tails** [pl] (also **tailcoat** [C]) mopuai ah moneitu ih hrukmi a dunglam tlektarmi korsau. Cf MORNING COAT (MORNING). **6 tails** [pl] thir/ngun tangka fang a pangpar lam (milu lam a si lo). Cf HEADS (HEAD¹ 5). **7** (idm) **have, etc one's tail between one's legs** (*infml*) mualphoter, ningzakter, neh. **heads I win, tails you lose** ⇒ HEAD¹. **heads or tails?** ⇒ HEAD¹. **make head or tail of sth** ⇒ HEAD¹. **on sb's tail** mi pakhat naih zetih thlun. **a sting in the tail** ⇒ STING¹. **the tail wagging the dog** hnañuan pumpi ðuan suak thei lo ih khamtu/dawntu thil fate. **turn tail** do/sual-awknak hmun ihsin tlan hlo: *As soon as they saw us coming they turned tail and ran*.

▷ **tail** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] naihzet ih thlun: *He tailed the spy to his hotel*. **2** [Tn] thingkung tan ih hlon: *top and tail gooseberries*. **3** (phr *v*) **tail away; tail off** (a) mal vivo, cak lo vivo/cak lo sinsin: *The number of tourists starts to tail off in October*. ○ *The actor's voice tailed away as he forgot his lines*. (b) (of remarks, etc) fiangfai lo zet ih thu cemter/thurel cat, fiangfai lo: *His feeble excuses soon tailed off (into silence)*. (c) midang thawn pawl lo ih mahte tlangleng.

-tailed (forming compound adjs) mei, asilole mei vek a neimi: *long-tailed* ○ *curly-tailed*.

tailless *adj* mei nei lo: *a tailless species*.

□ **tailback** *n* lamzin parih khor-awmi mawñawka tampi, harsatnak um ruangih a tongkharmi.

tail-board *n* = TAIL-GATE.

tailcoat *n* [C] = TAIL (TAIL 5).

tail-end *n* (usu *sing*) ~ (of sth) a netnak/a dungtabik/a neta bik: *the tail-end of the concert* ○ *I only heard the tail-end of their conversation*.

tail-gate *n* mawñawka dunglam sangka. — *v* [I, Tn] (US) mawñawka pakhat dungah naih zetih feh/mawng (*drive*).

tail-light (US **tail-lamp**) *n* mawñawka dunglam mei sen.

tailpiece *n* **1** (in a book, etc) ca bungkhat cemnak hmun lawngah mawiternak ih canam/cacukmi. **2** famkim tertu hrangih ngan betmi, bet salmi.

tailpipe *n* engine thli suahnak dawng.

tailplane *n* vanzamleng mei ih a pheinak zawn.

tail-spin *n* kharkhem ngerh aw vek ih vanzamleng lei lungih ðum/dawp.

tail wind a feh rero vanzamleng dunglam ihsin a suakmi thli. Cf HEAD WIND (HEAD¹).

tailor /teɪlə(r)/ *n* puanñhitu: *go to the tailor to be measured for a suit*.

▷ **tailor** *v* **1** [Tn esp passive] puan ðhi/hnipuan ðhi: *a well-tailored coat*. **2** [Tn-pr esp passive] ~ **sth for/to sb/sth** thil pakhat hrangah a hlei ce ih thil tuah: *homes tailored to the needs of the elderly*.

□ **tailor-made** *adj* **1** puan ðhitu ih thil/tuahmi: *a tailor-made suit*. **2** [esp pred] ~ (for sb/sth) (fig) kaihzet/remzet: *He seems tailor-made for the job*.

taint /teɪnt/ *n* [C, U] thil ðha lo, thil hnawmbaal, ðha lo: *a taint of insanity in the family* ○ *meat free from taint*.

▷ **taint** *v* [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] hnawm, baalter; a hnawihnih: *tainted meat* ○ *His reputation was tainted by the scandal*.

taintless *adj* hnawmbaal tel lo/thiang/a thiang.

take¹ /teɪk/ *v* (pt **took** /tʊk/, pp **taken** /teɪkən/) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Cn-g, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (*with one*); ~ **sth (to sb)** keng/fehpi: *Don't forget to take your umbrella (with you) when you go*. ○ *It's your turn to take the dog for a walk*. ○ *She takes her children to school by car*. ○ (fig) *Her energy and talent took her to the top of her profession*. ○ *The accused was taken away in a police van*. ○ *I'm taking the children swimming/for a swim later*. ○ *She took him some flowers when she went to see him in hospital*. ○ *Take this glass of water (up) to your father/Take your father (up) this glass of water*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] kai; kut ah kai, kut in hruai: *I passed him the rope and he took it*. ○ *take sb's hand/take sb by the hand* ○ *Would your mind taking (ie holding) the baby for a moment?* ○ *Take three eggs and beat them gently*. ○ *She took a cigarette from the packet*. ○ *He took her in his arms and kissed her*. ○ *He took a book (down) from the top shelf*. ○ *She opened the drawer and took out a pair of socks*. **3** (a) [Tn] thil pakhatkhat lak pang/hrim: *Someone has taken my gloves*. ○ *Who's taken my bicycle?* ○ *Did the burglars take (ie steal) anything of value?* (b) [Tn-pr] ~

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sth from sth hmunkhat khat ihsin thil la: Part of her article is taken (straight) from my book on the subject. ○ Today's lesson is taken from the St Mark's Gospel. ○ The machine takes its name from its inventor. (c) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (from sth)** dir, la: If you take five from twelve, you're left with seven. 4 [Tn, Cn-n] ral neh, ral kut ihsin lak, ngah: take a fortress, garrison, town, etc, ie in a war ○ The army took many prisoners. ○ He took by bishop with his queen, ie in a game of chess. ○ Our bull took first prize at the agricultural show. ○ The enemy took him prisoner/He was taken prisoner by the enemy. 5 [Tn] cohlang, pom: I'd like you to take this bracelet as a gift. ○ He took the blow (ie The blow hit him) on the chest. ○ Will you take £2000 for the car (ie sell it for £2000)? ○ The shop took (ie sold goods worth a total of) £50000 last week. ○ She was accused of taking bribes. ○ Does the hotel take traveller's cheques? ○ I'll take the (telephone) call in my office. ○ Why should I take the blame for somebody else's mistakes? ○ If you take my advice, you'll have nothing more to do with him. ○ I take your point (ie accept the validity of your argument), but my views on the matter remain the same. ○ The workers would never agree to take a cut in wages. 6 [Tn] mi pakhat kha thurontu, dam lo/mina, inn hlangtu tivekah cohlang, pom: She takes paying guests. ○ Dr Brown takes some private patients. ○ The school doesn't take girls, ie only has boys as pupils. 7 [Tn] tlem: This bus takes 60 passengers. ○ The tank takes 12 gallons. ○ I don't think the shelf will take any more books. 8 [Tn] tuar thei: She can't take criticism/being criticized. ○ He can take a joke, ie does not mind being laughed at. ○ I don't think I can take much more of your nagging. ○ I'm not taking any more of your insults! ○ I find his political views a little hard to take. 9 [Tn] ruatdan thiam, tuardan thiam: She knows how to take him/his teasing. ○ 'How did he take the news of her death?' 'He took it badly', ie He was very upset by it. ○ Police are taking the terrorists' threats of a bombing campaign very seriously indeed. ○ You take things too seriously; try to enjoy life a bit more! 10 [Cn-n/a, Cn-t] ~ **sth as sth** lamdang in thei, asilole ruat: She took what he said as a compliment. ○ What did you take his comments to mean? ○ How am I supposed to take that remark? 11 [Tn-pr, Cn-t] ~ **sb/sth for sb/sth** a si hmang ti ih ruat, a si pam ding ti ih ruat: Even the experts took the painting for a genuine Van Gogh. ○ Do you take me for a fool? ○ I took you to be an honest man. 12 [Tn] thil pakhat khat theithiam: I don't think she took my meaning. 13 [Tn] inn man pe ih hlaang: We're taking a cottage in Devon for a month. ○ He took lodgings in the

East End of London. 14 [Tn] hril, lei: I'll take the grey trousers, please. 15 [Tn] thil pakhat khat lei: She takes 'The Guardian'. 16 [Tn] ei, asilole in, hmang: Do you take sugar (ie in tea or coffee)? ○ The doctor has given her some pills to take for her cough. ○ He takes (ie is addicted to) drugs. ○ Have you ever taken cocaine? 17 [Tn no passive, Tg, Cn-n] (often with it) a tul, a rei, a cem: The journey from London to Oxford takes about an hour and a half. ○ That cut is taking a long time to heal. ○ It'll take time (ie a long time) for her to recover from the illness. ○ It takes stamina to run a marathon. ○ It would take a strong man to lift that weight. ○ (infml) She didn't take much persuading, ie She was easily persuaded. ○ Shifting that wardrobe must have taken some doing! ○ It took her three hours to mend her bicycle/It took three hours for her to mend her bicycle. 18 [Tn no passive] hruk: What size shoes do you take? ○ He takes a 42-inch chest. 19 [Tn] thil pakhat khat a tul, a lak: The verb 'eat' takes a direct object. 20 [Tn] tuah: She takes her finals next summer. ○ When are you taking your driving test? 21 [Tn] pe, asilole ngah: She took a first in English at Leeds. 22 [Tn] zir dingmi zir: She plans to take a course in applied linguistics. 23 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (for sth)** zir: Mrs Biggs is ill and will be unable to take you today. ○ Who takes you for French? 24 [Tn] thil pakhat khat tong/hmu ih ngankhum: The policeman took my name and address. ○ Did you take notes at the lecture? ○ She hates taking letters. 25 [Tn] hniksak/tah: take sb's pulse/temperature/blood pressure ○ The tailor took my measurements for a new suit. 26 [Tn] tlawnnak/fehnak ih hmang: take the coach, plane, train, etc ○ take a taxi ○ 'How do you get to work?' 'I take the bus.' 27 [Tn] lamzin zawh/thlun: I usually take the M6 when I go to Scotland. ○ Take (ie Turn into) the second turning/road on the right after the station. 28 [Tn] lan; kimvel ih feh: The horse took the first fence beautifully. ○ You took that corner much too fast. 29 [Tn] ruahnak nei, hmang, thlun: He takes the view that people should be responsible for their own actions. ○ The government is taking a tough line on drug abuse. 30 [Tn] zohthim dingih hmang: A lot of women manage to bring up families and go out to work at the same time — take Angela, for example. 31 [Tn] to, tohkheng parah to: take a chair, seat, stool, etc. 32 [Tn] zuk, zuk aw, zuk la: take a photograph/picture/snapshot of sb/sth ○ have one's picture taken. 33 [Tn] hruai, hoha, hmaihruai: Mr Perkins will take the evening service. 34 [I] (esp of a drug or dye) hmual nei: The inoculation did not take. ○ The dye won't take (ie won't colour things) in cold

water. **35** [I, Tn] (of fish) ngasio parih tarhmi ei, dawh: *The fish don't seem to be taking today.*

○ (fig) *take the bait*, ie be deceived by a trick.

36 [Tn] (of a man) nunau luuk, ihpi, pawl: *He took her on the sofa.*

37 [Tn] thil tuah, thil ti: *take* (ie have) a break, a holiday, a rest, etc

○ *take* (ie have) a bath, a shower, a wash, etc

○ *take a look, a walk, a deep breath.*

38 (idm) **take sb/sth as he/it comes** a sinak vekih

cohlang pom/zawi: *She takes life as it comes.*

take it (that...) a si tih ruat/ring, zum: *I take it you won't be coming to Sophie's party.*

○ *Are we to take it that you refuse to co-operate?*

take it from me (that...) (infml) ka simmi hi zum aw,

in zum aw: *Take it from me — he'll be managing*

director of this company by the time he's 30.

take it on/upon oneself to do sth siannak dil

hmai sa lo ih thil pakhat tuah dingih ruatcat/

tum: *You can't take it upon yourself to make*

important decisions like that.

take it/a lot out of sb taksa leh thinlung baangter: *Her job*

takes a lot out of her.

take some/a lot of doing (infml) tuah har zet: *Did you move all this*

furniture on your own? That must have taken

some doing!

you can/can't take sb anywhere (fiangzetih theih ciami) khal tha zetin a

nungcang ringring ding ti zum a um lo a si: *His*

manners are appalling — you can't take him

anywhere! (For other idioms containing *take*,

see entries for *ns*, *adjs* etc, eg **take the biscuit**

⇒ **BISCUIT**; **take sb unawares** ⇒ **UNAWARES**.)

39 (phr v) **take sb aback** (esp passive)

mangbang; aanhaiter: *I was taken aback by his*

rudeness.

take after sb (no passive) bang/zon: *Your*

daughter doesn't take after you at all.

take against sb/sth hua thok/duh lo thok: *Why*

have you suddenly taken against her?

take sb/sth apart (infml) (a) (in sport) olte ih

neh: *Becker took Connors apart in the third set,*

ie in tennis. ○ *We were simply taken apart by*

the opposition.

(b) nasa zet ih mi soisel: *Her second novel*

was taken apart by the critics.

take sth apart thendarh, bal/thekdarh: *Let's*

take the radio apart and see what's wrong with

it.

take sth away (a) (US take sth out) dawr ah ei

loin inn ih ei dingah dawr ih suancia rawl lei:

Two chicken curries and rice to take away,

please.

(b) thinlung le taksa ih theihnak hloter: *The*

doctor has given her some tablets to take

away the pain.

○ *Nothing can take away the anguish of losing*

a child.

○ *anxiety has taken away his appetite.*

take sb/sth away (from sb/

sth) mi pakhat/thil pakhat ihsin thil pakhat/mi

pakhat lak/thawn: *What takes you away* (ie

Why are you leaving) so early?

○ *These books must not be taken away from the library.*

○ *The child was taken away from its parents on the*

recommendation of social workers.

take sth away (from sth) nambat pakhat ihsin hnuk/

dir/hlon: *If you take four away from ten, that*

leaves six/Ten take away four is/leaves six.

take away from sth a hmual, a man niamter/

hloter: *The scandal took away greatly from his*

public image.

take sth back (a) (of a shop) leicia thilri

khirhsal theih: *We only take goods back if*

customers can produce the receipt.

(b) simmi sir-aw sal: *I take back what I said* (about you

being selfish).

take sb back (to...) a liamciami tikcu ruat leh sal;

tikcu cemcia mangter, theiter sal: *The smell of seaweed took him back*

to his childhood.

○ *Hearing those old songs takes me back a bit.*

take sb before sth/sb zungah asilole bawi

hmaiah thlenpi: *He was taken before the*

headmaster and made to confess.

take sth down (a) a saang ihsin a niam ah

thlak: *Will you help me take the curtains down?*

(b) bawngbi sunghruk skirt tivek hlit/phoih/

dorter: *take down one's skirt, trousers,*

underpants, etc.

(c) bal/siatbal: *take down a tent, gate, fence*

○ *Workmen arrived to take down the scaffolding.*

(d) cinken dingih ngan, hmnsin: *The reporters took down the speech.*

○ *Anything you say may be taken down and sued*

as evidence against you.

take sb in (a) inn ih mikhual riakter/thlengter:

She takes in lodgers.

○ *He was homeless, so we took him in.*

(b) (often passive) bum: *She took me in completely*

with her story.

○ *You won't take me in that easily!*

○ *Don't be taken in by his charming manner; he's completely ruthless.*

take sth in (a) taksa sung lut dingih daw/

hawp: *Fish take in oxygen through their gills.*

(b) a dor mi tet deuh ih tuah: *This dress needs to be taken in*

at the waist.

(c) (hlawhman ngah dingin inn ih tñan dingmi) hnañuan cohlang/

pom: *She supplements her pension by taking in*

washing.

(d) huap/tel: *The United Kingdom takes in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern*

Ireland.

○ *The tour took in six European capitals.*

○ *Her lecture took in all the recent developments in the subject.*

(e) tlawn phah ah leeng/feh, zoh: *I generally try to take in a show*

when I'm in New York on business.

(f) thil umdan mit ih hmnsin: *He took in every detail*

of her appearance.

○ *He took in the scene at a glance.*

○ *The children took in the spectacle open-mouthed.*

(g) theih le siarmi hmnsin: *I hope you're taking in what I'm saying.*

○ *Half-way through the chapter I realized I hadn't*

taken anything in.

take off (a) (of an aeroplane, a helicopter, etc)

leilung ihsin thli lakih zam: *The plane took off*

despite the fog.

(b) (infml) feh hruak: *He took off for the station*

at a run.

○ *When he saw the*

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police coming he took off in the opposite direction. (c) (infml) (of an idea, a product, etc) hminthang lohli, a cuang lohli: *The new dictionary has really taken off.* ○ *Sales of home computers have taken off in recent years.* **take oneself off (to...)** (infml) tumtahmi hmun pakhat thleng dingin hmun pakhat ihsin poksuak: *It's time I took myself off.* ○ *She's taken herself off to the country for a quiet weekend.* **take sb off** elsen zawng le nautat zawngih mi tidan cawng: *She takes off the Prime Minister to perfection.* **take sth off** (a) hnipuan phoih/hlitphuak: *take off one's coat, hat, shoes, skirt, trousers, etc* ○ *I wish you'd take (ie shave) off that beard!* (b) taksa peng tan/hlon: *His leg had to be taken off above the knee.* (c) baang, tuan/tuah nawn lo/piah nawn lo: *The show had to be taken off because of poor audiences.* (d) (often passive) hnaṭuan cawl, baang, dungsip: *The 7 am express to Bristol will be taken off next month.* (e) tikcu karkhat colh-umnak ih hman/hnaṭuan cawl: *take the day/morning/afternoon off* ○ *I'm taking next week off (work).* **take sb off (sth)** (a) ruun, a dangih ret, hmundangah thiar: *The crew were taken off (the wrecked vessel) by helicopter.* (b) (often passive) hnaṭuannak tivek ihsin dawi/hlon/baangter/cawltter: *The officer leading the inquiry has been taken off the case.* **take sth off (sth)** (a) ṭhawn, phoih, a dangih ret, hmundangah thiar: *Would you mind taking your foot off my hand?* ○ *take the lid off a jar* ○ *The heat has taken the paint off the doors.* (b) cazin ihsin phiat/telh lo: *The mixed grill has been taken off (the menu).* **take sth off sth** (a) thil pakhat ihsin hlon/dir: *take 10 pence a gallon off the price of petrol.* (b) zuar kham: *doctors recommended that the drug should be taken off the market.*

take on (a) (infml) zapi duh le theih/laar: *The idea never really took on.* (b) (used with an adv) (dated infml) buaiter; thin bangter: *Don't take on so!* **take on sth** zia a nei: *He's taken on some irritating mannerisms.* ○ *The chameleon can take on the colours of its background.* ○ *Her eyes took on a hurt expression.* **take sb on** (a) hnaṭuantu lak/ko: *take on new staff* ○ *She was taken on as a graduate trainee.* (b) mi pakhat khat leh zuamnak ih do/tawng dingih cohlang (letkhan): *take sb on at snooker, squash, tennis, etc* ○ *Ajax will take on Juventus in this year's European Cup Final.* **take sb/sth on** (of a bus, plane, ship, etc) mi pakhat/thil pakhat khat mawṭawka, vanzam, lawng sungah lutter/la: *The bus stopped to take on more passengers.* ○ *The ship took on more fuel at Freetown.* **take sth on** thil pakhat ṭuan dingih ruatcat: *take on extra work* ○ *She took on greater responsibilities when she was promoted.* ○ *Don't take on more*

than you can cope with.

take sb out thuanthu cawnnak zung, asilole rawl dawrah fehpi/thlun (kilkhaw): *Have you taken her out yet?* ○ *He took his wife out to dinner/for a meal on her birthday.* **take sb/sth out** (infml) mi that/thil siatsuah/siatbal: *Enemy missiles took out two of our fighters.* **take sth out** (a) (US) = TAKE STH AWAY. (b) phong, tan, hlon: *She's gone into hospital to have her appendix taken out.* ○ *How many teeth did the dentist take out?* (c) lak, ngah: *take out an insurance policy, a mortgage, a patent.* **take sth out (against sth)** thukhing zung ih suak dingih kawhnak casuah (a document that requires sb to appears in court): *The police have taken out a summons against the drivers of both cars involved in the accident.* **take sth out (of sth)** (a) suah, la, ṭhawn: *Take your hands out of your pockets.* (b) bank ih tangka retmi suah: *How much do you need to take out (of the bank)?* (c) hmun pakhat khat ihsin paisa hnuk/dir: *Monthly contributions to the pension scheme will be taken out of your salary.* (d) baalkop kholh faiter/thiangter: *Cold water should take that stain out of your skirt.* **take it/sth out on sb** midang parah thinheng le lungkim lo ruangih mi hmai ih aipuang lo zetih um, asilole cangvai (A nu neh lo - Hlei Tawl a vuak ti bangtuk): *I know you've had a bad day — but there's no need to take it out on me!* ○ *He took out his anger on the cat, eg by kicking it.* **take sb out of himself** khawruah harnak le donharnak hngilhter: *A holiday would help to take her out of herself.* **take (sth) over** (ram le political party uknak) lak, ngah: *The army is/are threatening to take over if civil unrest continues.* ○ *Has the party been taken over by extremists?* **take sth over** uk; sungtel tamsawn za-awinak ruangih company pakhat tivek uk ngah: *The firm has been taken over by an American conglomerate.* **take (sth) over (from sb)** mi pakhat ai-rawl ih uknak le ṭuanvo rak lak: *Peter will take over as managing director when Bill retires.* ○ *When she fell ill her daughter took over the business from her.* ○ *George is taking over the running of our American operation.* ○ *Would you like me to take over (the driving) for a while?*

take to... ral tih ih hmundangih feh: *take to the forest, woods, jungle, etc* ○ *The crew took to the lifeboats when the ship was torpedoed.* **take to sb/sth** duhnak nei, asilole thil titheinak nei: *I didn't take to her husband at all.* ○ *I took to her the moment I met her.* ○ *He hasn't taken to his new school.* **take to sth/doing sth** zongsang thok: *take to smoking a pipe, sleeping late, going on solitary walks* ○ *She's taken to drink, ie has started to drink a lot of alcoholic drinks.* ○ *He took to gardening in his retirement.*

take up *peh, pehzom*: This chapter takes up where the last one left off. **take up sth** *hmunram*, asilole tikcu lak/ei: This table takes up too much room. ○ Her time is fully taken up with writing. **take sb up** (a) *micawm/bawm*: The young soprano was taken up by a famous conductor. (b) *dodal le soisel ih mi hnaihok*: She took me up sharply when I suggested that the job was only suitable for a man. **take sth up** (a) *cawi/khai*: take up one's pen, ie in order to write ○ The carpets had to be taken up when the house was rewired. (b) a ti zuuk/hiip: Blotting-paper takes up ink. (c) *tan/tawiter*: This skirt will need taking up, ie to be taken up. (d) *duh zawng/nuam ti zawng tuah/tikcu awl duhnak vekih hmang*: take up gardening, golf, yoga ○ She has taken up (ie has begun to learn to play) the oboe. (e) *(hnaṭuan) thok*: She has taken up a job as a teacher. ○ She takes up her duties/responsibilities next week. (f) *hmunkhat te ah a rualih au/sak*: The whole crowd took up the cry: 'Long live the King!' ○ take up a chorus, refrain, song, etc. (g) *hnaihok ruangah sim lo ih tanlawkmi thuanthi sim sal/peh sal*: She took up the narrative where John had left off. (h) *ṭuanvo laṭuan/thil ti*: Our troops took up defensive positions on high ground overlooking the river. (i) *pom, cohlang*: take up a challenge ○ She took up his offer of a drink. (j) *rel ding thu bur/thu suahpi*: I'd like to take up the point you raised earlier. **take sb up (on sth)** *eel, thu el*: I must take you up on that point. ○ I'd like to take you up on what you said about unemployment. **take up with sb** (*infml*) *mi zei lo deuh thawn pawl-aw thok, pawl ngaih thok*: She's taken up with an unemployed actor. **take sb up on sth** (*infml*) *zuamnakh kha rak cohlang; lungkimp*: 'I bet I can run faster than you.' 'I'll take you up on that.' ○ Thanks for the invitation; we may take you up on it some time. **take sth up with sb** *thu pakhat mi sim, asilole ca kuat*: I'm thinking of taking the matter up with my MP. **be taken up with sb/sth** *mi pakhat/thil pakhat ruangah buaituk/tikcu heu*: She's very taken up with voluntary work at the moment. **be taken with sb/sth** *duh um ih hmu*: We were all very taken with her. ○ I think he's rather taken with the idea. □ **take-away** (US **take-out**) *adj* [attrib] (of food) *hmundangih ei dingih rawldawr ihsin rawl lei*: a take-away hamburger, pizza, curry. — **n** *hmundang ei dingih zuarmi rawl dawr*: I'm too tired to cook — let's get something from the Chinese take-away. **2** *cuvek dawr ihsin leimi rawl*: I fancy an Indian take-away. **take-home pay** *dirh ding hmuahhmuah dirh ṭheh hnuih ngahmi lakkha/hlawhman*. **take-off** **n** *dawp tikah ke ih a dai netnak bik leilung*. **2** (of an aeroplane) *vanzamleng zam*

thok: a smooth take-off ○ The crash occurred only three minutes after take-off. **3 ~ (of sb)** *mi umdan hnihsuakza ih cawnnak*: She does a brilliant take-off of the boss.

take-over **n** *1* company *uknak le tawltrelnak ṭuanvo la* (shares: *vo tam sawn leingah ruangah*): [attrib] a take-over bid. **2** *ram uknak laknak*: a military take-over.

take-up spool (on a cine-projector, tape-recorder, etc) *film, tape etc hridai hlumnak/pat-hlumnak lengte*.

NOTE ON USAGE: Both **last** and **take** are concerned with duration. **1 Take** indicates that a certain amount of time is needed in order to complete a task, journey, etc. **Take** must be used with an expression of time: *How long will the job take?* ○ *It takes a long time to get there. It took (me) four hours to write the essay.* ○ *I'll clear up — you take too long.* **2 Last** indicates that an event will continue for a period of time or that there is enough of something for the required purpose. The time expression is not obligatory: *His illness has lasted a long time.* ○ *I hope this fine weather lasts.* ○ *Do you think that paint will last (out)?* **3** Notice the difference between: *It takes (me) ten minutes to smoke a cigarette* and *Acigarette lasts (me) ten minutes.* **4 A** journey can be seen as either a task or an event: *The journey takes/lasts two hours.*

take² /teɪk/ **n** *1* (usu *sing*) (a) *ngate kaih zat/ramsa ngah zat.* (b) *lethmat zuar ih ngahmi tangka.* **2** (*cinema*) a *sangsang, asilole a dotdot ih zukmi*: shoot the scene in a single take.

taker /teɪkə/ **n** *pekmi a cohlangtu; tangka thawn thukam-awknak cohlangtu*: There's still some cake left — any takers? ie Does anyone want some? ○ The bookies were offering odds of 3 to 1, but there were no takers.

taking /teɪkɪŋ/ *adj* (*dated*) *hiip thei/thinlung la*.

▷ **takings** **n** [pl] *lethmat, thilri tivek zuar ruangih ngahmi: the day's takings.*

talc /tælk/ (also **talcum** /tælkəm/) **n** [U] **1** *khursung suak lungto phunkhat, nem le mam zetmi.* **2** *talc um powder = talc powder, cumi lungvut.*

□ **talcum powder** a *rim hmuimi talc ihsin tuahmi taksa naal ding le ro dingih thuhmi powder.*

tale /teɪl/ **n** *1* *thuanthi: fairy tales* ○ *tales of adventure.* **2** *thu hla: I've heard some odd tales about her.* ○ *You hear all sorts of tales.* **3** (*idm*) **dead men tell no tales** ⇒ **DEAD, live, etc to tell the tale** ⇒ **TELL.** **an old wives' tale** ⇒ **OLD.** **tell its own tale** ⇒ **TELL.** **tell tales** ⇒ **TELL.** **thereby hangs a tale** ⇒ **HANG**¹.

□ **talebearer, taleteller** **ns** *thuthup*

phuangsuaaktu, thu ʔukʔak relhmang.

talent /tælənt/ *n* 1 [C, U] ~ (for sth) a cehlei ih thiamnak/thil titheinak: *Her talents are well known.* ○ possess a remarkable talent for music ○ a painter of great talent. 2 [U] a ce hlei ih thiamnak le thil titheinak neitu: *We're always looking for new/fresh talent.* ○ an exhibition of local talent, eg of works by local amateur artists ○ [attrib] a television talent show, ie one featuring talented young performers. 3 [U] (sl) tisa lam pawl-awkp/ihpi ding hiar-um milai, hahioza: *eyeing up the local talent.* 4 [C] hlanlai ram hrekhat ih hmanmi tangka, cuai. ▷ **talented** *adj* thil tithei, thiam: a talented musician.

talentless *adj* thil ti theinak nei lo.

□ **talent-scout** *n* lehpannak le puai hrangih mithiam hawltu.

talisman /tælizmən, also 'tælis-/ *n* (pl ~ s) [C] vanʔhatnak thlentertu le phurtu ih ruatmi thil, siam-thil, eg zungbruk, asilole, ʔhi.

talk¹ /tɔ:k/ *n* 1 [C] biakawknak/thureltlangnak: *I had a long talk with the headmaster about my son.* ○ hold disarmament talks. ○ The latest round of pay talks has broken down, ie failed to reach an agreement. 2 [U] (a) tuahsuak um lo ih relnak/sinnak lawng: *There's too much talk and not enough work being done.* (b) thu vakvai, khawlak titi, thuleeng: *There's (some) talk of a general election.* 3 [C] thusinnak: *She gave a talk on her visit to China.* 4 [U] (esp in compounds) ʔongdan: *baby-talk.* 5 (idm) **be all talk (and no action)** zum um lo tiamkamnak tuah/thu lawngih tiamkam-aw. **fighting talk/words** ⇒ WORD. **the talk of sth** thupi simmi/relmi: *Their engagement is the talk of the town.*

NOTE ON USAGE: 1 **Talk** as an uncountable noun is a general word indicating the activity of speaking: *In politics there is too much talk and not enough action.* ○ *Talk is very important in a child's development.* **Talk** can also be a countable noun referring to a (usually) short informal speech to a small audience, or, when used in the plural, to formal occasions of serious talking, often between politicians: *She gave the society an illustrated talk on her travels in India.* ○ *The two sides in the war have agreed to hold peace talks.* 2 **Discussion** indicates (a) talk with a serious purpose. It is often a formal exchange of words in which speakers argue about and examine different aspects of a subject: *The problem was solved only after several lengthy discussions.* ○ *A panel discussion on the radio on the future of the Health Service.* 3 **Conversation** is usually social and friendly, often for the exchange of ideas or information: *Television has killed the art of conversation.* ○ *We had an interesting*

conversation about schools at lunch-time. 4

Chat is (a) friendly talk, usually to exchange personal news, etc: *I hadn't seen him for years and we had a long chat about old times.* 5

Gossip is derogatory and refers to talk about the private lives of other people, often of a critical kind. A **gossip** is a person who gossips: *People always gossip a lot in a small village like this.* ○ *He's a terrible gossip.*

talk² /tɔ:k/ *v* 1 [I, Ipr] ~ (to/with sb) (about/of sth/sb) thuhla sim/rel: *We talked (ie to each other) for almost an hour.* ○ *He was talking to/with a friend.* ○ *What are they talking about?* ○ *She talked of applying for another job.* ○ *Are they talking in Spanish or Portuguese?* 2 [I] ʔong thei: *The child is learning to talk.* 3 [Tn] (a) rel khawm: *talk business, politics, cricket.* (b) thil pakhat thuhla sim/rel: *talk sense/nonsense* ○ *You're talking rubbish.* 4 [Tn] ʔong hman: *talk French.* 5 [Cn-a] sim le relnak ihsin umtudan dangter/thlengeter: *talk oneself hoarse.* 6 [I] midang thu rel rero, midang thu simsin: *We must stop meeting like this — people are beginning to talk!* 7 [I] thu simter: *The police persuaded the suspect to talk.* 8 [I] ʔongdan cawng/zir: *You can teach some parrots to talk.* ⇒ Usage at SAY. 9 (idm) **be/get oneself talked about** mi ih sim/relsiatmi ah cang: *Be more discreet or you'll get yourself talked about.* **know what one is talking about** ⇒ KNOW. **look who's talking** (infml) nangmah khal anmah vekih mi ʔha lo na si ruangah midang thuhla hiti vekin na sim/rel ding a si lo. **money talks** ⇒ MONEY. **now you're talking** (infml) cuih thu burmi/thu suaupimi cohlang/pom: *Take the day off? Now you're talking!* **speak/talk of the devil** ⇒ DEVIL¹. **talk big** tluangkhang, mah le mah porh-aw: *He talks big but doesn't actually do anything.* **talk dirty** ʔong sia hman. **talk etc nineteen to the dozen** ⇒ DOZEN. **talk one's head off** ʔong tam tuk. **talk sb's head off** mi ning tiangih tamtuk ʔong/ʔong tamtuk ruangih mi baangter. **talk the hind legs off a donkey** (infml) cat bang lo ih ʔong thei. **talk sense** sullam nei zet ih ʔong. **talk shop** (usu derog) mah ih hnaʔuan thuhla sim/midang thawn maih hnaʔuan thu ciar relkhawm/reitlang. **talk through one's hat** thuhlolak sim. **talk (to sb) like a Dutch uncle** nasa zet zaangfah zet ih thu sim/nun sim ciamco. **talk turkey** (infml esp US) pheh lo le a si vekih sim. **talk one's way out of sth/doing sth** fimthiam zet ih sim, hrial ih sim: *I'd like to see him talk his way out of this one, ie this trouble he has got into.* **talking of sb/sth** amah thu kan rel laiah...: *Talking of Jim, have you heard that he's getting married?* **you can/can't talk** (infml) = LOOK WHO'S TALKING.

10 (phr v) **talk at sb** thuletnak khal ngai lo ih

mi biak ciamco: *I don't like being talked at.*

talk back (to sb) kawknak nunsimnak lungruh zet ih let.

talk sb down ringzet le a pehpeh ih tong ruangah midang tong bangter/tong peh thei lo ih umter. **talk sb/sth down** leilung ihsin radio (telephone) in vanzam mawngtu (pilot) kha tumter. **talk down to sb** tawidor zet ih mibiak.

talk sb into/out of doing sth thil pakhat tuah ding/tuah lo dingin mi pakhatkhat ih thinlung neh: *He talked his father into lending him the car.* ○ *I tried to talk her out of coming.*

talk sth out (a) relkhawmnak tuah in tuharsa rel cat/thu sat. **(b)** (Brit) Parliament ih nemhget dingmi (upadi) nemhnget thei lo ih kham dingah, rei zet relkhawm ih vote la thei lo ih um.

talk sb over/round (to sth) thil pakhat khat pom ding le lungkim dingih forh neh: *We finally managed to talk them over/round (to our way of thinking).* **talk sth over (with sb)** thil pakhat khat relkhawm.

talk round sth a poimawh bik thu relcat lo ih thu pakhat relkhawm: *waste an hour talking round the real problem.*

talk sb/sth up (US) mi pakhat/thil pakhat duhsak ih sim/mi pakhat/thil pakhat thangthat/cawisang/lawm.

▷ **talkative** /tɔ:kətiv/ *adj* tongduh/tongpaih; tongtam: *a very talkative child.* **talkativeness** *n* [U].

talker *n* 1 (esp with an *adj*) tongtu: *a good/poor talker* ○ *She's a great talker*, ie She talks a lot. ○ *He's a fast talker*, ie able to get out of trouble by talking cleverly. 2 hnaṭuan lo ih tong lawng tongtu: *don't rely on him to do anything — he's just a talker.*

□ **talking-point** *n* rel ding thupi, asilole thulu.

talking-to *n* (pl **-tos**) (esp *sing*) na zet ih kawknak le soiselnak: *That child needs a good talking-to.*

tall /tɔ:l/ *adj* (**-er, -est**) 1 (of people or objects) saang: *She's taller than me.* ○ *a tall tree, chimney, spire, mast.* Cf **SHORT** 1. 2 thil pakhat ih a saan lam: *Tom is six feet tall.* ⇒ Usage at **HEIGHT**. 3 (idm) **a tall order** (*infml*) hnaṭuan harzet, asilole a mawi lo zet dilnak/ngennak. **a tall story** (*infml*) zum har zet thuanthu. **ten feet tall** ⇒ **FOOT**¹. **walk tall** ⇒ **WALK**¹.

▷ **tallness** *n* [U].

□ **tallboy** (Brit) (US **highboy**) *n* hnipuan retnak aansuai/dirhmi kuangte/pawhdawh a neimi thingkuang bizu saang zet.

tallow /tæləʊ/ *n* [U] khuailul meifar, satpia le cetsi tuahnak ih hmanmi ramsa thau/hriak.

tally /tæli/ *n* 1 ngah zat/hman zat riit mi, hminsinnak cazin: *Keep a tally of how much you spend.* 2 hminsinnak ticket ca fate.

▷ **tally** *v* (pt, pp **tallied**) [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) (of

stories, amounts, etc) a kaih-aw/rem-aw: *His account of the accident tallies with yours.* ○ *The two lists do not tally.*

Talmud /tælməd/; US 'tɑ:l-/ *n* hlanlai ih Juda miphun daan le thurosiah khumnak cabu.

talon /tælən/ *n* (usu pl) sa ei vate ih tin.

tamarind /tæməɾɪnd/ *n* mangkeng kung/mangkeng rah tengtere.

tamarisk /tæməɾɪsk/ *n* sendup le a rong ih a parmi hrambuk pangpar phunkhat.

tambour /tæmbʊə(r)/ *n* 1 khuang. 2 lukham tuamnak le pavua ah pangpar zuk ṭelh tikih hmanmi thing/thir kual.

tambourine /tæmbə'ri:n/ *n* (music) thirkual kimvel ah khangte thlaihmi khuang phunkhat; chekchek.

tame /teɪm/ *adj* (**-r, -st**) 1 (of animals) ngaam, miṭih lo, lau lo: *a tame monkey* ○ *The pigeons are so tame they will sit on your shoulder.* 2 [attrib] (joc) (of people) tirhfial thei, thusim lung: *I've got a tame mechanic who keeps my car in order.* 3 aa, aancing lo, hmailam nor thei lo, ṭhangso lo: *I quite enjoyed the book but found the ending rather tame.* ○ *The scenery around here is a little tame.* ○ *a tame attempt to reform the system.*

▷ **tame** *v* [Tn] ngaamter: *tame wild birds* ○ *man's attempts to tame the elements.* **tameable** *adj* ngaamter theih. **tamer** *n* (usu in compounds) ngaamtertu, ngaam ko zuattu le zirhtu: *a lion-tamer.*

tamely *adv.*

tameness *n* [U].

tam-o'-shanter /tæm e 'ʃæntə(r)/ (also **tammy** /'tæmi/) *n* Scotland sahmul lukhuh neem, a tlunlamrawn/kheng.

tamp /tæmp/ *v* (phr v) **tamp sth down** tet zet ih san, ben, muuk zet ih san: *tamp down the tobacco in a pipe.*

tamper /tæmpə(r)/ *v* [Ipr] ~ **with sth** rak hnaihno, rak tham, rak rem: *Someone has been tampering with the lock.* ○ *The records of the meeting had been tampered with.* ○ (fig) *tamper with* (ie bribe) *a jury.*

tampon /tæmpən/ *n* nunau thi neih laifangih an zahmawh/sukua sungih hrolhmi patpe tom, etc.

tan¹ /tæn/ *v* (**-nn-**) 1 [Tn] thinghawng thawn saphaw ciah, asilole hman thei dingih savun tuah/caarter. 2 [I, Tn] sendup pianzia cang dingin nisa ah pho: *My skin tans easily.* ○ *I want to tan my back a bit more.* ○ *You look very tanned — have you been on holiday?* 3 [Tn] (*infml*) thawi. 4 (idm) **tan sb's hide** (*infml*) na zet ih thawi, vuak.

▷ **tan** *n* 1 [U] aihre le sendup. 2 [C] nisa ih pho hnuih sendup pianzia nei savun: *get a good tan* ○ *My tan's beginning to fade.* — *adj* sendup nawn pianzia: *tan leather gloves.*

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tanner *n* savun tuahtu.

tanney /tænəri/ *n* saphaw savun ih tuahnak hmun.

tan² /tæn/ *abbr* (mathematics) rinkual (curve) a daitu rinngil (tangent).

T and AVR (also **TAVR**) *abbr* (Brit) Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve.

tandem /tændəm/ *n* **1** minung pahnih hnakh tam to theimi thirleng. **2** (idm) **in tandem** pakhat dungah pakhat dung le hmai ah: *drive/ride in tandem* ○ (fig) *The two systems are designed to work in tandem*, ie alongside each other, together. ○ *He and his wife run the business in tandem*, ie as partners.

tandoori /tæn'duəri/ *n* [U] leibel thawn suanmi Kala rawl phunkhat: [attrib] *tandoori chicken*.

tang /tæŋ/ *n* (usu *sing*) a cehlei ih thawtnak le rim: *with a tang of lemon* ○ *There's a tang of autumn in the air*.

▷ **tangy** /tæŋi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) a rim a hmu/ thaw zetmi: *a tangy aroma*.

tangent /tændʒənt/ *n* **1** (geometry) rinkual a leeng ihsin a daitu rinngil. **2** (*abbr tan*) (mathematics) a kil 90° a cantitu a sir (sides) rinngil pahnih peh-aw dan le hleih-awknak = (in a right angled triangle) ratio of the sides apposite and adjacent to a given angle. Cf CONSINE, SINE. **3** (idm) **go/fly off at a tangent** ruahnak/tuahdan pakhat ihsin a dangih thleng lohli.

tangerine /tændʒənt/ *n* **1** [C] serthlum (lingmaw) phun khat. **2** [U] serthlum pianzia.

tangible /tændʒəbl/ *adj* **1** (*fml*) tham ih theih theih. **2** [usu attrib] fiang/fiangfai; a taktak, a ngaingai: *tangible advantages* ○ *tangible proof* ○ *the company's tangible assets*, eg its buildings, machinery, etc, but not its reputation, etc.

▷ **tangibility** /tændʒə'bɪləti/ *n* [U]. **tangibly** /-əblɪ/ *n* [U].

tangle /tæŋgl/ *n* [C] **1** (sam, hridai tivek) hnok: *brush the tangles out of a dog's fur* ○ *The wool got in a fearful tangle*. **2** dinhmun hnok/fiang lo: *His financial affairs are in such a tangle*.

▷ **tangle** *v* **1** [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (up) a hnok, a ngerh-aw: *Her hair got all tangled up in the barbed wire fence*. **2** [Ipr] ~ with sb/sth midang hau-awknak le sual-awknak ih telve: *I shouldn't tangle with Peter — he's bigger than you*. **tangled** *adj* hnok: *tangled hair; wire, undergrowth*.

tangly *adj* hnok.

tango /tæŋgəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ s /tæŋgəʊ/) thlangta America minung pahnih kap ih laam phunkhat: *dance/do the tango*.

▷ **tango** *v* (pt, pp -goed, pres p -going) [I] tango laam, laam.

tangy ⇨ TANG.

tank /tæŋk/ *n* **1** (a) tikuang/a ti(liquid) retnak kuang: *the petrol-tank of a car*. ○ *keep tropical*

fish in a glass tank ○ *Water is stored in tanks under the roof*. (b) (also **tankful** /-fʊl/) kuangkhat: *We drove there and back on one tank of petrol*. **2** raldonak pukpi tēng: [attrib] *a tank commander*. **3** (in India, Pakistan, etc) tidai khawlnak tili.

▷ **tank** *v* (phr v) **tank up** kuang khatter. **be/get tanked up** (sl) ri, zuri: *We got really tanked up on whisky and beer*.

tanker *n* (a) zinansi, datsi, tivek phurtu tangphawlawng/vanzamleng: *an oil tanker*. (b) (US also **tank truck**) cawhnawi, zinan, datsi phurtu mawṭawka.

tankard /tæŋkəd/ *n* kutkaih nei thir khuathai tumpi (a bikin beer innak ih hmanmi).

tanner, tannery ⇨ TAN.

tannic /tænik/ *adj* saphaw thahnak/tuahnak (ciahnak), carternak thil.

□ **tannic acid** saphaw thahnak thinghawng hnai.

tannin /tænin/ *n* [U] saphaw thahnak le a dum/a sen, a vaar cang dingih buhnak khukthli le thingdang hawng ihsin a suakmi thinghnai.

Tannoy /tænɔɪ/ *n* (propr) thuthannak le tlang-aunak ih hmanmi aw rinternak: *an announcement made over/on the Tannoy*.

tantalize, -ise /tæntəlaɪz/ *v* [Tn] minung/ramsa ih duh zetmi pek siang ngaingai fawn lo ih hmuh/dawtsorh, dawter: *Give the dog the bone — don't tantalize him*. ○ *He was tantalized by visions of power and wealth*.

▷ **tantalizing, -ising** *adj*: *a tantalizing smell of food*.

tantalizingly, -isingly *adv*: *tantalizingly near*.

tantamount /tæntəmaʊnt/ *adj* [pred] ~ to sth tluk a si/bangrep a si: *The King's request was tantamount to a command*. ○ *Her statement is tantamount to a confession of guilt*.

tantrum /tæntɾəm/ *n* [C] aithoknak, thinhengnak: *have/throw a tantrum* ○ *be in/get in(to) a tantrum*.

tap¹ /tæp/ *n* **1** (US faucet) tidai phihnak le onnak, peplu; thilhru: *hot and cold taps*, eg on a basin, bath, etc ○ *turn the tap on/off* ○ *Don't leave the taps running*, ie Turn them off. Cf VALVE 1. **2** telephone tok/khoih, ngaithup: *put a tap on sb's phone*. **3** (idm) **on tap** (a) (of beer, etc) pung sungih tidai, zinan, datsi etc a phihnak ong ih suah. (b) (fig) a ṭul tikah ngah thei/ hmang thei.

▷ **tap** *v* (-pp-) **1** (a) [Tn] tidai, siti, zinan, tivek pungsung ihsin suah: *tap a cask of cider*. (b) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ sth (off) (from sth) pungsungih tidai/siti/zinan tivek pung timerh ong tahrat in suah: *tap off some cider* ○ *tap cider from a cask*. **2** (a) [Tn] thing hnai suak dingin naam thawn thinghawng sat: *tap rubber-trees*. (b) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ sth (off) thinghnai khawm. **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth/sb (for

sth mi pakhat/thil pakhat ihsin thil pakhatkhat ngah: *vast mineral wealth waiting to be tapped*
 ○ *new ways of tapping the skills of young people*
 ○ (*infml*) *tap sb for a loan*. **4** [Tn] mi telephone ih an biakawknak a thupte ih rak ngainak thil bun: *I think my phone is being tapped*.

□ **tap-root** *n* tidai dawktu a hrampi, a hram sau bik.

tap-water *n* [U] inn ah tap hmangih tidai peknak.

tap² /tæp/ *n* **1** [C] dimte ih kingmi thawmvang: *They heard a tap at the door*. ○ *He felt a tap on his shoulder*. ○ *She gave the lid a few gentle taps to loosen it*. **2** **taps** [sing *v*] (*US*) ni khat sungih a neta bik ih phawtmi tawtawrawt/meisa hmihnak ding tawtawrawt.

▷ **tap** *v* (-pp-) **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (with **sth**) dimte ih king: *tab sb on the shoulder* ○ *He tapped the box with a stick*. (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (against/on **sth**) thil pakhatkhat dimte ih thawi: *tapping her fingers on the table*. **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (at/on **sth**) kutzung zim thawn king: *Who's that tapping at the window?*

□ **tap-dance** *n* kedil ah le a zim lam ah thir bunmi kedar hrukhih, khuangdar aw thlun ih thupthek laam phunkhat. — *v* [I] cuti vekih laam. **tap-dancer** *n*. **tap-dancing** *n* [U].

tape /teip/ *n* **1** [C, U] thilri temnak hridai per fate: *three yards of linen tape* ○ *a parcel tied up with tape* ○ *The seat covers are held in place by tapes*. **2** [C] tlaan le lehnak ziin a deng ih (a netnak ih) thluahmi hrizam: *He breasted/broke the tape* (ie finished the race) *half a second ahead of his rival*. **3** [U] thil bennak ih hmanmi a khatlam a seengmi (a banmi) hridai per fate: *sticky tape* ○ *insulating tape*. **4** [U] thirhri thawi tikah thuhla ngannak ceet hri ca fate. **5** [C, U] aw, awsuak le zuk khumnak hri: *The police seized various books and tapes*. ○ *make a tape of sb's conversation* ○ *listening to a tape of the Beatles* ○ *I've got all the Beethoven symphonies on tape*. **6** [C] = TAPE-MEASURE.

▷ **tape** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) hridai thawn tem. **2** [Tn] mi pakhat/thil pakhat awkhum: *taped a concert off/from the radio*. **3** (idm) **have** (got) **sb/sth taped** (*infml esp Brit*) mi pakhat/thil pakhat thei fiang zet/thei famkim zet: *It took me a while to learn the rules of the game but I think I've got them taped now*.

□ **tape deck** aw khumnak thil.

tape-measure *n* (also **tape**, **measuring tape**) thil tahnak hri/puan thittu le lambawi pawlih hmanmi thil tahnak hri, *pikyu*.

tape-recording *n* tape sungih awkhum.

tapeworm *n* minung le ramsa pawl ril sungih a ummi khukrul per.

taper¹ /teipə(r)/ *n* phazawngdaing (sothau far) thawn ciahmi pathri; meisa cawnnak ih hmanmi: *put a taper to the fire*.

taper² /teipə(r)/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (off) (to **sth**) rul mei vekih fate/fem vivo; khatlam ah a zum vivo, zuhmei; zuhmei: *tapering at the ends* ○ *a blade that tapers off to a fine point* ○ *The trouser legs are slightly tapered*. Cf FLARE². **2** [Ip, Tn-p] ~ (sth) off malter vivo, asilole nuamte ih cemter/baangter: *The number of applicants for the course has been tapering off recently*. ○ *taper off production*.

▷ **taper** *n* (usu *sing*) a zim lam zum vivo, zum sisin mi thil: *trousers with a slight taper*.

tapestry /tæpəstri/ *n* [C, U] a parih zuk mawizet suaimi phar thlaih puan.

▷ **tapestried** *adj* a parih zukmawi a ummi puan thuam mawi thlaihmi: *tapestried walls*.

tapioca /tæpɪəʊkə/ *n* [U] thingkawlhra hram.

tapir /teipə(r)/ *n* America le Malaysia ram hlum vok vek a caang theimi hnar sau nei ramsa phunkhat.

tappet /tæpit/ *n* cet pakhat a pawngmi thil pakhat in dang pakhat a khawng/a sawh/a king ruangah cet a caangtertu.

taps ⇒ TAP² **2**.

tar¹ /tɑ:(r)/ *n* [U] **1** lungmeihol ihsin tuahmi lamzin tuahnak; lung erhtu (*kattaya*). **2** kuhsiek: [attrib] *low-/middle-/high-tar cigarettes*.

▷ **tar** *v* (-rr-) **1** [Tn] lung erhtu (*kattaya*) burh/toih/thle: *a tarred road, rope, roof*. Cf TARMAC.

2 (idm) **tar and feather sb** hremnak ah taksa ruang parah lung erhtu toih theh hnuah arhumul ih khuh. **tarred with the same brush** (as **sb**) (midang vekin) mawhnak nei.

tar² /tɑ:(r)/ *n* (also **Jack tar**) (*dated infml*) lawngsung hnaŋuan.

taradiddle /tærədɪdl/; *US* /tærədɪdl/ *n* (*dated infml*) **1** [C] thuphan/thudik lo/thuhman lo. **2** [U] sullam um lo: *That's all taradiddle!*

taramasalata /tærəməsələtə/ *n* [U] ngasa le arti thawn tuahmi Greek rawl phunkhat, sangreu thawn ei cihmi.

tarantella /tærən'telə/ *n* Italian laam phunkhat.

tarantula /tə'ræntjələ; *US* -tʃələ/ *n* hmul le tur (*poison*) nei maimom tum zet phunkhat.

tarboosh /tɑ:'bu:ʃ/ *n* sahumul ih tuahmi Muslim lukhuh, lupawng (mipa ih khummi).

tardy /tɑ:di/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (*fml*) **1** khulfung, nuamtete ih a caangmi: *tardy in offering help* ○ *tardy progress, repentance, recognition*. **2** (of actions, etc; *US* also of people) hnu/tlai: *a tardy arrival, return, departure, etc* ○ *be tardy for/to school*.

▷ **tardily** /-ɪli/ *adv*. **tardiness** *n* [U].

tare /teə(r)/ *n* **1** thilri phurhnak mawtawka, asilole, bawm ih a khiing. **2** phurhmi thil pawl le a phurhnak mawtawka/bawm/thingkuang rihnak khiing zat phurhman laakmi (thil phurhmi khiing zate zat phurhman lak a si).

target /tɑ:ɡɪt/ *n* **1** hmuison, batmi hmu. **2** soisel

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bikmi minung, thil: *become the target of scorn, derision, spite, etc.* **3** tumtah bikmi/hmuitin bikmi: *meet one's export targets* ○ *production so far this year is on/off target.* ○ *The embassy is an obvious target for terrorist attacks.* ○ [attrib] *a target date, ie one set for completion of a project, etc.*

▷ **target** *v* [usu passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (at/on **sth/sb**) hmuitin/bat, hmuibat: *missiles targeted on Britain* ○ *a sales campaign targeted at the youth market.*

tariff /'tærɪf/ *n* **1** (hotel ih) riahman/rawlman, etc khiahmi cazin. **2** ramsung ihsin a suakmi le, ramdang ihsin a lutmi thilri parih pekmi ngunkhuai/siah: [attrib] *raise tariff barriers against foreign goods.* Cf TAX 1.

Tarmac /'tɑːmæk/ *n* [U] **1** (propr) (also **tar macadam**) lampi ih phahmi thil, lung ernhak (kattaya) le lungtiak rawi. **2** **tarmac** tarmac phahmi hmun; vanzamleng tumnak hrangah lungernhak thawn phahmi/zuutmi vanzam tlannak zin: *The plane taxied along the tarmac.* Cf MACADAM.

▷ **tarmac** *v* (pt, pp **tarmacked**, pres p **tarmacking**) [Tn] tarmac phah: *I'm going to tarmac the front drive.*

tarn /tɑːn/ *n* (often in names) tlang ih kulhmi tili/tlang karlak tili, tlang tili.

tarnish /'tɑːnɪʃ/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] ni sa ih pho ruangah a rong hlit, lole rauter, malter, hloter: *mirrors that have tarnished with age* ○ *The brass work needs polishing — it's badly tarnished.* **2** [Tn] hminsia, baalter: *The firm's good name was badly tarnished by the scandal.*

▷ **tarnish** *n* [C, U] hminsiatnak, baal: *remove the tarnish from silver.*

taro /'tɑːrəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ **s**) baa, eifha baa, bahra.

tarot /'tærəʊ/ *n* (a) [C] hmailam thu polcianak (bedin) ih tuahmi phe hnah. (b) [sing] hi phe (cards) pawl thawn lehnak: *playing the tarot* ○ [attrib] *tarot cards.*

tarpaulin /tɑː'pəʊlɪn/ *n* [C, U] tipuan, muka puan: *goods on a lorry covered by a tarpaulin.*

tarragon /'tærəɡən; US -ɡɒn/ *n* [U] salad le tithur (vinegar) rimhmuiternak hanghnah phunkhat: *add a sprinkling of dried tarragon.*

tarry¹ /'tæri/ *v* (pt, pp **tarried**) [I, Ipr] (arch or rhet) feh lohli lo, pok tlai, malte sung taangta: *Tarry awhile at this charming country inn.*

tarry² /'tɑːri/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) lung ernhak sidum khuhmi.

tarsal /'tɑːsl/ *adj* (anatomy) kemit ta.

▷ **tarsal** *n* (anatomy) kemit ruh.

tarsus /'tɑːsəs/ *n* (pl **tarsi** /-saɪ/) (anatomy) kemit um ruh fate pasarih.

tart¹ /tɑːt/ *adj* **1** thur: *This fruit tastes rather tart.* **2** [usu attrib] (fig) tihrim hman; hraang/fiangfai; ti fukfi ih mi leh hman: *a tart remark, reply, tone* ○ *He can be quite tart.*

▷ **tartly** *adv.* **tartness** *n* [U].

tart² /tɑːt/ *n* **1** (esp Brit) a sungah sa/thingthei a telmi sang. **2** thingthei telhmi sang bial. Cf FLAN.

tart³ /tɑːt/ *n* (sl) **1** suzuar. **2** (derog) hur le sual ih ruahmi nunau/nupi nu.

▷ **tart** *v* (phr v) ~ **sb/sth up** (infml) zohmawi lo zet ih thuam tuah-aw/cei-aw: *tarting herself up for the disco* ○ *They've tarted up the restaurant but the food hasn't improved.*

tartan /'tɑːtn/ *n* **1** [C, U] Scottish miphun pawl ih sinmi puanțial. **2** [U] sahmul puanțial: [attrib] *a tartan skirt.*

tartar¹ /'tɑːtə(r)/ *n* [U] **1** haa muat. Cf PLAQUE². **2** cabit uamnak belsung lam ih a kopmi a nee sen.

▷ **tartaric** /tɑː'tærɪk/ *adj* tartar ihsin suakmi.

□ **tartaric acid** thingthei ihsin ngahmi acid, baking powder tuahnak ih hmanmi acid.

tartar² /'tɑːtə(r)/ *n* mi thintawi; mi thinheng ol.

tartar sauce /tɑːtə(r)'sɔːs; US 'tɑːrtər sɔːs/ rawl hmeah sawh tithur (ngasa thawn ei a si bik).

task /tɑːsk; US tæsk/ *n* **1** ɲuan ding (a nuam lemlomi) hnaɲuan: *holiday tasks* ○ *I set myself the task of chopping up the firewood.* ○ *perform the gruesome task of identifying the dead bodies* ○ *Becoming fluent in a foreign language is no easy task, ie is difficult.* ⇒ Usage at WORK¹. **2** (idm) **take sb to task** (about/for/over **sth**) mawhthluk/mawhsiat (asilole) soisel: *I was taken to task for arriving late.* ○ *She took the government to task over its economic record.*

▷ **task** *v* [Tn-pr esp passive] ~ **sb with sth** hnaɲuan ding pek: *tasked with the design of a new shopping centre.*

□ **task force** hnaɲuan poimawh zet pakhat ɲuan dingih kawhkhawm mi minung bur khat.

taskmaster (fem **taskmistress**) *n* a fek zetmi hnaɲuan hotu: *a hard taskmaster.*

TASS /tæs/ abbr official news agency of the USSR (Russian *Telegrafnoye Aгенstvo Sovetskovo Soyuz*).

tassel /'tæsl/ *n* a kil pehbuk, asilole ɲembuk, cabuai le tohkheng khuh puan kil ih thlaihmi pat hrihrual pawl.

▷ **tasselled** (US **tasseled**) *adj* pehbuk asilole tembuk thlaihmi.

taste¹ /teɪst/ *n* **1** [C, U] thawtnak: *Sugar has a sweet taste.* ○ *a strong taste of garlic* ○ *I don't like the taste of this cheese.* ○ *a wine that has no/very little/not much taste.* **2** [U] a thawtzia theihnak: *I've got a cold and so I have no taste/have lost my sense of taste.* ○ *bitter to the taste.* **3** [C usu sing] ~ (of **sth**) (a) tepnak: *Just have a taste of this cheese!* (b) (fig) ton hmaisa bik: *her first taste of life in a big city* ○ *Although we didn't know it, this incident was a taste of things to come.* **4** [C, U] ~ (for **sth**) duhnak/duhzawng/hril: *She has a taste for foreign travel.* ○ *have*

expensive tastes in clothes ○ *Modern art is not (to) everyone's taste*, ie Many people dislike it. **5** [U] a mawi, a tha, a rem tiih mi ih ruatmi thil theihthiamnak le hril thiamnak: *have excellent taste in clothes, art, music, etc.* ○ *He's got more money than taste*, ie is rich but unrefined. ○ *a room furnished in/with perfect taste* ○ *It would be bad taste to refuse their invitation.* **6** (idm) **an acquired taste** ⇒ ACQUIRE. **(be) in good, bad, poor, the best of, the worst of, etc taste** (nuncan thuah) a tawkwawn, duhnungza, asilole a mawi lo, mitkemza: *She always dresses in the best possible taste.* ○ *I thought his jokes were in very poor taste. leave a bad/nasty taste in the mouth* ⇒ LEAVE¹. **there's no accounting for taste** ⇒ ACCOUNT². **to taste** (esp in recipes) duhdan; duhzat: *Add salt to taste.*

▷ **tasteful** /-fl/ *adj* thaw.

tastefully /-fəli/ *adv*: *tastefully decorated.*

tastefulness *n* [U].

tasteless *adj* **1** thawtnak nei lo/thaw lo. **2** thawtnak um lo. **tastelessly** *adv*.

tastelessness *n* [U].

tasty *adj* **(-ier, -iest)** a thaw zetmi: *a tasty dish.*

tastily /-ili/ *adv*.

tastiness *n* [U].

□ **taste-bud** *n* (usu *pl*) lei parih a bo tete (thil eimi a thawt zia le thawt lo zia a theitu).

taste² /teist/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] (not used in the continuous tenses; often with *can*) thaw le thaw lo thei: *I can't taste, I've got a bad cold.* ○ *Can you taste the garlic in this stew?* **2** [La, Ipr] ~ **(of sth)** thawtnak nei: *taste sour, bitter, sweet, etc* ○ *It tastes strongly of mint.* **3** [Tn] a thaw maw thaw lo ti ih tep: *He tasted the soup to see if he had put enough salt in it.* ⇒ Usage at FEEL¹. **4** [Tn] ei (asilole) in: *They hadn't tasted hot food for over a week.* ○ *That's the best wine I've ever tasted.* **5** [Tn] (fig) thil pakhat thei fiang/tong: *taste power, freedom, failure, defeat, etc.*

▷ **taster** *n* a thaw le thaw lo teptu.

tasting *n* thil pakhat tepnak: *go to a wine/cheese tasting.*

-tasting (forming compound *adjs*) thawtnak ce nei: *sweet-tasting* ○ *fresh-tasting.*

tat¹ /tæt/ *v* **(-tt-)** **(a)** [I] tak (maw ca tak) phiar (sweater phiar). **(b)** [Tn] thil tak.

tat² /tæt/ *n* [U] (Brit *infml*) siat ko hmanmi thil/hman tlak nawn lo thil hlun le thil sia, a tetmi hnipuan: *a shop selling dreadful old tat.*

tat³ /tæt/ *n* (idm) **tit for tat** ⇒ TIT².

tata /tə'ta:/ *interj* (Brit *infml*) goodbye; mangtha; damte'n.

tatters /tætəz/ *n* [pl] **1** puansia, a tetmi hnipuan: *a poor beggar dressed in rags and tatters* ○ *His clothes hung in tatters.* **2** (idm) **in tatters** siat/siatsuah: *left his reputation, life, career, etc in tatters* ○ *She replied to my points so convincingly that my argument was soon in*

tatters.

▷ **tattered** *adj* tlek/puansia ih belhmi, a tetmi.

tatting /tætɪŋ/ *n* [U] **(a)** thil tlaang mawitertu hrangih kutih phiarmi puan. **(b)** cumi phiar dan/takdan/tahdan/tuandan.

tattle /tætl/ *v* [I] umhar ah thu phunphun (titi) rel, thuthup phuang: *Who's been tattling?*

▷ **tattle** *n* [U] thupipa lo relnak/simnak/titi.

tattler /tætlə(r)/ (US **tattle-tale**) *n* mi thu reltu.

tattoo¹ /tə'tu:/; US tæ'tu:/ *n* (pl ~ **s**) **1** [sing] ralkap pawl an umnak inn ciar pan dingih kawhnak khuang/tawtawrawt: *beat/sound the tattoo.* **2** [C] mipi zoh dingih ralkap pawl khuangdar/baza, tawtawrawt thawn ral thuangtuah laam: *a torchlight tattoo.* **3** [C] thep dutdo: *beating a tattoo on the table with his fingers.*

tattoo² /tə'tu:/; US tæ'tu:/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] **(a)** taksa parah hloral thei lo dingin zuk cuk/ngan ih siihni. **(b)** taksa parah zuk suai/cuk: *had a ship tattooed on his arm.*

▷ **tattoo** *n* (pl ~ **s**) a cuk ih cukmi taksa parih zuk: *His chest was covered in tattoos.* ○ [attrib] *a tattoo artist.*

tatty /tæti/ *adj* **(-ier, -iest)** (*infml*) **1** a tetmi, a tlekmi, bal le sia: *tatty old clothes.* **2** a mawi nain a man olmi.

▷ **tattily** /-ili/ *adv*. **tatiness** *n* [U].

taught *pt, pp* of TEACH.

taunt /tɔ:nt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (with *sth*) hmuhsuam le soiselnak in thinhengter; hnihsan: *They taunted him with cowardice/with being a coward.*

▷ **taunt** *n* (often *pl*) hmuhsuam le zomtaihnak tɔng, nautat: *ignoring the taunts of the opposition.*

tauntingly *adv*.

Taurus /'tɔ:rəs/ *n* **1** [U] zodiac hminsinnak a pahnihnak: Cawcang. **2** [C] hih hminsinnak huham hnuai ih suakmi minung.

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

taut /tɔ:t/ *adj* **1** (of rope, wire, cloth, etc) (hridai, thirhri, etc) rin zet, a dor lomi. **2** (of muscles or nerves) taksa khal dor lo/nem lo; khoh emem; tut zet.

▷ **tautly** *adv*. **tautness** *n* [U].

tauten /tɔ:tn/ *v* [I, Tn] khalter, hakter/khohter.

tautology /tɔ:'tɒlədʒi/ *n* **(a)** [U] a sullam, asilole tican fiangfai ih sim fawn loin, thu pakhat a phunphun ih rel sal rero nak. **(b)** [C] hiti vek thusimnak. Cf PLEONASM.

▷ **tautological** /tɔ:tə'lɒdʒɪkl/, **tautologous** /tɔ:'tɒləgəs/ *adjs*.

tavern /tævən/ *n* (arch or rhet) khualbuuk.

TAVR *abbr* = T AND AVR.

tawdry /tɔ:drɪ/ *adj* **(-ier, -iest)** man nei ngaingai fawn lo a mawimi: *tawdry jewellery, furnishings.*

▷ **tawdrily** /-əli/ *adv*. **tawdriness** *n* [U].

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tawny /təʊni/ *adj* sendup le aihre pianzia: *the lion's tawny mane*.

tax /tæks/ *n* **1** [C, U] cozah hnenih pekmi ngunkhuai/siah: *income/property/sales tax* ○ *levy a tax on sth* ○ *direct/indirect taxes* ○ *paid over £1000 in taxes last year* ○ [attrib] *tax evasion*. Cf DUTY 3, TARIFF 2. **2** (idm) **a tax on sth** phurrit tuahsak, phurrit phurter, zonzaiter: *a tax on one's health, patience, strength, etc.*

▷ **tax** *v* [Tn] **1** mi pakhat/thil pakhat parah ngunkhuai/siah lak/kuanter/ruatter: *tax luxuries* ○ *tax rich and poor alike* ○ *My income is taxed at source*, ie Tax is deducted from it before it is paid to me. **2** merh/siatsuah: *His constant requests for help taxed our goodwill*. ○ *All these questions are beginning to tax my patience*. **3** ngunkhuai/siah pek: *The car is taxed until July*. **4** (idm) **tax one's/sb's brain(s)** khawruahhar zet ih ruat/ruatter: *This crossword will really tax your brain*. **5** (phr *v*) **tax sb with sth** (fml) mi thil pakhat khat puh: *She was taxed with negligence/with having been negligent*. **taxable** *adj* ngunkhuai (siah) kuanter theimi: *taxable earnings*. **taxing** *adj* baang/ning, asilole dil: *a taxing job*.

taxation /tæk'seɪʃn/ *n* [U] ngunkhuai ihsin tangka karhter/pek dingmi ngunkhuai pawl: *direct/indirect taxation*, ie on incomes/expenditure ○ *reduce/increase taxation*.

□ **tax-deductible** *adj* (of expenses) sum lutmi sung ihsin ngunkhuai ziang hmuah pek ding a si ti tuat hlanah sum rak hnuk/dir ciami.

tax-free *adj* ngunkhuai pek tul lo/awl: *a tax-free bonus*.

tax haven ngunkhuai niam/malmi ram.

taxman /-mæn/ *n* (pl **men** /-men/) **1** [C] ngunkhuai khawmtu/khongtu. **2** **the taxman** [sing] (infml) ngunkhuai khawm/khongtu cozah department: *He had been cheating the taxman for years*.

taxpayer *n* ngunkhuai a petu.

tax return ngunkhuai pek zat ding tuatnak sumlut cazin.

taxi /tæksi/ (also **taxi-cab**, esp **US cab**) *n* a man pek ih hlan theihmi mawtawka fate: *call/hail/hire/take a taxi*.

▷ **taxi** *v* [I, Ipr; Ip] (of an aircraft) van ih a zuan hlan ih leilung, lole, tidai parah a tlan zurzo: *The plane taxied/was taxiing along the runway*.

□ **taxi rank** (**US cab-rank**, **cab stand**, **taxi stand**) hlaan ding hngak ih taxi colh khawmnak hmun.

taxidermy /tæksɪdʒmi/ *n* [U] a thi cia ramsa le vate pawl a nung vekih an taksa ruang tuah/din thiamnak.

▷ **taxidermist** /-ɪst/ *n* ramsa le vate pawl an nun lai vekih an taksa ruang tuah/din thiamtu.

taxonomy /tæk'sɒnəmi/ *n* (a) [U] science lam vekih rannung phun thenndan. (b) [C] cumi

then khi.

▷ **taxonomical** /tæk'sə'nɒmɪkl/ *adj*.

taxonomically /-klɪ/ *adv*. **taxonomist** /tæk'sɒnəmɪst/ *n*.

TB /ti:'bi/ *abbr* cuap nat (tuberculosis): *be vaccinated against TB*.

tbsp (pl **tbpsps**) *abbr* tablespoonsful; rawl einak darhai khat: *Add 3 tbpsps salt*.

tea /ti:/ *n* **1** [U] lakphak sawk: *a pound of tea*. **2**

(a) [U] laphakti: *a cup/mug/pot of tea* ○ *China, lemon, iced tea* ○ *Shall I make (the) tea?* (b) [C] lakphak kkuat khat: *Two teas, please*. **3** [U] thing hnah phunkhat parah tisa burh ih inmi: *chamomile, mint, herb tea*. **4** [C, U] zanlam deuhnawnah lakphak thawn (eimi rawl malte): *The waitress has served twenty teas since 4 o'clock*. ○ *We usually have tea at half-past four*. ○ *When is tea?* ⇒ Usage at DINNER. **5** (idm) **sb's cup of tea** ⇒ CUP¹. **not for all the tea in China** laksawng ticawk lo sunlawih si hmansehla: *I wouldn't marry him for all the tea in China*.

□ **tea-bag** *n* mi pakhat hrang a tawkih funmi lakphaksawk.

tea-break *n* (Brit) (in an office, a factory, etc) zung le cet zungah lakphak in tikcu.

tea-caddy (also **caddy**) *n* nitin hman ding lakphak retnak thingkuang.

teacake *n* (Brit) lakphak thawn ei-mi sang (cake) per: *toasted teacakes*.

tea-chest *n* ramdangih lakphaksawk kuatnak ih hmanmi thingkuang zaangte.

tea-cloth *n* **1** lakphak zem tikih hmanmi kheng le cabuai khuh puan. **2** (Brit) = TEA-TOWEL.

tea-cosy *n* lakphak bel hlum ringring thei dingih lakphakbel tuamtu puan sah.

teacup *n* **1** lakphak hai. **2** (idm) **a storm in a teacup** ⇒ STORM.

tea-leaf *n* (pl **tea-leaves**) lakphak fe: *throw away the old tea-leave* ○ *tell sb's fortune from the tea-leaves in his cup*.

tea-party *n* (zanlam deuh ih) lakphak in khawmnak.

teapot *n* lakphak bel. (idm) **a tempest in a teapot** ⇒ TEMPEST.

tea-room (also **tea-shop**) *n* (usu small) lakphak le eithei nepnoi zuarnak hmun.

tea-service (also **tea-set**) *n* lakphak hai le a tawdam pakan per (a khuah kimin).

teaspoon *n* **1** lakphak tuah/coknak ih hmanmi darhai. **2** cumi darhai ih tlem zat.

teaspoonful /-fʊl/ *n* lakphak-darhai khat: *two teaspoonfuls of sugar*.

tea-strainer *n* lakphak a fe zeetnak/khamnak.

tea-table *n* (usu small) lakphak cabuai: [attrib] *tea-table conversation*.

tea-things *n* [pl] (infml) = TEA-SERVICE.

tea-time *n* [U] zanlam lakphak in tikcu.

tea-towel *n* (also **tea-cloth**, **US dish towel**)

lakphak hai le kheng pawl roko ih hnawtnak puan.

tea-tray *n* lakphak zemnak khengper.

tea-trolley (also **tea-wagon**) *n* lakphak zemnak leeng fate.

tea-urn *n* lakphak hrang tidai sohnak beel tumpi.

teach /ti:f/ *v* (pt, pp **taught** /tɔ:t/) **1** (a) [I, Tn, Dn-t, Dn-w] zirh, thei ding, thiam dingih zirh: *She teaches well.* ○ *teach children* ○ *He taught me (how) to drive.* (b) [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth** (to sb/sth) *pe*, sim: *teach French, history, judo, etc* ○ *She teaches advanced students English/teaches English to advanced students.* ○ *He's taught his dog some clever tricks.* **2** [I, Tn] pumcawm-awknak hrangah zirh, sim: *She teaches at our local school.* ○ *He taught mathematics for many year.* ⇒ Usage. **3** [Tn, Tf, Dn-n, Dn-f, Dn-t] thlun ding daan pek: *Christ taught forgiveness*, ie that we should forgive our enemies, etc. ○ *He taught that the earth revolves around the sun.* ○ *My parents taught me never to tell lies.* **4** [no passive: Tn, Dn-n, Dn-t] (infml) hremnak hmangin maw, thil dang hmangin maw, tuah sal lo ding ti theihfiangter/zirh: *So you lost all your money? That'll teach you (to gamble).* ○ *It taught him a lesson he never forgot.* ○ *I'll teach you to call me a liar!* ie punish you for doing so. **5** (idm) **know/learn/teach sb the ropes** ⇒ ROPE. **teach one's grandmother to suck eggs** mah hnakih a thiam sawnmi thil tuahdan zirh. (you can't) **teach an old dog new tricks** (saying) tar le upa pawl kha, an khawruahdan le hnaʔuandan pawl hlawhtling zet ih thlengter theih a si nawn lo. **teach school** (US) tlawng saya ʔuan. ▷ **teachable** *adj* **1** (thu) zirh theih. **2** (of a person) thei thei, theithiam thei. **teacher** *n* zirhtu/saya: *my English teacher.* **teaching** *n* **1** [U] saya hnaʔuan: *Teaching is a demanding profession.* **2** [U, C often pl] zirhmi: *the teaching(s) of the Church.* □ **teach-in** *n* (dated infml) thinlung lut zetmi thupi, asilole thulu nei ih zirnak le relkhawmnak.

NOTE ON USAGE: **1 Educate** refers to the overall development of (especially children's) knowledge and intellect, usually through the formal education system of schools and universities: *He was educated at the local comprehensive school.* ○ *The country needs an educated population.* **2 Teach** has the widest use in formal and informal situations and at all levels. It can refer to an academic subject or a practical skill: *She teaches history at a secondary school/to undergraduates.* ○ *My father taught me how to swim.* **3 Coach** is used of non-formal teaching, either of an academic

subject (especially for an examination) or of a sport: *I'm coaching their children in A level maths in the evenings.* ○ *She coaches the tennis team at the weekend.* **4 Train** means producing a desired result in behaviour, standard of skill or physical ability. It is sometimes contrasted with **educate**. It can be used of people or animals: *It's hard to train children to behave well at the table.* ○ *The swimming team's in training for the Olympics.* **5 Instruct** means giving practical information or knowledge especially to groups of trainees (eg soldiers or nurses): *She instructed the trainee nurses in giving injections.*

teak /ti:k/ *n* (a) [U] flor. (b) [C] flor thingkung.

teal /ti:l/ *n* (pl unchanged) hramlak rampai phunkhat.

team /ti:m/ *n* [CGp] **1** leh zuamawknak ah hmunkhatih a burih um ho khat/pawl khat: *Which team do you play for?* ○ *Leeds was/were the better team.* **2** (minung) hmun khat ih hnaʔuankhawm minung pawl: [attrib] *He's a good team worker*, ie He works well with others. **3** leeng dirtu ramsa/rannung khuah.

▷ **team** *v* [Ipr, Ip] ~ **up** (with sb) hna ʔuankhawm; ʔuankhat: *The two companies have teamed up to develop a new racing car.*

teamster /ti:mstə(r)/ *n* (US) lawri mawʔaw mawngtu.

□ **team spirit** (approx) pawl khat/ho khat ih ʔhatnak ʔuan duhnak thinlung.

team-work *n* [U] ʔuankhawmnak: *The success of the project was largely the result of good team-work.*

tear¹ /tɪə(r)/ *n* **1** [C, usu pl] mitthli: *A tear rolled down his cheek.* ○ *a tear-stained face* ○ *Her eyes filled with tears.* ○ *a story that moved/reduced us to tears*, ie made us cry ○ *The memory of his dead mother brought tears to his eyes.* **2** (idm) **bore sb to death/tears** ⇒ BORE. **crocodile tears** ⇒ CROCODILE. **in tears** ʔap: *She was in tears over the death of her puppy.* ▷ **tearful** /-fl/ *adj* ʔap, ʔap zik: *her tearful face* ○ *a crowd of tearful mourners.*

tearfully /-fəli/ *adv*.

□ **tear-drop** mitthli for khat.

tear-gas *n* [U] mi tampi umkhawm darhternak (ʔhenʔheknak) ih hmanmi mitthli tlaknak datkhu.

tear-jerker *n* (infml sometimes derog) mi rehsiater le ʔapter dingih tuahmi thuanthu le baisikup.

tear² /teə(r)/ *v* (pt **tore** /tɔ:r/, pp **torn** /tɔ:n/) **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Cn-a] thlek: *tear a sheet of paper in two* ○ *a torn handkerchief* ○ *he tore his shirt on a nail.* ○ *tear a parcel open.* (b) [Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (in sth) kua ongter: *The explosion tore a hole in the wall.* **2** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p]

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botthlek: *tear a page out of a book, a notice down from a wall, the leaves off a tree.* (b) [Tn-pr] ~ **sb from sb/sth** thil pakhat/mi pakhat hramhram ih laksak: *The child was torn from its mother's arms.* ⇨ Usage at CUT¹. 3 [I] tlek: *This cloth tears easily.* ○ *Don't pull the pages so hard or they will tear.* 4 [Tn, Tn-pr esp passive] kuaithheh; siatsuah: *a country torn by war* ○ *Her heart was torn by grief.* 5 [Ipr, Ip] hoinak lam zawng ah thin tho zet le cak zetih feh/ṭhawn: *cars tearing past* ○ *She tore downstairs and out of the house shouting 'Fire!'* 6 (idm) **tear sth apart, to shreds, to bits, etc** siatsuah/neh neknek, asilole nasa zet in soisel: *tore his hopes to shreds* ○ *The critics tore her new play to pieces.* **tear one's hair (out)** (infml) thinheng le rehshia hmel hmuh/langter: *My boss is tearing his hair out about the delay in the schedule.* (be in) a **tearing hurry, rush, etc** manhlap zet hmel langter/hmuh: *There's no need to be in such a tearing hurry — we've got plenty of time.* **tear sb limb from limb** (often joc) nasazet in do/tawng. **tear sb off a strip; tear a strip off sb** (infml) nazet in kawk/soisel/mawhthluk. **that's torn it** (infml) cumi cun kan tumtahnak a siatter. **wear and tear** ⇨ WEAR¹. 7 (phr v) **tear at sth (with sth)** nazet in tawng/do/thentheh: *tore at the meat with his bare hands.* **tear oneself away (from sb/sth)** duh lo/zuam lo cingin taan/tlansan, fehshan: *do tear yourself away from the television and come out for a walk.* **be torn between A and B** milai/thil pahnih ah hril ding harsa; awloksong ih um: *torn between love and duty.* **tear sth down** siatbal/thiat/bal: *They're tearing down these old houses to build a new office block.* **tear into sb/sth** thazaang, asilole thuhla thawn mi do/tawng. **tear sth up** ca poimawh thlek: *She tore up all the letters he had sent her.* ○ (fig) he accused the government of tearing up (ie repudiating) the negotiated agreement. ▷ **tear** n ongkua, a tlekmi: *This fabric has a tear in it.* □ **tearaway** /təərəweɪ/ n (infml) ṭhate ih ruatta lo ih thil ti hluahhlo/ti rupro: *Her son's a bit of a tearaway.*

tease /ti:z/ v 1 [I, Tn, Tn-pr] capoh; dekcok: *Don't take what she said seriously — she was only teasing.* ○ *The other boys used to tease him because of/about his accent.* ○ *Stop teasing the cat, eg by pulling its tail.* 2 [Tn] (a) sahmul pathri phang ṭhek. (b) nem thepthei, asilole hmuh themthi dingin/brut thawn rawt. 3 [Tn] (esp US) = BACKCOMB (BACK³). ▷ **tease** n mi capoh duh zet/zuam zetmi: *What a tease she is!* **teaser** n (infml) thu harsa: *This one's a real teaser.* **teasingly** adv capoh in.

teasel (also **teasel, teazle**) /ti:zl/ n hling zumzet a neimi pangpar phun khat.

teat /ti:t/ n 1 saṭil/ramsa pawhte/hnawihmur. 2 (also **nipple**) naute cawhnawi peknak rabar hnawihmur.

tech /tek/ n (usu sing) (infml) cet lam le thilri tuahdan zirnak tlawng: *doing an engineering course at the local tech.*

technical /teknɪkəl/ adj 1 [usu attrib] cet thiamnak lam: *a technical school* ○ *a technical education.* 2 [usu attrib] a chelei fimthiamnak thawn pehtlai/kaihkawh-awknak: *the technical terms of chemistry* ○ *the technical difficulties of colour printing* ○ *a musician with great technical skill but not much feeling.* 3 (of a book, etc) a chelei ih theihnak neih ṭulmi: *The article is rather technical in places.* 4 [attrib] a khoh zetmi daan, upadi: *technical assault.*

▷ **technically** /-klɪ/ adv 1 a tidan thawn pehpar-aw in: *Technically the building is a masterpiece, but few people like it.* 2 upadi ih sullam vek cekci in: *Although technically (speaking) you may not have lied, you certainly haven't told us the whole truth.*

technicality /teknɪkæləti/ n 1 a chelei ih thiamnak thawn pehpar-awknak, a hleice sullam neihnak: *The book is full of scientific technicalities.* ○ *The lawyer explained the legal technicalities to his client.* 2 thupi lomi thu terek: *a mere technicality.*

□ **technical college** (Brit) thil tuaththiam zirnak phunsang tlawng.

technical hitch cet lam mawh ruangih cawlbaang; fehcawl.

technician /tek'nɪʃn/ n 1 cet lam thil a chelei ih thiamtu. 2 cet lam thiam.

Technicolor /teknɪkələ(r)/ n [U] 1 (prop) pianzia (rong) kim hmang ih zukmi baisikup. 2 (also **technicolour**) (infml) pianzia, silole rong tampi nei: [attrib] *The fashion show was a technicolour extravaganza.*

technique /tek'nɪk/ n (a) [C] tidan, tuahdan/ṭuandan: *applying modern techniques to a traditional craft.* (b) [U] himi thiamnak: *displayed (a) flawless technique.*

techno- comb form thiamnak: *technology* ○ *technocrat.*

technocracy /tek'nɒkrəsi/ n (a) [U] cet lam thawn a pehparmi thuhla khi thil thiam pawl in tawrel ih uknak, asilole tawrelnak. (b) [C] hiti vek ih um ram: *Is Britain becoming a technocracy?*

▷ **technocrat** /teknəkræt/ n techocracy uk-awk daan a duhtu. **technocratic** /teknəkrætɪk/ adj.

technology /tek'nɒlədʒi/ n [U] 1 thilri tuah thiamnak lam thuhla zirnak. 2 hi mi (technology) thiamnak a tak ih hmannak: *recent advances in medical technology* ○ *the*

technology of computers.

▷ **technological** /ˈtɛknəˈlɒdʒɪkl/ *adj* tidan, tuahdan thawñ a peh-awmi: a major technological breakthrough ○ technological changes, problems. **technologically** /-klɪ/ *adv*: technologically advanced.

technologist /ˈtɛknələdʒɪst/ *n* tidan tuahdan a thiamtu.

teddy bear /ˈtɛdɪ beə(r)/ *nauhak* hrangih puan neem thawñ tuahmi savom zuk.

Teddy boy /ˈtɛdɪ bɔɪ/ (also **ted** /tɛd/) *n* (*Brit infml*) Edward VII (1901-1910) sanlai ih an hnipuan hrukdan cawng ih ummipa tleirawl (1950-1960 hrawngta).

tedious /ˈtɪdɪəs/ *adj* a rei, a khulfung, a t̃ha lo tuk ruangih nin-um/mi cerhza: *The work is tedious.* ○ *We had to sit through several tedious speeches.* ▷ **tediously** *adv*: tediously long. **tediousness** *n* [U].

tedium /ˈtɪdiəm/ *n* [U] mi cerhza/nin-um: two hours of unrelieved tedium.

tee /ti:/ *n* **1** (a) (in golf) golf lek tiki bawlung thawithoknak hmun. (b) a zim a parhmi golf bawlung tohna ih tuahmi thing/plastic. **2** lehnak hrekhat ah batmi hmu. **3** (idm) **to a T/tee** ⇒ **T**.

▷ **tee** *v* (*pt, pp teed*) **1** [Tn] golf bawlung retnak (tee) parah thawi dingmi bawlung toh. **2** (*phr v*) **tee off** golf bawlung retnak tee parih bawlung thawi. **tee sb off** (*US sl*) mi thinhengter/hnaihnohter. **tee (sth) up** bawlung tohna tee parah bawlung ret in lek thok dingih timtuah.

teem¹ /ti:m/ *v* **1** [Ipr] ~ with sth *tampi um*; nei tam zet: *The river was teeming with fish.* ○ (*fig*) *His mind is teeming with bright ideas.* **2** [I] *tampi um*: *Fish teem in these waters.*

teem² /ti:m/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (with sb)/(down) (*esp* in the continuous tenses) (of water, rain, etc) tak/tam zet sur: a teeming wet day ○ *It was teeming with rain.* ○ *The rain was teeming down.*

teens /ti:nz/ *n* [pl] kum 13 le 19 karlak mino pawl: *be in one's teens* ○ *She is not yet out of her teens*, ie is under 20.

□ **teenage** /ˈti:neɪdʒ/ *adj* [attrib] kum 13 le 19 karlak milai pawl hrang: *teenage fashions, problems, children.*

teenaged *adj* kum 13 le 19 karlak kum sungah um.

teenager /ˈti:neɪdʒə(r)/ (also *infml esp US teen* /ti:n/) *n* kum 13 le 19 karlak mino pawl: a club for teenagers.

teeny /ˈti:ni/ (also **teeny-weeny** /ˈti:ni ˈwi:ni/, **teensy** /ˈti:nzi/, **teensy-weensy** /ˈti:nzi ˈwi:nzi/) *adj* (-ier, -iest) (*infml*) a fate.

teeny-bopper /ˈti:ni bɒpə(r)/ *n* (*infml usu derog*) tleirawl no (a bik in nunau) tulai hnipuan hrukdan le awnmawi thluntu.

tee-shirt = T-SHIRT (T).

teeter /ˈti:tə(r)/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] sawñ phah rero ih, feh (zu ri vek), hawñ: *The drunken man teetered on the edge of the pavement.* ○ *She was teetering along/about/around in very high-heeled shoes.* (*fig*) *teetering on the brink/edge of disaster.*

teeth *pl* of TOOTH.

teethe /ˈti:ð/ *v* [I] naute haa kho thok: *Babies like to chew something when they're teething.*

□ **teething troubles** (*fig*) hnañuan pakhat ñuan thok tiki harsatnak.

teetotal /ˈti:təʊtl/; *US* ˈti:təʊtl/ *adj* zu in hrimhrim lo.

▷ **teetotalism** *n* [U].

teetotaler (*US* also **teetotaler**) /-tlə(r)/ *n* zu in lo.

TEFL /ˈti: i: ef ˈel ɔː/; *in informal use*, ˈtefl/ *abbr* Teaching English as a Foreign Language. Cf TESL.

tel *abbr* **1** telegraph(ic) thirhri ih cakuatnak. **2** telephone (number): *tel 0865-56767.*

tel(e)- *comb form* **1** hla/hlat zet: *telepathy* ○ *telescopic.* **2** television: *teletext* ○ *teletext.*

telecommunications /ˌtelɪkəˈmjuːnɪˈkeɪʃnz/ *n* [pl] thirhri, telephone, radio le TV ih biak awknak/peh awknak.

telegram /ˈtelɪgræm/ *n* thirhri cakuat: *send/receive a telegram* (of congratulations, condolence, etc). Cf CABLE 4.

telegraph /ˈtelɪgrɑːf/; *US* -græf/ *n* (a) [U] thirhri cakuat. (b) [C] thirhri thoihna ih hmanmi thil.

▷ **telegraph** *v* (a) [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] thirhri ih cakuat. (b) [Dn-t] thirhri ca thawñ/ñuandan ding sim/fial.

telegraphese /ˌtelɪgrəˈfiːz/ *n* [u] thirhri thoih tiki t̃ong malterdan, a t̃ul lomi t̃ongfang hlondan.

telegraphic /ˌtelɪˈgræfɪk/ *adj* thirhri ca lam thawñ a peh-awmi **telegraphically** /-klɪ/ *adv*.

telegraphic address thirhri cakuat tiki hmanmi address umhmun hmin.

telegraphist /ˈtɛlɪgrəfɪst/ (also **telegrapher** /ˈtɛlɪgrəfə(r)/) *n* thirhri thoihtu le rak ngah (*let-khan*) tu.

telegraphy /ˈtɛlɪgrəfi/ *n* [U] thirhri cakuat thoihdan: *wireless telegraphy.*

□ **telegraph-line** (also **-wire**) *n* thirhri ca, asilole thu kuatnak thirhri, asilole, telephone ih thukeng/phurtu thirhri tluan.

telegraph-pole (also **-post**) *n* thirhri dotu t̃huam.

telemetry /ˈtɛləmɛtri/ *n* [U] thil khummi aw khi amah tein hmun dang ih kuatdan.

teleology /ˌtelɪˈlɒdʒɪ, ˈti:lɪ-/ *n* [U] thil a cangmi le a suakmi hi, tumtahnak kimtertu ding ruangah a si ti ih zumnak le zirhnak.

▷ **teleological** /ˌtelɪˈlɒdʒɪkl, ˈti:lɪ-/ *adj*.

teleologist /ˌtelɪˈlɒdʒɪst, ˈti:lɪ-/ *n* teleology a

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telepathy /trɪˈpæθi/ *n* [U] **1** mah ih hman kelmi taksa cangvaihnak tel loin ruahnak le ngaihdan midang hnenih pek thiamnak. **2** (*infml*) midang ih ruahdan, thinlung putdan theihtheinak.

telepath /ˈtelɪpæθ/ *n* midang ruahdan le thinlung putdan thei thiamtu.

telepathic /ˈtelɪpæθɪk/ *adj* (**a**) mahih theih theinak (*sense*) hmang loin mi pakhat ih ruahnak le thinlung putdan midang hnenih sim, pek, asilole theihter thiam; telepathy hman thiamnak; cumi thawn a pehparmi. (**b**) (of a person) telephy hmang in thu theih theinak, mi ih ruatmi thinlung theihnak: *How did you know what I was thinking? You must be telepathic.* **telepathically** /-kli/ *adv.*

telephone /ˈtelɪfəʊn/ (also **phone**) *n* **1** [U] telefon; thirhri, asilole radio in minung aw hmun hla pi ih kuatnak: *You can always reach* (ie contact) *me by telephone.* **2** [C] hitivek biak-awknak ih hmanmi cet: *answer the telephone*, ie pick up the receiver to receive an incoming call. **3** (idm) **on the telephone** (**a**) telephone thawn nei: *They've just moved and they're not on the telephone yet.* (**b**) telephone hmang, telephone thawn bia-aw: *She's on the telephone at the moment.* ○ *You're wanted* (ie Somebody wants to speak to you) *on the telephone.*

▷ **telephone** (also **phone**) *v* [I, Tn, Tn-pr] telephone in biak: *Will you write or telephone?* ○ *We must telephone our congratulations (to the happy couple).* ○ *He telephoned (his wife) to say he'd be late.*

telephonic /ˈtelɪfəʊnɪk/ *adj.*

telephonist /ˈtelɪfəʊnɪst/ *n* = TELEPHONE OPERATOR.

telephony /ˈtelɪfəʊni/ *n* [U] telefon ihsin aw kuatdan.

□ **telephone-box** (also **phone-box**, **telephone booth**, **phone booth**, **call-box**) mi senpi ih hman ding telephone retnak inn fate, thlaamte. **telephone directory** (also **telephone book**, **phone book**) peng khat, asilole, bial khat sungih telefon neitu hmuahhmuah ih telefon nambat le address ngan/khumnak cabu.

telephone exchange (also **exchange**) telefon pekhawm awknak hmun.

telephone number (also **phone number**) telefon nambat.

telephone operator exchange ih telefon peh saktu.

telephoto /ˈtelɪfəʊtəʊ/ *adj* = TELEPHOTOGRAPHIC.

□ **telephoto lens** hmun hla zet ih thil zuknak le zuk tum zetih suaktetu kemra (*camera*).

telephotography /ˈtelɪfəʊtəʊgrəfi/ *n* [U] telephoto lens hmangih ram hla zet ih a ummi zuk.

▷ **telephotographic** /ˈtelɪfəʊtəʊgræfɪk/ *adj* telephoto lens nei kemra (*camera*) thawn hlat

zet ih a ummi thil zuknak lam.

teleprinter /ˈtelɪprɪntə(r)/ (US **teletypewriter**) *n* typed cuk ciami thirhri ca kuat ih khatlam ah typed cuk ciami ca ih rak suah tertu thirhri cakuatnak cet.

teletypewriter /ˈtelɪprɪntə(r)/ *n* television thusimtu hmai ah mi hmuh thei lo ih retmi thusim ding catleap pawl a dotdot, lole a sangsang te ih langtertu cet. Cf AUTOCUE.

telescope /ˈtelɪskəʊp/ *n* ram hlat zet zohnak durbing.

▷ **telescope** *v* **1** [I, Tn] thil pahnih a thuaah-awmi, pakhat kha a dang pakhat sungah lutter ih tawiter. **2** [I, Tn] com ko in sawh: *The first two carriages of the train (were) telescoped in the crash.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (into sth)** fateter/malter; tawiter: *Three episodes have been telescoped into a single programme.*

telescopic /ˈtelɪskəpɪk/ *adj* **1** durbing lam: *a telescopic sight*, eg on a rifle, to magnify the target. **2** durbing ih hmuh theimi: *a telescopic view of the moon* ○ *telescopic stars*, ie those that are invisible to the naked eye. **3** thil pakhat sungah a thuaathuah ih khum le suah theimi: *a telescopic aerial, stand, umbrella.* **telescopically** /-kli/ *adv.*

teletext /ˈtelɪtekst/ *n* [U] televizin ih suah dingmi thuthang le thutheihter-awknak ca.

teletypewriter /ˈtelɪtəpraɪtə(r)/ *n* (US) = TELEPRINTER.

television /ˈtelɪvɪʒn/ (also *Brit infml telly*) *n* (abbr **TV**) **1** [U] TV, radio signal ihsin aw le hmel kuat ih screen parih suah/langtertu; televizin, hmellang awsuak radio. **2** [U] hiti vekih suahmi programme: *spent the evening watching television* ○ [attrib] *a television documentary.* **3** [C] (also **television set**) hiti vek thil suahnak cet: *a colour/black-and-white television.* **4** [U] TV suah ding programmes tawreltu pawl: *She works in television.* ○ [attrib] *a television announcer.* **5** (idm) **on (the) television** TV in than/suah: *The Prime Minister, speaking on television, denied reports that...* ○ *Is there anything good on (the) television tonight?*

▷ **televis** /ˈtelvɪz/ *v* [Tn] TV ihsin suah, than, langter: *The BBC plans to televise all Shakespeare's plays.* ○ *The Olympic Games are always televised.*

telex /ˈteleks/ *n* **1** [U] teleprinter hmang ih pehtlaih-awknak. **2** [C] teleprinter hmang ih kuatmi le ngahmi thirhri ca: *Several telexes arrived this morning.* **3** [C] (*infml*) telex hmangih kuatmi le ngahmi thuhla: *We've installed a new telex in the office.*

▷ **telex** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-f] telex hmangih cakuat, asilole pehzom-aw.

tell /tel/ *v* (pt, pp **told** /təʊld/) **1** [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr, Dn-f, Dn-w] ~ **sth (to sb)** kaa in maw, ca in maw

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theihter/sim: *tell jokes/stories* ○ *I could tell you a thing or two about him.* ○ *He told the news to everybody in the village.* ○ *Did she tell you her name?* ○ *They've told us (that) they're not coming.* ○ *Tell me where you live.* ○ *I can't tell you* (ie I can't find words to express) *how happy I am.* ○ *So I've been told*, ie That is what I've been told. **2** [Dn-n, Dn-f, Dn-w, Dn-t] thu theihter: a book *which will tell you all you need to know about personal taxation* ○ *This gauge tells you the amount of petrol you have left/how much petrol you have left.* **3** [Tn] sim: *tell the truth/lies/a lie* ○ (dated) *tell* (ie reveal) *one's love.* ⇒ Usage at SAY. **4** [I] thuthup phuang/langter: *Promise you won't tell.* ○ (infml) *kiss and tell*, ie reveal one's love affairs. **5** (a) [I, Tf, Tw] relcat, tum rori, fiangfai zet ih thei: *It may rain or it may not. It's hard to tell.* ○ *You can tell (that) he's angry when he starts shouting a lot.* ○ *How do you tell when to change gear?* ○ *The only way to tell if you like something is by trying it.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tw] ~ **A from B** (esp with *can/could/be able to*) then/thia, thleidang: *I can't tell the difference between margarine and butter*, ie can't identify them by their tastes. ○ *Can you tell Tom from his twin brother?* ○ *These kittens look exactly alike — how can you tell which is which?* **6** [I, Ipr] ~ (on sb) mi parah thil suahter/thlenter: *Every blow told.* ○ *The government's policies are beginning to tell.* ○ *All this hard work is telling on him*, ie affecting his health, etc. ○ *Her lack of experience told against her*, ie was a disadvantage to her. **7** [Dn-t, Dn-w] fial, asilole tuahter: *Tell him to wait.* ○ *Do what I tell you.* ○ *Children must do as they're told.* ○ *You won't be told* (ie won't obey orders or listen to advice), *will you?* ⇒ Usage at ORDER². **8** [Tn] (arch) siar: *tell one's beads*, ie say prayers while counting the beads on a rosary. **9** (idm) **all told** zate huapin/hmuahhmuah siar le telh ðeh: *There are 23 guests coming, all told.* **dead men tell no tales** ⇒ DEAD. **hear tell of sb/sth** ⇒ HEAR. **I'll tell you what** (infml) lo sim ningla (ruahnak pek tiki hmanmi ðong): *I'll tell you what — let's ask Fred to lend us his car.* **I told you (so)** (infml) ka lo sim tho lo maw!: *He loves to say 'I told you so' when things go wrong.* **live, etc to tell the tale** tonmi harsatnak le ðihnung thil ziangti vekin a cang ti simtu ah nungsuak. **tell/know A and B apart** ⇒ APART. **tell me another!** (infml) ka lo zum lo. **tell/see sth a mile off** ⇒ MILE. **tell its own tale** relpi le bom ðul loin a mahte a fiang: *The many crashes on the icy roads told their own tale.* **tell tales (about sb)** midang ih thuthup, thil tisual le mawhnak langter, phuang: *Someone's been telling tales about me, haven't they?* **tell that to the marines!** (sl) ka lo zum lo. **tell the time** (US tell

time) nazi zoh, tikcu sim: *She's only five — she can't tell the time yet.* **tell sb where to get off/where he gets off** (infml) a nundan a ðat lo ruangah ralring zet ih um ding le zawi a theih nawn lo zia sim. **tell the world** than darh. **there is no telling** theih thei a si lo: *There's no telling what may happen.* ○ *As to his plans, there's simply no telling.* **to tell (you) the truth** hmaan tein ka lo sim... ti ih simnak a si: *To tell the truth, I fell asleep in the middle.* **you can never tell; you never can tell** a si taktak na ti thei lo ding, tinak. **you're telling me!** (infml) ka lo lungkimpi tuk, asilole a pumhlum in ka lo lungkimpi a si. **10** (phr v) **tell sb off (for sth/doing sth)** (infml) nasa zet in kawkw, asilole hring ciamco: *You'll get told off if you're caught doing that.* ○ *I told the boys off for making so much noise.* **tell sb off for sth/to do sth** (fml) hnañuan ding thiah/pek: *Six men were told off to collect fuel.* **tell on sb** (infml) mi cangvaihdan upa hnenah sim; thuneitu tlun lam upa hnenah mi pakhat ih thil tuahmi sim/phuang: *John caught his sister smoking and told on her.* ▷ **telling** adj hminsintlak hmual nei, thinlung khongmi: *a telling argument* ○ *His punches to his opponent's body proved especially telling.* **tellingly** adv.

□ **telling-off** n (usu sing) napi ih hring/nasa zetih kawkw, mawthluk: *give sb a telling-off for sth.*

tell-tale n **1** mi ih thuthup le tuahsualmi sim/phuang: *Don't be such a tell-tale!* **2** thil a cangmi simtu le phuangtu cet phunkhat. — adj [attrib] a langmi, hmuh theimi: *a tell-tale blush* ○ *the tell-tale smell of cigarette smoke*, ie revealing that sb has been smoking.

teller /telə(r)/ n **1** bank ih tangka rak dongtu siartu le mi tangka petu. **2** hril-awknak ih 'me' siartu. **3** (esp in compounds) thuanthu simtu: *a story-teller* ○ *a marvelous teller of jokes.*

telly /teli/ n [U, C] (Brit infml) = TELEVISION.

temerity /tɪ'merəti/ n [U] (fml) ralðatnak, ngamnak, hngalnak: *He had the temerity to call me a liar.*

temp /temp/ n (infml) a laangte/rei lo tesung hnañuantu, a bik in sungñuan.

▷ **temp** v [I] (infml) a langte ih ðuan: *He's been temping for over a year now and wants a permanent job.*

temp abbr a sat le a dai: *temp 65°F.*

temper¹ /tempə(r)/ n **1** (a) [C] thinlung umtudan; thinheng maw thinneem maw: *in a bad/good temper*, ie angry/amiable. (b) [C, U] thintan/thintawi/thinheng ol: *learn to control one's temper* ○ *have a (short/quick/nasty) temper* ○ *fly into a temper* ○ *a fit of temper.* **2** [U] tuaimi thir ih hahnak le khoh zia. **3** (idm) **in a (bad, foul, rotten, etc) temper** thinheng. **keep/lose one's temper** thinhengnak sup thei/sup thei

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▷ **-tempered** /-tempəd/ (forming compound adjs) thinlung putdan, thintan thinsaudan: *good/-bad-tempered* ○ *a hot-tempered man* ○ *a sweet-tempered child*.

temper² /tempə(r)/ *v* **1** [Tn] thir tuai: *tempered steel*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (with **sth**) a tawkfangih tuah, nemter/demter: *temper justice with mercy*, ie be merciful when punishing sb justly.

tempera /tempərə/ *n* [U] **1** sithuh phun khat, arti le tidai thawn rawimi. **2** himi sii puan le plastic parih thuhdan.

temperament /tempərəmənt/ *n* [C, U] thinlung putdan, thinlung umdan: *I've got a very nervous temperament*. ○ *a man with an artistic temperament* ○ *The two brothers have entirely different temperaments*. ○ *The two brothers have entirely different temperaments*. ○ *To be a champion, skill is not enough — you have to have the right temperament*. ○ *Opera singers often display a lot of temperament*, ie are moody or excitable.

▷ **temperamental** /tempərəməntl/ *adj* **1** pianken; thinlung umdan ih suaupimi: *a temperamental aversion to hard work*. **2** (often derog) fihphannak nei thei, thinlung dai le hnangam ih um thei lo: *He's a very temperamental player*, ie plays well or badly according to his mood. ○ (joc) *My car is a bit temperamental*, ie is likely to break down, fail to start, etc.

temperamentally /-təli/ *adv*: *temperamentally unsuited for the job*.

temperance /tempərəns/ *n* [U] **1** tisa nomnak/duhnak (tawkfang) sup-aw thei. **2** zu in sup thei, zu in lo: [attrib] *a temperance society*, ie one promoting temperance ○ *a temperance hotel*, ie one that does not serve alcoholic drinks.

temperate /tempərət/ *adj* **1** a tawkfang ih nunghthiam/sup thei mi le, mah le mah uk-aw thei: *Please be more temperate in your language*. **2** (of climate or climatic regions) sa tuk lo dai tuk lo, tawkfang: *temperate zones*.

▷ **temperately** *adv*.

temperature /tempərəʃə(r); US 'tempərtʃuər/ *n* **1** [C, U] a daih-satdan dikari (innsung, taksa): *keep the house at an even temperature* ○ *heat the oven to a temperature of 200°C* ○ *some places have had temperatures in the 90/s*, ie over 90° Fahrenheit ○ *a climate without extremes of temperature*. **2** (idm) **get/have/run a temperature** satdan kel hnakih tak saa. **raise the temperature** ⇨ **RAISE**. **take sb's temperature** thermometer thawn taksatnak tah: *The nurse took the temperatures of all the patients*.

tempest /tempɪst/ *n* **1** thlisia, thlithu. **2** (idm) **a**

tempest in a teapot (US) = A STORM IN A TEACUP (STORM).

▷ **tempestuous** /tem'pestʃuəs/ *adj* thlisia hrangmi: *a tempestuous sea* ○ *a tempestuous political debate*. **tempestuously** *adv*. **tempestuousness** *n* [U].

template /templeɪt/ *n* thir, lungto, thing at tikah duhmi pungsan ngah ding tahnak ih hmanmi thir pheeng paate.

temple¹ /templ/ *n* Khrihfa si lo, biaknak dang pawl ih pathian biaknak inn: *a Greek, Roman, Hindu, Buddhist, etc temple*.

temple² /templ/ *n* depdep, thialpaw, phuzep.

tempo /tempə/ *n* (pl ~ **s** or, in music, **tempi** /'tempi/) **1** hlasak rangdan le fungdan: *Your tempo is too slow*. ○ *in waltz tempo*. **2** (fig) thil ti, asilole cangdan ih a khul: *the exhausting tempo of city life* ○ *upset the even tempo of one's existence*.

temporal /tempərəl/ *adj* **1** leilung lam thuhla, thlarau lam si lo: *the temporal power of the Pope*, ie as head of the Vatican State ○ *the lords temporal*, ie British peers of the realm. Cf SPIRITUAL **2**. **2** (grammar) tikcu simnak: *temporal conjunctions*, eg *when*, *while*. **3** depdep lam: *the temporal artery*.

temporary /tempərəri; US -pərəri/ *adj* a laangte/rei lo te sung; a hnget lomi: *temporary employment* ○ *a temporary bridge* ○ *This arrangement is only temporary*. Cf IMPERMANENT. ▷ **temporarily** /tempərərali; US 'tempərərali/ *adv*. **temporariness** *n* [U].

temporize, -ise /tempərəraɪz/ *v* [I] (fml) tikcu hnuter hrim; tuah duh lohli lo, thu relcat ding, thu suhnak leh ding le mah ih tumdan tla tuah lohli lo ih tlai/hnu: *a temporizing move*.

tempt /tempt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-t] ~ **sb** (into **sth**/doing **sth**) **1** (thil sual le tha lo tuah dingih) leem: *He was tempted into a life of crime by greed and laziness*. ○ *They tried to tempt her (into staying) with offers of promotion*. ○ *Nothing would tempt me to join the army*. **2** duhnak le hiarnak pek/hip: *The warm weather tempted us into going for a swim*. ○ *I am tempted (ie feel inclined) to take the day off*. **3** (idm) **tempt fate/providence** ralring lo zet ih tuah/thil thihnungza tuah.

▷ **tempter** *n* **1** [C] leemtu. **2 the Tempter** [sing] khawsia, khuavang, Satan.

tempting *adj* mi leemthei, hiar-um sawmnak: *a tempting offer* ○ *That cake looks very tempting*. **temptingly** *adv*.

temptress /temptrɪs/ *n* (usu joc) nunau-mipa pawl-aw dingih leemtu/sawmtu nunau.

temptation /temp'teɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] sualfornhak, leemnak: *the temptation of easy profits* ○ *yield/give way to temptation* ○ *put temptation in sb's way*, ie tempt him. **2** [C] leemtu (asilole) hiptu: *The bag of sweet s on the table was too strong a*

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temptation for the child to resist. ○ *Clever advertisements are just temptations to spend money.*

ten /ten/ *pron, det* **1** pahra. **2** (idm) **ten to one** a cang thei/a si thei: *Ten to one, he'll be late.*

▷ **ten** *n* nambat 10.

ten- (in compounds) pahra a kimmi, pahra a ummi: *a ten-gallon drum.*

tenth /tenθ/ *pron, det* a pahranak. — *n* then hra thenkhat. **tenthly** *adv* a pahranak ah.

□ **tenfold** /tenfəʊld/ *adj, adv* **1** a let hra. **2** then hra nei (azate ih nei).

ten pence (also **10p**) /ten 'pi:/ *n* (Brit) sumnawi penny 10, pya hra.

For the uses of *ten* and *tenth* see the examples at *five* and *fifth*.

tenable /tenəbl/ *adj* **1** dotu/tawngtu kham a theihmi simfiang thei (thesis tivek) kilhim thei (hnaṭuan tivek): *a tenable position* ○ *The view that the earth is flat is no longer tenable.* **2** [pred] ~ (for...) (of an office or position) tikcu tawkfang sung tuan theihmi: *The lectureship is tenable for a period of three years.*

▷ **tenability** /tenə'bɪləti/ *n* [U].

tenacious /tɪ'neɪʃəs/ *adj* **1** fek zet ih kai; erh ngah: *The eagle seized its prey in a tenacious grip.* **2** thilri/dan/nundan fek zet ih kai; thleng dulo loih thlun: *a tenacious adversary* ○ *She is tenacious in defence of her rights.* **3** (of memory) ciing ringring.

▷ **tenaciously** *adv*: *Though seriously ill, he still clings tenaciously to life.* **tenacity** /tɪ'næsəti/ *n* [U].

tenant /tenənt/ *n* **1** inn, lo a man pek ih hlangtu: *evict tenants for non-payment of rent* ○ [attrib] *a tenant farmer*, ie one who farms land which he does not own. **2** (law) inn, lo hmanngu (asilole) umtu/neitu.

▷ **tenancy** /-ənsi/ (a) [U] ram le inn a man pekih hmanng, saang: *during his tenancy of the farm.* (b) [C] hitivek ih ram le inn hlan caan, tikcu (a rei zat): *hold a life tenancy of a house.*

tenantry /tenəntri/ *n* [Gp] ram le inn a man pekih a hlangtu hmuahhmuah.

NOTE ON USAGE: A **tenant** occupies a flat, a building, a farm, etc but does not own it. He or she pays money (**rent**) regularly for its use to the landlord, who is the owner: *Are you an owner-occupier or a tenant?* ○ *He's a tenant farmer. His landlord owns 5000 acres.* A similar relationship exists between a **lessee** and a **lessor**, which are legal terms. They both sign a **lease** (a written legal agreement defining the terms of the **tenancy**): *The lessor can evict the lessee for failure to pay rent.*

tench /tentʃ/ *n* (pl unchanged) Europe ram tidai al lonak ih nga phunkhat (of the carp family).

tend¹ /tend/ *v* [Tn] **1** finkhawi/zoh/kilveng: *nurses tending (the wounds of) the injured* ○ *shepherds tending their sheep.* **2** (US) dawr/zudawr, tivek ah mikhual pawlih ṭulsammi tuahsak: *tend the store.*

tend² /tend/ *v* **1** [It] naih/pan (E.g thil man kai lam a pan) lamah hoi: *I tend to go to bed earlier during the winter.* ○ *Women tend to live longer than men.* ○ *Recent laws have tended to restrict the freedom of the press* ○ *It tends to rain here a lot in summer.* **2** [I, Ipr] ~ **to/towards sth** lam pan, lam hoi: *The track tends upwards.* ○ (fig) *He tends towards extreme views.*

▷ **tendency** /tendənsi/ *n* **1** ~ (to/towards sth)/ (to do sth) pan/hoinak lam: *a tendency to fat/towards fatness/to get fat* ○ *homicidal tendencies.* **2** hoinak/fehnak/thlengawknak lam: *Prices continue to show an upward tendency, ie to increase.*

tendentious /ten'denʃəs/ *adj* (derog) (of a speech, a piece of writing, etc) ṭanmi nei; duhbul, huatbul nei/mi thleidan nei: *Such tendentious statements are likely to provoke strong opposition.*

▷ **tendentiously** *adv.* **tendentiousness** *n* [U].

tender¹ /tendə(r)/ *adj* **1** olte ih siatsuah theih tuahmawh ol/neem, no/dimdoih ṭul: *tender blossoms, plants, shoots, etc*, eg that can be harmed by frost. **2** dai/tham tikah nazet: *My leg is still very tender where it was bruised.* ○ *That's a rather tender subject*, ie one that must be dealt with carefully to avoid hurting people's feelings. **3** mizaangfah thei, lainat thei: *a tender heart.* **4** mi zawnruat thiam, mi duh thiam, mi nunneem: *tender looks* ○ *tender loving care* ○ *be a tender parent* ○ *bid sb a tender farewell.* **5** (of meat) hmin zet; neem zet, hak lo. **6** (idm) **at a tender age/of tender age** no, pitling hrih lo.

▷ **tenderize, -ise** /tendəraɪz/ *v* [Tn] (sa) hminter/neemter: *tenderized steak.*

tenderly *adv.*

tenderness *n* [U].

□ **tenderfoot** *n* (pl -foots) harsatnak tong dah hrih lomithar.

tender-hearted *adj* zaangfahnak le lainatnak neitu.

tenderloin *n* [U] (also **tenderloin steak**) (esp US) caw, vok hnaakneem sa. Cf UNDERCUT¹.

tender² /tendə(r)/ *n* **1** (esp in compounds) thil finkhawitu: *a bartender.* **2** tangphawlawng tumpi ihsin thilri le minung phurtu lawng fate. **3** lungmeihol le tidai phurtu lawng.

tender³ /tendə(r)/ *v* **1** [Tn, Dn-pr] ~ **sth (to sb)** (fml) hman dingih hlan/pek: *tender money in payment of a debt* ○ *May I tender my services?* ○ *He tendered his resignation to the Prime Minister.* **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (for sth) a man khiahmi zat in ka ṭuan ding, thilri ka lo pe ding ti ih sim:

Firms were invited to tender for the construction of the new motorway.

▷ **tender** (also esp *US bid*) *n* a man cu zat, kha zat in tʰuan/pek ka ngam tinak: *put work out to tender*, ie ask for such offers ○ *put in/make/submit a tender for sth* ○ *accept the lowest tender*.

tendon /tendən/ *n* tit le ruh a pehtu thahri pheeng fate: *strain a tendon*.

tendrill /tendrəl/ *n* a zaam theimi, a kai theimi, thingtheikung hramkung.

tenement /tenəmənt/ *n* 1 hlaan theih innkhan. 2 (*US* also **tenement-house**) a man malte ih hlaan theih khaan tampi nei inn tum zet. 3 (*law*) ram, thilri saangtu ih neihmi thil.

tenet /tenət/ *n* zummi thuhram, zumnak, thurin: *one of the basic tenets of the Christian faith*.

tenner /tenə(r)/ *n* (*Brit infml*) English tangka fanghra £10: *I'll give you a tenner for your old bike*.

tennis /tenɪs/ *n* [U] (also **lawn tennis**) bawlung thawi lehnak (tennis tualrawn).

□ **tennis court** bawhlung thawinak tual.

tennis elbow tennis leh ruangih kiu thling nat.

tenon /tenən/ *n* zanthing peh tikah a kuasungih hrolhmi thing.

tenor¹ /tenə(r)/ *n* [U] **the ~ of sth** 1 tidan keel tlangpi: *disrupting the even tenor of her life*. 2 a sullam, asilole a tican tlangpi: *know enough of the language to grasp the tenor of what is being said*.

tenor² /tenə(r)/ *n* (*music*) 1 (a) mipa aw a saang bik. (b) tenor aw thawn hla satu. (c) tenor aw ih sak dingmi hla. 2 [esp attrib] tenor aw nei awnmawi: *a tenor saxophone*.

tenpin bowling /tenpɪn 'bɔʊlɪŋ/ (*US* also **tenpins** /tenpɪnz/) [pl] tung pahra tlukter dingih thil hluum hrilh zuam lehnak. Cf SKITTLE.

tense¹ /tens/ *adj* (-r, -st) 1 rin zet. 2 ziang a cang pei maw ti ih hacip/kamseh ih um: *faces tense with anxiety*. 3 khoh tɛŋtɛŋ ih um, thintawi, manhlap tɪa tɪa, daaite ih um thiam lo: *He's a very tense person*. 4 thindaai lo; thinsaa, hmaisen: *a tense moment, atmosphere, meeting* ○ *The game is getting tenser all the time*.

▷ **tense** *v* 1 [Tn]. 2 thinsaa: *She tensed, hearing the noise again*. ○ *with muscles tensed, waiting for the race to start*. 3 (idm) **be/get tensed up** donhar, helhkam, thinbang: *Players get very tensed up before a match*.

tensely *adv*.

tenseness *n* [U].

tense² /tens/ *n* (*grammar*) tikcu simtu verb form; present, past, future: *the present past, future, etc tense*.

tensile /tensail; *US* 'tensl/ *adj* 1 [attrib] dir/mar tikih tuarthei tawp: *the tensile strength of wire, rope, etc*, ie the load it will support without

breaking. 2 rabar vekih dirh theih.

tension /tensn/ *n* 1 [U] a rinnak: *adjust the tension of a violin string, a tennis racket, etc* ○ *Massage helps relieve the tension in one's muscles*. 2 [U] thinlung lam le ruahnak lam bangnak; thinharnak: *suffer from (nervous) tension* ○ *Tension is a major cause of heart disease*. 3 [U, C usu pl] thinlung hmuh-awh lonak, rualrem lonak: *racial/political/social tension(s)* ○ *The incident has further increased the tension between the two countries*. 4 [U] electric cahnak, tha: *high-tension cables*.

tent /tent/ *n* (usu portable) puanbuuk/thlam: *camping in tents*.

□ **tent-peg** *n* buuk/thlam khuhnak puanhri tɛmnaŋ thing/thirlung lei ih khenmi, fungkhen.

tentacle /tentəkl/ *n* ramsa hrekhat (kharkhem, octopuses) vek pawl ih rawl hawnak, thil rimhnimnak, thil kaihnaŋ le tɔhawnnak ih hmanmi a neem ih a caang theimi taksa peng/ hlei.

tentative /tentətɪv/ *adj* a hngetmi si lo, a laangih bunmi, ruat mi: *make a tentative suggestion, proposal, plan, etc* ○ *reach a tentative conclusion*.

▷ **tentatively** *adv*: *played rather too tentatively*.

tentativeness *n* [U].

tenterhooks /tentəhʊks/ *n* (idm) (be) on **tenterhooks** helhkam donhar ih um, fiangfai lo ih um: *We were kept on tenterhooks for hours while the judges were deciding the winners*.

tenth ⇨ TEN.

tenuous /tenjuəs/ *adj* 1 tawl feem tɪangtɪ mi: *the tenuous threads of a spider's web*. 2 thupitnak le poimawhnak nei tuk lo: *tenuous distinctions* ○ *preserve tenuous links with one's former friends* ○ *The difference, if it exists, is extremely tenuous*.

▷ **tenuously** *adv*. **tenuousness** (also *fml* **tenuity** /tɪnjuːɪtɪ; *US* tɛ'nuː-) *n* [U].

tenure /tenjʊə(r); *US* -jər/ *n* [U] 1 zung hnaʈuan sung; inn, asilole ram a man pekih hlaan sung. 2 hi tivek tikcu: *The tenure of the US Presidency is four years*. ○ *freehold/leasehold tenure* ○ *security of tenure*, ie the right to remain as a tenant. 3 (esp *US*) phunsang tlawng ih saya hnaʈuan hngetternak: *granted tenure after six years*.

tepee /tiːpiː/ *n* America Indian pawl ih savun, asilole thinghawng thawn sakmi a tlunlam zummi inn fate/thlam. Cf WIGWAM.

tepid /tepid/ *adj* hlum fang/hlumdok hlumdok lo/awloksong: *The water was tepid*. ○ (*fig*) *tepid applause*.

▷ **tepidly** *adv*.

tepidness (also **tepidity** /te'pɪdɪtɪ/) *n* [U].

tequila /tə'kiːlə/ *n* (a) [U] Mexico zureu. (b) [C] hiti vek tequila zu kuat khat.

tercentenary /tɜːsɛn'tɪnəri; *US* tɜː'sentənəri/

(also **tercentennial** /tɜːsen'teniəl/ *n* (kum, vei) 300 kimnak: *the tercentenary of the school foundation* ○ [attrib] *tercentenary celebrations*.
▷ **tercentennial** *adj* [usu attrib] kum zathum kimnak.

term /tɜːm/ *n* **1** khiahmi tikcu/a caan: *a long term of imprisonment* ○ *during the President's first term of office*. **2** (fml) tikcu bikhiah cemnak/kimnak: *a pregnancy approaching its term* ○ *His life had reached its natural term*. **3** kum khat sung cazir caan tikcu: *the autumn/spring/summer term* ○ *end-of-term examinations* ○ *during/in term(-time)*. Cf **SEMESTER**. **4** (law) thuþhen zung ih thu rel tikcu. **5** thil pakhat hmin can-ai ih hmanmi ðongfang, asilole ðonghlom: *'The nick' is a slang term for 'prison'*. ○ *technical, legal, scientific, etc terms*. **6** (mathematics) a zat, asilole a sangsang ih simfiangnak. **7** (idm) **a contradiction in terms** ⇒ **CONTRADICTION (CONTRADICT)**. **in the long/short term** kum rei/reihlan ah.

▷ **term** *v* [Cn-a, Cn-n] (fml) hmin pakhat ih ko/ko: *term an offer unacceptable* ○ *a type of music that is termed plainsong*.

termagant /tɜːməgənt/ *n* mi hringhro thei nunau, thinthawi.

terminable /tɜːminəbl/ *adj* (fml) cemter theih: *a contract terminable at a month's notice*.

terminal /tɜːminl/ *adj* **1** dam thei nawn lomi natnak/thihpi dingmi natnak: *His illness is terminal*, ie cannot be cured. ○ *terminal cancer* ○ *the terminal ward*, ie in a hospital, for patients who are dying ○ *a terminal case*, ie a patient who is terminally ill. **2** tikcu bikhiah vekih a thlengmi thil/a cangmi thil: *terminal examinations, inspections, accounts*. **3** a netnak, asilole ramri ah a cang/ramri ah um: *a terminal marker*.

▷ **terminal** *n* **1** tlangleng zin, mawṭawka zin a cemnak ih inn. Cf **TERMINUS**. **2** vanzamleng ṭumnak ah, asilole vanzamleng ih khualtlawng (*passangers*) pawl luhnak le suahnak inn. **3** Electric circuit ih a peh-awknak hmun: *the positive/negative terminals*, eg of a battery. **4** (*computing*) computer hnaṭuan hmuahhmuah a ukto (*processor*) thawn a peh-awmi keyboard le screen tel thil pakhat.

terminally /-nəli/ *adv*: *a hospice of the terminally ill*.

terminate /tɜːmineɪt/ *v* [I, Tn] (fml) cemter, baangter, cem: *The meeting terminated in disorder*. ○ *terminate sb's contract* ○ *terminate a pregnancy*, eg by means of an abortion.

termination /tɜːmɪneɪʃn/ *n* **1** (a) [C, U] a cemnak, cemternak: *the termination of one's contract*. (b) [C] (*medical*) pum sungih naute a thih ruangih favun tikcu cem/fasiat. **2** [C] ðongfang pakhat a netnak bik, asilole a dungta bik cefang.

terminology /tɜːmɪnɒlədʒi/ *n* **1** [U, C] thu pakhat a cehlei ih kawhnak ðongfang: *a word not used except in medical terminology* ○ *various scientific terminologies*. **2** [U] hmin le hminsinnak ih hmanmi ðongfang: *problems, differences of terminology*.

▷ **terminological** /tɜːmɪnə'lɒdʒɪkl/ *adj*. **terminologically** *adv*: *terminologically incorrect*.

terminus /tɜːmɪnəs/ *n* (pl **-ni** /tɜːmɪnaɪ/ or **~es** /-nəsɪz/) (a) tlangleng lamzin a dengnak hmun. (b) a netabik bus colhnak. Cf **TERMINAL** *n* **1**.

termite /tɜːmaɪt/ *n* sunhrul (popularly called white ant, but not of the ant family).

terms /tɜːmz/ *n* [pl] **1** (a) khatlam le khatlam cohlan awknak/thu kamawknak: *peace terms* ○ *according to the terms of the contract*. (b) thil pakhat lei dingin/zuar dingin, a man lungkim zat: *hire-purchase on easy terms* ○ *enquire about terms for renting a house*. **2** ngaidan le a cehlei thu simnak: *protest in the strongest terms* ○ *He referred to your work in terms of high praise/in flattering terms*. **3** (idm) **be on good, friendly, bad, etc terms (with sb)** pehtlaih/pehzom-awknak ṭha zet nei: *I didn't know you and she were on such intimate terms*, ie were such close friends. **be on speaking terms** ⇒ **SPEAK**. **come to terms (with sb)** lungkimpi. **come to terms with sth** thil pakhat khat thawn rem-aw dingih mah le mah tuah rem-aw (ngaih): *come to terms with her handicap* ○ *You'll just have to come to terms with the fact that....* **in no uncertain terms** ⇒ **UNCERTAIN**. **in terms of sth; in sth terms** thil pakhat khat thawn peh-aw in: *Think of it in terms of an investment*. ○ *The figures are expressed in terms of a percentage/in percentage terms*. **on equal terms** ⇒ **EQUAL**. **on one's own/sb's terms** nangmah, asilole mi pakhat khat ih ruatcat vekin.

□ **terms of reference** thu zingzoimi huap sungah: *The committee decided that the matter lay outside/within its terms of reference*, ie that it could not/could consider it.

tern /tɜːn/ *n* a thla zik zum a sau zet ih mei ṭeek nei tiffinriat vate.

terrace /terəs/ *n* **1** cangdawl, a sangsang ih dawlmī cang. **2** puaizohtu pawl tonak cangbak. **3** inn/rawldawr leng lamih nisa ainak hmunrawn. Cf **PATIO**. **4** piandan le sakdan a bangrepmi inn tlar: *6 Olympic Terrace*, ie in a postal address ○ [attrib] *a terrace-house*, ie one of those in such a row.

▷ **terrace** *v* [Tn esp passive] cangdawl, cangdawl lo tuah, kiari tuah: *a terraced hillside*.

terracotta /terə'kɒtə/ *n* [U] **1** leisen-dup thawn tuahmi leibel: [attrib] *a terracotta vase*. **2** hitivek (sentlung) tlakih pianzia, asilole, rong (colour).

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terra firma /tə'rə 'fɜ:mə/ leilung, leiro: *glad to be on terra firma again*, eg after a trip by boat or aeroplane.

terrain /tə'reɪn or, in British use, 'terɪn/ n [C, U] leiram phahdarh, leilung umdan: *difficult terrain for cycling* ○ [attrib] *an all-terrain vehicle*.

terrapin /tə'rəpɪn/ n sakta America ih um a sa ei theih cumkheng phunkhat.

terrestrial /tə'restriəl/ adj **1** leitlun um: *the terrestrial parts of the world* ○ *terrestrial species*. **2** hi leilung thawn a zom-awmi thil. Cf CELESTIAL.

▷ **terrestrially** /-triəl/ adv.

terrible /tə'rebl/ adj **1** tihnungza, tihnung rapthlak: *a terrible war, accident, murder*. **2** tuar a har zetmi; a luarkaimi: *terrible toothache* ○ *The heat was terrible*. **3** (infml) a sia zet, tha lo zet, besia: *I'm terrible at tennis*. ○ *What a terrible meal!* ○ *He's a terrible bore*.

▷ **terribly** /-əbl/ adv **1** tuar har zetin, sia zetin: *She suffered terribly when her son was killed*. **2** (infml) tuarhar: *nasa zetin not a terribly good film* ○ *I'm terribly sorry*.

terrier /tə'riə(r)/ n a cangvai thei zet uico fate phunkhat: *a fox terrier*, ie one used for hunting foxes.

terrific /tə'rɪfɪk/ adj (infml) **1** nasazet: *a terrific storm* ○ *driving at a terrific speed*. **2** tha ngaingai, a mak: *doing a terrific job* ○ *The view was terrific*.

▷ **terrifically** /-kl/ adv (infml) nasazetin: *terrifically clever, generous, rich*.

terrify /tə'rifai/ v (pt, pp -fied) [Tn] tihter, tihih, tihiphaih: *terrified his children with ghost stories* ○ *a terrifying experience*.

▷ **terrified** adj ~ (of sb/sth)/(at sth) tih, tih zet: *terrified of spiders, heights, the dark* ○ *I'm terrified at the prospect of being alone in the house*.

terrine /tə'ri:n/ n [U, C] dip zetih rialmi sa.

territorial /tə'rə'tɔ:riəl/ adj ram pakhat ih huapmi ram thawn a pehparmi: *territorial possessions* ○ *have territorial claims against another country*, ie claim part of its territory.

▷ **Territorial** n (Brit) Ram ralkap pakhat.

□ **Territorial Army** (Brit) Great Britain ram kilvengtu training kai cia hlawhlaang ralkap.

territorial waters ram pakhat ih ukmi tipithuanthum: *fishing illegally in foreign territorial waters*.

territory /tə'rətri; US -tɔ:ri/ n **1** [C, U] Cozah pakhat uk ram: *Turkish territory in Europe* ○ *occupying enemy territory* ○ *new territories*. **2** **Territory** [C] ramthen pakhat; Australia, Canada le US ah ramthen an um nain State le province cu an tlin lo: *North West Territory*. **3** [C, U] minung pakhat ih tuanvo lakmi ramsung: *Our representatives travel over a*

very large territory. ○ *How much territory does this medical practice cover?* **4** [C, U] minung pakhat, asilole, mibur burkhat, lole, ramsa pakhat ih ukmi ram, a dang pawl rat ding le thuneih ding an kham: *He seems to regard that end of the office as his territory*, ie He resents anyone else using it. ○ *Mating blackbirds will defend their territory against intruders*. **5** [C] theihnak le cangvaihnak ih huapmi ramsung: *Legal problems are very much Andrew's territory*, ie He handles them.

terror /tə'rə(r)/ n **1** (a) [U] tihphanak nasatak: *run away in terror* ○ *scream with terror* ○ *be in terror of one's life*, ie afraid of being killed ○ *strike terror into* (ie terrify) sb. (b) [C] tihnak: *have a terror of heights* ○ *The terrors of the night were past*. **2** [C] tihmi minung (asilole) thil: *hooligans who are a terror to the terror of the entire town* ○ *Death holds no terrors for* (ie does not frighten) me. **3** [C] (infml) tihnungza le a buathlak minung/thil: *My aunt can be a bit of a terror*. ○ *That puppy is an absolute terror*, ie a great nuisance. **4** (idm) **a holy terror** ⇨ HOLY.

▷ **terrorism** /tə'rərizəm/ n [U] ram hruainak ruangih miṭhih le hremhmannak.

terrorist /tə'rərist/ n miṭhih le hrem hmanctu: *the terrorist are threatening to blow up the hijacked airliner*.

terrorize, -ise /tə'rəraɪz/ v (a) [Tn] tihter, thinphangter, lauter: *local gangs terrorizing the neighbourhood*. (b) [Tn-pr] ~ sb into sth/doing sth nasa zet ih mihro ih thil tuahter/hnaṭuanter: *villagers terrorized into leaving their homes*.

terrorization, -isation /tə'rəraɪzeɪʃn; US -rɪz-/ n [U]

□ **terror-stricken** (also **terror-struck**) adj tih/thinphang mi.

terry /tə'ri/ n [U] pat ih tuahmi taksa hnawtnak puan.

terse /tɜ:s/ adj (sometimes derog) tɔng tawi kim, tawi fel: *written in a terse style* ○ *a terse reply, comment, remark, etc* ○ *a terse speaker*.

▷ **tersely** adv. **terseness** n [U].

tertiary /tɜ:ʃəri; US -ʃiəri/ adj a sangsang, a thupitnak tivekih a pathumnak (tikcu) caan pathumnak: *the Tertiary period*, ie (in geology) the third stage in the formation of rocks ○ *tertiary education*, ie at university or college level ○ *tertiary* (ie very severe) burns.

Terylene /tə'rəli:n/ (US **Dacron**) n [U] (propr) a zaangih a tɔng zet mi puanthan.

TESL /ti: i: es 'el or, in informal use, 'tesl/ abbr Teaching English as a Second Language. Cf TEFL.

tessellated /tesəleɪtɪd/ adj (of a pavement) pianzia/rong (colour) a dangdang nei lungto pahmi zin.

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test /test/ *n* **1** (a) camibuai/hniksaknak/tihniknak: *an en-durance test*, eg for a new engine, soldiers in training, etc ○ [attrib] *a test bore*, ie a hole bored into the ground to discover whether it contains mineral, oil, etc ○ (fig) *She left her purse on the table s a test of the child's honesty.* ○ *The long separation was a test of their love.* (b) mit, thi, zun pawl tha le tha lo zohnak: *an eye test* ○ *a blood/urine test.* **2** minung ih theih le thiammi hniksaknak: *give the pupils a test in arithmetic* ○ *an IQ/intelligence test* ○ *a driving test*, ie to obtain a driving licence. **3** hniksakdan, zoh daan: *a litmus test* ○ [attrib] *a test circuit*, ie one for testing motor vehicles, etc ○ *a test for AIDS, cancer, tetanus, etc* ○ *a pregnancy test.* **4** (infml) = TEST MATCH. **5** (idm) **the acid test** ⇨ ACID¹. **put sb/sth to the proof/test** ⇨ PROOF¹. **stand the test of time, etc** rei zet a daih, rei zet a tuar, daih thei: *fine old buildings that have stood the test of centuries.*
 ▷ **test v** **1** [I, Ipr, Tn.pr] ~ (sb/sth) (for sth); ~ **sth** (on sb/sth) that daan/thatnak hniksak ih tah: *testing for pollution in the water/testing the water for pollution* ○ *a well-tested remedy* ○ *testing nuclear weapons under the sea* ○ *have one's eyesight/hearing tested* ○ *The long climb tested our powers of endurance.* ○ *Many people are against new drugs being tested on animals.* **2** ~ **sb** (on sth) mi pakhat ih theihnak/fimnak le thiamnak hniksak/zoh: *She tested the whole class on irregular verbs.*
 □ **test case** lehnnu lamih zohthim leh dingmi thurelcatnak: *The outcome of these wage talks is seen as a test case for future pay negotiations.* **test drive** mawtawka a tha maw tha lo ti ih mawng hniknak. **test-drive v** (pt **-drove**, pp **-driven**) [Tn] hniksak ih mawng.
test match (also *infml test*) ram khat le ram khat cricket/Rugby lehzuam awknak.
test pilot vangzamleng thar hniksaknak ih mawng.
test-tube *n* thlalang dawngte. **test-tube baby** midang ci thunsak ih neih mi naute, midang sul sungih neihter mi naute, asilole, nunau sual sung si lo ih keuhtermi naute.
testament /testəmənt/ *n* (fml) **1** (usu sing) ~ (to sth) thil pakhat ih diknak le dikzia fiangtertu/langtertu: *a testament to sb's beliefs* ○ *The new model is a testament to the skill and dedication of the work-force.* **2** thukam, ro thucah = WILL⁴ 4.
 ▷ **testamentary** /testəməntəri/ *adj* (fml) thih zik ih thu rocahmi thawn a pehpar awmi: *a testamentary bequest.*
testate /testet/ *adj* (law) thihhlan ih thuro cahmi.
 ▷ **testator** /te'stətə(r); US 'testetər/ (fem **testatrix** /te'settriks/) *n* thurocahtu.

testes *pl* of TESTIS.

testicle /testikl/ *n* tilmu.

testify /testifai/ *v* (pt, pp **-fied**) **1** [I, Ipr, Tf] ~ (to sth); ~ (against/in favour of sb) thuthen zungah tetti khan, hmuhmi, theihmi sim: *summoned to testify in court* ○ *The teacher testified to the boy's honesty.* ○ *Two witnesses testified against her and one in her favour.* ○ *He testified under oath that he had not been at the scene of the crime.* **2** [Ipr, Tn] ~ (to sth) (fml) theihpi/langter, simfiang: *tears that testified (to) her grief.*

testimonial /testi'məʊniəl/ *n* **1** za awinak ca, a dik a tha tiuh ngan sakmi ca: *She sent a testimonial from her former employer when applying for the post.* Cf REFERENCE 4. **2** hnaṭuan le hlawhtlinnak lungawipi ruangih pekmi thil: [attrib] *a testimonial match, game, etc*, ie to honour a distinguished sportsman.

testimony /testiməni; US -məʊni/ *n* **1** [U, C] a dik a si ti ih hngetternak ca, ðong: *According to the witness's testimony, you were present when the crime was committed.* **2** [U, sing] ~ (to sth) thil pakhat za awinak, a si taktak tiuh simmi thu: *The pyramids are (a) testimony to the Ancient Egyptians' engineering skills.*

testis /testis/ *n* (pl **-tes** /-ti:z/) (anatomy) tilmu.

testy /testi/ *adj* (**-ier**, **-iest**) thinheng ol, thintawi: *a testy person, reply.*

▷ **testily** /-ili/ *adv.*

testiness *n* [U].

tetanus /tetənəs/ *n* [U] nathrik bacteria lut ruangih, thahri dirh/caih nat. Cf LOCKJAW (LOCK²).

tetchy /tetʃi/ *adj* (**-ier**, **-iest**) thintawi, thintan, thinsia: *a tetchy person, mood, remark* ○ *There's no need to be so tetchy (with me)!*

▷ **tetchily** /-ili/ *adv.*

tetchiness *n* [U].

tête-à-tête /tɛt ɑː/ *n* mi pahnih a thup ih biakawknak, thu rel tlangnak: *have regular tête-à-têtes with sb* ○ [attrib] *a tête-à-tête dinner.*

▷ **tête-à-tête** *adv* midang tel lo pahnih lawng hmunkhatah: *dine tête-à-tête with sb.*

tether /teðə(r)/ *n* **1** ṭilva rawl ei lai hrennak hridai/thirhri. **2** (idm) **at the end of one's tether** ⇨ END¹.

▷ **tether v** [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sth** (to sth) ṭilva, hridai/thirhri thawn hreng: *he tethered his horse to a tree.*

tetra(a)- *comb form* pali: *tetrasyllable*, ie a word with four syllables.

Teutonic /tjuːtɒnik; US tuː-/ *adj* **1** German hnam pawl le an ðong (ie Anglo-Saxon, Dutch, German and Scandinavian). **2** [usu attrib] German phun pawl ziaza (sinak, thilti theinak) ih ruatmi: *Teutonic thoroughness.*

text /tekst/ *n* **1** [U] cabu sungih nganmi thuhla:

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too much text and not enough pictures ○ *The index refers the reader to pages in the text.* **2** [C] cabu ngantu ih hmanmi ðongfang: *the full text of the Prime Minister's speech* ○ *the problems of establishing the text of 'King Lear'* ○ *a corrupt text*, eg one altered by mistakes in copying. **3** [C] sermon thupi (asilole) thulu ih hmanmi Bible canghril pawl; thuanthu hlawn khat: *I take as my text...* **4** [C] zir dingih tuahmi cabu, thuanthu cawnnak, etc: *'Hamlet' is a set text for A level this year.*

▷ **textual** /ˈtɛkstʃʊəl/ *adj* [usu attrib] cabu le a sungih un vekin: *textual criticism* ○ *textual errors*. **textually** /-ʃʊəl/ *adv*.

□ **textbook** /ˈtɛksbʊk/ *n* zir dingmi thuhla cabu: *an algebra textbook* ○ [attrib] *a textbook example of how the game should be played*, ie worth copying, exemplary.

textile /ˈtɛkstail/ *n* (esp *pl*) kut (asilole) cet ih tah mi puan than: *factories producing a range of textiles* ○ *get a job in textiles* ○ [attrib] *the textile industry*.

texture /ˈtɛkstail/ *n* **1** [C, U] puan ih a sahdan, a patdan, a nemdan, a khoh daan, etc: *the delicate texture of her skin* ○ *texture of her skin* ○ *cement with a fine/coarse texture* ○ *The cake has a nice light texture.* **2** puantah tiki pat remdan: *cloth with a loose/close texture.*

▷ **textured** *adj* (esp in compounds) a sah, a pat, a nel, a hrap daan simnak: *textured* (ie not smooth) *wallpaper* ○ *The walls have a textured finish.* ○ *coarse-textured.*

-th suff **1** (with a few *vs* and *adjs* forming *ns*) adjective – noun canter tiki hmanmi: *growth* ○ *width.* **2** (with simple numbers except one, two and three forming ordinal numbers) thilsiar tiki hmanmi: *sixth* ○ *fifteenth* ○ *hundredth.*

thalidomide /θəˈlɪdəmaɪd/ *n* [U] nunau naukeng an rak pek dah ðeumi thazetnak sii phunkhat (naute kutke him loin a suahter thei ti an theih hlan sung): [attrib] *a thalidomide child*, ie one born deformed in this way.

than /ðən; rare *strong form* ðæn/ *conj* (used after a comparative *adj* or *adv* to introduce a clause or phrase in which a comparison is expressed) hnakin, sawn: *He's never more annoying than when he's trying to help.* ○ *She's a better player than (she was) last year.* ○ *He loves me more than you do.* ○ *She should know better than to poke the animal with her umbrella.*

▷ **than prep** **1** (used before a *n* or *pron* to express a comparison) thil pahnih khingkhainak: *You gave me less than him*, ie less than you gave him or (*infml*) less than he gave me. ○ *I'm older than her.* ○ *Nobody understands the situation better than you.* ○ *There was more whisky in it than soda.* **2** (used

after *more* or *less* and before an expression of time, distance, etc, to indicate how long sth takes, how far it is, etc) hnakin tamsawn, malsawn, tum sawn, fatesawn: *It cost me more than £100.* ○ *It never takes more than an hour.* ○ *He can't be more than fifteen.* ○ *It's less than a mile to the beach.*

thank /θæŋk/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (for sth/doing sth) lungawi, mi pakhatkhat hnenih lungawi thu sim: *There's no need to thank me — I was only doing my job.* ○ (*ironic*) *He won't thank you* (ie He'll be annoyed with you) *for leaving him all the washing-up to do.* **2** (idm) **have oneself/sb to thank (for sth)** (*ironic*) ðuanvo nei/ðuanvo neiter: *She only has herself to thank for what happened.* ○ *Who do we have to thank for this fiasco? I'll thank you for sth/to do sth* (used in making politely formal requests or commands) thinheng ruangih thil pakhatkhat tuah duh lo thu mi pakhat sim tiki hmanmi: *I'll thank you for* (ie Please give me) *that book.* ○ *I'll thank you to mind your business.* **no thank you** (used to decline an offer, a proposal, etc politely) miih thil pekmi lak duh lo tiki hmanmi ðong. **thank God/goodness/heaven(s)** (used to express relief) harsatnak le thinphannak ihsin luat tiki hmanmi thawsuah ðongkam: *Thank God you're safe!* **thank one's lucky stars** thil pakhatkhat ah vanðatnak lungawi thusim: *You can thank your lucky stars (that) you don't have to go to this dreary reception.* **thank you** (used to express gratitude or to accept an offer, a proposal, etc) ka lungawi, nangmah neih man!: *Thank you for giving me a lift.* ○ *Thank you very much indeed.*

▷ **thankful** /-fl/ *adj* **1** lungawi thiam: *You should be thankful to have escaped/that you have escaped with only minor injuries.* **2** (idm) **be grateful/thankful for small mercies** ⇒ **SMALL.** **thankfully** /-fəl/ *adv* **1** lungawi zetin. **2** ka lungawi/kan lungawi; vanðatnak ah: *Thankfully, it's at last stopped raining.* ⇒ Usage at **HOPEFUL.**

thankfulness *n* [U].

thankless *adj* **1** lungawi thiam lo. **2** (of an action) lom le laksawng hlawn lo: *a thankless role, task.* **thanklessly** *adv.*

thanklessness *n* [U].

thanks *n* [pl] **1** lungawinak: *Thanks are due to all those who helped.* ○ *My heartfelt thanks to you all.* ○ *give thanks to God.* **2** (idm) **no thanks to sb/sth** zo hmanih bom loin: *It's no thanks to you (that) we arrived on time — your short cuts weren't short cuts at all!* **thanks to sb/sth** (*sometimes ironic*) mipakhat/thil pakhat ruangah: *The play succeeded thanks to fine acting by all the cast.* ○ *Thanks to the bad weather, the match had been cancelled.* **a vote**

of thanks ⇒ VOTE. — *interj (infml)* a tawkw zo, ka lungawi: 'Would you like some more cake?' 'No, thanks.'

□ **thanksgiving** *n* [C, U] **1** Pathian hnenih lungawi thusimnak. **2 Thanksgiving (Day)** hnatuan cawl ih Pathian hnenih lungawi thusim ni USA ahcun, November thla zarh linak Thursday ni ah tuah a si. Canada ramah cun October zarh hnihnak Monday ni ah tuah a si.

thank-you *n* lungawi thu simnak: *Have you said your thank-yous to Mrs Brown for the party?* ○ *She walked away without so much as a thank-you.* ○ [attrib] *thank-you letters.*

that¹ /ðæt/ *det* (pt **those** /ðəʊz/) **1** (used to make a person or thing specific, esp when he/it is seen as distant in space or time from the speaker/writer) *khimi: Look at that man standing there.* ○ *That box is bigger than this.* ○ *How much are those apples at the back?* ○ *Where did that noise come from?* ○ *Have you read that book about China?* ○ *I was still living with my parents at the time/in those days,* ie at that particular time in the past. Cf **THIS**. **2 (a)** (used to specify a person or thing that is indicated or mentioned) *thilri pakhat (asilole) minung pakhat sawhnak: did you see that boy?* ○ *He began by writing a thriller. That book sold a million copies.* **(b)** (used with a *n* followed by a possessive) *Possessive ih thlunmi noun thawn hman a si: Did you meet that friend of his?* ○ *That dress of hers is too short.* **3** (used in front of the antecedent of a relative clause) *relative clause antecedent hmaiah hman a si: Have you forgotten about that money I lent you last week?* ○ *Those students who failed the exam will have to take it again.* ○ *Who was that man you were talking to?*
▷ **that** *adv* cu tiang/cu zat/cu hmuah: *I can't walk that far,* ie as far as that. ○ *They've spent that much,* ie as much as is indicated. ○ *It's about that long,* ie as long as that. ○ *It isn't all that cold,* ie not as cold as you are suggesting or not extremely cold.

that² /ðæt/ *pron* (pl **those** /ðəʊz/) **1 (a)** *khimi* (used to make a thing specific, esp one more distant in space or time than another) *malte a hlat deuh ih a ummi thil simnak ah hman a si: Those look juicier than these.* ○ *That's a nice hat.* **(b)** (referring to people, only with the verb *be*) *(be) verb thawn minung sawhnak ah hman a si: That's Peter at the bus-stop.* ○ *Who's that?* **2** (used to specify a thing, an event, an idea, etc that is indicated or mentioned) *thil pakhat, thil thleng/cang/ngaidan simfiangnak ih hman a si: Look at that!* ○ *Do you remember going to Norway? That was a good holiday.* ○ *Send her some flowers — that's the easiest thing to do.* **3** (used

as the antecedent of a relative clause) *relative clause hmaihruaitu ah hman a si: Is that what you really think?* ○ *That's what he told me.* ○ *Those who expect the worst are less likely to be disappointed.* ○ *Those present were in favour of a change.* ○ *There are those who say* (ie Some people say) *she should never have been appointed.* **4 (idm) that is (to say) (a)** *cumitican/cumi tinak: He's a local government administrator; that is to say a Civil Servant.* **(b)** *a si tsumi, a si cekcimi: She's a housewife — when she's not teaching English, that is.* **that's that** (used to indicate the end of a discussion, search, development, etc) *cu hmuah a simai, cu-hmuah cu a si: I take it that's that — we've heard your final offer?* ○ *So that's that. At last we're all agreed.*

that³ /ðæt; rare strong form ðæt/ *conj* **1** (used to introduce a clause that is the subject or object of a *v*) *tongtluan (sentence) pakhat ah subject, asilole, object ih hmanmi tonghlom (clause) hram thoknak ih hman a si: That the attempt to save her had failed soon became widely known.* ○ *She said that the book was based on a true story.* ○ *I thought that 13 May would be the date of the election.* ○ *It's possible that he hasn't received the letter.* **2 (rhet)** (used to express wishes and regrets) *duhnak/saduhthah (asilole) poiti/sirawknak tong: Oh that I could see him again!* ○ *That I should see a child of mine arrested for selling drugs!*

that⁴ /ðæt; rare strong form ðæt/ *rel pron* **1** (used to introduce a defining clause after a *n*, esp referring to things) **(a)** (as the subject of the *v* in the clause) *verb ih subject a simi defining clause hramthoknak ah hman a si: The letter that came this morning is from my father.* ○ *The clothes that are on the floor are dirty.* ○ *The woman that spoke to me in the shop used to live next door.* ○ *Who was it that won the World Cup in 1982?* **(b)** (as the object of the *v* in the clause, but usu omitted in this position) *verb ih object clause hramthoknak ah hman a si. Asinan, ret lo khal in a poi lo: The watch (that) you gave me keeps perfect time.* ○ *Here are the books (that) I borrowed from you a week ago.* ○ *The person (that) I have to phone lives in India.* **(c)** (as the object of a *prep* in the clause, but usu omitted in this position): *The photographs (that) you're looking at were taken by my brother.* ○ *The man (that) I was talking to had just arrived from Canada.* ○ *These are the children (that) I looked after last summer.* **2** (used to introduce a clause following superlatives, *the only, all,* etc) *superlatives thluntu clause hram thoknak ah hman a si: Shakespeare is the greatest English writer that ever lived.* ○ *This is the most expensive watch (that) I've ever owned.* ○ *The only part of the meal (that) I really liked was the*

dessert. ○ *All that I have is yours.* **3** (used after an expression of time instead of *when*) tikcu caan sim tikah “when” ai awlih hmanmi ðongfang a si: *the year that my father died* ○ *the day that war broke out.*

thatch /θætʃ/ *n* **1** [C, U] inn khuh di, phai, fangkung car. **2** [sing] (infml) sam.

▷ **thatch** *v* [Tn] dicih: *a village hut thatched with palm leaves* ○ *a thatched cottage.* **thatcher** *n* dicihtu, khuhtu.

thaw /θɔ:/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ip, Tn, Tn.p] ~ (sth) (out) a zup, a zur, a khalmi a ti ih cang sal: *All the snow has thawed.* ○ *leave frozen food to thaw before cooking it* ○ *thaw out (the ice in) the pipes.* (b) [I] (used only with it) (of the weather) vur le tikhal a ti ih cangter ding in a hlum, a sa: *It's starting to thaw.* ⇒ Usage at WATER¹. **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (out) (of people, their behaviour, etc) phur lo/ thinlung lut lo/nuam ti lo: *After a few drinks the party atmosphere began to thaw (out).*

▷ **thaw** *n* (usu sing) tikhal zup tikcu: *go skating before the thaw* ○ *A thaw is setting in.* ○ (fig) *a thaw in East-West relations.*

the /ðə, ði; strong form ði:/ ⇒ Detailed Guide 6.2. ⇒ Usage at A². def art (used to make the following *n* refer to a specific person, thing, event or group) **1** (when it has already been mentioned or implied) thil theihfiang zomi sim tikah hman a si: *A boy and a girl were sitting on a bench. The boy was smiling but the girl looked angry.* ○ *There was an accident here yesterday. A car hit a tree. The driver was killed.* **2** (when a *n* is followed by a phrase that restricts its meaning) noun pakhat thluntu ðongkam pawlin a sullam (asilole) a tican ramri a kham tikah hmanmi ðongfang a si: *the centre of town* ○ *the topic of conversation* ○ *the man of her dreams* ○ *the house that Jack built.* **3** (a) (when it has unique reference) sawhmi a cehlei a neih tikah: *the sun* ○ *the moon* ○ *the stars.* (b) (used with some parts of the natural world without a preceding adj): *The sky was blue.* (Cf *There was a blue sky.*) ○ *The sea is rough.* (Cf *There's a rough sea.*) ○ *The atmosphere was stuffy.* (Cf *There was a stuffy atmosphere.*) **4** (when the person or thing that is referred to is obvious within the situation) sawhmi milai/thil theih fiang cia: *The milkman was late this morning.* ○ *Have you seen the paper?* ○ *The children are in the garden.* ○ *Would you pass the salt, please?* **5** (used with superlative adjs, first, last, next, etc) superlative hmai ah hman a si: *the best day of your life* ○ *the hottest day of the holiday* ○ *What was the last thing I said?* **6** (used with an adj to refer to all members of a class or nationality) hmuahhmuah ti duh tikah adjective hmaiah hman a si: *trying to do the impossible* ○ *The rich get richer and the poor get poorer.* ○ *The French are famous for their*

cooking. **7** (used with a singular [C] *n* to mean the whole class) a phun pumpi aiawh ih sim asile, siarmi noun pakhat hmai ah ret a si: *The chimpanzee is an endangered species.* ○ *The poodle is a popular house pet.* **8** (used for inventions in general) thil thar siammi thawn hman a si: *Who invented the zip-fastener?* ○ *The motor car has been with us for almost a century.* ○ *Let's not waste time re-inventing the wheel,* ie working to develop sth that has already been produced. **9** (used in front of a unit of measure to mean ‘every’) cawhrual (asilole) a tamce le a malce um lo ih a bangrepmi hrangah hman a si: *My car does forty miles to the gallon.* ○ *I work free-lance and am paid by the hour.* ○ *The price is 50p the dozen.* **10** (used to indicate that the person or thing referred to is well-known or important) sawhmi milai (asilole) thilri cu mi hmuahhmuah ih theihmi hminthang hmaiah hmanmi ðongfang: *Michael Crawford? Not the Michael Crawford?* ○ *The royal wedding was the social event of the year.* **11** (idm) **the more, less, etc...the more, less, etc...** (used to show that the increase/decrease in one amount or degree of sth continues at the same rate as another) thil pahnih a karh lam le a mal lam, a ðhatnak le a siatnak hleih awkdan simnak ðong: *The more she thought about it, the more depressed she became.* ○ *The more beautiful the hat, the more expensive it usually is.* ○ *I want you out of here, and the sooner the better.* ○ *The less said about the whole affair, the happier I'll be.*

theatre (US **theater**) /θiətre(r)/ *n* **1** [C] thuanthu cawn le cuvek a dang hmuhnak inn: *West End theatres* ○ *an open-air theatre* ○ *use the school gymnasium as a theatre.* **2** [C] (a) hmailam hnakin dunglam ah sangsawn tonak tlar ummi, misenpi khawm awknak hmun. (b) (also **operating-theatre**) taksa atnak (operation) khan: *The patient is on her way to (the) theatre.* ○ [attrib] *a theatre sister*, ie a nurse assisting during operations. **3** [C] ~ of sth (rhet) thil thupi thlennak hmun: *the latest theatre of internal conflict.* **4** [U] (a) thuanthu cawn ding, thuhla ngannak, zuksuainak hmun/thuanthu cawnnak hmun: *a study of Greek theatre* ○ *Do you often go to the theatre* (ie go to see a play)? ○ *The play is well written but it is not/does not make good theatre*, ie is not effective when performed. (b) **the theatre** thuanthu cawn dingmi ngan, cawn le suah lam hnañuan: *She wants to go into the theatre, eg become an actress.*

▷ **theatrical** /θiə'trikl/ *adj* **1** [usu attrib] thuanthu cawnnak lam thil: *theatrical scenery, performances, reviews* ○ *a theatrical company.* **2** (of behaviour) mi ih theih dingin porh

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ciamco; langsar duh, ti-awter: *theatrical gestures*.

theatrically /-klɪ/ *adv*.

theatricals *n* [pl] theatre ih tuahmi pawl: *amateur theatricals*.

□ **theatergoer** *n* thuanthu cawn le thil dang piahmi atu le tu zoh leuh leuhtu.

theatre-in-the-round *n* [U] a laifang ah laamnak a um ih, a kim vel ah a zohtu mipi tonak um, thuanthucawn hmun inn.

theatre weapons a hlat tuk lo kap theimi meithal, hriamnam.

thee /ði:/ *pron* (arch or dialect) nangmah (object form of thou).

theft /θeft/ *n* [C, U] fitirnak, thilfir/rukrukna: *A number of thefts have been reported recently. ○ guilty of theft.*

their /ðeə(r)/ *possess det* anmah ih: *Their parties are always fun. ○ Their own car is being mended — this one is hired. ○ Their fame rests entirely on one record.*

▷ **theirs** /ðeə(r)/ *possess pron* anmah ih ta: *Theirs are the children with very fair hair. ○ It's a favourite place of theirs.*

theism /θi:zəm/ *n* [U] Pathian pakhat lawng a um tihi zumnak.

▷ **theist** /θi:st/ *n* Pathian pakhat lawng a um ti zumtu. **theistic** /θi:'stik/, **theistical** (/-'kl/) *adjs*.

them /ðəm; strong form ðem/ *pers pron* **1** (used as the object of a *v* or of a *prep*; also used independently or after *be*) an, anmah: *Tell them the news. ○ Give them to me. ○ Did you eat all of them? ○ Oh, them! We needn't worry about them. 2* (used informally instead of *him* or *her*) mipa (him) nunau (her) aiawh ih hmanmi: *If a customer comes in before I get back ask them to wait. 3* (idm) **them and us** milian, thiltithe pawl, le kanmah vek mi menmen (pawl): *We should try to get away from a 'them and us' attitude in industrial relations. Cf THEY.*

thematic /θi/ *adj* a thupi/a thulu thawn a pehzomi.

▷ **thematically** /-klɪ/ *adv*.

theme /θi:m/ *n* [C] **1** a thupi (asilole) a thulu: *The theme of our discussion was 'Europe in the 1980's'. 2* (music) awthluk tuahnak. **3** (US) tlawngta ih tuah le ngan dingih pekmi thupi/thulu.

□ **theme park** lungawi le nunnuam zetih pawlkom-awknak hmun.

theme song (also **theme tune**) (a) atu le tu ih an tummi hla thluk. (b) = SIGNATURE TUNE (SIGNATURE).

themselves /ðəm'selvz/ *reflex, emph pron* (only taking the main stress in sentences when used emphatically) **1** (reflex) (used when the people or animals performing an action are also affected by it) anmah le anmah: *the children can look after themselves for a couple of hours.*

2 (emph) (used to emphasize *they* or *them*) anmah rori in/anmahte: *They themselves had had a similar experience. ○ Denise and Martin paid for it themselves. ○ The teachers were themselves too surprised to comment. 3* (idm) **by themselves** (a) anmah lawngin. (b) bomnak um loin.

then /ðen/ *adv* **1** (referring to past or future time)

(a) cutik lai ah, culai ah: *We were living in Wales then. ○ I was still married to my first husband then. ○ See you on Thursday — we'll be able to discuss it then. ○ Jackie Kennedy, as she then was, was still only in her twenties. ○ [attrib] The then Prime Minister took her husband with her on all her travels. (b)* cumi hnu-ah, cumi hnulamah, cule: *I'll have soup first and then the chicken. ○ The liquid turned green and then brown. ○ We had a week in Rome and then went to Vienna. (c)* (used after a *prep*) cumi tikcu: *From then on he refused to talk about it. ○ We'll have to manage without a TV until then. ○ She'll have retired by then. Cf*

now. 2 cule: *There are the vegetables to peel and the soup to heat. ○ Then there's the table to lay and the wine to cool. ○ I've sent cards to all your family. Then there's your family and the neighbours. 3* cu ti asile khaw/cuihruangah/cuih hrangah: *If it's not on the table then it will be in the drawer. ○ Offer to take him out for lunch, then (ie as a result of this) he'll feel in a better mood. ○ He'll be looking for a new secretary then? 4 (idm) (**but**) **then again** (used to introduce a contrasting piece of information) thu kalh-awmi pahnih simnak: *He's clumsy and untidy but then again he's always willing to help. then and there* ⇨ THERE AND THEN (THERE).*

thence /ðens/ *adv* (arch or fml) cutawk ihsin: *They traveled by rail to the coast and thence by boat to America.*

the(o)- *comb form* Pathian lam, Pathian thil: *theology* ○ *theocratic*.

theocracy /θi'ɒkrəsi/ *n* ram uk-awk daan cu Pathian daan in a si ti ih zumnak thawn puithiam pawlih ukmi (ram).

▷ **theocratic** /θi'ɒkrætɪk/ *adj*.

theodolite /θi'ɒdəlaɪt/ *n* a phei zawng le a tung zawng tonawknak kil (angle) tahnak thilri.

theology /θi'ɒlədʒi/ *n* **1** [U] Pathian sinak ziaza le zummi hrampi zirnak: [attrib] *a theology student. 2* [C] zumnak le biaknak: *rival theologies.*

▷ **theologian** /θi'ɒlədʒən/ *n* Pathianthu thiam/ Pathian thuzirtu.

theological /θi'ɒlədʒɪkl/ *adj*: *theological argument* ○ *a theological college. theologically* /-klɪ/ *adv*.

theorem /θiərəm/ *n* **1** Algebra tivek tuahdan ding khiihmuhnak. **2** a diknak le a can theidan thu le hla ih langter dingmi, kanaan

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lam thuhla.

theoretical /θiə'retɪkl/ *adj* **1** thinlung ruatnak le ngaihtuahnak a simi; thu pakhat a takih tuannak si loin, a thuhla ruatnak lawng thawn a peh-awmi: *a theoretical physicist* ○ *This book is too theoretical; I need a practical guide.* Cf PRACTICAL 1. **2** ruahnak le zumnak a si ih a dik taktak lo thei men: *Lendl's strength on clay gives him a theoretical advantage.*

▷ **theoretically** /-klɪ/ *adv*: *Theoretically we could still win, but it's very unlikely.*

theory /θiəri/ *n* **1** [C] thu le thil umdan simfiangtu khuaruahnak/suahpimi thu: *Darwin's theory of evolution.* **2** [C] ngaidan le ruatdan: *He has a theory that wearing hats makes men go bald.* **3** [U] a tlangpi ih khawruahnak: *It sounds fine in theory, but will it work?* ○ *In theory, three things could happen,* ie there are three possibilities. **4** [C, U] thu pakhatih sidan hrampi simnak: *studying music theory.*

▷ **theorist** /θiərist/ *n* ngaidan, zumdan le ruatdan suahtu.

theorize, -ise /θiəraɪz/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (about sth) ngaidan, zumdan suah.

theosophy /θi:ə'səfi/ *n* [U] (philosophy) thlacamnak le thinlungpeknak thawn Pathian theih tumdan.

▷ **theosophical** /θi:ə'səfikl/ *adj*.

theosophist /θi:ə'səfɪst/ *n* theosophy zumtu.

therapeutic /θerə'pjʊ:tɪk/ *adj* natnak tidamnak (bawldan) lam: *therapeutic exercises*, eg after a surgical operation ○ *the therapeutic effects of sea air.*

▷ **therapeutically** /-klɪ/ *adv*.

therapeutics *n* [sing *v*] natnak damternak sii (medicine) lam thil.

therapy /θerəpi/ *n* [U] **1** nat damnak bawldan: *have/undergo therapy* ○ *radio-therapy* ○ *occupational therapy.* **2** Physiotherapy; taksa zut, thiang, electric tham ih nat tidamnak. **3** psychotherapy; thinlung nat bawlnak.

▷ **therapist** /θerəpɪst/ *n* a hleice ih natnak bawl thiamnak: *a speech therapist.*

there¹ /ðeə(r)/ *adv* **1** (a) khitawkah, khinah: *We shall soon be there.* ○ *We are nearly there,* ie have nearly arrived. ○ *If John sits here, Mary can sit there.* ○ *We liked the hotel so much that we're going there again this year.* (b) (used after a prep) khimi hmun, khimi thil: *Put the keys under there.* ○ *They fit in there.* ○ *Go to the church and ask again — it's near there.* Cf HERE. **2** cumi ahcun, cumi thu ahcun: *Don't stop there. What did you do then?* ○ *There I have to disagree with you, I'm afraid.* **3** (used for emphasis before some *vs*, eg *go*, *stand*, *lie*, to show the location of sb/sth, with the subject following the *v* if it is not a *pron*) verb hrekkhat uarnawn ih sim tikah, thil umnak sim tikah: *There goes the last bus.* ○ *There it goes.* ○

There it is: just to the right of the church. ○ *There you are. I've been waiting for over an hour.* **4** (used to call attention to sth) thil pakhat ngaihsak dingih sim: *There's the school bell — I must run.* ○ (ironic) *There's gratitude for you,* ie Look how ungrateful he/she is. **5** (a) (used after *that* + a *n* for emphasis): *That woman there is 103.* (b) (used to emphasize a call or greeting) pakhat le pakhat tonawk le thlahawk tiki hmanmi tɔŋ: *You there! come back!* ○ *Hello there! Lovely to see you again!* **6** (idm) **there and back** hmun pakhat feh ih cutawk ihsin kir sal: *Can I go there and back in a day?* **there and then; then and there** cumi tikcu le hmunah: *I took one look at the car and offered to buy it there and then.* **there you are** (a) mi pakhat ih a duhmi le a dilmi pek tiki hmanmi tɔŋ: *There you are. I've brought you newspaper.* (b) (Used to give reassurance where explaining, demonstrating or commenting on sth): *You switch on, wait until the screen turns green, push in the disk and there you are!* ○ *There you are! I told you it was easy.* **there you go/go again** (used to comment, usu critically, on a typical example of sb's behaviour) umtlandan soiselnak tɔŋ: *There you go again — jumping to conclusions on the slightest evidence.*

▷ **there** interj **1** (used to express triumph, dismay, encouragement, etc) ka lo ti tho lo maw? Ka lo simcia lo maw?: *There (now)! What did I tell you?* ie You can see that I was right. ○ *There! You've (gone and) woken the baby!* ○ *There! That didn't hurt too much, did it?* **2** (idm) **there, there!** (used to comfort a small child) nauhak hnemnak ih hmanmi: *There, there! Never mind, you'll soon feel better.*

there² /ðə(r); strong form ðeə(r)/ *adv* **1** (used place of a subject with *be*, *seem*, *appear*, etc, esp when referring to sb/sth for the first time): *There's a man at the bus-stop.* (Cf *The man is at the bus-stop.*) ○ *There's no reason to go.* ○ *There seems (to be) no doubt about it.* ○ *There appeared to be nobody willing to help.* ○ *There can be no going back.* ○ *I don't want there to be any misunderstanding.* ○ *There comes a time* (Cf *The time comes*) *when dying seems preferable to staying alive.* ○ *There once lived a poor farmer who had four sons.* **2** (idm) **there's a good boy, girl, dog, etc** (used to praise or encourage small children or animals) nauhak le sumhnam (asilole) tɪlva lomnak le thapeknak tɔŋ a si: *Finish your tea, there's a good boy.*

thereabouts /ðeərəbaʊts/ (also US **thereabout** /'ðeərəbaʊt/) *adv* (usu after *or*) **1** cu kiangkap hrawngah: *The factory is in Leeds or somewhere thereabouts.* **2** cu zat hrawngah: *I'll be home at 8 o'clock or thereabouts.*

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thereafter /ðeə'rɑ:ftə(r); US -'æf-/ *adv (fml)* cuilh hnu-ah: *You will be accompanied as far as the border; thereafter you must find your own way.*

thereby /ðeə'baɪ/ *adv (fml)* cu ti in, cumi thawh peh aw in: *They paid cash, thereby avoiding interest charges.*

therefore /ðeəfə:(r)/ *adv* cuilh hrangah, cuilh ruangah.

therein /ðeə'rɪn/ *adv (fml or law)* (a) cumi ah, cutawkah: *the house and all the possessions therein.* (b) cuilh thu ah: *Therein lies the crux of the matter.*

thereinafter /ðeə'rɪn'ɑ:ftə(r); US -'æf-/ *adv (law)* cutawh hrawngah, cumi sangtu ah.

thereof /ðeə'rɒv/ *adv (fml or law)* cutawh ihsin, cumi.

thereto /ðeə'rɪtu:/ *adv (fml or law)* cutawh ah: *the agreement and the documents appended thereto.*

thereunder /ðeə'rʌndə(r)/ *adv (fml or law)* cumi tangah.

thereupon /ðeə'rʌpən/ *adv (fml)* **1** cumi ruangah. **2** cumi ðeh veten.

therm /θɜ:m/ *n* a sat tahnak unit pakhat (= 1000000 British thermal units).

thermal /θɜ:ml/ *adj* [esp attrib] **1** a satlam, satnak: *thermal insulation* ○ *a thermal power station*, ie one using heat to generate electricity ○ *thermal units*, ie for measuring heat. **2** a hlum (warm) asilole a sa (hot): *thermal springs.* **3** (of clothes) thlatang hrang hlumzet ih tuahmi angki: *thermal underwear.*
▷ **thermal** *n* tlunvan lam ih a kaimi thlihlum.
□ **thermal capacity** (*physics*) taksa hlumnak degree pakhat ih kaiter dingih a ðulmi a satnak unit.

thermionic /θɜ:mrɒnɪk/ *adj* of that branch of physics that deals with the emissions of electrons at high temperature.
□ **thermionic valve** (*US thermionic tube*) vacuum tube in which a flow of electrons is emitted by heated electrodes, used in the receiving of radio signals, etc.

therm(o)- *comb form* satnak thawh a peh awmi: *thermonuclear* ○ *thermometer.*

thermocouple /θɜ:məʊkʌpl/ *n* dai le hlum tahnak thil phunkhat.

thermodynamics /θɜ:məʊdaɪ'næmɪks/ *n* [sing v] a satnak le tha dangdang pehzomawkdan zirnak Physics subject ðen khat.

thermoelectric /θɜ:məʊ'lektrɪk/ *adj* dai le hlumdanawknak ihsin a suakmi electrikt tha.

thermometer /θə'mɒmɪtə(r)/ *n* dai le hlum tahnak.

thermonuclear /θɜ:məʊ'nju:klɪə(r); US -'nu:klɪə/ *adj* a sat tuk ruangih a puakmi atom ihsin suakmi nuclear thawh a peh awmi thil: *a thermonuclear bomb, missile, warhead, etc*, ie one using such reactions.

thermoplastic /θɜ:məʊ'plæstɪk/ *n, adj* (plastic

substance) meisa ih hut/em tikah a nem ih bil a ol, a daih tikah a hak zetmi plastic thil.

Thermos /θɜ:məs/ *n* (also **Thermos flask**, *US Thermos bottle*) (*propr*) tisa thawh.

thermosetting /θɜ:məʊ'setɪŋ/ *adj* (of plastics) mei ih em hnu-ah a hak dahdahmi.

thermostat /θɜ:mə'stæt/ *n* amahte in a sa le a dai tam le kiamtertu theil.
▷ **thermostatic** /θɜ:mə'stætɪk/ *adv*: *thermostatic control.* **thermostatically** /-klɪ/ *adv*: *thermostatically controlled.*

thesaurus /θɪ'sɔ:rəs/ *n* (pl ~ **es** /-rəsɪz/ or **thesauri** /θɪ'sɔ:raɪ/) **1** a sullam le a tican a bangrepmi ðongfang le ðonghlom a bur a burih ngannak cabu. **2** ðongfang phunkhat ngannak dictionary: *a thesaurus of slang.*

these ⇒ **THIS**.

thesis /θɪ:sɪs/ *n* (pl **theses** /θɪ:sɪz/) **1** simfiangnak thawh ðanpimi thuhla. **2** university ih pekmi degree ngahtheinak dingih nganmi thu.

Thespian (also **thespian**) /θespiən/ *adj* (*joc or rhet*) thuan thucawnnak thawh a peh awmi.
▷ **Thespian** *n* (also **thespian**) (*joc or rhet*) baisikup ih a tel mipa (asilole) nunau.

they /ðeɪ/ *pers pron* (used as the subject of a v) **1** "an, anmah" tinak: *'Where are John and Mary?'* *'They went for a walk.'* ○ *I've got two sisters. They're both doctors.* ○ *They* (eg The things you are carrying) *go on the bottom shelf.* **2** (used informally instead of *he* or *she*) mipa nunau aiawh ih hmanmi ðongfang: *If anyone arrives late they'll have to wait outside.* **3** minung pawl, milai pawl tinak: *They say we're going to have a hot summer.* ○ *They've* (ie The people in authority have) *sent us another form to fill in.* Cf **THEM**.

they'd /ðeɪd/ *contracted form* **1** **they had** ⇒ **HAVE**. **2** **they would** ⇒ **WILL**¹, **WOULD**².

they'll /ðeɪl/ *contracted form* **they will** ⇒ **WILL**¹.

they're /ðeə(r)/ *contracted form* **they are** ⇒ **BE**.

they've /ðeɪv/ *contracted form* **they have** ⇒ **HAVE**.

thick /θɪk/ *adj* (**-er, -iest**) **1** sah, a sah (pat lo): *a thick slice of bread* ○ *a thick line* ○ *ice three inches thick* ○ *a thick coat, pullover, etc*, ie made of thick material. **2** **tampi hmunkhat ih a bur ih um khawm**: *a thick forest* ○ *thick hair* ○ *in the thickest part of the crowd.* **3** (of a liquid or paste) ti tam lo, a ha (asilole) a tak tammi: *thick soup, paint, glue.* **4** (of a vapour or the atmosphere) fianglo, thianglo, mero sah: *thick fog, mist, cloud* ○ *thick darkness.* **5** (a) (of the voice) raibur ruangih aw fiang lo. (b) (of an accent) aw fiang, theih ol: *speak with/in a thick brogue.* **6** (*infml*) thil thei thei lo, aa, aancing lo. **7** ~ (**with sb**) (*infml*) thei thiam, hmel theih: *John is very thick with Anne.* **8** (idm) **a bit thick** ⇒ **BIT**¹. **blood is thicker than water** ⇒ **BLOOD**¹. **give sb/get a thick ear** (*sl*) hrem, hnakhang thlingko beng. **have, etc a thick**

head (infml) (a) aa. (b) lu naa: *I woke up with a very thick head this morning. have a thin/thick skin* ⇒ SKIN. (as) **thick as thieves** (infml) (of two or more people) pawlngaih aw zetmi mi pahnih, pathum. (as) **thick as two short planks** (sl) aa zet, aa ngaingai. (have) **a thick skull** (infml) fimnak/theihthiamnak nei lo, hlawhsam: *How can I get it into your thick skull (ie make you understand) that we can't afford a car?* (be) **thick with sth/sb** khat, khat theh: *a garden thick with flowers* ○ *The building was thick with reporters.*

▷ **thick** adv **1** sah/tamtuk in: *don't spread the butter too thick.* ○ *snow lying thick on the ground.* **2** (idm) **lay it on thick/with a trowel** (infml) a sidan ngaingai hnaki tumter, siavater, hleifuanter; porh ih sim. **thick and fast** khulrang zet le tam zetin: *Offers of help are coming in thick and fast.*

thick n [U] **1** (idm) **in the thick of sth** hnaṭuan a tēbik le tambik lai-ah: *He's always in the thick of it/things.* ○ *We were in the thick of the fight.* **2** **through thick and thin** harsatnak hmuahhmuah lak hmanah: *He remained loyal to me through thick and thin.*

thicken /θɪkən/ v [I, Tn] **1** hater, a ti malte lawng tangter/sahter: *when the sauce thickens* ○ *The fog is thickening.* ○ *Use flour to thicken the gravy.* ○ *Several drinks had thickened his voice.* **2** (idm) **the plot thickens** ⇒ PLOT². **thickening** /θɪkənɪŋ/ n [U] sah ternak ih hmanmi thilri.

thickness n **1** [U] a sahlam: *4cm in thickness/a thickness of 4cm.* **2** [C] a thuah: *on thickness of cotton wool and two thicknesses of felt.* **3** [C] sahnak lai: *steps cut into the thickness of the wall.*

□ **thick-headed** adj aa.

thick set adj (a) kawng niam taksa/ṭha. (b) (of a hedge) pit zetiḥ a khomi.

thick-skinned adj soiselnak le hmuhsuamnak ziang hmanih poisa lo/sawtpawt lo.

thicket /θɪkɪt/ n hramrul, thingrul.

thief /θi:f/ n (pl **thieves** /θi:vz/) **1** fifir, rukru, rukruk hmang. Cf BURGLAR, ROBBER (ROB). **2** (idm) **honour among thieves** ⇒ HONOUR¹. **like a thief in the night** hmuh lo le rin lopi in. **procrastination is the thief of time** ⇒ PROCRASTINATION (PROCRASTINATE). **set a thief to catch a thief** (saying) rukru/fifir cu rukru/fifir lala kaihter ding. **thick as thieves** ⇒ THICK.

▷ **thieve** /θi:v/ v (a) [I] rukru/fir ah cang: *a life of thieving* ○ (joc) *Take your thieving hands off my radio!* (b) [Tn] fir, thil fir.

thievery /θi:vəri/ n [U] rukruknak, fifirnak.

thievish adj rukruk hmang, fifir hmang/hmelpu. **thievishly** adv.

thigh /θaɪ/ n (a) kawng, phei. (b) ke li nei ramsa ih kawng, cawn, phei.

□ **thigh-bone** n kawng ruh.

thimble /θɪmbl/ n ṭhim-sun khamtu zungzim tuamnak phaw.

□ **thimbleful** /-fʊl/ n mal ngaite (a timi thil): *Just a thimbleful of sherry, please.*

thin /θɪn/ adj (-nner /θɪnə(r)/, -nness /θɪnɪst/) **1** pa, a pat (sahlo): *a thin sheet of metal* ○ *That ice is too thin to stand on.* ○ *a thin wire* ○ *a thin layer of glue* ○ *The rope was wearing thin in one place.* ○ *a thin cotton dress*, ie one made out of thin material. **2** ṭawl/taksa ṭawl: *He's tall and rather thin.* ○ *Her illness had left her looking pale and thin.* Cf FAT¹. ⇒ Usage. **3** patte/sah lo zet: *a thin mist, haze, etc.* **4** sam paa/sam sah lo/tam lo, malte: *His hair's/He's getting rather thin on top*, ie He is starting to go bald. ○ *The population is thin in this part of the country.* ○ *a thin audience.* **5** (of a liquid or paste) a ha um tuk lo, a ti tam, a ti lawng tam: *thin soup, stew, gravy, etc.* **6** (fig) pitling lo, hlawhkai lo, ṭhatnak nei tuk lo: *thin humour* ○ *a thin* (ie unconvincing) *excuse* ○ *a thin disguise*, ie one that is easily seen through ○ *The critics found her latest novel rather thin.* **7** (idm) **be skating on thin ice** ⇒ SKATE¹. **have a thin/thick skin** ⇒ SKIN. **have a thin time (of it)** (infml) nuamlo, hnangam lo, hnabei dong: *The team's been having a thin time (of it) recently — not a single win in two months.* **the thin end of the wedge** thupi lo a bang nain thupi zet ah mi hrui thei awm a simi: *Unions regard the government's intention to ban overtime as the thin end of the wedge.* (be) **thin on the ground** tam lo, har, bengbai. **through thick and thin** ⇒ THICK. **vanish, etc into thin air** hloral rori, hloral tak tak. **wear thin** ⇒ WEAR².

▷ **thin** adv pazetin, sah loin: *The bread is cut too thin.*

thin v (-nn-) **1** [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (out) patter, mal: *wait until the fog thins (out)* ○ *The traffic was thinning out.* ○ *War and disease had thinned the population.* ○ *thin out seedlings*, ie remove some to improve the growth of the rest. **2** (phr v) **thin down** fem, ti tengti ih cang: *He's thinned down a lot since he went on a diet.* **thin sth down** patter, malter: *thin down paint with white spirit.*

thinly adv patzet in, tizet in, malte in: *Spread the butter thinly.* ○ *thinly-sliced ham.*

thinner /θɪnə(r)/ (also **thinners**) n [U] thuhsi cokrawi tertu thil.

thinness /θɪnnɪs/ n [U] a pat-lam.

NOTE ON USAGE: Compare **thin**, **skinny**, **underweight**, **slim**, etc. When describing people whose weight is below normal, **thin** is the most general word. It may be negative, suggesting weakness or lack of health: *She's gone terribly thin since her operation.* **Bony** is

often applied to parts of the body such as hands or face. **Skinny** and **scrawny** are negative and can suggest lack of strength: *He looks much too skinny/scrawny to be a weight-lifter.* **Underweight** is the most neutral: *The doctor says I'm underweight.* **Emaciated** indicates a serious condition resulting from starvation. It is often thought desirable to be **slim** or **slender**, **slim** being used especially of those who have reduced their weight by diet or exercise: *I wish I was as slim as you.* ○ *You have a beautifully slender figure.*

thine /ðain/ possess pron (arch) nangmah ih ta, nata.

▷ **thine** possess det (arch) (form of *thy* before vowel of an *h*) nangmahta.

thing /θɪŋ/ n **1** [C] thil: *What's that thing on the table?* ○ *There wasn't a thing* (ie There was nothing) *to eat.* ○ *She's very fond of sweet things*, ie sweet kinds of food. ○ *I haven't a thing to wear*, ie I have no suitable clothes. **2** **things** [pl] (a) minung neih mi thilri: *Don't forget your swimming things*, ie swim-suit, towel, etc. ○ *Have you packed your things for the journey?* ○ *Put your things* (eg coat, hat) *on and let's go.* (b) hnaʔuannak ih hmanmi thilri: *my painting things.* (c) thil umdan, thil sidan: *Things are going from bad to worse.* ○ *Think things over before you decide.* ○ *You mustn't take things so seriously.* (d) (with an *adj* following) sim theih thil pawl: *interested in things Japanese.* (e) (law) neih mi thilri. **3** [C] (a) ʔuanvo, hnaʔuan daan: *a difficult thing to do* ○ *The general, common, usual, established, etc thing is to....* (b) thu, thuhla: *The main thing to remember is ...* ○ *There's another thing I want to ask you about.* ○ *I find the whole thing very boring.* **4** [C] (used of a person or an animal, expressing affection, pity, contempt, etc) duhnak, zaangfahnak, mit kemnak neihmi thil, milai, ramsa, kawhnak: *What a sweet little thing your daughter is!* ○ *My cat's been very ill, poor old thing.* ○ *You stupid thing!* **5** **the thing** [sing] a mawimi/a remcangmi, a thupibikmi: *A holiday will be just the thing for you.* ○ *The thing is not to interrupt him while he's talking.* ○ *say the right/wrong thing* ○ *The main thing is to get more orders.* ○ *The thing about her is that she is completely honest.* **6** (idm) **all things considered** thu harsa hmuahhmuah ruatin: *All things considered, we're doing quite well.* **as things stand** atu fangih thil umtudan vekin: *As things stand, we won't finish the job on time.* **be a good thing (that) ...** vanʔha: *It's a good thing we brought the umbrella.* **be onto a good thing** (infml) thlahlawh khop zet ngah, nunnomnak ngah. **be seeing things** (infml) mit aa, khuaruah aa: *Am I seeing things or is that Bill*

over there? I thought he was dead. **a close/near thing** sung le neh karlak te ih thil um, a zikte khi: *We just managed to win, but it was a close thing.* **do one's own thing** mahte ih tuah, mah le mah rinsan (infml). **first/last thing** zingpit ah/zan hnupi ah: *I always take the dog for a short walk last thing before going to bed.* **first things first** ⇒ FIRST¹. **for one thing** (used to introduce a reason for sth) pakhat ahcun: *For one thing, I've no money; and for another I'm too busy.* **have a thing about sb/sth** (infml) (a) cuai, hiip, leem. (b) thleidannak nei: *I've got a thing about men with beards.* **know a thing or two** ⇒ KNOW. **make a thing of sth** (infml) a ʔul lo pi ih phunciar, phunzai: *I don't want to make a (big) thing of it but you have been late for work three times this week.* **not know the first thing about sth** ⇒ KNOW. (just) **one of those things** hrial thei lomi vansiatnak. **one (damned, etc) thing after another** a sangsang ih a cangmi a nuam lo le duhnung lo thil. **other things being equal** thil umdan a danglam lo/a kel a si ahcun/a kel asile. **sure thing** ⇒ SURE. **take it/things easy** ⇒ EASY². **taking one thing with another** thil umdan hmuah ruah tikah. **the thing is** ruahdingmi thu cu: *The thing is, can we afford a holiday?* **a thing of the past** hlanlai thil, thil hlun, sanman lo: *The art of writing letters seems to be a thing of the past.* **things that go bump in the night** (joc) a lamdang (asilole) ʔihnungza thawmvang tivek. **what with one thing and another** (infml) ʔuan ding, ʔuanvo le thil thlengmi a phunphun tivek ruangah: *What with one thing and another, I forgot to tell you we couldn't come.*

thingummy /θɪŋəmi/ (also **thingumajig** /¹θɪŋəmədʒɪg/, **thingamabob** /¹θɪŋəməbɒb/, **thingy** /¹θɪŋɪ/) n (infml) minung/thil hmin theih lomi, hngilh zomi, sim duh lomi.

think /θɪŋk/ v (pt, pp **thought** /θɔ:t/) **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (about sth) ruat: *Are animals able to think?* ○ *Think before you act*, ie Do not act hastily or rashly. ○ *Let me think a moment*, ie Give me time to think before I answer. ○ *He may not say much but he thinks a lot.* ○ *Do you think in English or translate mentally from your own language?* ○ *You're very quiet — what are you thinking (about)?* **2** [Tn, Tw no passive, Tnt esp passive, Cn-a, Cn-n] zum, ring: *'Do you think (that) it's going to rain?'* *'Yes, I think so.'* ○ *'It's going to rain, I think.'* *'Oh, I don't think so.'* ○ *I think you're very brave.* ○ *I think this is their house but I'm not sure.* ○ *Do you think it likely/that it is likely?* ○ *I thought I heard a scream.* ○ *What do you think she'll do now?* ○ *Who do you think you are?* ie Why are you behaving in this overbearing, etc way? ○ *a species long thought to be extinct* ○ *He's thought to be one of the richest men in Europe.* ○ *You*

must think me very silly. ○ *Some people think him a possible future champion.* **3** [Tf] tum, tumtah: *I think I'll go for a swim.* ○ *It is thought that the Prime Minister will visit Moscow next month.* **4** [Tw no passive] (used in negative sentences with *can/could*) ruat: *I can't think what you mean.* ○ *We couldn't think where she'd gone to.* ○ *You can't think how glad I am to see you!* **5** [Tw no passive] ruat, thinlung sungih ruat: *Think how nice it would be to see them again.* ○ *I was just thinking (to myself) what a long way it is.* **6** [Tn, Tf, Tt] thil pakhat beisei: *Who'd have thought it?* eg of a surprising event ○ *I never thought (that) I'd see her again.* ○ *Who would have thought to find you here?* **7** [I, Tn] (infml esp US) hoizawng nei ih ruat: *Let's think positive.* ○ *If you want to make money you've got to think money.* **8** (idm) **I thought as much** cumi cu ka beisei, lolé rinhlelh mi a si. **see/think fit** ⇨ FIT¹. **think again** ruatsal ih ngaidan le tumdan thlengsal: *If you think I'm going to lend you my car you can think again!* **think aloud** thinlung sungih a ummi ruahnak bangtuk/vekih sim. **think better of (doing) sth** sau nawn ruat hnuah thil pakhat tuah lo dingih ruatcat. **think (all) the better of sb** mi upat/ngaisang. **think nothing of it** ngaidam/ngaithiamnak dil tikih lehnak tong: ka lung a awi etc. **think nothing of sth/doing sth** thil pakhat tuahmi cu tidan kel ih ruat, a danglam zet ih ruat lo: *She thinks nothing of walking thirty miles a day.* **think twice about sth/doing sth** thil pakhat tuah hlanah ciamciam in ruatta: *You should think twice about employing someone you've never met.* **think the world, highly, a lot, not much, poorly, little, etc of sb/sth** (not used in the continuous tenses) mi pakhat/thil pakhat thupi ih ruat/zianghman ih ruat lo, siar lo: *His work is highly thought of by the critics.* ○ *I don't think much of my new teacher.* **9** (phr v) **think about sb/sth** (a) theisal, mangsal/hngilh hnu theisal: *Do you ever think about your childhood?* (b) mi pakhat/thil pakhat thu ruat: *Don't you ever think about other people?* ○ *All he ever thinks about is money.* **think about sth/doing sth** thil pakhat duhnungza a si maw, a taktak ih tuah suak theih a si le si lo thei dingih zingzoi: *I'll think about it and let you know tomorrow.* ○ *She's thinking about changing her job.* ***think ahead (to sth)** thil thleng le thil umdan rak ruatcia. **think back (to sth)** tikcu liamecia ih thil ruatkirsal. **think for oneself** mahte ruat/ruatcat. **think of sth/doing sth** (a) thil pakhat ruat: *There are so many things to think of before we decide.* ○ *You can't expect me to think of*

everything! (b) hmailam thu suangtuah: *They're thinking of moving to America.* ○ *I did think of resigning, but I decided not to.* (c) thil pakhat thinlung ih ruat: *Just think of the expense!* ○ *To think of his not knowing (ie How surprising that he didn't know) about it!* (d) ngaidan/ruatdan (often used with *could, would, should, and not or never*): *I couldn't think of letting you take the blame.* ○ *She would never think of marrying someone so old.* (e) thil pakhat theisal/mangsal/theikirsal: *I can't think of his name at the moment.* (f) thubur/rel dingih thu suahpi: *Can anybody think of a way to raise money?* ○ *Who first thought of the idea?*

think sth out thil pakhat ralring zet ih ruat, ngaidan suah: *Think out your answer before you start writing.* ○ *a well-thought out plan.*

think sth over ruatkir sal: *Please think over what I've said.* ○ *I'd like more time to think things over.*

think sth through (harsatnak tivek) famkim zet ih ngaihtuah, ruat.

think sth up (infml) ruat suak, suahpi: *There's no telling what he'll think up next.* ○ *Can't you think up a better excuse than that?*

□ **think-tank** *n* [CGp] ram pakhat (asilole) pursum leilawntu ih harsatnak ah tidan tha le khawruahnak a petu thiam le fim ho rualkhat/pawlkom.

think² /θɪŋk/ *n* (infml) **1** ruahnak: *I'd better have a think before I decide.* **2** (idm) **have (got) another think coming** ngaidan le tumdan zoh kirsal ding/ruatsal dingih hnek: *If you think I'm going to pay all your bills you've got another think coming.*

thinkable /θɪŋkəbl/ *adj* [pred] (usu with a negative) ruat theih, ruahban: *Unemployment has reached a level that would not have been thinkable ten years ago.*

thinker /θɪŋkə(r)/ *n* (usu with an *adj*) khuaruattu; thuk zet ih ruattu/ngaihtuahtu: *a great, an original, an important, etc thinker.*

thinking /θɪŋkɪŋ/ *adj* [attrib] khawruat thiam: *All thinking people must hate violence.*

▷ **thinking** *n* **1** [U] ruahnak: *do some hard thinking, ie think deeply* ○ *What's your thinking on (ie What do you think about) this question?* **2** (idm) **to my way of thinking** ⇨ WAY¹. Cf WISHFUL THINKING (WISH).

□ **thinking-cap** *n* (idm) **put one's thinking-cap on** (infml) ruatnak ihsin thuharsa le thuhnok relfel tum, a thuhla ruat ih harsatnak relsuak tum.

third /θɜːd/ *pron, det* a pathumnak.

▷ **third** *n* **1** a bangrepmi (thil) then thum sungih pakhat. **2** ~ (**in sth**) (Brit) Phunsang tlawng degree dot a pathumnak (third class of university degree): *get a third in biology at Durham.*

thirdly *adv* a pathumnak ah. ⇒ Usage at **FIRST**².
 □ **third degree** thuthup phuang seh ti duh ruangih thawi phah ih thusau zet le rei zet sutmi. **third degree burn** vun nasa zetih kang. **the third dimension** a san lam tahnak.

third party a poimawh bik minung pahnih hlei ih a tel vemi, midang. **third-party insurance** hliamhma le natnak mi parah thlenter tikihi liam sak ding thukhamtu/thutiamtu.

third-rate *adj* a tha lo, a siava phun pawl: *a third-rate film*.

the Third World a thangso vivomi Africa, Asia le Latin America ram pawl: [attrib] *third-world countries*.

For the uses of *third* see the examples at *fifth*.

thirst /θɜːst/ *n* **1** (a) [U, sing] tidai halnak: *quench* (ie satisfy) *one's thirst with a long drink of water* ○ *Working in the sun soon gave us a (powerful) thirst*. (b) [U] in hiarnak/tihal: *They lost their way in the desert and died of thirst*. **2** [sing] ~ (for sth) (fig) thil pakhat hiar: *a/the thirst for knowledge, fame, revenge*.

▷ **thirst v** **1** [I] (arch) tihal/hal. **2** (phr v) **thirst for sth** thil pakhat hiar: *thirsting for revenge*.

thirsty *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** ~ (for sth) hal/tihal/hiar: *be/feel thirsty* ○ *Salty food makes you thirsty*. ○ (fig) *The team is thirsty for success*. **2** ~ (for sth) (of land) tidai tul, tidai sam: *fields thirsty for rain*. **3** (infml) ti halter: *thirsty work*.

thirstily /-ɪli/ *adv*: *They drank thirstily*.

thirteen /θɜːˈtiːn/ *pron, det* hleithum.

▷ **thirteen** *n* nambat 13; 12 sangtu.

thirteenth /θɜːˈtiːn/ *pron det* a hleithumnak. — *n* a then bang awmi then hleithum sungih then khat.

For the uses of *thirteen* and *thirteenth* see *five* and *fifth*.

thirty /θɜːti/ *pron, det* sawmthum.

▷ **thirtieth** /θɜːˈtiːθ/ *pron, det* 30th, sawmthumnak, 29 nak sangtu nambat. — *n* a then bangawmi then sawmthum sungih pakhat.

thirty *n* **1** [C] sawmthum, nambat 30. **2 the thirties** *n* [pl] 30 le 39 karlak nambat pawl. **3** (idm) **in one's thirties** kum 30 le 40 karlak hmuahhmuah.

For the uses of *thirty* and *thirtieth* see the examples at *fifty*, *five* and *fifth*.

this /ðɪs/ *det, pron* (pl **these** /ðiːz/) **1** himi: *Come here and look at this picture*. ○ *These shoes are more comfortable than those*. ○ *Is this the book you mean?* ○ *Would you give her these?* ○ *What's all this noise about?* ○ *What's this I hear about your getting married?* ○ *This is my husband*. **2** hihi: *Jane wrote a letter to a newspaper. This letter contained some startling allegations*. **3** thil pakhat khat kan than duh tikah: *Listen to this: a boy in London has died of rabies*. ○ *Do it like this*, ie in this way. **4** kum,

thla, ni, zarh thawn hman a si: *this* (ie the current) *week, month, year, etc* ○ *this morning*, ie today in the morning ○ *this Tuesday*, ie Tuesday of this week ○ *this minute*, ie now ○ *these days*, ie currently; recently. ⇒ Usage at **LAST**¹. **5** (infml) Possitive ih thlunmi noun hmai ah hman a si: *When are we going to see this car of yours?* ○ *These jeans of mine are dirty*. ○ *This friend of hers is said to be very rich*. **6** (infml) minung le thil sawh duh tikah hman a si: *There was this peculiar man sitting opposite me in the train*. **7** (idm) **this and that; this, that and the other** a dangdang, a phunphun: *'What did you talk about?'* 'Oh, this and that.'

▷ **this** *adv* himi tiang: *It's about this high*. ○ *I didn't think we'd get this far*, ie as far as this. ○ *Can you afford this much* (ie as much as this)? Cf **THAT**^{1,2}.

thistle /θɪsl/ *n* leenhling kung (a hnah parah hlingtete a nei).

□ **thistledown** *n* [U] leenhling cizawitu patpe vekih a nemmi thil: *as light as thistledown*.

thither /θɪðə(r)/ *adv* **1** (arch) khinah/khitawh ah. **2** (idm) **hither and thither** ⇒ **HITHER**.

tho' ⇒ **THOUGH**.

thole /θəʊl/ (also **thole-pin**) *n* lawngghlaunak fung hrennak thuam fate (lawng tlang ih bunchimi). Cf **ROWLOCK**.

thong /θɒŋ/; *US* θɒŋ/ *n* **1** thil temnak le misual thawin ih hmanmi savun hri. **2** (*US*) = **FLIP-FLOP**.

thorax /θɔːræks/ *n* (pl ~ **es** or **thoraces** /θɔː'reɪzɪz/) **1** (minung taksa) hngawng le pum karlak. **2** cucik kharbok pawl ih taksa hmun thum then ih a laifang (a ke le a thla tel in).

thorn /θɔːn/ *n* **1** [C] hling: *The thorns on the roses scratched her hands*. **2** [C, U] (usu in compounds) hling neimi thing/burbuk: *hawthorn* ○ *blackthorn* ○ [attrib] *a thorn hedge*. **3** (idm) **a thorn in one's flesh/side** mi buaiter ringringtu, mi khamtu: *He's been a thorn in my side ever since he joined this department*.

▷ **thorny** *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** hlingneimi. **2** (fig) harsatnak le lungkim lonak a suahtermi: *a thorny problem, subject, issue, etc*.

thorough /θəˈrʌʃ/; *US* θəˈrəʊ/ *adj* **1** (a) [usu attrib] famkim zet, thinlung lut zet ih tuah: *aim to provide a thorough training in all aspects of the work* ○ *give the room a thorough cleaning*. (b) hi vekih thiltuah: *He's a slow worker but very thorough*. **2** [attrib] (derog) pumhlum: *That woman is a thorough nuisance*.

▷ **thoroughly** *adv* felfai zetin; rori: *The work had not been done very thoroughly*. ○ *He's a thoroughly nice person*. ○ *I'm thoroughly fed up with you*. **thoroughness** *n* [U] felfainak.

□ **thoroughgoing** *adj* [attrib] kimzet: *a thoroughgoing revision* ○ *It was all a*

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thoroughbred /θərəbred/ (also **pure-bred**) *n*, *adj* (animal, esp a horse) a phunrawi lomi ðilva (rang) ci, a ciit: *breeding thoroughbred racehorses.*

thoroughfare /θərəfeə(r)/ *n* [C] khawpi sungih mipi fehnak zinpi: *The Strand is one of London's busiest thoroughfares.* ○ *No thoroughfare*, ie on a sign, indicating that a road is private or that there is no oseyaw through.

those ⇒ **THAT**¹.

thou /ðəu/ *pers pron (arch)* nangmah, nang: *Who art thou?*

though (also **tho'**) /ðəu/ *conj* **1** nain, hman sehla: *She won first prize, though none of us had expected it.* ○ *Strange though it may seem...*, ie Although it seems strange... ○ *Though they lack official support they continue their struggle.* **2** totho, sikhal sehla: *I'll try to come, though I doubt if I'll be there on time.* ○ *He'll probably say no, though it's worth trying.* ⇒ Usage at **ALTHOUGH**.

▷ **though** *adv (infml)* nacing hmanin: *I expect you're right — I'll ask him, though.* ○ *She promised to phone. I heard nothing, though.*

thought¹ *pt, pp* of **THINK**¹.

thought² /θɔ:t/ *n* **1** [U, C] ngaihtuahnak, thinlung ruahnak/khawruahnak: *He spent several minutes in thought before deciding.* ○ *deep/lost in thought*, ie concentrating so much on one's thoughts that one is unaware of one's surroundings ○ *a thought-provoking book*, ie one that makes one think seriously about what is in it ○ *Her thoughts turned/She turned her thoughts to* (ie She started to think about) *what the children were doing.* **2** [U] ruahdan: *modern, scientific, Greek thought.* **3** [U, C] ~ (**for sb/sth**) khawruahnak, ruahsahnak: *He acted without thought.* ○ *I've read your proposal and given it some serious thought.* ○ *Spare a thought for those less fortunate than you.* ○ *I don't need your help, thank you, but it was a kind thought.* **4** [C often pl] ruahnak/ngaidan: *an article full of striking thoughts* ○ *That boy hasn't a thought in his head*, ie is stupid. ○ *Let me have your thoughts on* (ie Tell what you think about) *the subject.* ○ *He keeps his thoughts to himself*, ie does not reveal what he is thinking. ○ *It's not difficult to read your thoughts*, ie to know what you're thinking. ○ *'How will we find the house if we don't know the address?' 'That's a thought.'* **5** [U] ~ (**of doing sth**) tumnak, tumtahnak: *I had no thought of hurting your feelings.* ○ *You can give up all/any thought of marrying Tom.* ○ *Didn't you have some thought of going to Spain this summer?* ○ *The thought of resigning never crossed my mind*, ie never occurred to me. **6** **a thought** [sing]

malte,deuh, deuh sawn: You might be a thought more considerate of other people. **7** (idm) **food for thought** ⇒ **FOOD**. **a penny for your thoughts** ⇒ **PENNY**. **perish the thought** ⇒ **PERISH**. **read sb's mind/thoughts** ⇒ **READ**. **second thoughts** (US **second thought**) ruat ðehzo hnuah ruatsal ih ruahdan/ngaidan thlengsal: *We had second thoughts about buying the house when we discovered the price.* ○ *On second thoughts I think I'd better go now.* **a school of thought** ⇒ **SCHOOL**¹. **two minds with but a single thought** ⇒ **MIND**¹. **the wish is father to the thought** ⇒ **WISH** *n*.

▷ **thoughtful** /-fl/ *adj* **1** thukzetih ruahnak neimi: *thoughtful looks.* **2** (of a book, writer, remark, etc) ralrin zia le ruah thuknak langter. **3** midang zawnruahnak langter: *It was very thoughtful of you to send flowers.* **thoughtfully** /-fəli/ *adv*. **thoughtfulness** *n* [U].

thoughtless *adj* **1** daithlang, mai thilti/tuahmi ziangin a thlunleh ding ti thei lo/ralring lo. **2** khua ruat lo. **thoughtlessly** *adv*. **thoughtlessness** *n* [U].

□ **thought-reader** *n* midang ih ruahnak le thinlung theithiamtu.

thousand /θəuznd/ *pron, det* (after *a* or *one*, an indication of quantity; no *pl* form) 1000 = thawngkhat: (*infml*) *I've got a thousand and one* (ie many) *things to do.*

▷ **thousand** *n* (*sing* after *a* or *one*, but often *pl*) nambat 1000.

thousandfold /-fəuld/ *adj, adv* a let thawngkhat.

thousandth /θəuznθ/ *pron, det* 1000 th, a thawngkhatnak. — *n* thawngthen ih then khat.

□ **Thousand Island dressing** sa tel lo, salat hnah thurmi thil ah a phunphun le arti sungmu rawimi rawl (sawhbawl phunkhat).

For the uses of *thousand* and *thousandth* see the examples at *hundred* and *hundredth*.

thrash /θræʃ/ *v* **1** [Tn] funghreu thawn, thawi. **2** [Tn] thawi, tal ciamco: *The whale thrashed the water with its tail.* **3** [Tn] zuam awknakah neh neknek: *Chelsea were thrashed 6-1 by Leeds.* **4** [I, Ip] ~ (**about/around**) napi in cangvai ciamco: *Swimmers thrashing about in the water.* **5** [Tn] = **THRESH**. **6** (phr v) **thrash sth out** (a) thil pakhat kim zet le pheh lo, thup lo ih reitlang: *call a meeting to thrash out the problem.* (b) hi tivek relkhawmnak ihsin thil pakhat suah: *After much argument we thrashed out a plan.*

▷ **thrashing** *n* **1** thawi: *give sb/get a good thrashing.* **2** nasa zet ih nehna: *Leeds celebrated their 6-1 thrashing of Chelsea.*

thread /θred/ *n* **1** [C, U] pathri: *loose threads* ○ *a needle and thread*, ie for sewing ○ *a robe embroidered with gold thread.* **2** [C] ~ (**of sth**) (fig) thil fate (asilole) a fate zetmi thil: *fine threads of red in the marble* ○ *A thread of light emerged from the keyhole.* **3** [C] (fig) thuanthu

a pehzomawktetu ruahnak tla: *pick/take up the thread(s)*, ie continue after an interruption
 ○ *The chairman gathered up the threads of the debate*, ie summarized what had been said. **4** [C] screw tial vek/a ngerhmi tial. **5 threads** [pl] (US sl) hnipuan. **6** (idm) **hang by a hair/a single thread** ⇨ HANG¹. **lose the thread** ⇨ LOSE.

▷ **thread** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] (a) pathri, hridai, tivek thul: *thread a needle (with cotton)*. (b) thil/pangpar thul: *threading pearls (on a string) to make a necklace*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] film, tape, hri, tivek hman dingih a sungah than: *thread film in(to a projector)* ○ *thread the wire through (the pulley)*. **3** (idm) **thread one's way through (sth)** ralring zet le harsa zet ih fehtlang/lan: *threading my way through the crowded streets*.

threadlike *adj* pathri vek, sau le feem: *threadlike strands of glass fibre*.

□ **threadbare** /-beə(r)/ *adj* **1** (of cloth, clothing, etc) hruk rei ruangah a tēt (paat) mi hnipuan: *a threadbare carpet, coat*. **2** (fig) a dan kel vekih neihmi/hmual a nei lomi: *a threadbare argument, joke, plot*.

threat /θret/ *n* **1** [C, U] hronak, t̃hihna: *make/utter threats (against sb)* ○ *carry out a threat (to do sth)* ○ *an empty threat*, ie one that cannot be put into effect ○ *He is impervious to threat(s)*. **2** [C usu sing, U] ~ (to sb/sth) (of sth) hmai lamih a rathleng theimi t̃ihnung le buainak hmuhsaknak/ralrin peknak: *This constitutes a threat to national security*. ○ *a country living under the constant threat of famine* ○ *some threat of rain* ○ *The railway is under threat of closure*. **3** [C usu sing] t̃ihnung le siatnak thlentertu ih zummi/ruatmi, minung asilole thilri: *Terrorism is a threat to the whole country*.

threaten /θretn/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (with sth) hro, mi hro: *threaten an employee with dismissal* ○ *My attacker threatened me with a gun*. **2** [Tn, Tt] hro, t̃hihna: *He threatened legal action*. ○ *The hijackers threatened to kill all the passengers if their demands were not met*. **3** (a) [It, Tn] ralrinnak pek: *It keeps threatening to snow*, ie Snow seems likely all the time. ○ *The clouds threatened rain*. (b) [I, It] a ra thleng ding, asilole, a nuam lomi cang/um ding a bang: *under a threatening sky* ○ *If a gale threatens, do not go to sea*. ○ *a mistake that threatens to be costly*. **4** [Tn] thil pakhat hrangih t̃ih a nungmi, phan a ummi: *the dangers that threaten us* ○ *a species threatened by/with extinction*.

▷ **threateningly** *adv*: *The dog growled at me threateningly*.

three /θri:/ *pron, det* **1** pathum, pahni hnakih pakhat tam sawn. **2** (idm) **by/in twos and threes** ⇨ TWO.

For the uses of *three* see the examples at *five*.

▷ **three** *n* nambat 3.

three- (in compounds) pathum nei, thum um: *a three-cornered hat* ○ *a three-day event*.

□ **three-decker** *n* **1** (formerly) zial dotthum nei lawng. **2** dotthum, tlep thum.

three-dimensional (also **three-D**, **3-D** /θriˈdi:/) *adj* a saulam, a kauhlam, a thuklam, asilole, a sanlam, thil pathum neimi: *a three-dimensional object*.

threefold *adj, adv* a let thum.

three-legged race /θiːlegɪd ˈreɪs/ tlan zuamawknak ah minung pakhat ih vorhlam ke le a dang pakhat ih kehlam ke hmunkhat ah t̃emih mipahni kopih tlan, kethum tlan.

three-line whip (Brit) Party pakhat hruiatu/hotu in an party sungih a ummi MP pawl kha me (vote) peknak hmuni um ding le me (vote) pe dingih theihternak.

threepence /θriˈpens, formerly ˈθrepns/ *n* [U] (Brit) (esp formerly) English tangka pence pathum.

threepenny /θrepəni, ˈθrapəni/ [attrib] (Brit) pence pathum man. **threepenny bit** /θrepni ˈbit/ hlanlai British sumnawi pence pathum man.

three-piece *adj* thil dangdang pathum telmi: *a three-piece suit*, ie a set of clothes consisting of a skirt or trousers, a blouse and a jacket for a woman, or trousers, a waistcoat and a jacket for a man ○ *a three-piece suite*, ie a set of three pieces of furniture (usu a sofa and two armchairs).

three-point turn hmun fiak zetih mawtawka her; hmailam ah feh thul, dunglam ah kirthul.

three-ply *adj* (of wool, wood, etc) sahumul pat (asilole) thing hri pathum hrual/zangthum thlak.

three-quarter *adj* [attrib] hmunli t̃hen hmunthum: *a three-quarter length coat*. — *n* (in Rugby football) Rugby bawlung lehnak ah full back le half back karlakh lektu.

the three Rs ⇨ R n.

threescore *det* (arch) sawmruk, 60.

threesome /θriːsəm/ *n* **1** minung pathum bur khat. **2** minung pathum leh zuamawknak.

For the uses of *three* see the examples at *five*.

thresh /θref/ *v* [I, Tn] fang, sangvut, vua, cil, thawi.

▷ **thresher** *n* fang vua/ciltu cet (asilole) minung.

threshold /θrefˈhəʊld/ *n* [C] **1** luhnak sangka tangih phahmi thing asilole lungto. **2** inn luhnak, dithlasap: *cross the threshold*, ie enter. **3** (fig) luh thoknak (asilole) hramthoknak: *He was on the threshold of his career*. ○ *at the threshold of a new era in medicine*. **4** (medical or psychology) rikham: *above/below the threshold of consciousness* ○ *have a high/low*

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pain threshold, ie be able to endure much/little pain, eg during illness.

threw pt of THROW¹.

thrift /θrɪft/ *n* [U] **1** paisa hman tenrennak. **2** (also **sea-pink**) ti finriat kapih um pangpar phun khat, sendup ih a parmi.

▷ **thrifty** *adj* (**-ier**, **-iest**) paisa hman tenren thiam, mi tenren thiam.

thriftily /-ɪli/ *adv*. **thriftness** *n* [U].

thrill /θrɪl/ *n* [C] **1** (a) thinthawhnak, lungthawhnak, phurnak, nomternak/ṭhihernak: a *thrill of joy, fear, horror, etc* ○ *he gets his thrills from rock-climbing.* ○ *With a thrill I realized that I had won.* (b) hivek thil a cantertu thilcang/hmuhtonak: *It was a real thrill to meet the Queen.* ○ *the thrill of a lifetime.* **2** (idm) (the) **thrills and spills** ṭihnungza lehzuamawknak le baisikup le thuanthu cawnnak ih tel tikah (asilole) zoh tiki lung thawhnak le cangvaihna.

▷ **thrill** *v* **1** [Tn, Tnt esp passive] mi phurter, lung thoter: a *thrilling experience* ○ *The film thrilled the audience.* ○ *I was thrilled by her beauty.* ○ *We were thrilled to hear your wonderful news.* **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) phur/lungtho, thin nuam, lung nuam: a *film to make you thrill with excitement.* **3** (idm) (be) **thrilled to bits** (infml) lungawizet, lungawi ngaingai: *The children were thrilled to bits by their presents.*

thriller *n* lung thotertu cabu, thuanthu le baisikup: [attrib] a *thriller writer*.

thrive /θraɪv/ *v* (pt **thrived** or **throve** /θrəʊv/, pp **thrived** or, in archaic use, **thriven** /θrɪvn/) [I, Ipr] ~ (on sth) ṭhate le cak zetih ṭhanglian, asilole, pitling, ṭhangso: a *thriving industry* ○ *A business cannot thrive without investment.* ○ *He thrives on criticism.*

throat /θrəʊt/ *n* **1** hrawk: *grab sb by the throat.* **2** or/dang (rawl dolhnak, volhnak): *clear one's throat*, ie by coughing, to remove phlegm or hoarseness ○ *A fish bone has stuck in my throat.* ○ *The victim's throat had been cut.* **3** (idm) **cut one's own throat** (infml) aat ruangih mah hrangih a ṭha lomi tuah; mah kawng parih sacan. **force, thrust, ram, etc sth down sb's throat** (infml) mah ngaidan, thlirdan le zumdan midang thlunter tum: *I do dislike having her extremist ideas rammed down my throat.* **have, etc a frog in one's throat** ⇒ FROG. **have, etc a lump in one's/the throat** ⇒ LUMP¹. **jump down sb's throat** ⇒ JUMP². **lie in/through one's teeth/throat** ⇒ LIE¹. **stick in one's throat** ⇒ STICK².

▷ **-throated** (forming compound *adjs*) hrok/or phun cehlei nei: a *deep-throated roar* ○ a *red-throated bird*.

throaty *adj* (**-ier**, **-iest**) (a) aw-niam le aw-hrosia: a *throaty laugh*. (b) aw-thuum

hmumhmo, aw-ṭeng, ṭikṭawk: a *throaty cough*.

throatily /-ɪli/ *adv*.

throatiness *n* [U].

throb /θrɒb/ *v* (**-bb-**) [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) **1** (of the heart, pulse, etc) (lung le thi tivek) a kel hnakin rangsawn ih tur: *His head throbbed*, ie He had a bad headache. ○ *Her heart was throbbing with excitement.* **2** rang cuang/fung cuang um loin hmanhman ih tur dukdo awn: a *throbbing wound*, ie one that gives steadily pulsating pain ○ *The ship's engines throbbed quietly.* ○ *a voice throbbing with emotion.*

▷ **throb** *n* hmanhman, catbang lo ih awn/tur: *throbs of joy, pain, pleasure, etc* ○ *the throb of distant drums.*

throes /θrəʊz/ *n* [pl] **1** a roh zetmi nat, nat besia: *the throes of childbirth* ○ *death throes.* **2** (idm) **in the throes of sth/of doing sth** (infml) hnaṭuan har ṭuan laifang ah: *in the throes of moving house.*

thrombosis /θrɒm'bəʊsɪs/ *n* (pl **-boses** /-bəʊsɪz/) [C, U] thi fehnak thihri, asilole, lung ah a cangmi thikhal: *coronary thrombosis*.

throne /θrəʊn/ *n* **1** [C] siangpahrang tohkheng. **2 the throne** [sing] siangpahrang thuneihnak, uknak: *Queen Elizabeth II succeeded to the throne in 1952.* ○ *Albania lost its throne* (ie ceased to be a monarchy) *after the war.* ○ *come to/ascend/mount the throne*, ie become king or queen ○ *be on the throne*, ie be king or queen. **3** (idm) **the power behind the throne** ⇒ POWER.

throng /θrɒŋ; US θrɔːŋ/ *n* minung tampi/thilri tampi umkhawm: a *throng of fans waiting to see the star* ○ *throngs of flies filled the air.*

▷ **throng** *v* **1** [Ipr, Ip, It] hmailam ah ṭhawn/feh/nor: *The students thronged forward as the exam results were announced.* ○ *People are thronging to (see) his new play.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr esp passive] ~ **sth (with sb/sth)** hmun pakhat mipi in khat ko nor: *Crowds thronged the main square of the city.* ○ *The airport was thronged with holiday-makers.*

throttle /θrɒtl/ *v* **1** [Tn] thaw thawt thei lo dingin hngawng rek: *throttled the guard before robbing the safe* ○ (fig) *accused the government of throttling the freedom of the press.* **2** (phr *v*) **throttle (sth) back/down** leng le mawṭawka pawl ih cahnak (khulvai) ṭhum deuh dingin lungmeihol, datsi, tivek pawl pekdan ṭhum ve, kilveng (control).

▷ **throttle** *n* engine hrangih a ṭulmi datsi, cetsi a phunphun pek tikah a tawkfang ih petu kharkhep: *open (out)/close the throttle* ○ *at full/half throttle*, ie with the throttle completely/half open ○ *take one's foot off the throttle*, ie off the accelerator, in a car.

through (US also **thru**) /θruː/ *prep* (For special uses with many *vs*, eg *get through sth*, see

through sb/sth, see the *v* entries.) **1 (a)** khatlam cemnak ihsin khatlam cemnak tiang tlangsuak in, kaan in: *The River Thames flows through London.* ○ *The burglar got in through the window.* ○ *Air pressure forces the water through the pipe.* **(b)** khatlam ihsin khatlam ah: *You can see through glass.* ○ *He could see three people through the mist.* ○ *She drained the water out through a sieve.* ○ *Cars are not allowed to go through the city centre.* ○ *We had to wade through the river to the opposite bank.* **(c)** hmun khat ihsin khatlam ah tlang: *His knees have gone through* (ie made holes in) *his jeans again.* ○ *You need a sharp knife to cut through the knot.* ○ *The bullet went straight through him.* ○ *The blood soaked through his shirt and stained his jacket.* ○ *I can't feel anything through these gloves.* **(d)** hmun khat ihsin hmun dang pahltang ih thawn: *He was running through the streets.* ○ *The dog rushed straight through the flower-bed.* ○ *The path led through the trees to the river.* ○ *The doctor pushed through the crowd to get to the injured man.* ○ *She made her way through the traffic to the other side of the road.* Cf ACROSS². **2 a** hramthok ihsin a cem/a netnak tiang: *He will not live through the night*, ie He will die before morning. ○ *The children are too young to sit through a long concert.* ○ *She nursed me through my long illness.* ○ *I'm half-way through* (reading) *his second novel.* **3 (US)** tiang/hlanlo: *stay in London Tuesday thru Friday.* **4 (a)** ihsin/hnen ihsin: *I heard of the job through a newspaper advertisement.* ○ *It was through you* (ie as a result of your help) *that we were able to meet again.* **(b)** ruangah/a kannak san/sullam: *We missed the plane through being held up on the motorway.* ○ *The accident happened through no fault of mine.* ○ *The vase was broken through carelessness.* **5** khamtu hrial/hel/pumpel: *How did you manage to get all that wine through Customs?* ○ *He drove through a red light* (ie passed it without stopping) *and a policeman saw him.*

▷ **through** (US also **thru**) *adv* part (For special uses with many *vs*, eg *go through with sth*, *pull through*, see the *v* entries.) **1** thil pakhat ih khatlam ihsin khatlam ah (a tlang): *Put the coffee in the filter and let the water run through.* ○ *The tyre's flat — the nail has gone right through.* ○ *We're coming to a farmyard — I suppose we can just walk through.* ○ *It's a bit crowded in here — can you get through?* ○ *The flood was too deep to drive through.* **2** thil pakhat ih a thoknak ihsin a um/a netnak tiang: *don't tell me how it ends — I haven't read all the way through yet.* ○ *We had an awful storm last night but the baby slept right through.* **3** rakkhamtu, lan, hrial: *The light was red but the*

ambulance drove straight through. **4** a lan theimi, a fehtlang theimi: *This train goes straight through*, ie without stopping. ○ [attrib] *two through trains a day* ○ *through traffic* ○ *No through road*, ie The road is closed at one end. **5 (a)** (Brit) telephone thawn pehaw/biakaw: *Ask to be put through to me personally.* ○ *I tried to ring you but I couldn't get through.* eg because the line was engaged or faulty. ○ *You're through now*, ie You can begin to speak. **(b)** (US) telephone thawn biakaw/ theh ding caan: *How soon will you be through?* **6** (idm) **through and through** pumhlum in, famkim in/a zate in: *He's an Englishman through and through*, ie He has many typically English characteristics. ○ *We've been friends so long I know you through and through.* **7** (phr *v*) **be through (with sb/sth)** (indicating that a friendship, practice, etc is ended) bang/cem/ then aw: *Keith and I are through.* ○ *She's through with her new boy-friend* ○ *I'm finally through with* (ie I have stopped taking) *drugs.* □ **throughput** *n* [U] hnaŋuan theh zat, hnaŋuanpi minung zat.

throughway *n* (US) = EXPRESSWAY (EXPRESS¹).

throughout /θruː'au/ *adv* **1** hmuahhmuah/a zatein/hmunkip ah: *The house was painted green throughout.* ○ *Certain names in the book were underlined throughout.* **2** tikcu caan sung hmuahhmuah: *I watched the film and cried throughout.*

▷ **throughout** *prep* **1** hmun hmuahhmuah, sung hmuahhmuah: *News spread throughout the country.* ○ *References to pain occur throughout the poem.* **2** sung hmuahhmuah: *Food was scarce throughout the war.* ○ *Throughout his life he had always kept bees.* ○ *Throughout their marriage he had only once seen her cry.*

throve ⇒ THRIVE.

throw¹ /θrəʊ/ *v* (pt **threw** /θruː/ , pp **thrown** /θrəʊn/) **1** [I, In/pr, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Dn-n] deng/hlon: *He throws well.* ○ *How far can you throw?* ○ *Stop throwing stones at that dog!* ○ *Throw the ball to your sister.* ○ *She threw the ball up and caught it again.* ○ *Please throw me that towel.* ○ (fig) *She threw me an angry look*, ie glanced angrily at me. **2** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth around/over sb/sth**; ~ **sth on/off** hnipuan zamrang zet le ralring lo zet ih phoih/hruk: *He threw a blanket over the injured man.* ○ *threw on his uniform* ○ *threw off her coat.* **3** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] khulrang le na zet in her ih hoinak zawn lamah thawn/feh: *Throw your arms out in front of you as you dive.* ○ *The sergeant threw his shoulders back and his chest out.* ○ *He threw back his head and roared with laughter.* ○ *She threw up her hands in horror at the idea.* **4** [Tn, Tn-pr] leilung ah hlon/deng: *Two jockeys were*

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thrown in the second race. ○ The wrestler succeeded in throwing his opponent (to the canvas). **5** [Tn] (a) lehnak (dice = kilruknei). (b) hi ti vekih hlon tikah mah ih duhmi nambat ngah: He threw three sixes in a row. **6** [Tn] leibeel tuahtu ih leng parah leibeel tuah: a hand-thrown vase. **7** [Tn] (infml) hnaihok/buaiter: The news of her death really threw me. ○ The speaker was completely thrown by the interruption. **8** [Tn-pr esp passive] dinhmun pakhat ah umter: Hundreds were thrown out of work. ○ We were thrown into confusion by the news. **9** (a) [Tn-pr] thil pakhat karh/kau/ṭhangter, sauter (peh): throw a bridge across a river. (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] khawtleu phen/nisa phen: The trees threw long shadows across the lawn. (c) [Tn] thong (kuttum zual): In the struggle several punches were thrown. **10** [Tn] thil pakhat cangvaiter ding kutkaih (handle) asilole electrick onnak le kharnak (switch) ong. **11** [Tn] (US infml) lehnak le zuamawknak ah sung hrim, sung tum cia. **12** [Tn] harhdamzia, cakzia langter/hmuh: She regularly throws tantrums. **13** [Tn] (infml) puai tuah. **14** (For idioms containing **throw**, see entries for *ns*, *adjs*, etc, eg **throw the book at sb** ⇒ *BOOK*¹; **throw one's voice** ⇒ *VOICE*; **throw cold water on sth** ⇒ *COLD*¹.) **15** (phr v) **throw sth about/around** vorhdarh: Don't throw litter about like that.

throw oneself at sth/sb (a) thil pakhat/mi pakhat nor (asilole) nam ciamco. (b) (infml) (of a woman) mipa nor hmang (nunau): Everyone can see she's just throwing herself at him.

throw sth away (a) hlon hlo: That's rubbish — you can throw it away. (b) thil pakhat a santlai le a ṭhahnem zawngih hmang lo, paam lakter: throw away an opportunity, advantage, etc ○ My advice was thrown away (ie wasted) on him. (c) (of actors, etc) thuanthu cawngtu pawlih ṭong sual hrim: This speech is meant to be thrown away.

throw sb back on sth (usu passive) mi/thil pakhat rinsan dingih hnek-aw: The television broke down so we were thrown back on our own resources, ie had to entertain ourselves.

throw sth in (a) zuarmi thil ah a dang thilri a man loin telhchih: You can have the piano for £60, and I'll throw in the stool as well. (b) hminsinnak tuahpang.

throw oneself into sth mah le mah mi pakhat/thil pakhat parah a pumpi in pek aw: throwing themselves into their work.

throw sth off taimaknak tello, rinlo le daithlang in tuah: threw off a few lines of verse.

throw sth/sb off mah le mah mipakha/thil pakhat parah a pumpi in hngataw: throw off a cold, a troublesome acquaintance, one's pursuers.

throw oneself on sb/sth (fml) mah le mah mipakhat/thil pakhat parah a pumpi ih pumpe aw: He was clearly guilty and could only throw himself on the mercy of the court.

throw sb out (a) buainak tuahtu, suahsuak kha a lengah dawi, suahter: The drunk was thrown out (of the pub). (b) mi pakhat ih ruahnak le thinlung hnokter/mi pakhat ih thiltuah sualter: Do keep quiet or you'll throw me out in my calculations. **throw sth out** (a) tumhrim si loin thil pakhat simpang: throw out a hint, a suggestion, an idea, etc. (b) thuburmi ngaidan le ruahdan suahmi pom lo/hlon/el. (c) = *THROW STH AWAY* (a) It's time we threw that old chair out — it's completely broken.

throw sb over tan/fehsan: When he became rich he threw over all his old friends.

throw sb together rinlopi in minung pawl pehtlai-awter/hruai khawn: Fate had thrown them together. ○ As the only English speakers, we were rather thrown together. **throw sth together** manhlap zet ih thil tuah/suah: I'll just throw together a quick supper.

throw sth up (a) rawl ei-mi luak. (b) thil pakhat ihsin suak/bang: throw up one's job ○ You've thrown up a very promising career. (c) theihter: Her research has thrown up some interesting facts. (d) hmakhat te le manhlap zet ih inn sak.

□ **throw-away** *adj* [attrib] (a) hman ṭheh hnu ih hlonmi/santlai lo: throw-away cups, tissues, razors. (b) rin lo bangtukih ṭonghrim, thupi lo vekin: a throw-away remark.

throw-back *n* khuahlan ih a rak um dahmi thawn a bangawmi ramsa, tivek. Cf *ATAVISM*.

throw-in *n* (in football) a leng pawt (outside) hnuih bawhlung deng.

throw² /θrəʊ/ *n* 1 den/hlon: a well-aimed throw ○ It's your throw, eg your turn to throw the dice. 2 thil den ding a hlat lam, den tikcu a ṭhleng tican: a throw of 70 metres ○ a record throw of the discus. 3 (US) tohkheng khuh puan. 4 (idm) **a stone's throw** ⇒ *STONE*.

thru (US) = *THROUGH*.

thrush¹ /θrʌʃ/ *n* hla sak thei vate phunkhat (the song-thrush).

thrush² /θrʌʃ/ *n* [U] (a) suan aw thei hmur le hrok hma natnak (nauhak ah a suaktam). (b) nunau zahmawh (su-kua) sungih um thei hma nat.

thrust /θrʌst/ *v* (pt, pp **thrust**) 1 [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] pawt, nawkaw, pah, san, hlon, hrolh: a thrusting (ie aggressive) young salesman ○ He thrust (his way) through the crowd. ○ thrust a tip into the waiter's hand ○ (fig) My objections were thrust aside, ie dismissed. ○ She tends to thrust herself forward too much, ie to be too self-assertive or ambitious. 2 [Ipr, Tn-pr] ~ **at sb** (with *sth*) / ~

sth at sb nam thawn dawt, sun: *The mugger thrust at his victim with a knife.* ○ *thrust one's bayonet at the enemy.* **3** (phr v) **thrust sth/sb on/upon sb** thil ʔuan ding le tuah dingmi cohlang dingih mi nor: *Some men have greatness thrust upon them,* ie become famous without wishing or trying to be. ○ *She is rather annoyed at having three extra guests suddenly thrust on her.*

▷ **thrust n 1** [C] **(a)** dawtnak/sunnak: *killed by a bayonet thrust.* **(b)** raldo le zuam-awknak ah napi ih tawng/do: *a deep thrust into the opponent's territory.* **(c)** (fig) mi pakhat hmuitin in mawi lo zet ih simsiatnak: *a speech full of thrusts at the government.* **2** [U] vanzamleng hmailam ih a tultu engine ih cahnak tha. **3** [U] (architecture) sak dingmi inn zuktuah tikah a khan pakhat le pakhat karlak fiangfel zet ih langter. **4** [U] ~ **(of sth)** a thupi thulu: *What was the thrust of his argument?* **5** (idm) **cut and thrust** ⇒ CUT².

thruster n hmailam pan ih hrolh/nortu.

thud /θʌd/ *n* a nemmi thil thawi awn: *The car hit the child with a sickening thud.*

▷ **thud v (-dd-)** [Ipr, Ip] dimte ih khawng, nor, tlak, thawi: *The sound of branches thudding against the walls of the hut.* ○ *I could hear him thudding about upstairs in his heavy boots.*

thug /θʌg/ *n* mi hnaihnoktu misual.

▷ **thugger y** /θʌgəri/ *n* [U].

thumb /θʌm/ *n 1* kut zungpi/ruhpi bok. **2** kut zungpi tuamtu zungpi-hrolh. **3** (idm) **be all (fingers and) thumbs** ʔuan fungzet. **a rule of thumb** ⇒ RULE. **stand/stick out like a sore thumb** ⇒ SORE. **thumbs up/down** kut zungpi a solam le a suklam hmuh in hlawhtlinnak, lungkimnak, hlawhsamnak le hnonnak langter/hmuh: *give sb/sth the thumbs up* ○ *I'm afraid it's thumbs down for your new proposal.* **twiddle one's thumbs** ⇒ TWIDDLE. **under sb's thumb** mi pakhat ih thu vekih um: *She's got him under her thumb.*

▷ **thumb v 1** [Ipr, Tn] ~ **(through) sth** cabu ih catlap kau; kau tamtuk ruangih catlap balter: *thumbing through the dictionary* ○ *a well-thumbed copy.* **2** (idm) **thumb a lift** kut zungpi hmuh in mawʔawka man lo ih to tum. **thumb one's nose at sb/sth** kutzungpi zim in midang hnar zim tok ih zohmawi lo zetih um/cang.

□ **thumb-index n** cabu ah cawang a dotdot in hawlolnak tuahmi.

thumb-nail n kut zungpi tin. — *adj* [attrib] tawi le famkim ih nganmi ca: *a thumb-nail sketch/portrait/description of sb/sth.*

thumbscrew n hlan lai hrem awknak ah zungpi merh/suttu thilri.

thumb-stall n zungpi hliamhma tuamtu/phaw.

thumb-tack n (US) = DRAWNG-PIN (DRAWING).

thump /θʌmp/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Cn-a]

tur; kuttum thawn na zetih cum, beng, thong: *My heart was thumping (with excitement).* ○ *Someone thumped (on) the door.* ○ *two boys thumping each other (on the head)* ○ (fig) *He thumped out a tune* (ie played it loudly) *on the piano.* ○ *She thumped the cushion flat.*

▷ **thump n (a)** nazet ih thawi(nak): *gave him a thump.* **(b)** hiti vekih na zet ih thawi tiki a awn puppomi: *The sack of cement hit the ground with a thump.*

thumping (also **thundering**) *adj* [attrib] (infml) tum - fate lo: *a thumping lie* ○ *win by a thumping majority.* — *adv* (infml) zet, nasa: *lives in a thumping great house in the country.*

thunder /θʌndə(r)/ *n* [U] **1** khawri: *a crash/peel/roll of thunder* ○ *There's thunder in the air,* ie Thunder is likely. ○ *We haven't had much thunder this summer.* **2** khawri aw vek: *the thunder of the guns, jets, drums* ○ *a/the thunder of applause.* **3** (idm) **blood and thunder** ⇒ BLOOD¹. **steal sb's thunder** ⇒ STEAL.

▷ **thunder v 1** [I, In/pr] (used with *it*) khua a ri: *It thundered all night.* **2 (a)** [Ipr] khawri aw vek ih ring/thawmvang tuah: *A voice thundered in my ear.* ○ *Someone was thundering at the door,* ie beating it. **(b)** [Ipr, Ip] thawmvang ʔhawn vivo: *The train thundered through the station.* ○ *heavy lorries thundering along, by, past, etc.* **3 (a)** [Ipr] ~ **against sth/at sb** thawmvang nei zet in/hriing, hro: *reformers thundering against corruption* ○ *What right have you to thunder at me like that?* **(b)** [Tn] aw ringzet in hriing: *'How dare you speak to me like that?' he thundered.* **thunderer** /θʌndərə(r)/ *n.* **thundering** /-dəriŋ/ *adj, adv* = THUMPING (THUMP): *a thundering (great) nuisance.*

thunderous /-dəəs/ *adj* ring zet, aw thang zet: *thunderous applause.* **thunderously** *adv* ringzet in.

thunder y /-dəri/ *adj* (of weather) (nikhua umdan) khawri ding umdan a bang zetmi: *a thunder y day.*

□ **thunderbolt n 1** ʔektla/khuari ʔektla. **2** (fig) mangbang thlak zet ih thil a cannak/mangbang thlak zet ʔong suahnak/mangbangter: *The unexpected defeat came as a thunderbolt.* ○ *He unleashed a thunderbolt by announcing his resignation.*

thunderclap n 1 ʔektlak awn. **2** rinlopi thil ʔihnungza cangmi, lole rin lo zetmi thuthang; ʔek.

thunder-cloud n khawri le nimthlakau a canter theitu mero.

thunderstorm n thlisia, ruahsur ʔektla.

thunderstruck *adj* [esp pred] mangbang.

Thur (also **Thurs**) *abbr* Thursday: *Thurs 26 June.*

Thursday /θɜːzdi, -dei/ *n* [C, U] (*abbrs* **Thur, Thurs**) Thursday tinak/Tlawngkai Nili, nilai thai.

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

thus /ðʌs/ *adv* (fml) **1** hi vekin, cu vekin: *calculate the area of the triangle thus formed* ○ *Hold the wheel in both hands, thus.* **2** hi vekih a ra cannak/cu vekin (cu ruangah): *He is the eldest son and thus heir to the title.* **3** hi tiang/cu tiang: *Having come thus far do you wish to continue?*

thwart¹ /θwɔ:t/ *v* [Tn] tuahtummi tuah thei lo ih pelhter/thil tisuak ngah lo ih pelhter: *He was thwarted (in his aims) by bad luck.* ○ *thwarted ambitions.*

thwart² /θwɔ:t/ *n* lawng hlautu ih tonak (lawng a pheikham zawngih an tuahmi).

thyme /taim/ *n* [U] (a) a hnah rim a hmui zetmi thingkung phunkhat. (b) tihang ih thlahmi hih hmuimer hnah.

thyroid /θaɪrɔɪd/ *n* (also **thyroid gland**) hngawng hmailam ih thahri bol (ruangpum tumnak, thannak rak suangtu hormone dat suahtertu a si).

ti /ti:/ *n* (music) (awnmawi lam/hlasaknak ah) sol-fa aw (do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti) umdan ih a pasarihnak.

tiara /tɪˈɑːrə/ *n* **1** thlapi a de lam pungsan nunau lukhuh (ni sunglawi ih ngun, sui le lungvar tivek thil mankhung an bencihmi). **2** Pope ih khuhmi dot thum nei lukhuh.

tibia /tɪbiə/ *n* (pl ~ **e** /-biː/) (anatomy) = SHIN-BONE (SHIN) ngal ruh.

tic /tɪk/ *n* veikhat veihnih rin lo ih a suak theimi taksa tit ther, a bo (hmai ah a um theibik): *have a nervous tic.*

tick¹ /tɪk/ *n* **1** nazi awn; tik! tik! ti ih a ringmi. **2** (infml) caan khatte/malte sung: *Just wait a tick!* ○ *I'll be down in half a tick/in two ticks.* **3** (US **check**) tuat zo, check zo, ti le a dik a si ti ih cuh cazin sirlam ih a dik tinak rinte.

▷ **tick v 1** [I, Ip] ~ (away) (of a clock, etc) (nazi ah) thil khawn aw (nazi awn ring): *My watch doesn't tick because it's electric.* ○ *listened to the clock ticking/the ticking of the clock* ○ *While we waited the taxi's meter kept ticking away.* **2** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (off) a dik tinak rin: *tick (off) the names of those present* ○ *The jobs that are done have been ticked off.* **3** (idm) **what makes sb tick** (infml) mi pakhat kha a umdan ih umturtu ziang a si: *I've never really understood what makes her tick.* **4** (phr v) **tick away/by** (of time) (tikcu) caan a cem vivo: *Meanwhile the minutes kept ticking away.* **tick sth away** (of a clock, etc) (nazi) tikcu caan a feh rero tinak, caan a lan vivo: *The station clock ticked away the minutes.* **tick sb off** (infml) mi va nunsim/kawk: *get ticked off for careless work.* **tick over** (a) (of an engine) cet a nungih a awn rero: *I stopped the car but left the motor ticking over.* (b) (of activities) (thil cangvaih) thil hmanhman ih va tuah: *Just try and keep things ticking over*

while I'm away.

□ **ticking-off** *n* (pl **tickings-off**) (infml) napiin mawhthluk/ralringter: *give sb a good ticking-off.*

tick-tack *n* [U] (Brit) kutke cangvaihnaak in khiihmuhmi, (rang tlan zuamawknak ah) lehnak thuhla kaitu pawl an kut hmangih sim-awkmi, kut ih hmuh.

tick-tack-toe (US) *n* [U] = NOUGHTS AND CROSSES (NOUGHT).

tick-tock *n* (usu sing) nazi tumpi tiktok, tiktok ti ih a ringmi khi/a rindan.

tick² /tɪk/ *n* **1** ramsa ruangpar ih cangvat vek thisen dawktu. **2** (Brit sl) santlai lomilai.

tick³ /tɪk/ *n* **1** [C] ihphah (rizai) lole lukham phaw. **2** [U] = TICKING.

tick⁴ /tɪk/ *n* [U] (infml esp Brit) a baak in/baak: *get tick* ○ *buy goods on tick.*

ticker /tɪkə(r)/ *n* (infml) **1** lung: *His ticker's not very strong, ie he has a weak heart.* **2** (dated) (tong hlun hman) nazi (kutkhih).

□ **ticker-tape** *n* [U] (esp US) (a) teleprinter ih nammi cahnah: *reading the stock market prices off the ticker-tape.* (b) hivek cahnah (tukvirh ihsin an zammi): [attrib] a *ticker-tape parade* ○ *get a ticker-tape reception.*

ticket /tɪkɪt/ *n* **1** [C] tiket, thil tuah/ngah/zoh/tel theinak caken – kut nganmi lole, cet nganmi: *do you want a single or a return ticket?* ○ *I've got two tickets for the cup final.* ○ *You must present your library ticket every time you borrow books.* ○ *Admission by ticket only*, eg as a notice outside a hall, etc. **2** [C] thil par ih benmi, a man/a tum le sen a terek tiang theih dingih nganmi ca. **3** [C usu sing] (esp US) hrilawknak ah party pakhat ihsin cuhtu ding hmin cazin (US): *run for office on the Republican ticket.* **4** [C] mawtaw tivek veivahnak upadi a buartu theih ding thu suahmi ca (zung thu suah): *get a parking/speeding ticket.* **5** [C] (infml) tangphawlawng, vanzam tivek a mawng thiam zo tinak caken. **6 the ticket** [sing] (dated infml) (hlan tong khuan) a dik (lole)duhdan/duhzawng: *All packed up and ready to go? That's the ticket.* **7** (idm) **the straight ticket** ⇨ STRAIGHT¹.

▷ **ticket v** [Tn esp passive] thilzuar mi parih ca ben.

ticking /tɪkɪŋ/ (also **tick**) *n* [U] lukhuh le ihphah khuh.

tickle /tɪkl/ *v* **1** [Tn] zaa, zak ah zaa: *This blanket tickles (me).* ○ *tickle sb in the ribs* ○ *She tickled my nose with a feather.* **2** [I] a zaa: *My nose tickles.* **3** [Tn] mi pakhat soparter, lungmuiter: *The story tickled her fancy/curiosity.* ○ *I was highly tickled by the idea.* **4** (idm) (be) **tickled pink/to death** (infml) lungmui zet; nuamzet: *I'm tickled pink that my essay won the prize.* **tickles sb's ribs** (infml) mi nuamter hnih

suakter. Cf RIB-TICKLING (RIB).

▷ **tickle** *n* **1** zaatnak: *I've got this tickle in my throat — I think I may be getting a cold.* **2** (idm) **slap and tickle** ⇒ SLAP *n*.

tickler /'tɪklə(r)/ *n* (dated infml esp Brit) mangbangnak, harsatnak: *an awkward little tickler to solve.*

ticklish /'tɪklɪʃ/ *adj* **1** (of a person) taksa zaat thei mi: *I'm terribly ticklish.* **2** (infml) (of a problem) ruah ding thilbuai a simi, ruah ding/thil harsa a simi: *a ticklish question* ○ *in a ticklish situation.*

ticklishness *n* [U].

ticky-tacky /'tɪki tækɪ/ *adj, n* [U] (US infml) inn sia le thilri tha lo: *suburbs full of ticky-tacky.*

tidal /'taɪdl/ *adj* tiffinriat tiþhang (ni khat vei hnih a þang): *a tidal river, estuary, harbour, etc.*

□ **tidal wave** **1** tipithuanthum tilet tumpi (linghnin ih a cantermi). **2** ~ (of sth) (fig) tilet tho vekin a simi misenpi lung thawhnak/thinhennak: *carried along on a tidal wave of hysteria.*

tidbit (US) = TITBIT.

tiddler /'tɪdə(r)/ *n* (infml) **1** nga fate phun. **2** thil fate zet/a fate cuangmi nauhak.

tiddly /'tɪdlɪ/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml) **1** (esp Brit) zuu vuai: *feeling a bit tiddly.* **2** (Brit) fate takte: *Two tiddly biscuits with cheese on? You can't call that a proper meal!*

tiddly-winks /'tɪdlɪ wɪŋks/ *n* [U] lehnak phun khat (plastik kheng fate a tlangah a tum deuh plastik pakanper thawn nam ih khengkuum sungah petter.

tide /taɪd/ *n* **1** (a) [C, U] thlapi le ni ih hiipnak in tipi (tiffinriat) hmanhman ih þang le þumsukmi: *spring/neap* (ie maximum/minimum) *tides* ○ *at high/low tide.* (b) [C] tisuar tho/tipi þang (hiip ruangah): *we were cut off by the tide.* ○ *The tide is (coming) in/ (going) out.* ○ *driftwood washed up by the tide(s)* ○ *Swimmers should beware of strong tides.* **2** [C usu sing] tipi þang vek ruahnak, thuhla, vanneihnak a þangmi, thil a ra cangmi: *a rising tide of discontent* ○ *The tide turned in our favour.* **3** [U] (arch) (in compounds) caan: *yule-tide* ○ *Whitsuntide.* **4** (idm) **go, swim, etc with/against the stream/tide** ⇒ STREAM¹. **time and tide wait for no man** ⇒ TIME¹.

▷ **tide** *v* (phr v) **tide sb over (sth)** mi pakhat a harsatnak ah bawm: *Will you lend me some money to tide me over until I get my pay cheque?*

□ **tide-mark** *n* **1** tipi þang a thlennak tawp a rin. **2** (joc) (a) taksa par ih ti ciarmi le a hulmi a rin þen. (b) tikuang parih tibal rin a langmi.

tide-table *n* tipi þang hminsinnak cazin.

tideway *n* (a) tipi þang luannak hmun (soluan-sukluan). (b) tipi þang a thlennak tiva.

tidings /'taɪdɪŋz/ *n* [pl] (arch or joc) thuthang: *Have you heard the glad tidings?*

tidy /'taɪdi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** (a) a tluang a remmi: *a tidy room, desk, garden* ○ *keeps her house very tidy.* (b) thil tha te le thiang te ih ret thiam/fai te ih um thiam: *a tidy boy* ○ *tidy habits* ○ *have a tidy mind*, ie be able to think clearly and sensibly. **2** [attrib] (infml) (esp of a sum of money) a tam, tawkfang: *She left a tidy fortune when she died.* ○ *It must have cost a tidy penny*, ie quite a lot of money.

▷ **tidy** *n* thil tuktak retnak: *a desk tidy*, ie for pens, paper-clips, etc ○ *a sink tidy*, ie for bits of kitchen waste.

tidy *v* (pt, pp **tidied**) **1** [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sth/ sb/oneself) (up) thiangaftier/thianfai: *Who's been tidying in here?* ○ *spent all morning tidying up* ○ *You'd better tidy this room (up) before the guests arrive.* ○ *I must tidy myself up*, ie make myself look tidy. **2** (phr v) **tidy sth away** thil siava rethlo ih thian: *Tidy away your toys when you've finished playing.* **tidy sth out** a þul lomi lak hlo ih a taang laimi tha te ih ret: *tidy out one's drawers, a cupboard, etc.*

tidily *adv.*

tidiness *n* [U].

tie¹ /taɪ/ *n* **1** (also **necktie**) hngawng khih puan fate. **2** thilri þawnnak hri, thirhri: *ties for sealing plastic bags.* **3** (a) thirfung, lole, thing tluan - innruang kaikhawmtu. (b) (US) = SLEEPER **2**. **4** (usu pl) (fig) mi a kaikhawmtu, mi a komtu: *the ties of friendship* ○ *family ties* ○ *The firm has ties with an American corporation.* **5** (fig) mi pakhat ih zalennak temþawntu: *He doesn't want any ties; that's why he never married.* ○ *Pets can be a tie when you want to go away on holiday.* **6** lehzuanmak ah neh-aw lo/bangrep: *Each team scored twice and the game ended in a tie.* **7** lehnak ah hmat a bangaw: *the first leg of the Cup tie between Aberdeen and Barcelona.* **8** (music) tanbo (stave) ngannak ah a bangrepmi aw (note) pahnih pehnak rinkual; cuh rinkual thawn peh a si ahcun aw hnih kha aw khat ah sak/ tum a si.

□ **tie-beam** *n* kaan.

tie-breaker (also **tie-break**) *n* leh zuamnak ah hmat bangrep tikih a nehtu si dingih zuam-awknak: *The first set (ie of a tennis match) was won on the tie-break.*

tie² /taɪ/ *v* (pres p **tying**, pt, pp **tied**) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] tem, þawn: *Shall I tie the parcel or use sticky tape?* ○ *The prisoner's hands were securely tied.* ○ *tie a dog to a lamp-post* ○ *tie sb's feet together* ○ *tie a branch down.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (on) thil pakhat thawn tawn: *Could you tie this apron round me?* ○ *tie on a label.* **3** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ribbon, hri tivek bil, sih: *tie a ribbon, scarf, tie, cravat, etc* ○ *She*

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tied her hair in(to) a bun. ○ *tie (up) one's shoe-laces.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] hri bil, a sih ih tuah: *tie a knot in a piece of rope.* 4 [I, Ipr, Ip] tem; sih: *This rope won't tie properly.* ○ *Does this sash tie in front or at the back?* 5 [I, Ipr, Tn usu passive, Tn-pr usu passive] ~ (sb) (with sb) (for sth) lek zuamawknak ah a zuamtu ih hmat ngah zat; nehtu cuang umlo, bangrep: *The two teams tied (with each other)* ○ *Britain are tied with Italy for second place.* 6 [Tn] (music) rinkual thawn a bangrepmi aw (note) pahnih peh: *tied crotchets.* 7 (idm) **bind/tie sb hand and foot** ⇨ HAND¹. **have one's hands free/tied** ⇨ HAND¹. **tie oneself into/(up) in knots** lung hnok zet ih um. **tie the knot** (infml) thit aw/pasal nei/nupi nei. 8 (phr v) **tie sb/oneself down (to sth)** hmunkhat ah temtawn: *Children do tie you down, don't they?* ○ *refuse to be tied down by petty restrictions.* **tie in (with sth)** (of information, facts, etc) a bang-aw, pehzom-aw: *This evidence ties in with what we already know.* **tie (sth) up** hridai/thirhri thawn khit/hreng (thum ah): *We tied (the boat) up alongside the quay.* **tie sb up** (a) mi pakhat caang thei lo dingih tem, tawn: *The thieves left the night-watchman tied up and gagged.* (b) (usu passive) thildang tuan thei lo tiang man lo ih um: *I'm tied up in a meeting until 3 pm.* **tie sth up** (a) hri in tem, tawn, hreng. (b) (often passive) tangka hman lohli thei lo dingih thil pakhat tuannak ah re/bur: *most of his money's tied up in property.* (c) thil hman ding, lole, zuar ding thu ah rikhiat tuah. (d) bangter/kham: *The strike tied up production for a week.* ▷ **tied** adj [attrib] (of a house) inn neitu rian ding lungkimnak thawn hlanmi inn: *a tied cottage* ○ *a job with tied accommodation.* **tied house** (Brit) (biar) zu tuahtu pawl ih neihmi (lole) ukmi hohami zatlang inn. Cf FREE HOUSE (FREE¹).

□ **tie-dye** v [Tn] (catar) rong pianzia in but ngah hlah seh ti ih temtawnmi puanthan. **tie-dyeing** n [U].

tie-on adj [attrib] (of a label, etc) hri thawn thil parih tem dingmi catar.

tie-up n 1 ~ (with sb/sth) peh zom aw, kom aw. 2 (esp US) hnatuan lo ih bang/thansonak cawl, mahkel ih um: *a traffic tie-up.*

tier /tiə(r)/ n a dotdot ummi thil: *a box in the first tier*, ie in a theatre ○ *a wedding-cake with three tiers/a three-tier wedding-cake.*

▷ **tiered** adj cu vekih tuahmi: *tiered seating.*

-tiered (forming compound adjs) a sannak a dot: *a three-tiered cake* ○ *a two-tiered system*, ie one with two distinct levels.

tiff /tɪf/ n rual le rual thu mallai eel-awknak: *She's had a tiff with her boy-friend.*

tig /tɪg/ n [U] = TAG 6.

tiger /taɪgə(r)/ n 1 pawpi. 2 (idm) **fight like a**

tiger ⇨ FIGHT¹. **a paper tiger** ⇨ PAPER.

▷ **tigerish** /taɪgəriʃ/ adj pawpi vek, tihnungza ih a cak mi.

tigress /taɪgrɪs/ n pawpi nu.

□ **tiger-lily** n ding-orh par, lili par.

tiger-moth n pelep (pawpi vekih tialmi).

tight /taɪt/ adj (-er, -est) 1 a tet zetmi/ lak le phorh theih lomi: *a tight knot* ○ *I can't get the cork out of the bottle — it's too tight.* ○ *The drawer is so tight I can't open it.* ○ *keep a tight hold on the rope.* 2 (a) remzet ih bur/fekzet ih bunmi, a tet zetmi: *a tight joint* ○ *These shoes are too tight for me.* ○ *a tight ship*, ie one that does not leak ○ *tight* (ie strict) controls. (b) (in compound adjs) a lak ah thil lut/suak thei lo tiangih pit zetmi: *airtight* ○ *watertight.* 3 (a) a thil/a thuhla in pit zetmi/tet, zunthei lo ih pit zet; caang lawng um lo ih a tetsong zetmi: *a tight mass of fibres* ○ *a tight schedule*, ie leaving little time to spare. (b) (of a game, etc) leh zuam awknak ah nehtu um lo ih bangawmi: *a tight race, match, contest, etc.* 4 thil a rin zetmi (a dorlo): *a tight rope, belt, rein, etc* ○ *My chest feels rather tight*, eg because of asthma. 5 [usu pred] (infml) (zu) ri: *got a bit tight at the party.* 6 (finance) (a) (of money) ngah har. (b) (of the money market) cawi theih lo a simi. 7 (infml) tirh fak/paisa hman siang lo: *She's tight with her money.* 8 (idm) **keep a tight rein on sb/sth** mi pakhat, thil pakhat parah zalen/zalonnak malte lawng pek/siang. **a tight squeeze** tet zet ih san/ben: *We managed to get all the luggage into the car but it was a tight squeeze.*

▷ **tight** adv 1 tet zet in/khat ko in, fekte in (not used before a past participle: *packed tight* but *tightly packed*): *Hold tight!* 2 (idm) **sit tight** ⇨ SIT. **sleep tight** ⇨ SLEEP².

tighten /taɪtn/ v 1 [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (up) (a) thil pakhat tetsinter/feksinter: *This screw needs tightening.* ○ *tighten (up) the ropes* ○ *He tightened his grip on her arm.* (b) feksin hauh sintu (thuhla): *Controls have gradually tightened.* ○ *tighten up security.* 2 (idm) **loosen/tighten the purse-strings** ⇨ PURSE. **tighten one's belt** eimi/hmanmi suup: *The management warned of the need for further belt-tightening*, ie economy. 3 (phr v) **tighten up (on sth)** ralring deuh, zohtha deuh/fekter deuh: *The police are tightening up on drunken driving.*

tightly adv fektein: *squeeze sb tightly* ○ *tightly sealed.*

tightness n [U].

□ **tight-fisted** adj mi tirhfaak.

tight-lipped adj hmur ciip, suup-awknak ah.

tightrope /taɪtrəʊp/ n 1 lek thiam pawl a par vak dingih hridai thluahmi: [attrib] *a tightrope walker.* 2 (idm) **tread/walk a tightrope** malte

hman thelh lo dingih thil tuah, cangvai.

tights /tarts/ *n* [pl] **1** (also **pantihose**, **pantyhose**) nunau pawlih hrukmi hnipuan (tai, ngal le ke pawl khuh thluh/tuam thluh thei taksa ih a kopmi): *a pair of cotton tights*. Cf **STOCKING**. **2** milian lek thiam pawlih hrukmi cuvek hnipuan.

tike = TYKE.

tilde /tildə/ *n* **1** mark (˜) placed over the Spanish *n* when it is pronounced *ny* /nj/ (as in *cañon*), or the Portuguese *a* or *o* when it is nasalized (as in *São Paulo*): *cafang parih a phei tawite rinmi* (Spain Portuguese *ca ngannak ah n, a, o titek parih rinmi*). **2** mark (˜) used in this dictionary to replace the headword in certain parts of an entry: *tivek hminsinak rin dictionary ih headward aiawh hmanmi rin*.

tile /tail/ *n* **1** innkhuhnak, phar, zial titek ih hmanmi tlakrawh, lole, thil dong: *covered the wall in cork tiles* ○ *insulated the ceiling with expanded polystyrene tiles* ○ *carpet tiles*, ie carpet sold in small squares for laying in rows. **2** zialtlep par ih lehnak hrang tuahmi thil a per fate te. **3** (idm) **on the tiles** (sl) mah inn sung si lo hmundang ah zuri mawngseng ih um.

▷ **tile** *n* [Tn] tlakrawhper pheng in khuh: *a tiled bathroom*.

tilt¹ ⇒ UNTIL.

tilt² /til/ *n* **1** dawr, tangka zung titek bizu, cabuai ih dawhkan (aan suai). **2** (idm) **have, etc one's fingers in the tilt** ⇒ **FINGER**.

tilt³ /til/ *v* [Tn] thlaici cinnak dingah lo thlo.

▷ **tillage** /tilidz/ *n* [U] **1** lo thlawh. **2** thlawh ciami lei.

tiller *n* a thlotu.

tiller /tilə(r)/ *n* a pheikham ih um lawngmei hernak thingtluan. Cf **HELM**.

tilt /tilt/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] sawnter, zauter: *This table tends to tilt (to one side/over)*. ○ *Popular opinion has tilted (ie shifted) in favour of the Socialists*. ○ *She sat listening, with her head tilted slightly to one side*. ○ *Don't tilt your chair or you'll fall over!* ○ *Tilt the barrel forward to empty it*. **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (**at sb/sth**) (hlanlai rang thawn do-awknak ah) fei, namsau thawn sun. **3** (idm) **tilt at windmills** ral a si hmanng ti thinlung ih ruatmi do. **4** (phr v) **tilt at sb/sth** mi pakhat/thil pakhat tongka, lole, ca ngan in do: *a satirical magazine tilting at public figures*.

▷ **tilt** *n* **1** (usu sing) a sawn, a lei (ding lo): *with a tilt of his head* ○ *the table is on/at a slight tilt*. **2** namsau, feipi thawn sun khi. **3** (idm) **full pelt/speed/tilt** ⇒ **FULL**. **have a tilt at sb** mi pakhat thuelawknak, lole, thunnam rel ah soinnawn/seitet ih tong.

tilth /tilθ/ *n* [U] lo thlawhnak ih tuhmui hma (a thuk le thuk lo): *rake a seed-bed to a good tilth*,

ie until there is a depth of fine crumbly soil.

timber /timbə(r)/ *n* **1** (**US lumber**) [U] inn saknak ding (lole) zungthiam pawlih hman ding thing pawl: *dressed timber*, ie sawn, shaped and planed ready for use ○ [attrib] *a timber-merchant* ○ *a timber-yard*, ie where timber is stored, bought and sold, etc. **2** [U] inn saknak ding tha thingkung: *standing* (ie growing) *timber* ○ *cut down/fell timber* ○ *put a hundred acres of land under timber*, ie plant it with trees. **3** [C] inn, lole, tangphawlawng saknak ih hmanmi thingpheng/a pum: *roof/floor timbers*.

▷ **tiber** *interj* (used as a warning that a tree is about to fall after being cut) thing haumi a tlu thlang ding ti ih ralrin peknak tongfang.

timbered /timbəd/ *adj* **1** (of building) thing thawn sakmi (inn). **2** (of land) thingkung phunmi; thingkung tammi (ram).

□ **timber-line** *n* [sing] = **TREE-LINE** (**TREE**).

timber-wolf *n* America sakta ih um cinghnia tumpi phun.

timbre /tæmbə, 'timbə(r)/ *n* awsuah phunkhat/ awnmawi aw phunkhat.

time¹ /taim/ *n* **1** [U] tikcu, caan (cemcia/atu/ hmailam): *past/present/future time* ○ *The world exists in space and time*. **2** [U] tikcu caan: *Time has not been kind to her looks*, ie She is no longer as beautiful as she was. ○ (*old*) *Father Time*, ie this process personified. **3** [U] ziang caan ti theih lomi hmailam caan: *Time heals all wounds*. **4** [U] tikcu caan khat ti ih ruahmi: *That will take time*, ie cannot be done quickly. ○ *I don't have (much) time to read these days*. ○ *We have no time to lose*, ie We must hurry. ○ *What a waste of time!* ○ *I spent most of my time (in) sightseeing*. ○ *I'm rather pressed for time*, ie in rather a hurry. ○ *What a (long)time you've been!* ○ *I had a most unpleasant time at the dentist's*. **5** [U] atu fang/ sim lai ih tikcu caan a simi/nazi le minute ti ih sim dingmi: *What time is it?/What is the time?* ○ *Do you have the time (on you)?* ○ *My youngest daughter has just learnt to tell the time*. **6** [U, C] a kum, a thla nazi tiih caan siar mi thil tuahmi/tuanmi parah caan simmi: *The winner's time was 11.6 seconds*. ○ *He ran the mile in record time*, ie faster than any previous runner. ○ *Although she came second their times were only a tenth of a second apart*. **7** [U] hnatuannak ih hmanmi tikcu: *be on short time*, ie a reduced working week ○ *paid time and a half/double time*, ie paid one and a half times/ twice the usual rate. **8** [U] thil tuah lai/tuah theh tinte: e.g ka hmuh tinte titek, caankhiahmi pakhat: *at the time you're speaking of* ○ *by the time we reached home* ○ *last time I was there* ○ *every time I see her* ○ *lunch-time* ○ *This is not the time to bring up*

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that subject. ○ *Now's your time*, ie opportunity. ○ *It's time we were going/time for us to go*, ie We should leave now. ○ *Time is up*, ie The time allowed for sth is ended. ○ *Time, please!* ie warning that a pub is about to close. **9** [C] *vei: this, that, another, next, last, etc time* ○ *He failed his driving test five times*. ○ *told sb umpteen, a dozen, countless, etc times* (ie repeatedly) *not to do sth*. **10** [C often pl] **(a)** *mi pakhat/thil pakhat ih san, caan, ðuan lai caan, san lai ah: in Stuart times/the time(s) of the Stuarts*, ie when the Stuart kings ruled ○ *in ancient, prehistoric, recent, etc times* ○ *Mr Curtis was the manager in my time*, ie when I was working there. ○ *The house is old but it will last my time*, ie will serve me for the rest of my life. **(b)** *thil pakhat a si lai caan, caan khatsung thil umdan: University was a good time for me*. ○ *Times are hard for the unemployed*. ○ *in time(s) of danger, hardship, prosperity, etc*. **11** [U] **(music)** **(a)** *awsuah ðen daan, vaih: common time*, ie two or four beats in each bar ○ *three eight time*, ie three quavers to the bar ○ *in waltz/march time* ○ *beating time to the music*. **(b)** *awnmawi tummi a rang le fung: quick time*. **12** (idm) **(and)** **about time (too)** (infml) *tuah hlanih a si zo dingmi: I hear old Fred got promoted last week — and about time too, I'd say*. **ahead of time** ruahmi hnakh tuan deuh. **ahead of one's time** mah san hnakin a rangmi (ruahnak, etc). **all the time** **(a)** *caan sung hmuahhmuah: That letter I was searching for was in my pocket all the time*, ie while I was searching for it. **(b)** *ringring: He's a business man all the time*, ie He has no other interest. **at all times** ziang tik khal ah: *I'm at your service at all times*. **(even)** **at the best of times** ⇒ **BEST**³. **at one time** a cem cia mi caan khat sungte ah; a hlan ahcun, veikhat lai ah: *At one time I used to go skiing every winter*. **at other times** caan dangdang ahcun: *Sometimes he's fun to be with; at other times he can be very moody*. **at the same time** ⇒ **SAME**. **at a time** *vei khat ah, peh tluan loin: Don't try to do everything at once; take it a bit at a time*. ○ *Take the pills two at a time*. **at the time** a cemciamia veikhat lai ah, cu-laiah, ahcun: *I agreed at the time but later changed my mind*. ○ *We were living in London at the time*. **at my, your, his, etc time of life** ka, na, amah ih san ah/kum ah: *He shouldn't be playing football at his time of life*, ie He is too old for it. **at times** a caancaan ah, vei hnihkhat ah. **before one's time** theih ban/tel ban (a cemcia tikcu) hlan: *The Beatles were a bit before my time*. ○ *The headquarters used to be in Bristol, but that was before my time*, ie before I worked there. **behind time** khaw tlai, hnu: *The plane was an hour behind time*. ○ *He's always behind time*

with the rent. **behind the times** sanman lo (thil umdan/hnipuan hrukdan, thil tuahdan, ruahdan, thil tidan). **better luck next time** ⇒ **BETTER**¹. **bide one's time** ⇒ **BIDE**. **the big time** ⇒ **BIG**. **born before one's time** ⇒ **BORN**. **borrowed time** ⇒ **BORROW**. **buy time** ⇒ **BUY**. **do time** (sl) (tonghman) *thawngtla/to: He's done time for armed robbery*. **every time** a si thei tik pohah, a si thei ahcun: *Different people like different sorts of holiday, but give me the seaside everytime*. **for old times' sake** ⇒ **OLD**. **for a time** caan tawite sung. **for the time being** a tu cu, caan tawite hranglawng (thil dang a um hlansung): *You'll have your own office soon but for the time being you'll have to share one*. **from/since time immemorial** (saying) khuahlanpi ihsin. **from time to time** atu le tu, a caancaan ah. **gain time** ⇒ **GAIN**². **give sb/have a rough, hard, etc time (of it)** mi pakhat harsatter (hnañuan har tuahter, retheih pek). **(in) half the time** **(a)** *ruahnak hnakin a caan tawi sungah: If you'd given the job to me I could have done it in half the time*. **(b)** *caan reipi, a caan reituk, caan rei deuh: I'm not surprised he didn't complete the exam: he spent half the time looking out of the window*. **have an easy time** ⇒ **EASY**. **have, etc a good time** nuamzet in um, nuam aw. **have/give sb a high old time** ⇒ **HIGH**¹. **have a lot of time for sb/sth** (infml) mi/thil pakhat hrangah taima zet. **have no time for sb/sth** mi pakhat/thil pakhat/thu pakhat hrang tikcu pe thei lo: *I've no time for lazy people/laziness*. **have a thin time** ⇒ **THIN**. **have the time of one's life** (infml) lungawi hleice/lung tho zet: *The children had the time of their lives at the circus*. **have time on one's hands/time to kill** (infml) ziang tuah ding um lo, lawng lak caan. **have a whale of a time** ⇒ **WHALE**. **(it is) high/about time** thil pakhat a cang ding/tuah ding tikcu a luan tukzo/a cu tukzo: *It's high time you stopped fooling around and started looking for a job*. **in course of time** ⇒ **COURSE**¹. **in the fullness of time** ⇒ **FULLNESS** (FULL). **in good time** tuante in: *There wasn't much traffic so we got there in very good time*. **(all) in good time** caan a tawkfang rei hnuah/tawkfang a rei hnu in: *'Can we have lunch now — I'm hungry.'* *'All in good time.'* **in the nick of time** ⇒ **NICK**¹. **in (less than) no time** zamrang in, lohli, rei lo te ah: *There's no point getting impatient with her; she'll finish the job in her own good time*. **in one's own time** mah man caan sung ah, mai man tawk caan te ah. **in one's own sweet time** ⇒ **SWEET**¹. **in one's time** mah san sungah: *I've seen some slow workers in my time but this lot are the slowest by far*. **in time** a rei hlan, rei lo te ah: *You'll learn how to do it in time*. **in time (for sth/to do sth)** tlai lo ah: *Will I be in time for the train/to catch the train?* **in/out of time**

(music) hlavuak kaih/kaih lo: *tapping one's fingers in time to/with the music. it's only a matter of time* ⇒ MATTER¹. **keep time** (a) (of clock or watch) a tikcu hman kkih (hmuh): *My watch always keeps excellent time.* (b) a caan hmanhman te ih hla sak/laam (hla aw thawn a kaih ih cangvai). **keep up, move, etc with the times** sanman ih nun, atu lai umdan vekih thuruahnak, um zia tivek thin. **kill time** ⇒ KILL. **long time no see** ⇒ LONG¹. **lose/waste no time (in doing sth)** khulfung loin/a rang ih thil ti. **make good, etc time** khuatlawn theh lohli/ tlawng theh lohli. **make up for lost time** ⇒ LOST². **many's the time (that); many a time** vei tampi, tu le tu: *Many's the time (that) I've visited Rome.* ○ *I've visited Rome many a time.* **mark time** ⇒ MARK². **near her time (of a pregnant)** hring zik, nikhua nai. **nine times out of ten; ninety-nine times out of a hundred** si ringring zikte. **(there is) no time like the present (saying)** atu hi thil tuah dingah caan tha bik a si, atu vek tikcu tha a um lo. **once upon a time** ⇒ ONCE. **on time** a caan khiakmi cekci ah, tlai lo tuan loin: *The train arrived (right/bang) on time.* **pass the time of day** ⇒ PASS². **play for time** caan reiseh tiah khulfung/ tlai him. **procrastination is the thief of time** ⇒ PROCRASTINATION (PROCRASTINATE). **a race against time** ⇒ RACE¹. **quite some time** ⇒ QUITE. **a sign of the times** ⇒ SIGN¹. **a stitch in time saves nine** ⇒ STITCH. **take one's time (over sth/ to do sth/doing sth)** (a) ciamciam ih um, tikcu lak; manhlap lo: *Take your time — there's no rush.* (b) (ironic) tlai/hnu him: *You certainly took your time getting here!* **tell the time** ⇒ TELL. **time after time; time and (time) again; times without number** vei tampi, atu le tu, leuhleuh. **time and tide wait for no man (saying)** caan in mi a hngak lo; zohman in tikcu kan kham thei lo (cu hrangah caan tha ngahmi cu a lakih canter lo ding). **time flies (saying)** rin hnakin tikcu zamrang in a cem: *Oh dear — hasn't time flown!* **time hangs/lies heavy on one's hands** um a har, caan a cem har zet (thil tuah ding um lo/neih lo ruangah). **time is on sb's side** tikcu a um lai, tisuaknak ding caan a um lai: *Although she failed the exam she has time on her side: she'll still be young enough to take it in her next year.* **the time is ripe for sth/ sb to do sth** tuah dingah caan that lai fangte. **the time of day** nazi ih hmuhmi tikcu, **time presses** kan tlai himhrim lo pei. **time was (when) ...** cu lai/khi lai ahcun: *Time was you could get a good three-course meal for less than a pound.* **time (alone) will tell, etc it** caan khatkhat, ni khatkhat ahcun theih a si leh ding: *Time will show which of us is right.* **watch the time** ⇒ WATCH². **work, etc against time** caan khiahmi sungih theh dingin a rangrang

in tuah.

□ **time bomb** a caan khiahmi ah puak dingih kammi bomb.

time-card (also **time-sheet**) *n* mi pakhat ih hnaŋuan caan hmainsinnak.

time-consuming *adj* caan rei thei zet/caan a lak: *Some of the more time-consuming jobs can now be done by machines.*

time exposure zuknak (camera) sungah tleu luhter caan tawi.

time-fuse *n* a kang theimi bomb hri.

time-honoured (US **-honored**) *adj* (esp of a custom, etc) tikcu reipi hman rero zo ruangah thupi/upat tlak ih ruah (pupa nunphung, thu rosiah tivek).

timekeeper *n* 1 hnaŋuan tikcu hmainsinnak thil/hmainsintu. 2 (preceded by an *adj*) nazi (a hman le hman lo) e.g nazi: *a good/bad (ie accurate/inaccurate) timekeeper.*

time-lag *n* thil a cangmi pakhat le pakhat karlak ih a fehmi tikcu: *the time-lag between a flash of lightning and the thunder* ○ *the time-lag between research and development.*

time-limit *n* thil pakhat a cang/tuah theh ding tikcu teek: *set a time-limit for the completion of a job.*

timepiece *n* (fml) nazi.

time-scale *n* thil pakhat a cangmi caan sung.

time-server *n* (derog) a thuhla le tikcu zoh ih ŋuan menmentu (amah thathnemnak ah).

time-serving *adj* (esp attrib) hrokhrawl le daithlang ih nun: *time-serving politicians.*

time-sharing *n* [U] 1 mi pakhat hnakh tam in caan khat ah computer pakhat hmanŋ tlang. 2 mi tampi in an caan lawng tik ciar ih um theinak ding inn tawlrel sak.

time-sheet *n* = TIME-CARD.

time-signal *n* nazi kim awnring.

time-switch *n* a tikcu a kim tikah amahte ong-aw theimi thil hmehnak: *The central heating is on a time-switch.*

timetable (also esp US **schedule**) *n* thiltuahnak, cazirnak tikcu cazin: *a school timetable*, ie showing the time of each class ○ *a train, bus, ferry, etc timetable* ○ *I've got a very busy timetable this week*, ie a lot of appointments, etc.

time warp (in science fiction) (thuanthu) phuahcop thuhla, hmailam tikcu/cemciam tikcu ti um loin atu lai si vekih nganmi.

time-worn *adj* tikcu a rei tuk ruangih siat le ŋoihmi: *a time-worn* (ie hackneyed) *expression.*

time zone nazi tikcu bangrep hmanŋ, longitude pahnih karlak ih um ram, leilung.

time² /taim/ *v* 1 [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-t esp passive] tikcu caan hril, tuahcia/khiahcia/thil remcang zet ih ti/tuah, tuah dingmi thil a caan timtuah ciami; caan khatkhat a si dingih rak timtuahmi: *You've timed your holiday cleverly — the*

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weather's at its best. ○ *His remark was well/badly timed*, ie made at a suitable/an unsuitable moment. ○ *Kick-off is timed for 2.30.* ○ *The train is timed to connect with the ferry.* ○ *The train is timed to connect with the ferry.* ○ *The bomb was timed to explode during the rush-hour.* **2** [Tn] (sport) a tikcu ah bawhlung thawi, sit: *He timed that shot beautifully.* **3** [Tn, Tw] a tikcu tah, tuat: *This egg is hard — you didn't time it properly.* ○ *Time me while I do/Time how long it takes me to do two lengths of the pool.* ▷ **timer** *n* (often in compounds) tikcu tahtu tuattu/tuatnak thil: *an egg-timer.*

timing *n* [U] **(a)** tikcu kaih ih rak tawlrel cianak, ziang tikah thil pakhat ti ding ti rak tawlrel ciatu: [attrib] *a timing device* ○ *The timing of the announcement was rather unexpected.* ○ *valve timing*, ie the time at which valves in a motor engine open and close. **(b)** tikcu thaw n kaih ih thil ti thiamnak, a caan remcang te ih thil tuah: *He's not playing his shots well — his timing is faulty.* ○ *A good actor must learn the art of timing*, ie when to deliver a line most effectively.

timeless /taɪmlɪs/ *adj* (fml or rhet) **1** a ringring, camcin: *her timeless beauty* ○ *a landscape with a timeless quality.* **2** cemti um lo; a kumkhua: *the timeless laws of nature.*

▷ **timelessly** *adv.* **timelessness** *n* [U].

timely /taɪmlɪ/ *adj* **(-ier, -iest)** a ʔul (thupi) caan teah/a remcang bik caan/thil a cang/umdan thaw n a kaih, kheel (lole) remcang te a simi: *thanks to your timely intervention* ○ *This has been a timely reminder of the need for constant care.*

▷ **timeliness** *n* [U].

times /taɪmz/ *prep* a let in, (a let ziangzat in), zainak: *Five times two is/equals ten*, ie **5** × **2** = 10.

▷ **times** *n* [pl] a let: *This book is three times as long as/three times longer than/three times the length of that one.*

timid /tɪmɪd/ *adj* ʔihhrut, phaang thei, ningzak thei: *as timid as a rabbit.*

▷ **timidity** /tɪmɪdəti/, **timidness** *ns* [U]. **timidly** *adv.*

timorous /tɪməʳəs/ *adj* (fml) ʔih thei.

▷ **timorously** *adv.* **timorousness** *n* [U].

timpani /tɪmpəni/ *n* [sing or pl *v*] awnmawi tummi thirkhuang rual khat (orchestra ih hmanmi).

▷ **timpanist** /tɪmpənɪst/ *n* cu vek khuang rual tumtu.

tin /tɪn/ *n* **1** [U] rangva: [attrib] *tin cans* ○ *a tin whistle.* **2** (also esp **US can**) [C] **(a)** rawl hmincia retnak rangva kuang (ngasa bu, arsa bu tivek): *open a tin of beans.* **(b)** cuih a kuang sung ummi thil (rawl) a simi: *He ate a whole tin of stew.* **3** (idm) **a (little) tin god** (infml) ziang

hman a si lo nain upatmi le biakmi minung, thilri.

▷ **tin** *v* **(-nn-)** [Tn esp passive] (**US can**) reipi daih dingin cuvek kuang sungah khum: *tinned sardines, peas, peaches.*

tinny *adj* **(-ier, -iest)** (derog) **1** (of metal objects) a khauh lo (lole) a sah lo, a patmi: *a cheap tinny radio.* **2** thir awsuah a simi: *a tinny piano.*

□ **tin foil** a paa zetmi canphio flap (thir le a dang thil rawi ih titternak ihsin a ra cangmi thir per paate, thil funnak le tuamnak ih hmanmi): *a roll of tin foil.*

tin hat (army sl) ralkap thir lukhuh bial.

tin-opener *n* dawng onnak thil.

tin plate canphio ti thuhmi thir, lole, steel thir tlaap.

tinpot *adj* [attrib] (derog) mibang lo, santlai lo pa/nu: *a tinpot little dictator.*

tinsmith *n* canphio thaw n thil tuahtu.

tin-tack *n* canphio ti ih khuutmi tlawngkhen tawite.

tincture /tɪŋktʃə(r)/ *n* ~ **(of sth)** **1** [C, U] zureu sungih rawimi sii, tingchia thuh sii: *a/some tincture of iodine, quinine, etc.* **2** [sing] (fml) thil pakhat a awmang nawnmi: *a tincture of heresy.*

▷ **tincture** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr esp passive] ~ **sth** **(with sth)** (fml) thil rim, lole, a thawtnak neihter.

tinder /tɪndə(r)/ *n* [U] ʔeekbu; kang ol zet hrambu.

□ **tinder-box** *n* ʔeklung le a talhnak thir retnak kuangte, meitek bawm: (fig) *There is much racial unrest in the community and the whole place is a tinder-box*, ie violence could easily break out.

tine /taɪn/ *n* **(a)** thil ʔeek, – thil ʔeek. **(b)** zukneeng ki ʔeek.

ting /tɪŋ/ *n* aw-ring (ting ti ih a ringmi).

▷ **ting** *v* [I, Tn] cu vek aw suahter, ring.

□ **ting-a-ling** *n* darkhing fatete ih rindan. — *adv:* *The bell went ting-a-ling.*

tinge /tɪŋdʒ/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr esp passive] ~ **sth** **(with sth)** **1** rong thuh: *hair tinged with grey.* **2** thildang rawi/thil pakhat ceem: *admiration tinged with envy.*

▷ **tinge** *n* (esp sing) ~ **(of sth)** pianzia malte (lole) thil pakhat thawm a bangzikte: *There was a tinge of sadness in her voice.* ○ *Do I detect a tinge of irony?*

tingle /tɪŋɡl/ *v* **(a)** [I, Ipr] ~ **(with sth)** a thipi; a vual: *The slap she gave him made his cheek tingle.* ○ *fingers tingling with cold.* **(b)** [Ipr] ~ **with sth** (fig) thinlung tuarnak in a hei cantermi: *tingling with excitement, indignation, shock, etc.*

▷ **tingle** *n* (usu sing) thiip: *have a tingle in one's fingertips* ○ *feel a tingle of anticipation.*

tinker /tɪŋkə(r)/ *n* **1** [C] khukheng tivek rem phah in hmunkhat/khuakhat hnu khuakhat

tlawngtu. **2** [sing] ~ (at/with sth) cu vekih khukheng rem khi: *I had a tinker at your radio, but I can't mend it.*

▷ **tinker** *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (at/with sth) thiamhnai loin thil siatmi rem: *tinker (away) at a broken clock* ○ *He likes tinkering with computers.* ○ *Who's been tinkering (around) with the wiring?*

tinkle /tɪŋkl/ *n* (esp sing) **1** a pehpeh ih a ringmi kiling aw vek aw ring: *the tinkle of a bell, of breaking glass, of ice being stirred in a drink.* **2** (Brit infml) telephone kawh/biakawk: *Give me a tinkle when you get home.*

▷ **tinkle** *v* [I, Tn] aw ringter.

tinny ⇒ TIN.

tin-pan alley /tɪn pæn 'æli/ (infml sometimes derog) hlapuauh thiam, laam le zoh ding thuanthu cawn ih teltu, lole, awn mawi phuahu pawl nunkhawsak: *He's been in tin-pan alley for twenty years.*

tinsel /tɪnsl/ *n* [U] **1** thil mawiternak dingih hmanmi thir thilri tleu (a hniar tete le a hri tete ummi): *decorate a Christmas tree with tinsel* ○ *a dress trimmed with tinsel.* **2** (derog) a lenglam mawi ternak.

▷ **tinseled** /-sld/, **tinselly** /-sɒli/ *adjs* **1** hritleu thawn ceimawimi. **2** (derog) a pawngleeng lam lawng zoh mawi.

tint /tɪnt/ *n* **1** pianzia, lole, rong phunphun: *tints of green in the sky at dawn* ○ *an artist who excels at flesh tints*, ie painting the colours of the human body ○ *red with a bluish tint.* **2** (a) sii tha malmi sam a rong suak ternak. (b) sam a rong suakternak sii: *She had a tint.*

▷ **tint** *v* [Tn, Cn-a] hivek sii thuh: *leaves tinted in autumn colours* ○ *blue-tinted hair* ○ (fig) *His comments were tinted with sarcasm.*

tiny /tami/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** fate zet: *a tiny baby* ○ *living in a tiny cottage* ○ *I feel a tiny bit better today.* **2** (idm) **the patter of tiny feet** ⇒ PATTERN².

-tion ⇒ -ION.

tip¹ /tɪp/ *n* **1** a zim, lole, a hriammi thil pakhatih a zim/ zimzum/hriam: *the tips of one's fingers/ one's fingertips* ○ *the tip of one's nose* ○ *walking on the tips of her toes* ○ *the northern tip of the island.* **2** thil zim ih bunmi thil: *shoes with metal tips* ○ *a cane with a rubber tip.* **3** (idm) **(have sth) on the tip of one's tongue** ka in saalsuak thei lo; thei nan sim thei deuh lo, ciing ngah deuh lo: *His name's on the tip of my tongue, but I just can't think of it.* **the tip of the iceberg** a tumpi nan a fatetnak lawng a lang, a zimte lawng hmuh theimi: *Over 100 burglaries are reported every month, and that's just the tip of the iceberg*, ie many more occur but are not reported.

▷ **tip** *v* (-pp-) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (with sth) thil zim ih thil pakhat bun: *filter-tipped cigarettes* ○ *The legs of the table were tipped with rubber.*

○ *The native warriors tipped their spears with poison.*

tip² /tɪp/ *v* (-pp-) **1** [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] (a) ~ (sth) (up) khawtter, kaiter, khatlam ah sawnter, khatlam ah leiter: *Don't lean on the table or it'll tip up.* ○ *Tip the box up and empty it.* (b) ~ (sth) (over) kunter, letter: *Careful! You'll tip the boat over.*

2 [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] (Brit) leiter ih thlet: *No rubbish to be tipped here/no tipping*, eg on a notice warning people not to dump rubbish ○ *Tip the dirty water out of the bowl and into the sink.* ○ *My neighbour has been tipping dead leaves over the wall into my garden.* ○ *The train stopped abruptly, nearly tipping me out of my bunk.* **3** (idm) **tip the balance/scale** thil si ding le ding lo thentu: *Her greater experience tipped the balance in her favour and she got the job!* **tip/turn the scale at sth** ⇒ SCALE³.

▷ **tip** *n* **1** hnawm hlonnak hmun: *the municipal refuse tip* ○ *take a broken old refrigerator to the tip.* Cf DUMP *n* **1.** **2** (infml) hmun borhhlawh, hmun baal: *Their house is an absolute tip.*

□ **tipper lorry** (also **tipper truck**) a phurhmi thilri khai ih a thlet thei mawtawka tumpi.

tip-up *adj* [attrib] (of seats) a siip theimi khai a theihmi tonak.

tip³ /tɪp/ *v* (-pp-) **1** (a) [Tn] tham/vuak/thawi (dimte'n) hnur: *The ball just tipped the edge of his racket.* (b) [Tn-pr, Tn-p] thil pakhat feh suak dingih thawi: *She just tipped the ball over the net.* **2** [Tn] rawldawr/lakphakdawr, mawtawka sanmi mawngtu tivek paisa malte thenmi: *tip the porter 50p.* **3** [Tn, Cn-n/a, Cn-t esp passive] ~ sb/sth (as sth/to do sth) mi pakhat/thil pakhat thuhla ah maih ruahnak sim: *tip the winner*, ie name the winner of a race, etc before it takes place ○ *he has been widely tipped as the President's successor/to succeed the President.* **4** (idm) **tip sb the wink** (infml) mi pakhat a bul te'n thu theihter/a thuptein ralrinnak pek. **5** (phr v) **tip sb off** (infml) mipakhat ralrinnak pek/theih tulmi sim, theihthiam dingmi sim: *Someone tipped off the police about the robbery.*

▷ **tip** *n* **1** rawl/laphak dawr ih rawl petu, lole, mawtawka sanmi mawngtu hnenih paisa malte mah sianzat pekmi: *He left a tip under his plate.* **2** (a) hman ding tha pekmi ruahnak: *Here's a handy tip for removing stains from clothing.* (b) a hleice theihternak: *a hot (ie very good) tip for the Derby* ○ *Take my tip/Take a tip from me and buy these shares now.*

□ **tip-off** *n* ralrin peknak, lole, theihternak: *Acting on a tip-off, the police arrested the drug smugglers.*

tipplet /tɪptɪ/ *n* (a) nunau hmanmi hngawngngerh sahmul puan. (b) thuthentu bawi/siangbawi pawlih hrukmi cuvek puan.

tipple /tɪpl/ *v* [I] zu in le ri ringring: *He started*

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tippling when his wife left him.

▷ **tipple** *n* (usu *sing*) (*infml*) *zu*: *What's your tittle?* ie *What would you like to drink?* ○ *His favourite tittle is whisky.*

tippler /ˈtɪplə(r)/ *n* *zu* *intu*.

tipster /ˈtɪpstə(r)/ *n* *mah* *siannak in paisa (tip) petu*.

tipsy /ˈtɪpsɪ/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) (*infml*) *ri nawn deuh, zu vuai*.

▷ **tipsily** *adv*. **tipsiness** *n* [U].

tiptoe /ˈtɪptəʊ/ *n* (*idm*) **on tiptoe** *didirawk: stand on tiptoe to see over the crowd* ○ *creep around on tiptoe to avoid making a noise.*

▷ **tiptoe** *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] *didirawk ih awn lo te ih nuamtete vak/feh: She tiptoed (across) to the bed where the child lay asleep.* ⇒ Usage at PROWL.

tiptop /ˈtɪptɒp/ *adj* (*infml*) *tha zet, soisel ding um lo ih tha, tha bik: tiptop quality* ○ *That meal was tiptop.*

TIR /ti: aɪ ˈɑː(r)/ *abbr* (*esp on lorries in Europe*) *international road transport (French Transport International Routier).*

tirade /ˈtaɪreɪd/; *US* ˈtaɪreɪd/ *n* *sual hawl le soiselnak tong saupi*.

tire¹ /ˈtaɪə(r)/ *v* **1** [I, Tn, Tn-p] *baang: She's got so much energy — she never seems to tire.* ○ *Old people tire easily.* ○ *The long walk tired me (out).* **2** [Ipr] ~ **of sth/doing sth** *thil pakhat ning, a tuah ning: After a week I tired of eating fish.* ○ *He never tires of the sound of his own voice, ie He talks too much.*

▷ **tired** /ˈtaɪəd/ *adj* **1** *ih duh/cawl duh: He was a tired man when he got back from that long climb.* ○ *I'm dead (ie extremely) tired.* **2** (*derog*) *theih tukmi/hmantam tuk ruangih nin-um: The film had a rather tired plot.* ○ *see the same tired old faces at every party.* **3** (*idm*) **be (sick and) tired of sb/sth/doing sth** *ning, thinsau nawn lo: I'm tired of (listening to) your criticisms.* **tired out** *baang hnephnep. tiredness* *n* [U].

tiring /ˈtaɪərɪŋ/ *adj: a tiring journey* ○ *The work is very tiring.*

tireless *adj* *olte ih baang thei lo, tha cak: a tireless worker* ○ *thanks to your tireless efforts on our behalf. tirelessly* *adv*.

tiresome /ˈtaɪəsəm/ *adj* *bangthlak, buaithlak, ninum: Selling your house can be a tiresome business.* ○ *The children were being rather tiresome. tiresomely* *adv*.

tire² (*US*) = TYRE.

tiro (also **tyro**) /ˈtaɪərəʊ/ *n* (*pl* ~ **s**) *hmuhton maltu, thil tuah dah lo tuah thoktu*.

tissue /ˈtɪʃu:/ *n* **1** [U, C] *tit le tha: muscular, nervous, connective, etc tissue* ○ *The tissues have been destroyed and a scar has formed.* **2** [C] *a ti le a bekmi zuk thei cahnah nemte (pavua ai ih hmanmi, hman theh ih hlomhlomi): a box of tissues* ○ *face/ facial tissues, ie for*

removing make-up, etc. **3** (also **tissue-paper**) [U] *thil funnak le tuamnak ih hmanmi a paa ih a neemmi cahnah.* **4** [C, U] *a paa le a nemmi tahpuan.* **5** [C] ~ (**of sth**) (*fig*) *a cokpolh a peh aw mi thil/thuhla: His story is a tissue of lies.* ○ *the complex tissue of myth and fact.*

tit¹ /tɪt/ *n* *vate fate (a lutlun a dum theu): titmouse* ○ *tomtit* ○ *blue tit.*

tit² /tɪt/ *n* (*idm*) **tit for tat** *lehrulnak; phuhlam: He hit me so I hit him back — it was tit for tat.*

tit³ /tɪt/ *n* **1** (Δ *sl*) (**a**) (*esp pl*) *nunau pawhte. (b)* *pawhte hmur (zim).* **2** (*Brit sl*) *mi nautatnak ih hmanmi tongfang: he's a stupid little tit!*

Titan /ˈtaɪtən/ *n* (also **titan**) *a tum, a cak, a fim zet milai.*

▷ **titanic** /ˈtaɪtənɪk/ *adj* *tum/mak zet: The two of them are locked in a titanic struggle for control of the company.*

titbit /ˈtɪtbɪt/ (*US* **tidbit** /ˈtɪdbɪt/) *n* (**a**) *rawl thaw zet: She always keeps some titbits to give to her cat. (b) ~ (of sth)* *mi ih theih duhmi thupi tuk lo thuthang/mi thuhla, thuleng tivek: titbits of scandal.*

tithe /taɪð/ *n* *kawhhran sungtel pawl in kawhhran ih pekmi thenhra thenkhat (thilri, paisa ti vek).*

□ **tithe barn** *thenhra thenkhat pekmi rawl cuam, rawl inn.*

titillate /ˈtɪtɪleɪt/ *v* [Tn] *hiarnak suahter (nu le pa pawlawk duhnak thinlung suakter): The book has no artistic merit — its sole aim is to titillate (the reader).*

▷ **titillating** *adj: a mildly titillating film. titillation* /ˈtɪtɪleɪʃn/ *n* [U].

titivate /ˈtɪtɪveɪt/ *v* [I, Tn] (*infml*) *ceimawi, cei-aw: She spent an hour titivating (herself) before going out.*

▷ **titivation** /ˈtɪtɪveɪʃn/ *n* [U].

title /ˈtaɪtl/ *n* **1** [C] *hla, cabu, zuk tivek ih nganmi thulu/thutlangpi.* **2** [C] *mi pakhat ih a hnatauan, hmin thatnak rak ngahmi ngannak tongfang: She has a title, ie is a member of the nobility.* **3** [U, C] ~ (**to sth/to do sth**) (*law*) *mah ih co ding/ta sinak (thil neih ding thuhla ah): Has he any title to the land? ○ disputing the country's title to the Islands.* **4** [C] (*sport*) *nehtu sinak, champion sinak: win the world heavyweight title* ○ [attrib] *a title fight.*

▷ **titled** /ˈtaɪtlɪd/ *adj* *miphun-u sinak nei: a titled lady, eg a duchess.*

□ **title-deed** *n* *upadi vekih co theinak zungca. title-holder* *n* (*sport*) *thiam bik, champion ngahnu: the British 800-metres title-holder* ○ *Liverpool are the current title-holders.*

title-page *n* *cabu pakhat ih a hmin, ngantu hmin tivek umnak cahmai.*

title-role *n* *thuanthucawn hmuhnak ah a thupi bik lemcawnnak: She has sung the title-role in 'Carmen', ie sung the role of Carmen in that*

opera.
titmouse /ˈtɪtmaʊs/ *n* (pl **titmice** /-maɪs/) vate fate phunkhat.
titter /ˈtɪtə(r)/ *n* thihnphang hnih.
 ▷ **titter** *v* [I] sup hnih ih hni: *The audience tittered politely.*
tittle-tattle /ˈtɪt tætl/ *n* [U] aatthlak lole thuʔukʔak.
 ▷ **tittle-tattle** *v* [I] thil thupi lo rel, mi thuhla rel.
titular /ˈtɪtʃʊlə(r)/; *US* -tʃʊ- *adj* [attrib] (*fml*) **1** a hmin men ih upa ʃuannak: *the titular Head of State* ○ *titular sovereignty.* **2** hmin ʃatnak pek hnuih upa tiin mi ih cohlan: *titular sovereignty.*
tizzy /ˈtɪzi/ *n* (*usu sing*) (*infml*) thinlung buainak/ lunghlohnak: *be in/get in(to) a tizzy.*
T-junction ⇨ T.
TM *abbr* trademark.
tn *abbr* (US) ton(s); tonne(s).
TNT /ˈti: en ˈti:/ *abbr* trinitrotoluene (a powerful explosive).
to¹ /before consonants tə; before vowels tu or tu:/ *strong form tu:/ prep* **1** (a) ah: *walk to the office* ○ *I'm going to the shops.* ○ *fall to the ground* ○ *on the way to the station* ○ *point to sth* ○ *hold it (up) to the light* ○ *turn to the left/right* ○ *travelling from town to town, place to place, etc* ○ *go to Majorca for one's holidays* ○ *He was taken to hospital for treatment.* (b) ~ **the sth** (of sth) lam ah, zawn ah: *There are mountains to the north/south/east/west of here.* ○ *Pisa is to the west (of Florence).* ○ *The shed is to the side of the house.* **2** lam ah (thil umtuzia): *a move to the left, eg in politics* ○ *stir sb to action* ○ *bring/reduce/move sb to tears* ○ *rise to power* ○ *he tore the letter to pieces.* ○ *The mother sang her baby to sleep.* ○ *Wait until the traffic lights change from red to green.* **3** (a) lam tiangin: *The garden extends to the river bank.* ○ *Her dress reached down to her ankles.* (b) (esp after from sth) tiang (lole) hmunkhat in hmunkhat sung/ karlak: *from beginning to end* ○ *from first to last* ○ *faithful to the end/last* ○ *wet, soaked, drenched, etc to the skin* ○ *cooked to perfection* ○ *count (from 1) to 10* ○ *all the colours from red to violet* ○ *from Monday to Friday* ○ *from morning to night* ○ *How long is it to lunch?* ie *How much time is there until lunch?* **4** (of time) hlan ah: *a quarter to six* ○ *ten (minutes) to two.* Cf **PAST**² 1. **5** (used to introduce the indirect object of *vs* marked Dn-pr, Dpr-f, Dpr-t, Dpr-w) zo hnenah: *He gave it to his sister.* ○ (*fml*) *To whom did she send the book?* ○ (*infml*) *Who did she send the book to?* ○ *She said to us that she was surprised.* ○ *I'll explain to you where everything goes.* ○ *He shouted to his friend to remember the wine.* **6** mi pakhat/ thil pakhat ta sinak - hrang: *the key to the door*

○ *be secretary to the managing director* ○ *the words to a tune.* **7** (indicating a comparison or ratio) tahʃhimnak/a dan awknak: *I prefer walking to climbing.* ○ *We won by six goals to three.* ○ *This is inferior/superior to that.* ○ *Compared to me, he's rich.* ○ *odds of 100 to 1.* **8** thil cuzat ah cuzat um tinak: *There are 100 pence to the pound, ie £1 = 100p.* ○ *There are 100 centimetres to the metre.* **9** (indicating a rate) thil a fehda/candan - cuzat ah cuzat um/ si thei: *do 30 miles to the gallon* ○ *get 10 francs to the pound.* Cf **PER.** **10** (indicating a possible range) cuzat ihsin cuzat karlak si thei: *20 to 30 years of age* ○ *3 to 4 centimetres long.* **11** upat peknak ah: *drink to sb/to sb's health* ○ *a toast to the cook* ○ *a monument to (the memory of) the soldiers who died in the war.* **12** naih aw ih um/dai aw zik, hmai hoih-aw: *dance cheek to cheek* ○ *with an ear to the door* ○ *sit back to back* ○ *cars queueing bumper to bumper on the motorway.* **13** (used after *vs* of motion eg *come, go rush*) ah: *come to our aid/help/assistance/ rescue.* **14** zawnruat in, pehpar in: *a right to the throne* ○ *a solution to a problem* ○ *She's devoted to her family.* **15** thil pakhat siter: *To my surprise, delight, annoyance, etc the Labour Party won the election, ie Their winning caused me surprise, delight, etc.* ○ *To my shame, I forgot* (ie *I am ashamed that I forgot*) *his birthday.* **16** (used after *vs* of perception, eg *seem, appear, feel, look, smell*) vek: *It feels like velvet to me.* ○ *Does it look to you like gold?* ○ *It sounded like crying to him.* **17** satisfying sb/ sth: *not really to my liking* ○ *quite nice, but not to her taste.*
to² /before consonants tə; before vowels tu or tu:/ *strong form tu:/* (Used immediately before the simple (root) form of a *v* to form the infinitive. The following are only a few uses of the infinitive; others are given in *n*, *adj*, and *v* entries.) **1** (used as the object of many *vs*, esp those labeled Tt, Tn-t, Cn-t, Dpr-t, Dn-t) tuah ding simnak: *He wants to go.* ○ *We had hoped to finish by four o'clock.* ○ *She asked me to go.* ○ *She persuaded him to tell the truth.* **2** (expressing purpose or result in an *adv* clause) tuah ding thil simnak: *They came (in order) to help me.* ○ *She's working hard to earn money.* ○ *We make our goods to last, ie so that they will last.* ○ *They went there to cause trouble.* ○ *She ran to the station only to find that the train had left.* **3** (used alone to avoid repetition of the whole infinitive) veikhat simnolh sal ʃul lo ih hmanmi: *I'd like to do it but I don't know how to.* ○ *I intended to go but forgot to.* ○ *He often does things you wouldn't expect him to.*
to³ /tu:/ *adv part* (For special uses with *vs* and in compounds, eg *bring sb to, come to, set-to lean-to*, see the *v* entries) **1** (*usu* of a door): *Push the*

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door to. ○ *Leave it to.* **2** (idm) **to and fro** dunglam ah le hmailam ah: *walking to and fro* ○ *journeys to and fro between London and Paris.*

toad /təʊd/ *n* **1** butlak. **2** (used esp as a term of abuse) tlakphaar: *You repulsive little toad!*

□ **toad-in-the-hole** *n* [U] (Brit) vokril.

toadstool /təʊdstu:l/ *n* thawng vek pian thlai nei, tur nei pangpar. Cf MUSHROOM.

toady /təʊdi/ *n* (derog) thil ngahduh ah mi vaporh le khaisang thiamtu.

▷ **toady** *v* (pt, pp **toadied**) [I, Ipr] ~ (to sb) (derog) mi vaporh le khaisang ciamco – thil ngah duh ah: *toadying to the boss.*

toast¹ /təʊst/ *n* [U] **1** sang (pawngnmuk) em: *make some toast for breakfast* ○ *a poached egg on toast* ○ *two slices of buttered toast.* **2** (idm) **have sb on toast** (infml) mi pakhat duhduh ih tuah theih dinhmun ah um. **warm as toast** ⇒ WARM¹.

▷ **toast** *v* [I, Tn] emcaar: *a toasted (cheese) sandwich* ○ (fig) *toasting oneself/one's feet in front of the fire.*

toaster *n* hmuk emnak (electric thil).

□ **toasting-fork** *n* pawngnmuk rawhnak thir zungtek.

toast-rack *n* cuvek pawngnmuk pheng car retnak.

toast² /təʊst/ *v* [Tn] duhsanknak langter (lungawi ding le thil tisuak thei dingah): *toast the bride and groom* ○ *toast the success of a new company.*

▷ **toast** *n* **1** duh saknak langternak: *propose a loyal toast to the Queen* ○ *drink a toast* ○ *reply/respond to the toast*, ie (of the person toasted) make a speech in reply. **2** lommi, thlacam sakmi milai: *be the toast of* (ie praised and congratulated by) *the whole neighbourhood.*

□ **toast-master** *n* duhsaknak tuahmi auhtu – upa rawl-ei khawm ih hmanmi.

tobacco /təˈbækəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ s) **1** [C, U] sikawng hnah, kuhsi. **2** [U] sikawng.

▷ **tobacconist** /təˈbækənɪst/ *n* kuak zuartu.

toboggan /təˈbɒɡən/ *n* vurpar fehnak le lehnak leeng, ke sau, a hmailam a kur.

▷ **toboggan** *v* [I] vurpar leeng ih feh: *go tobogganing.*

toby jug /təʊbi dʒʌɡ/ biar zuhai, khuathai.

toccata /təˈkɑ:tə/ *n* (music) composition for a keyboard instrument.

tocsin /təʊksɪn/ *n* (dated or fml) **1** ralrin peknak dar aw. **2** (fig) ðihnung a um ti ah ralrin peknak.

tod /tɒd/ *n* (idm) **on one's tod** (Brit infml) mahlawngte in/mahte: *I spent the evening on my tod again.* ○ *You mean you did it all on your tod* (ie without help)?

today /təˈdeɪ/ *adv*, *n* [U] **1** tu ni: *What are we doing today?* ○ *We're leaving today week/a*

week (from) today, ie in a week's time. ○ *Today is my birthday.* ○ *Have you seen today's paper?* **2** tui san/tu caan: *Women today no longer accept such treatment.* ○ *the young people of today.*

toddle /tɒdl/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] **1** (esp of a young child) fehthei pek feh: *Her two-year-old son toddled into the room.* **2** (infml) lam vak: *toddle round to see a friend* ○ *I think we should be toddling along/off*, ie should leave.

▷ **toddler** /tɒdlə(r)/ *n* naute vak theipek.

toddy /tɒdi/ *n* [C, U] zu – cini tisa le zureu rawimi zu (haikhat).

to-do /təˈdu:/ *n* (pl ~ s) (usu sing) hnok ruri, thinlung buai celcel sinak: *What's all the to-do about?* ○ *She made a great to-do about his forgetting her birthday.*

toe /təʊ/ *n* **1** (a) kezung. (b) ramsa pawl ih kezung. **2** kezung tuamtu/khuhtu mawca, kedan. **3** (idm) **dig one's heels/toes in** ⇒ DIG¹. **from head to foot/toe** ⇒ HEAD¹. **from top to toe** ⇒ TOP¹. **on one's toes** ralring, rak man tiar-aw: *The constant threat of danger kept us all on our toes.* **tread on sb's corns/toes** ⇒ TREAD.

▷ **toe** *v* (pt, pp **toed**, pres p **toeing**) (idm) **toe the (party) line**; *US also toe the mark* pawlkom daan thlun.

□ **toe-cap** *n* kedan/boot ih kezung a leng khuhmi.

toe-cap *n* kedam/boot a zim khuh.

toe-hold *n* kezung thlaknak/tankhur fate: (fig) *Thanks to this contract the firm gained a toe-hold in the European market.*

toe-nail *n* kezung tin.

toff /tɒf/ *n* (dated Brit sl) milian (asilole) thuum ða hmang thei milai.

toffee /tɒfi/ *US* /tɔ:fi/ (*US also taffy* /tæfi/) *n* [C, U] **1** cini, thawphat tivek satter ih tuahmi cithlum khal (taşwi). **2** (idm) **can't do sth for toffee** (infml) thiamnak/ti theinak nei lo sambau: *She can't sing for toffee!*

□ **toffee-apple** *n* (Brit) taşwi ih tuammi apple (fung par ih benmi).

toffee-nosed *adj* (Brit sl) mi zum aw, uar aw, uah aw.

tog /tɒɡ/ *v* (-gg-) (phr v) **tog oneself out/up (in sth)** (infml) hnipuan ða huk: *children toggled out in their Sunday best.*

▷ **togs** *n* [pl] (infml) hnipuan, thuum: *games togs* ○ *summer togs.*

toga /təʊɡə/ *n* khuahlan Rom pawl hmanmi korfual.

together /təˈɡeðə(r)/ *adv* **1** hmunkhat ah: *Let's go for a walk together.* ○ *I hear they're living together*, ie in the same house. ○ *Get all the ingredients together before you start cooking.* **2** kom: *glue, nail, tie, etc two boards together* ○ *Mix the sand and cement together, then add water.* ○ (fig) *He's got more money than the rest of us (put) together.* **3** lungkim tlang, remcang,

rualrem: negotiations aimed at bringing the two sides in the dispute closer together ○ *The party is absolutely together on this issue.* **4** hmunkhat ah (tuah tlang): *All my troubles seem to come together.* ○ *They were all talking together and I couldn't understand a word.* **5** cawlbang loin a pehpheh in, zomvivo, pehtluan in: *It rained for three days together.* ○ *She can sit reading for hours together.* **6** (idm) **get sth/it together** (sl) uk thei, hoha thei, finkhawm thei: *She would be a very good player if only she could get it together.* **together with** khal, ve, thawn: *These new facts, together with the other evidence, prove the prisoner's innocence.*

▷ **together** adj (sl approve esp US) finkhawm thiam, tithiam: *He's incredibly together for someone so young.* ○ *a really together organization.*

togetherness n [U] ʃanrualnak, lungrualnak/duhdawtnak.

toggle /tɒɡl/ n kepsih ai ih hmanmi, hrikual sung hrolhmi thing pum bol fate.

□ **toggle-switch** n a tlun le tang ʃawn theimi electric mei on le phihnak.

toil /tɔɪl/ v (fml or rhet) **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, It] ~ **away** (at/over sth) ʃuan nasa/teima zet ih ʃuan: *students toiling over their homework* ○ *We toiled away all afternoon to get the house ready for our guests.* **2** [Ipr, Ip] tinmi zawn ah nuamte le har zet ih ʃawn/feh: *The bus toiled up the steep hill.* ○ *The ground was muddy and uneven, but we toiled on.*

▷ **toil** n [U] (fml or rhet) hnaʃuan khung/har/har zet ih ʃuanmi: *after years of toil.* ⇒ Usage at WORK¹.

toiler n.

toilet /tɔɪlɪt/ n **1** [C] eek inn tel, hmaiphiahnak hmun: *Can you tell me where the toilets are?* ⇒ Usage. **2** (dated) kholhawk, thuamawak le samhriah: [attrib] a toilet set ○ toilet articles, ie hairbrushes, combs, hand-mirrors, etc.

▷ **toilettries** /tɔɪltrɪz/ n [pl] (in shops) kholhawknak le cei awknak thilri pawl.

□ **toilet-paper** n [U] pawngthawhnak inn ih hmanmi cahnah.

toilet-roll n pawngthawhnak ih hmanmi cahnah zual.

toilet-train v [Tn esp passive] zun le pawng thawh thiam ding le pawngthawhnak inn hman thiam dingih zirh: *She isn't toilet-trained yet.*

toilet-training n [U].

toilet water kholhawk hnu ih ruangpum par thuhmi rimhmui tii.

NOTE ON USAGE: In British English **the toilet** in private houses is called **the lavatory**, **toilet**, **WC** (dated), or **loo** (informal). In public places it is called **the Gents/the Ladies** or

public conveniences. In US English it is called **the lavatory**, **toilet** or **bathroom** in private houses and **the washroom** or **rest-room** in public buildings.

toils /tɔɪlz/ n [pl] (fml usu fig) thang kammi/thang, suur: *caught in the toils of the law.*

toing /tu:ɪŋ/ n (idm) **toing and froing** hmailam le dunglam ah feh rero: *After much toing and froing we got all the children back to their homes.*

token /təʊkən/ n **1** theihthiamnak/khihhmuhnak: *A white flag is used as a token of surrender.* ○ *These flowers are a small token of my gratitude.* **2** tangka fang vek thil bial (tangka pek can-ai ih hmanmi): *Tokens for the cigarette machine are available at the bar.* ○ *milk tokens.* **3** (esp in compounds) thilri thawn thleng theihmi cahnah tuken: *a £10 book/record/gift token.* **4** (idm) **by the same token** ⇒ SAME¹. **in token of sth** theih ringringnak ah/hminsinnak ah: *Please accept this gift in token of our affection for you.*

▷ **token** adj [attrib] **1** hminsinnak, thukamnak ih hmanmi thil: *a token payment*, ie payment of a small part of what is owed, as an acknowledgement of the debt ○ *a token strike*, ie a short strike serving as a warning that a longer one may follow. **2** malte lai, thutak lomi, a hmin men in: *Our troops encountered only token resistance.* ○ *a token attempt, effort, offer, etc* ○ *the token woman on the committee*, ie included to avoid charges of sexual discrimination.

told pt, pp of TELL.

tolerate /tələreɪt/ v **1** [Tn, Tsg] zawi, zawiawi, zianghman ti duh lo ih um: *a government which refuses to tolerate opposition* ○ *I won't tolerate such behaviour/your behaving in this way.* **2** [Tn] tuar, mi pakhat/thil pakhat parah lungkim lo cingih dodal lo, lungkim lonak langter lo: *How can you tolerate that awful woman?* ○ *tolerate heat, noise, pain, etc well.* **3** [Tn] (medical) sii/damnak dingih tuamhlawm mi tuarthei: *The body cannot tolerate such large amounts of radiation.*

▷ **tolerable** /tələrəbl/ adj **1** tuartheih tawk: *The heat was tolerable at night but suffocating during the day.* **2** a ʃha tawkfang, cohlan theih: *tolerable weather* ○ *in tolerable health* ○ *We had a very tolerable (ie excellent) lunch.*

tolerably /-əblɪ/ n tawkfang zetin: *feel tolerably (ie almost completely) certain about sth* ○ *He plays the piano tolerably well.*

tolerance /tələrəns/ n **1** [U] (miparah/thil pakhat parah) tuar theinak: *religious/racial tolerance* ○ *As the addict's tolerance increases, he requires ever larger doses of the drug.* **2** [C, U] (engineering) a tum le sen, a rih le zan

tuartheinak: *working to a tolerance of 0.0001 of an inch/to very fine tolerances.*

tolerant /tə'lərəns/ *adj* ~ (of/towards sb/sth) tuartheinak nei, tuarthei, zawithe: *I'm a tolerant man but your behaviour is more than I can bear.* ○ *Her own mistakes made her very tolerant of/towards (the faults of) others.*

tolerantly *adv.*

toleration /tə'lə'reɪsn/ *n* [U] tuartheinak, zawitheinak.

toll¹ /təʊl/ *n* **1** lamzin zawh man/lilawn kaan man (zaw hman) lawng colhnak hman man paisa. **2** thil pakhat ih minung thihtermi le thilri siatsuahmi: *the death-toll in the earthquake, on the roads, after the massacre*, ie the number of people killed. **3** (idm) **take a heavy toll/take its toll (of sth)** sunnak, siatsuahnak tivek suahter: *The war took a heavy toll of human life.* ○ *Every year at Christmas drunken driving takes its toll.*

□ **toll-bridge** *n* hman man siah pek t̃ul lilawn.

toll-house *n* lamzin hman man siah khon hmun inn.

toll² /təʊl/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (for sb/sth) mithi dar tivek nuamte le hmanhman ih tum. **2** [Ipr] ~ (for sb/sth) (of a bell) hivek darkhing awn.

▷ **toll** *n* [sing] darkhing nuamtete ih tummi aw.

Tom /tɒm/ *n* (idm) (any/every) **Tom, Dick and Harry** (*usu derog*) zozo khal/zo pohpoh: *We don't want any (old) Tom, Dick and Harry using the club bar.*

tom /tɒm/ *n* = TOM-CAT.

tomahawk /tə'mə:hɔ:k/ *n* America sakta, Red Indian pawlih hrei tlung.

tomato /tə'mætəʊ/ *US* tə'meɪtəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ es) (a) kawhang; pokpaw: [attrib] *tomato juice, sauce, soup, ketchup.* (b) kawhang, pokpaw.

tomb /tu:m/ *n* thlaan; a bikin khaanlung phunchimi thlaan.

□ **tombstone** *n* thlaan par ih phunmi khaanlung.

tombola /tɒm'bəʊlə/ *n* [C, U] (Brit) awngbali phunkhat, t̃humvawr phunkhat.

tomboy /tɒmbɔɪ/ *n* nunau mipa vek ih tlangmi/ nunau pang hel zet.

▷ **tomboyish** *adj.*

tom-cat /tɒm kæt/ (also **tom**) *n* zawhte a pa.

to me /təʊm/ *n* cabu tumpi rit zet.

tomfool /tɒm'fu:l/ *adj* mi aa zet, aa: a *tomfool* thing to do.

▷ **tomfoolery** /-əri/ *n* [U, C *usu pl*] aatthlak umdan.

tommy-gun /tɒmɪ ɡʌn/ *n* a tawi ih ziandawng tampi puahthei meithal phunkhat.

tommy-rot /tɒmɪ 'rɒt/ *n* [U] (*infml*) thulolak, hnihsuakza: *Don't talk such tommy-rot!*

tomorrow /tə'mɒrəʊ/ *n* [U] **1** thaizing: *Today is Tuesday so tomorrow is Wednesday.* ○ *Tomorrow is going to be fine according to the*

forecast. ○ *The announcement will appear in tomorrow's newspapers.* ○ [attrib] *tomorrow morning/afternoon/evening/night.* **2** hmailam caan naite: *Who knows what changes tomorrow may bring?* ○ *tomorrow's world.* **3** (idm) **the day after tomorrow** ⇨ DAY.

▷ **tomorrow** *adv* thaisun ah: *She's getting married tomorrow.* ○ *See you this time tomorrow, then.*

tomtit /tɒmtɪt/ *n* vate fate phunkhat (tangphaw rong).

tomtom /tɒm tɒm/ *n* **1** Asia le Africa ram hmanmi khuang saupi. **2** jazz tivek awnmawi rual ih hmanmi khuang.

ton /tʌn/ *n* **1** [C] pawng 2240 a ritmi, thilrit US pawng 2000. Cf TONNE. **2** [C] thil tahnak – thing khiubit 40 a simi. **3** [C] (*nautical*) (a) tangphawlawng a tumlam (ton khat = khiubit 100) ih tahmi. (b) tangphawlawng phurhthei zat thilri (ton 1 = 40 khiubit). **4 tons** [pl] ~ s (of sth) (*infml*) a tam zet: *They've got tons of money.* ○ *I've still got tons (of work) to do.* **5** (idm) **do a/the ton** (*sl*) nazi pakhat peng 100 hnak ih tam mawtaw mawng: *got caught doing a ton on the motorway.* (come down on sb) like a ton of bricks (*infml*) mi pakhat na zet in (soisel/ mawhthluk, lole, na piin cawh). **weigh a ton** ⇨ WEIGH.

□ **ton-up** *adj* [attrib] (*dated sl*) (of a driver) nazi 1 ah peng 100 hnak tam mawngmi: *one of the ton-up boys.*

tonal /təʊnl/ *adj* **1** aw fehdan. **2** (*music*) of tonality.

▷ **tonality** /təʊ'næləti/ *n* [U, C] (*music*) hla aw laknak aw suah.

tone¹ /təʊn/ *n* **1** [C] awsuah, sang le sang lo, a rindan: *the ringing tones of an orator's voice* ○ *the alarm bell's harsh tone.* **2** [C] t̃ongdan – t̃ong lai ih aw suahdan: *speak in an angry, impatient, entreating, etc tone* ○ *a tone of command, reproach, regret, etc* ○ *Don't speak to me in that tone (of voice),* ie in that unpleasant, insolent, critical, etc way. **3** [C, U] awnmawi pakhat ih a t̃hat le t̃hat lo: *a violin with (an) excellent tone.* **4** [sing] thil a umdan (cabu) a duhsannak: *Overall, the tone of the book is satirical/the book is satirical in tone.* ○ *set the tone for/of the meeting with a conciliatory speech* ○ *lower/raise the tone of conversation, an occasion, an organization,* ie make it worse/ better. **5** [C] (*music*) (US **whole step**) a hlatnak (*interval*) awhrek (*semitone*) pahnih neimi aw. **6** [C] (a) thil zawng pianzia umdan a malte simi – a rei deuhmi: *a carpet in tones of brown and orange.* (b) zuknak/zuk suaimi ah a rong pianzia, tam/a mal a burhdan: *a picture in warm, dull, bright, etc tones* ○ *an artist's fine painting of skin tones.* **7** [U] taksa khohkhahnak: *good muscular tone.* **8** [C]

telephone awn: *the dialing/ringing tone* ○ *That tone means that the number is engaged.* ○ *Please speak after the tone*, eg as an instruction on an answering machine. **9** [C] (*linguistics*) aw kai, aw tum: *In 'Are you ill?' there is usually a rising tone on 'ill', while in 'He's ill' there is usually a falling tone on 'ill'.*

▷ **-toned** (forming compound *adjs*) aw sukdan: *silver-toned trumpets.*

toneless *adj* hiarnak le duhnak thinlung tak um lomi aw: *answer in a toneless voice.* **tonelessly** *adv.*

□ **tone-deaf** *adj* awnmawi ih aw a phunphun thleidan thiam lo.

tone language (*linguistics*) aw sang le niam a neimi tong. (a sang le niam in tican dangdang an nei, eg Chinese.)

tone-poem *n* (*music*) thuanthu, ruahnak langter ih phuahmi biazai, awnmawi hla.

tone² /təʊn/ *v* **1** [Tn] aw suah. **2** (phr *v*) **tone (sth) down** a hmual deemter deuh: *Their enthusiasm has toned down since they discovered the cost.* ○ *You'd better tone down the more offensive remarks in your article.* **tone in (with sth)** a rong pianzia a remcangter – a rong umdan a kaih aw: *The new curtains tone in beautifully with the carpet.* **tone (sth) up** tleu deuh/nasa deuh, lole, cakter deuh: *Exercise tones up the muscles.*

tongs /tɒŋz/ *n* [pl] **1** caicheh: *a pair of tongs* ○ *sugar/coal/ice tongs.* **2** (idm) **be/go at it/each other hammer and tongs** ⇨ HAMMER¹.

tongue /tʌŋ/ *n* **1** [C] lei (kaa sungih um). **2** [C, U] cawsa lei; ei-mi lei: *ham and tongue sandwiches.* **3** [C] (*fml or rhet*) tong; miphun tong: *He speaks English, but his native tongue is German.* Cf MOTHER TONGUE (MOTHER). **4** [C] (a) thil ih a lei, kadam ih a lei: *the tongue of a shoe*, ie the strip of leather under the laces ○ *the tongue* (ie clapper) of a bell ○ *a narrow tongue of land* (ie promontory) *jutting out into the sea.* (b) mei lei: *tongues of flame lapping the edges of the bonfire.* **5** (idm) **bite one's tongue** ⇨ BITE¹. **an evil tongue** ⇨ EVIL. **find/lose one's voice/tongue** ⇨ FIND¹. **get one's tongue round/around sth** sal harzet tongfang thate ih sal suak thei. **give sb/get the edge of one's/sb's tongue** ⇨ EDGE¹. **have a loose tongue** ⇨ LOOSE¹. **hold one's peace/tongue** ⇨ PEACE. **loosen sb's tongue** ⇨ LOOSEN. **on the tip of one's tongue** ⇨ TIP¹. **put/stick one's tongue out** lei khak – umdan tha lo sinak langter: *Don't you dare stick your tongue out at me!* **a silver tongue** ⇨ SILVER. **tongues wag** (*infml*) mi ih rel cuci/thu a thang: *Their scandalous affair has really set tongues wagging.* **a slip of the pen/tongue** ⇨ SLIP¹. **with (one's) tongue in (one's) cheek** thutak ih ruah lo dingmi/thupi ih rel ding si lomi: *Don't be fooled by all his complimentary*

remarks — they were all said with tongue in cheek. **with one's tongue hanging out** (a) tihal zet. (b) thil pakhat beisei zet/hngakhlap zet.

▷ **-tongued** (forming compound *adjs*) tongdan – lei hmandan: *sharp-tongued.*

□ **tongue-in-cheek** *adj* thungai/thutak suah lo, capoh thu: *tongue-in-cheek remarks.*

tongue-lashing *n* napi cam/kawksiatnak.

tongue-tied *adj* ningzah mualpho ruangih tong lo ih um – rak ngui.

tongue-twister *n* saal har dingih tuahmi, eg *She sells sea-shells on the sea-shore.*

tonic /tɒnɪk/ *n* **1** [C, U] thazaang petu sii – (damtua le bang tik ih eimi). **2** [C usu *sing*] (fig) harhdam, lole, lungawitertu: *Praise can be a fine tonic.* ○ *The good news acted as a tonic on us all.* ○ [attrib] *the tonic effects of sea air.* **3** [C, U] = TONIC WATER. **4** [C] (*music*) hla sak tikih aw lakmi, keynote.

□ **tonic water** (also **tonic**) kunen rim tel tha umnak sii rawimi ti thiang: *a bottle of tonic water* ○ *a gin and tonic* ○ *Two tonic waters/tonics, please.*

tonight /tə'naɪt/ *n* [U] (a) tuzan: *Here are tonight's football results.* (b) tuzan lam, tuzan: *Tonight will be cloudy.*

▷ **tonight** *adv* tuzan ah: *See you at nine o'clock tonight, then.* ○ *Are you doing anything tonight?*

tonnage /tɒnɪdʒ/ *n* [U, C] **1** (*nautical*) (a) tangphawlawng a tumzia (ton cuzat ti ih rel in). (b) tangphawlawng ih thilrit a phurh theizat. (c) ram pakhat ih tangphawlawng neih zat (ton ih siarmi). **2** (*commerce*) thilrit phurh zat ih a man pekmi paisa.

tonne /tʌn/ *n* kilogram 1000 rit.

tonsil /tɒnsəl/ *n* dangbo (pahnih).

▷ **tonsillitis** /tɒnsɪ'lartɪs/ *n* [U] dangbo thling nat.

tonsure /tɒnfə(r)/ *n* **1** [U] biaknak puithiam, lole phungki cannak dingih, thlunglu, lole, lu meet kolh. **2** [C] hi vek lumeh.

▷ **tonsured** *adj* lukawng.

too /tu:/ *adv* **1** (usu placed at the end; in speech, with stress on *too* and on the word it modifies) khal – kei khal, ve; amah khal a si ve, tivek: *I've been to Paris, too*, ie in addition to other places. ○ *He plays the guitar and sings too.* ⇨ Usage at ALSO. **2** (used before *adjs* and *advs*) deuh, tuk: *drive too fast*, ie faster than the permitted speed limit or than is sensible ○ *These shoes are much too small for me.* ○ *It's too cold to go in the sea yet.* ○ *This is too difficult a text for them/This text is too difficult for them.* ○ *We can't ski because there's too little snow.* ○ *It's too long a journey to make in one day.* ○ (*fml*) *Her work has been too much ignored for too long.* **3** duhzawng lo lam ih mangbang tong: *I had flu last week. And I was on holiday too!* ○ *I've lost an ear-ring. It was an expensive one*

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too 4 zet/tuk: *I'm not too sure if this is right.* 5 (idm) **be too much for sb (a)** mi hleih/sisawnnak/caksawn tivek, sisawn tuk: *The Cambridge team were too much for the Oxford team in the quiz.* ○ *A cycling holiday would be too much for an unfit person like me.* (b) tuar theih lo tiang a simi- tuk/a lawmmam tuk: *All that giggling and whispering was too much for me — I had to leave the room.*

took pt of TAKE¹.

tool /tu:l/ n 1 hnaʔuannak thuamhnaw/thilri/hriamhre: *A screwdriver and a hammer are the only tools you need.* ○ *garden tools, eg spade, rake, etc.* 2 hman thil; thil tuahnak ih hmanmi thil pawl: *The computer is now an indispensable tool in many businesses.* ⇒ Usage at MACHINE. 3 mah ih hlawnak/thathnemnak ih hmanmi milai: *The prime minister was a mere tool in the hands of the country's president.* 4 (Δ sl) zang. 5 (idm) **down tools** ⇒ DOWN³.

▷ **tool** v 1 [Tn esp passive] pungsan zuk nam (cabu phaw tivek ah): *hand-tooled leather* ○ *The spine is tooled in gold.* 2 (phr v) **tool along** (infml) hnangam/lungsi zet phah ih mawʔaw mawng. **tool sth up** a ʔulmi thilri bun.

toot /tu:t/ n [C] mawʔawka hawn awn.

▷ **toot** v [I, Tn] awtawi awnter – mawʔaw hawn tum: *The driver tooted his horn as he approached the bend.*

tooth /tu:θ/ n (pl **teeth** /ti:θ/) 1 haa: *The baby's first front teeth are just coming through.* ○ *have a tooth out*, ie extracted by a dentist ○ *She still has all her own teeth*, ie no false ones. 2 haa vek thil. 3 **teeth** [pl] (infml) fekte ih dan thlunternak; thuneihnak pek: *The law must be given more teeth if crime is to be properly controlled.* 4 (idm) **armed to the teeth** ⇒ ARM³. **bare its teeth** ⇒ BARE². **by the skin of one's teeth** ⇒ SKIN. **cast, fling, throw, etc sth in sb's teeth** nautat ih mi soi. **cut a tooth** haa a kho. **cut one's teeth on sth** thil pakhat ihsin hmuhtonak ngah. **draw sb's/sth's teeth/fangs** ⇒ DRAW². **fight, etc tooth and nail** napi in le reipi tiang to aw/tawngaw. **get/take the bit between one's/the teeth** ⇒ BIT². **get one's teeth into sth** thil pakhat par ah thinlung pek: *Now you know what the job involves here's something to get your teeth into.* **grit one's teeth** ⇒ GRIT v. **have a sweet tooth** ⇒ SWEET¹. **in the teeth of sth (a)** a si ko nan: *The new policy was adopted in the teeth of fierce criticism.* (b) ralsan ih hmaiton. **a kick in the teeth** ⇒ KICK². **lie in/through one's teeth/throat** ⇒ LIE¹. **long in the tooth** ⇒ LONG¹. **set sb's teeth on edge** (esp of a sharp sound or taste) mi pakhat hnainnokter/nuam lo ih tuah; zinfeter. **show one's teeth** ⇒ SHOW².

▷ **toothed** /tu:θt/ adj [attrib] 1 haa nei. 2 (in compounds) phundang deuhmi haa nei: *a saw-*

toothed wheel.

toothless adj haa nei lo.

toothy (-ier, -iest) adj haa tampi nei/haa a kimmi – haa a (laar) langmi: *a toothy grin.*

toothily adv.

□ **toothache** n [C, U] haa nat: *I've got (a/the) toothache.*

toothbrush n haa ʔhuah fung; haa rawtnak fung.

toothpaste n [U] haa thuah sii; ha kholhnak sii/ha kholhnak thil bek.

tooth-powder n [U, C] haa kholhnak siivut.

toothpick n haather coihnak fung zum/thil zum.

toothsome /tu:θsəm/ adj (fml) (of food) a thawmi.

tootle /tu:tl/ v 1 [I, Ipr] ~ (on sth) dimte in tum, awnter. 2 [Ipr, Ip] (infml) nuamnai thlangam tein vak/veh: *tootling into town* ○ *tootle around on one's bike.*

top¹ /tɒp/ n 1 [C] thil pakhat ih a zim, a par a sang bik hmun, tlunta bik, par zim: *at the top of the hill* ○ *the surrounding hilltops* ○ *five lines from the top of the page* ○ *My office is at the top of the building.* 2 [C] thil pakhat ih a tlun lam, a partluan: *polish the top of the table/the table-top* ○ *put the luggage on top of the car*, eg on a roof-rack. 3 [sing] ~ (of sth) a sang bik (lole) a thupi bik si/dinhmun thil ti suaknak/sinak bik: *come to/rise to/reach the top*, ie achieve fame, success, etc ○ *Liverpool finished the season (at the) top of the football league.* ○ *He's at the top of his profession.* ○ *We've got a lot of things to do, but packing is top of the list.* ○ *the top of the table*, ie the upper end, where eg the most distinguished people sit. 4 [C] (a) thil pakhat ih a tlunlam kau: *the top of the milk*, ie the layer of cream floating on it ○ *Put the top back on that felt-tip pen or it will dry out.* ○ *She took off the top of her bikini.* (b) a sin/a hren: *Where's the top of this paint can?* ○ *a bottle with a screw-top.* (c) (esp woman's) (nunau ruangpi) tluan/parlam khuhtu/tuamtu hnipuan: *I need a top to go with these slacks.* 5 [U] = TOP GEAR: *You shouldn't be in top.* 6 [C usu pl] a hram ei ding hrang cinmi ih a hnah pawl: *turnip tops.* 7 (idm) **at the top of the tree** hnaʔuannak ih a sang bik. **at the top of one's voice** aw ring thei patawp. **blow one's top** ⇒ BLOW¹. **from top to bottom** a za te in/a khuate in: *We searched the house from top to bottom.* **from top to toe** lu in kezim tiang. **in the first/top flight** ⇒ FLIGHT¹. **off the top of one's head** (infml) ruat cia loin: *I can't tell you the answer off the top of my head.* **on top** (a) a tlunta bik: *The green book is at the bottom of the pile and the red one is on top.* (b) tlunta bik cuang/midang par ah thuneih cuangnak: *Lendl was on top throughout the match.* **on top of sth/sb** (a) thildang pawl

parah: *Put this record on top of the others.* ○ *Many people were crushed when the building collapsed on top of them.* (b) cu hleiah/lawng siloin: *He gets commission on top of his salary.* ○ *On top of borrowing £50, he asked me to lend him my car.* (c) (infml) naihte ih um/naihzaw zet ah: *There is no privacy when houses are built on top of each other like that.* (be/feel) on top of the world lungawi tuk (lole) hngal. **over the top** (infml esp Brit) a hlei ce/a hleifuan thil va tuah/he i um: *The film's violent ending is completely over the top.* ○ *an actor who tends to go over the top*, ie to overact. (the) **top brass** (sl) bawi upa bik lam: *Plenty of top brass attended the ceremony.* (be) **top dog** (sl) minung/mibur/ram pakhat midang par ah upa va si sawnnak/that deuhnak. **the top storey** (joc) (mi pakhat) thluak: *He's a bit weak in the top storey*, ie not very intelligent.

▷ **top** adj [usu attrib] a sang bik hmun/si biknak/thupi bik: *a room on the top floor* ○ *one of Britain's top scientists* ○ *top jobs, people* ○ *traveling at top* (ie maximum) speed.

topless adj (a) (of a woman) pawhte le tang hup lo ih um/hnipuan hruk lo: *a topless waitress.* (b) (of a woman's garment) pawhte lang thluh ih um: *a topless dress.* — adv pawhte lang kioki in: *sunbathe topless.*

□ **top-boot** n khuktang tiang a khuhmi boot kedan.

topcoat n 1 a tluntabik le a neta bik thuhmi inn sii (si thuh a dang dang tlun ih thuhmi). Cf UNDERCOAT 1. 2 (dated) = OVERCOAT.

top drawer a sangbik dinhmun: *She's out of the top drawer/She's very top drawer.*

top-dress v [Tn] thlawh lomi lei par ah dawm burh.

top-dressing n [C, U] thlawh lomi lei parih burhmi dawm.

top-flight adj thil titheitu bik: *top-flight computer scientists.*

top gear mawtaw kiar a sang bik (khulrang bik fehnakh hmanmi: *If you try to start off in top gear you'll stall.*

top hat (also **topper**) thupi caan ih khummi mipa lukhuh sang.

top-heavy adj a tlunlam a rit tukmi (a ril ding phan ummi).

topknot n nunau pawl ih vate hmul thawn an ceimawimi samtom.

topmost /-məʊst/ adj [attrib] sang bik, tlun bik/a tlunta bik: *on the topmost shelf.*

top-notch adj (infml) tha bik, pakhatnak: *a top-notch lawyer.*

top-ranking adj [attrib] upa bik simi/thupi biktu simi.

top secret a thupi bik thuthup: *a file of top secret information.*

topside n [U] ketlun ihsin tanmi caw.

topsoil n [U] dawmtha a tlunta bik thuah. Cf SUBSOIL.

top ten, top twenty a tha bik le khawng bikmi hla awkhum; tlunta bik pahra sung tel, kul sung tel: *She's a popular singer, but her records never make (ie get into) the top ten.*

top² /tɒp/ v (-pp-) 1 [Tn, Tn-pr esp passive] a tluntabik dot ah ret: *a church topped by/with a steeple* ○ *ice-cream topped with chocolate sauce.* 2 [Tn] a tlunbik ah thleng: *When we finally topped the hill we had a fine view.* 3 [Tn] (a) sangsawn/ hleih/hnak in tam: *Exports have topped the £80 million mark.* (b) hmaisabik ah um: *a chart-topping record.* 4 [Tn] thing thei a tlun bik a hawng khok: *top and tail* (ie remove the ends from) *gooseberries.* 5 [Tn] (esp in golf) golf bawlung thawiah, a lai tlun deuh thawi ih thawitha ngah lo/thelh zikte. 6 [Tn] (sl) (mi pakhat) hri hngawngaw ih thah. 7 (idm) **head/top the bill** ⇨ BILL¹. 8 (phr v) **top (sth) out** a tluntabik lungto re tahrat in (inn) sak theh. **top (sth) up** khat ko khah/khat ter: *top up with petrol/oil* ○ *top up a car battery*, ie by adding distilled water ○ (infml) *Let me top you up*, ie refill your glass.

▷ **topping** n [C, U] khrim, khrim khekhmuk tivek parih retmi thil bek: *a range of fruit-flavoured toppings.*

□ **top-up** n thunsal, betsal: *Who's ready for a top-up* (ie for another drink)?

top³ /tɒp/ n (idm) **sleep like a log/top** ⇨ SLEEP².

topaz /təʊpæz/ n (a) [U] lung mankhung, thlalang vek khatlam hmuhtlang theih. (b) [C] lung mankhung tel deuh lo lung mankhung ihsin an aahmi.

topi /təʊpi; US təʊ'pi/ n nisa lakih hmanmi (tawpi) lukhuh.

topiary /təʊpiəri; US -iəri/ n [U] vate, ramsa zuk cuang dingn pangpar kung le hawikung pawl tan thiamnak: [attrib] *topiary work.*

topic /tɒpɪk/ n thutlangpi: *a topic of conversation* ○ *Is drug abuse a suitable topic for a school debate?*

▷ **topical** /-kl/ adj mi ih theih duhmi tulai thuhla: *a play full of topical allusions to well-known people.* **topicality** /tɒpɪkæləti/ n [U].

topically /-kli/ adv.

topography /tə'pɒɡrəfi/ n [U] leiram umdan e.g tiva, tlang, lamzin, inn tivek umdan.

▷ **topographical** /təpə'græfɪkl/ adj: *a topographical map.* **topographically** /-kli/ adv.

topper /tɒpə(r)/ n (infml) = TOP HAT (TOP¹).

topping¹ /tɒpɪŋ/ n ⇨ TOP².

topping² /tɒpɪŋ/ adj (dated Brit infml) thazet.

topple /tɒpl/ v 1 (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (over) thate'n ding thei lo ih rilbah: *The pile of books toppled over onto the floor.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] hivek ih rilbahter: *The explosion toppled the old chimney.* 2 [Tn, Tn-pr] (fig) (thil/mi pakhat)

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thuneihnak in tlaksiat, hlón: *a crisis which threatens to topple the government (from power).*

tops /tɒps/ *n* [pl] (usu **the tops**) (*infml*) a ṭhabik: *I like most cities, but for me New York is (the) tops.*

topsy-turvy /tɒpsi 'tɜːvi/ *adv*, *adj* **1** hnok celcel ih um: *This sudden development turned all our plans topsy-turvy.* **2** a linglet in; tlnlam tanglam ah, tanglam tlnlam ah um.

tor /tɔː(r)/ *n* tlang fate, lole, lungto tlang zim, a bikin SW England ah.

torch /tɔːtʃ/ *n* **1** (US **flashlight**) detmei. **2** (US) = BLOWLAMP (BLOW¹). **3** meifar; zinan meifar. **4** (idm) **carry a torch for sb** ⇒ CARRY.

□ **torchlight** *n* [U] detmei tleu: *put up the tent by torchlight* ○ [attrib] a *torchlight procession*, ie one in which burning torches are carried.

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toreador /tɔːriədɔː(r)/; US 'tɔːr-/ *n* (in Spain) cawcanghrang tawngtu, (rang par to in).

torment /tɔːment/ *n* (a) [U, C usu pl] takpum, lole, thinlung retheih: *be in great torment* ○ *suffer torment(s) from toothache.* (b) [C] (thil/minung) hi vek harsat petu: *His shyness made public speaking a torment to him.* ○ *What a little torment the child is!* ie because it is noisy, demanding, etc.

▷ **torment** /tɔːment/ *v* [Tn] **1** retheih zonzaih pek: *tormented by hunger, anxiety, mosquitoes.* **2** capoh, lole, hnaihnoknak tuah: *stop tormenting your sister.* ○ *tormenting their teacher with silly questions.*

tormentor /tɔːmentə(r)/ *n*: *turn on* (ie fight back against) one's tormentors.

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tornado /tɔːneɪdɔː/ *n* (pl ~ **es**) (hmun nei ih hrangmi) thlisia nasatak: *The town was hit by a tornado.*

torpedo /tɔːpiːdɔː/ *n* (pl ~ **es**) tilut tangphawlawng in maw, tipar tangphawlawngin maw, vanzamleng in maw, ral pawl lawng kahnak a sawl zurzi cerek tumpi.

▷ **torpedo** *v* (pt, pp **torpedoed**, pres p **torpedoing**) [Tn] **1** cuvek torpedo cerek in kap. **2** (fig) siatsuah (thupomdan, thil thuhla, pawlkom dinmi thil tivek): *accused the union of torpedoing the negotiations.*

□ **torpedo-boat** *n* torpedo kahnak cerek nei tangphawlawng.

torpid /tɔːpɪd/ *adj* (*fml*) khulfung/cakvak lo.

▷ **torpidity** /tɔːpɪdɪti/ *n* [U] (*fml*) khulfunnak. **torpidly** *adv*.

torpor /tɔːpə(r)/ *n* [U] (*fml*) khulfunnak, cakvaklonak: *a state of torpor induced by the tropical heat.*

torque /tɔːk/ *n* [U] merh tazang, merhkual, herkual.

torrent /tɔːrənt/; US 'tɔːr-/ *n* **1** a luang cak zetmi

tiva, meisa tlang vutsa ti tivek: *mountain torrents* ○ *torrents of rain* ○ *rain falling in torrents.* **2** (fig) ṭong so, thinhen ṭong: *a torrent of abuse, insults, questions, etc.*

▷ **torrential** /tə'renʃl/ *adj* a luang cak zetmi, a luang zutzomi e.g ruah: *torrential rain.*

torrid /tɔːrɪd/; US 'tɔːr-/ *adj* **1** (of a climate or country) a sa ih a car zetmi (tikcu): *the torrid zone*, ie the part of the earth's surface between the tropics. **2** hiar zet – (nu le pa pawlawk lam): *torrid love-scences.*

torsion /tɔːʃn/ *n* [U] **1** khatlam zim cu cang loin khatlam in merh. **2** a kual zawng in a merh ih ummi.

torso /tɔːsəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ **s**) **1** lu, kut, ke tel lo ruangpi. **2** hi vek ruangpi lawng ih ummi lem.

tort /tɔːt/ *n* (*law*) ṭhelhnak, palhnak thuṭhennak zungah sunnak hrang tuam hlawnak dil theihmi (kuan liamnak dil theihmi).

tortilla /tɔːtiːjə/ *n* vainim vut thawn tuahmi hmuk (sa thawn a sat lai ei mi).

tortoise /tɔːtɔːs/ *n* cumkheng.

□ **tortoiseshell** /tɔːtɔːʃel/ *n* **1** [U] cumkheng phaw; cuh phaw ih tuahmi thaithih: [attrib] a *hairbrush with a tortoiseshell back.* **2** [C] aihre le leivut pianzia cokpolh hmul nei zawhte. **3** [C] leivut pianzia nei pelepe.

tortuous /tɔːtʃuəs/ *adj* **1** a kawi le a ngerhmi: *followed a tortuous road down the mountainside.* **2** (fig usu derog) (of a policy, etc) ruahnak ṭha lo, siava zetmi/a kelkawi: *a tortuous argument* ○ *tortuous logic.*

▷ **tortuosity** /tɔːtʃʊə'səti/ [U]. **tortuously** *adv*.

torture /tɔːtʃə(r)/ *n* [C, U] **1** hremnak (taksa, thinlung na seh ti ih hremnak): *barbaric tortures* ○ *the widespread use of torture* ○ *She died under torture.* ○ [attrib] *torture instruments.* **2** (fig) taksa, lole thinlung harsat peknak: *the tortures of suspense, fear, jealousy, etc* ○ *This tooth of mine is sheer torture!*

▷ **torture** *v* [Tn] **1** hrem (asilole) retheih pek: *accused the regime of torturing its political opponents.* **2** (fig) thinlung, tisa nazet ih tuah/ natter: *tortured by anxiety.* **torturer** /tɔːtʃərə(r)/ *n*.

Tory /tɔːri/ *n*, *adj* Conservative Party, England ram ih parti pakhat (Hlan nunthlun parti): *the Tory Party conference* ○ *Tory policies.*

▷ **Toryism** *n* [U].

toss /tɔːs/; US tɔːs/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth (to sb)** hlón: *He tossed the book down on the table.* ○ *toss sth aside/away/out* ○ *They were tossing a ball about.* ○ *he tossed the beggar a coin/tossed a coin to the beggar.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] (of a bull, etc) a ki thawn per; a ki thawn khik ih hlón. **2** [Tn, Tn-p] lu tau ih thing (lung kim lo le nautatnak in). **3** [I, I-pr, I-p, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] (mi/thil pakhat) khatlam le khatlam (lole) sukso ah cawlbang lo ih

cangvair: branches tossing in the wind ○ *I couldn't sleep, but kept tossing and turning/tossing about in bed all night.* ○ *The ship was tossed back and forth by the waves.* **4** [Tn, Tn-pr] rawl cok: *toss the salad in oil and vinegar.* **5** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ (up) (sth); ~ (sb) for sth thu pakhat ðhennak dingih thir tangka tlunvan ah khirh, herter ih thlak, khoilam sawn lu a si ding ti zoh (lu le pangpar hrilnak): *Have the two captains tossed yet (eg to decide which team will start the match)?* ○ *Who's going to cook tonight? Let's toss up.* ○ *There's only one pillow — I'll toss you for it.* **6** (phr v) **toss (oneself) off** (Δ Brit sl) mipa/nunau mah zahmawh kut thawn nomnak tuah. **toss sth off** (a) (a ti) dawk thluh. (b) thil pakhat rangzet le harsatnak um lo ih suah: *I can toss off my article for the local newspaper in half an hour.*

▷ **toss** *n* **1** thil hlón, lulam le pangparlam hrilnak (camfung zuk ai ah): *The decision depended on the toss of a coin.* ○ *take a toss, disdainful, scornful, etc toss of the head.* **2** (idm) **argue the toss** ⇒ ARGUE. **not give a toss (about sb/sth)** (sl) ziangsiar lo. **win/lose the toss** tangka khirh tikah lulam/pangparlam hril dik/sual.

□ **toss-up** *n* **1** tangka tlunvan ih khirh. **2** (infml) vansiat vanðhat tithu men si dingmi: *Both players are equally good so it's a toss-up (ie impossible to predict) who will win.*

tot¹ /tɒt/ *n* **1** nauhakke: *a TV programme for tiny tots.* **2** zu innak thlalang haite.

tot² /tɒt/ *v* (-tt-) (phr v) **tot (sth) up** (infml) kom: *It's surprising how the bills tot up.* ○ *let's tot up our expenses.* **tot up to sth** (infml) a zate kom: *The bill totted up to almost £40.*

total /təʊtəl/ *adj* [usu attrib] a zate, pumhlum: *total silence* ○ *the total number of casualties* ○ *live in total ignorance (of sth)* ○ *That's total nonsense!* ○ *The firm made a total profit of £200000.* ○ *total war*, ie war waged with the full resources of a country ○ *a total eclipse of the sun/moon*, ie one in which the sun/moon is completely obscured ○ *a total waste of time.*

▷ **total** *n* **1** a zate zat: *What does the total come to?* ○ *England scored a total of 436 runs.* **2** (idm) **in total** a zate kom in: *That will cost you £7.50 in total.*

total *v* (-ll-; US also -l-) [Tn] **1** zate kom siar: *The takings haven't been totaled yet.* **2** zat a kim: *He has debts totaling more than £200.* **3** (US sl) (a bikin mawtawka) a siat thluh.

totality /təʊtəli/ *n* **1** [U] zate sinak. **2** [C] zate zat.

totally /təʊtəli/ *adv* a zate in: *totally blind* ○ *I'm afraid I totally forget about it.*

totalitarian /təʊtəli'teəriən/ *adj* party dang um siang lo, party pakhat lawngih ram uk duhmi.

▷ **totalitarianism** /-izəm/ *n* [U].

totalizator, -isator /təʊtəlaizetə(r); US -lɪz-/ (also infml **tote**) *n* (fml) rang tlan zuamawknak ah a nehtu pawlin an nehmi tangka hmakhatte ah zemaw thei seh tiin tangka thap zat khum vivotu cet.

tote¹ /təʊt/ *n* (infml) = TOTALIZATOR: *betting on the tote.*

tote² /təʊt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] (US infml) phur: *I've been toting this bag round all day.*

totem /təʊtəm/ *n* American Indian pawlih an phunhnam hminsinnak ramsa lem, lole, thilri zuk.

□ **totem-pole** *n* an phunhnam hminsinnak ramsa zuk ummi ðhuam (thingkhaan vek).

totter /tɒtə(r)/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] **1** tlu zikkik in feh: *The child tottered across the room.* ○ *She tottered to her feet.* **2** tlu ding vekih hnin: *The tall chimney tottered (to and fro) and then collapsed.*

▷ **tottery** /tɒtəri/ *adj*: *feel faint and tottery.*

toucan /tu:kæn, -kən; US also tu'kɑ:n/ *n* America ram a hlumnak hmun ih a ummi, hmur tum zet, hmul tleu zet vate.

touch¹ /tʌtʃ/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] dai aw: *The two wires were touching.* ○ *One of the branches was just touching the water.* ○ *The two properties touch (each other), ie share a boundary.* **2** [Tn] kut thawn dimte in tham, dai, hmet, sat: *Don't touch that dish — it's very hot!* ○ *Can you touch the top of the door (ie reach it with your hand)?* ○ *He touched me on the arm*, eg to attract my attention. ○ *Don't let your coat touch the wall — the paint's still wet.* **3** [Tn] thawn, hnaihnoknak tuah: *I told you not to touch my things!* ○ *The valuable paintings were not touched by the fire.* ○ *What he did was perfectly legal — the police can't touch (ie arrest) him for it.* **4** [Tn] malte hman ei lo, in lo, dai lo: *You've hardly touched your steak.* **5** [Tn, Tn-pr] (a) ~ **sb/sth (with sth)** zaangfahter, ninghanter: *Her tragic story touched us all deeply/touched our hearts with sorrow.* ○ *He never seems to have been touched with the slightest remorse for his crimes.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth (on sth)** thin natter, thintok dingin tuah: *Her sarcasm touched his self-esteem.* ○ *You've touched me on a tender spot*, ie mentioned sth I find painful or unpleasant. **6** [Tn] dai, tham, hman (negative thawn hman): *Your objections do not touch the point at issue.* ○ *I wouldn't touch anything illegal.* ○ *She never touches (ie drinks) alcohol.* **7** [Tn] (usu in negative sentences) bang, ban, (a ða bikah) tluk: *No one can touch him (ie He is the best) as a comedian/in comedy.* ○ *There's nothing to touch mountain air for giving you an appetite.* **8** [Tn] thil pakhatkhat a sawh a khih; thil pakhatkhat ah a thleng: *The speedometer was touching 120 mph.* ○ *After touching 143, the price (ie of shares on the stock-market) fell*

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back to 108 by the close of trading. ○ touch the depths of despair. **9** (idm) **hit/touch a nerve** ⇨ NERVE. **not touch sb/sth with a barge-pole** (Brit infml) kha neih dingah, lole, pawl dingah duh lo: *I don't know why she's marrying that appalling man; I wouldn't touch him with a barge-pole.* **touch bottom** (a) tidai tawne leilung vun dai: *The ship has touched bottom — the estuary must be shallower than we thought.* (b) (fig) dinhmun niam bik, siava bik ah thleng: *When he was forced to beg from his friends he felt he had touched bottom and could sink no lower.* **touch sb on the raw** a duh lo zetmi thil te sim ih thin natter. **touch the right chord** duhzawng si dingin fim zet in tuah. **touch wood** (catchphrase) zanthing thawn tuahmi thil pakhat khat tham phah in, vansiatnak ihsin ka luat ding ti zumnak nei-in, lole, capoh menmen in ðong ðheumi ðong: *I've been driving for 20 years and never had an accident — touch wood!* **10** (phr v) **touch at sth** (no passive) (of a ship) hmun pakhat ah tangphawlawng a langte in cawl: *Our ship touched at Naples.* **touch down** (a) (of an aircraft) vanzamleng lei a dai (a ðum tican). (b) (in Rugby) khatlam kawlung bawlung ret in a hmat ngah. **touch sb for sth** (sl) san dingah, lole, ðen dingah paisa dil: *He tried to touch me for fiver.* **touch sth off** (a) puak, alhter. (b) (fig) thokter: *His arrest touched off a riot.* **touch on/upon sth** a tawinak in sim, rel: *The matter was hardly touched on.* **touch sb up** (sl) nu le pa pawl aw dingih sawmnak ah tham. **touch sth up** malte rem in a ðha deuh ah cangter: *I'm going to touch up those scratches with a bit of paint.* □ **touchdown** n **1** (of an aircraft) vanzamleng ðum. **2** (in American football) American football ah, khatlam kawlrin lanah bawlung thlenpi.

touch² /tʌtʃ/ n **1** [C usu sing] dai: *I felt a touch on my arm.* ○ *A bubble will burst at the slightest touch.* ○ *He managed to get a touch to the ball.* **2** [U] kut in dai/tham ih theithiamnak: *Blind people rely a lot on touch.* ○ *a highly developed sense of touch.* **3** [sing] dai tiki kan theih zia: *soft to the touch* ○ *The material has a warm, velvety touch.* ○ *the cold touch of marble.* **4** [C] a terek tete: *put the finishing touches to a piece of work* ○ *humorous touches* ○ *That was a clever touch.* **5** [sing] a ~ (of sth) malte; tel ceute: *This dish needs a touch more garlic.* ○ *'Do you take sugar?' 'Just a touch.'* ○ *There's a touch of frost in the air.* ○ *I've got a touch of flu.* ○ *have a touch of the sun*, ie slight sunstroke. **6** [sing] tuah/ti daan: *the touch of a master*, ie expert style, eg in painting ○ *play the piano with a light, heavy, firm, delicate, etc touch* ○ *His work lacks that professional touch.* **7** [sing] mi pakhat in a hleice ih titheinak: *I can't do the*

crossword today — I must be losing my touch. ○ *Has he regained his old touch?* ○ *another adventure film with that inimitable Steven Spielberg touch.* **8** [U] (in football and Rugby) bawlung lek Rugby ah, a rin leng bualrawn: *The ball is out of/in touch.* ○ *kick the ball into touch.* **9** (idm) **at a touch** ziangtluk dimte ih tham: *The machine stops and starts at a touch.* **the common touch** ⇨ COMMON¹. **an easy/a soft touch** (sl) paisa dil, lole, cawi dingin dil tikah ol teih mi pek hman minung. **in/out of touch** (with sb) pehkaih-awknak nei/nei lo: *Let's keep in touch.* ○ *Do get in touch soon, eg by phone.* ○ *Our head office can put you in touch with a branch in your area.* ○ *I'll be in touch again towards the end of the week.* ○ *We've been out of touch with Roger for years now.* **in/out of touch with sth** thil pakhatkhat ih thuhla thei/thei nawn loin um: *I try to keep in touch with current events by reading the newspapers.* **lose touch** ⇨ LOSE. **a touch** (with an adj or adv) malte: *It's a touch colder today.* ○ *She hit the ball a touch too hard.*

□ **touch-and-go** adj [usu pred] (infml) ziang a cang leh ding ti thei lo dinhmun: *It was touch-and-go whether we would get to the airport in time.* ○ *The patient is out of danger now, but it was touch-and-go* (ie uncertain whether he would survive) *for a while.*

touch-judge n Rugby le football ah, a sir rin kiltu.

touch-line n bawlung bualrawn ih a sir lam rin.

touch-type v [I] zoh loin, ca cuknak cet thawn ca ngan.

touché /tuːʃeɪ; US tuːʃeɪ/ interj ðong el awknak ah khatlam in neh theinak thuhman a ðong tinak ih hmanmi ðong a si.

touched /tʌtʃt/ adj [pred] **1** buhlumter, lungawiter: *I was very touched by/to receive your kind letter.* **2** (infml) malte aa.

touching /tʌtʃɪŋ/ adj lungzur/zaangfahnak suak ter thei: *a touching sight, story, scene* ○ (ironic) *She showed a touching* (ie perhaps mistaken) *faith in her own invincibility.*

▷ **touching** prep (fml) (thil/mi) parah hmual a neimi: *measures touching our interests.*

touchingly adv.

touchy /tʌtʃi/ adj (-ier, -iest) **1** thinheng ol: *don't be so touchy!* **2** (of a subject, situation, etc) thu a hnok thei, mi thinheng thei ruangah ralring ih rel a ðulmi thu le hla, dinhmun: *Racism remains a touchy issue.*

▷ **touchily** /-ɪli/ adv. **touchiness** n [U].

tough /tʌf/ adj (-er, -est) **1** a ðang, siat ol lo: *as tough as leather* ○ *Tough glass is needed for windscreens.* ○ *a tough pair of walking boots.* **2** zonzai tuar thei, neh har, pem har, hriat har: *You need to be tough to survive in the jungle.* ○

Coal-miners are a tough breed. **3** (esp US) tihnungza, hnaihno km, hrothakmi: *one of the toughest areas of the city* ○ *a tough criminal.* **4** (derog) (of meat) a hak, ah har, khai a harmi: *a tough steak.* **5** a nasami, a hnip lomi; a hrangmi: *tough measures to deal with terrorism* ○ *take a tough line with offenders.* **6** a har: *It's tough finding a job these days.* ○ *a tough game, assignment, problem, journey.* **7** ~ (on sb) (infml) vansi: *That's tough!* ie Bad luck! ○ *It's rather tough on him falling ill just as he's about to go on holiday.* ○ *Oh, tough luck!* **8** (idm) **be/get tough (with sb)** a fek, a khoh, a har ih tuahto: *It's time to get tough with football hooligans.* ○ [attrib] *a get-tough policy.* **a hard/tough nut** ⇒ NUT. (as) **tough as old boots** (infml) (esp of meat) a hak tuk; haa ih khai harzet. **a tough customer** (infml) lungkimter har, neh har, uk har mi minung.

▷ **tough** (also **toughie** /tʌfi/ *n* (infml) ti hruphro, a hrangmi, milai: *a gang of young toughs.*

tough *v* (phr *v*) **tough sth out** (infml) lungfekzetin thil har lungruh zet in (tumtahnak thawn).

toughen /tʌfn/ *v* [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sth/sb) (up) feksinter; fekte: *The law needs toughening (up).* ○ *toughened glass.* **toughness** *n* [U].

toupee /tuːpeɪ/; US tuːˈpeɪ/ *n* tuahcop sam (lukolh khuhnak ah hman a si).

tour /tuə(r)/; also, in British use, tɔː(r)/ *n* **1** khualtlawn; nunnomnak hrangah zoh tha tha hmun tampi ih khualtlawn: *a round-the-world tour* ○ *a coach tour of (ie around) France* ○ *a cycling/walking tour* ○ [attrib] *tour operators.* **2** caan tawite sung tlawng, lole, hmun pakhat ah feh: *go on/make/do a tour of the palace, museum, ruins, etc* ○ *a conducted/guided tour, ie made by a group led by a guide.* ⇒ Usage at JOURNEY. **3** lek zuamaw, ding, laam hmuh ding tivek ah hmunkhat hnu hmunkhat ah feh vivo: *the Australian cricket team's forthcoming tour of England* ○ *The orchestra is currently on tour in Germany.* ○ *The Director leaves tomorrow for a tour of overseas branches, ie to inspect them.* **4** ramdang ah tuanvo pakhat ruangih fehmi caan: *a tour of three years as a lecturer in Nigeria.*

▷ **tour** *v* [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (in sth) hmun pakhat tlawng, lole, hmun pakhat hnu pakhat tlawng vivo: *They're touring (in) India.* ○ *The play will tour the provinces next month.*

tourism /tuərizəm/; also, in British use, ˈtɔːr-/ *n* [U] khualtlawng pawl hrang riahnak le an tulsamnak hmuahhmauh tawrelsak hnaʔuan, khualtlawn tawrelnak hnaʔuan: *The country's economy is dependent on tourism.*

tourist /tuərist/; also, in British use, tɔːr-/ *n* **1**

nunnomnak men hrangih khualtlawngtu: *London is full of tourists in the summer.* ○ [attrib] *a tourist agency.* **2** (sport) lek zuam dingih khual a tlawngtu, milai: *Australian tourists.* **touristy** *adj* (infml derog) khualtlawng pawl an tamzetnak, khualtlawng pawl, tlawng duh seh ti ih zohnuam thil a tamnak: *The coast is terribly touristy now.*

□ **tourist class** (on aircraft and ships) vanzamleng le tangphawlawng sungih a man niammi tonak.

tourist trap (infml) khualtlawng pawl hnen ihsin lak ding zat tangka hnakihi tam laknak hmun.

tour de force /tuə də ˈfɔːs/ (pl **tour de force** /tuə də ˈfɔːs/) (French) mi hleihcuang ih thiamnak, thiltisuak theinak.

tournament /ˈtɔːnəmənt/; US ˈtɔːrn-/ *n* **1** mi tampi tel leh zuamawknak, (a sungtu suak vivo ih zuam-aw khal a si theu): *a tennis, chess, snooker, etc tournament.* ⇒ Usage at SPORT. **2** (formerly) hlanlai ralkap (knight) pawl, rang to phah in a bulmi feipi bul hmangih do zuam-awknak.

tourniquet /tuənɪkər/; US ˈtɔːrnikət/ *n* kutke ihsin thi suak khamnak (hridai, thing, rua): *applying a tourniquet to the wounded man's arm.*

tousle /ˈtaʊzl/ *v* [Tn] sam bua ko in tuah: *a girl with tousled hair.*

tout /taʊt/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (for sth) thil lei seh tiah hnaihno km za in lem rero: *touting for custom* ○ *touting one's wares.* **2** [Tn] (Brit) leh zuamawknak, concert, tivek ticket a man zat hnakihi tamsawn in zuar.

▷ **tout** *n* thilri a man khiahmi hnakihi tam in zuartu: *a ticket tout.*

tow¹ /təʊ/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] thirhri, hridai hmangin dir: *tow a damaged ship into port* ○ *If you park your car here the police may tow it away.* ⇒ Usage at PULL².

▷ **tow** *n* **1** (esp sing) dirh; dir: *My car won't start — can you give me a tow?* **2** (idm) **in tow** (a) (infml) fehtlang, lole, dungin thlun: *He had his family in tow, ie with him.* (b) = ON TOW: *The damaged freighter was taken in tow.* **on tow** dirh a si, dirh in a um: *The lorry was on tow.*

□ **tow-bar** *n* leng dang dirhnak dingah mawʔawka dunglam ih benmi thirtluan tawite.

tow-line, tow-rope *ns* thil dirhnak hri.

tow-path *n* hlanlai ah rang pawl in lawng tawpheng (barge) hnuk tikihi an fehnak tiva, lole, tihriat kapih zin.

tow² /təʊ/ *n* [U] hrihruul dingih hmantha, khum, anthur tivek hri.

towards /təˈwɔːdz/; US ˈtɔːrdz/ (also **toward** /təˈwɔːd/; US ˈtɔːrd/) *prep* **1** lamah, lam hoihi in: *walk towards the river* ○ *look out towards the sea* ○ *The child came running towards me.* ○

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She turned her back towards the sun. **2** cangsukter ding hrangah (dingah): *The meeting is seen as the first step towards greater unity between the parties.* ○ *We have made some progress towards reaching an agreement.* **3** thawn, hnenah, thawn pehpar in: *The local people are always very friendly towards tourists.* ○ *He behaved very affectionately towards her children.* ○ *As you get older your attitude towards death changes.* **4** hrangah: *The money will go towards (the cost of) building a new school.* ○ *£30 a month goes towards a pension fund.* **5** (a caan thawn pehpar in) lamah/lam: *Food shortages will probably get worse towards the end of the century.* ○ *Now he's getting towards retirement age he's started playing golf.*

towel /tauəl/ *n* **1** hmai-hnawh (hmailhnawtnak, thil hul ko ih hnawtnak puan/cahnah): *a hand-/bath-towel* ○ *a paper towel.* **2** (idm) **throw in the towel** (infml) ka sung a si tinak ah pavua deng. Cf **THROW UP THE SPONGE** (SPONGE).

▷ **towel** *v* (-II-; US -I-) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **oneself/sb (down) (with sth)** mah le mah, lole, sb kha towel thawn hul ko in hnawt.

toweling (US **toweling**) *n* [U] towel tuahnak puanthan.

□ **towel-rail** *n* towel zarnak fung.

tower /tauə(r)/ *n* **1** khuathlirnak inn, khawcon hmun inn sang (biakinn hmailam, darkhing retnak, meisa kilvennak, tivek hrangih sakmi a fem vivo ih a sangmi inn): *the Tower of London* ○ *the church's bell tower.* **2** (idm) **an ivory tower** ⇨ **IVORY. **3** **a tower of strength** harsat caan ih rinsantlak minung.**

▷ **tower** *v* (phr *v*) **tower above/over sb/sth** **1** kiangkap ta hnakin a sangcuang: *the skyscrapers that tower over New York* ○ *At six feet, he towers over his mother.* **2** (fig) langsaar cuang, thiam cuang etc: *Shakespeare towers above all other Elizabethan dramatists.*

towering /tauəriŋ/ *adj* [attrib] **1** sang nasa: *the towering dome of the cathedral.* **2** (of rage, etc) sang zet. **3** (approv) a cuang zet: *Einstein, one of the towering intellects of the age.*

□ **tower block** (Brit) inn sang pipi lawng umnak hmun (mi umnak/zung inn pawl).

town /taʊn/ *n* **1** (a) [C] khuapi (city; khawlipi hnakh fate deuh pawl): *drove through several large industrial towns* ○ *the historic town of Cambridge.* (b) [CGp] khuapi mi pawl: *The whole town turned out to welcome the team home.* **2** [U] khuapi: *do you live in town or in the country?* ○ [attrib] *town life.* **3** [U] (preceded by a *prep* and without *the* or *a*) (a) sumtuah, dawr tuahnak hmun: *I'm going into town this morning — do you want me to get you anything?* (b) ram (hmun) pakhat ih khuapi bik (khualipi), eg London: *Mr Green is not in*

town/is out of town. ○ *We went up to town this morning.* ○ *She's spending the weekend in town.* **4** (idm) **go to town (on sth)** (infml) tangka tampi cemin, thintho zet in, nasa zet in thil ti: *when they give parties they really go to town.* ○ *The critics really went to town on his latest film,* ie discussed it at length, esp unfavourably. **a man about town** ⇨ **MAN.** (out) **on the town** khuapi sungih zohnuam, nunnuam tuahnak hmun, etc ah feh: *For a birthday treat they took him out on the town.* **paint the town red** ⇨ **PAINT².**

□ **town centre** (esp Brit) sumtuah dawrtuahnak hmun. Cf **DOWNTOWN.**

town clerk khuapi ih thuhla khum hnaṭuan ṭuantu.

town council (Brit) khuapi uktu council.

town councilor khuapi uktu council sungtel.

town crier (esp formerly) (hlan ah) hlauhman ngah tlangautu.

town hall khuapi pum-inn (townhall).

town house **1** khuate ah inn nei ih khuapi ah khal neih a si thotho mi inn. **2** khuapi thawn kaihaw dingih sakmi inn, a tluantluan in bangrep zet ih sakmi inn.

town planning khuapi ih inn, lamzin, tivek ṭhansodan tawltrelnak.

townsfolk, townspeople *ns* [pl] khuapi minung pawl.

townsman /-mən/ *n* (pl **-men**) khuapi ummipa.

townee /taʊni:/ (also **townie, towny** /taʊni/) *n* (derog) khuate lam thuhla thei lo bembem khuapi minung.

township /taʊnʃɪp/ *n* **1** khuapi kulh. **2** (in S Africa) hmaidum pawl umnak khuapi/khuapi kap. **3** (in US, Canada) pengruk vuakvel a simi uknak hmunṭhen.

toxaemia (also **toxemia**) /tɒk'si:miə/ *n* [U] (medical) = **BLOOD-POISONING** (BLOOD¹) thi ah tur um.

toxic /tɒksɪk/ *adj* tur a neimi/a telmi: *toxic drugs* ○ *the toxic effects of alcohol.*

▷ **toxicity** /tɒk'sɪsəti/ *n* [U] tur a tel zat, tur a neih zat: *the comparative toxicity of different insecticides.*

toxicology /tɒksɪ'kɒlədʒi/ *n* tur thuhla zirnak.

toxicologist /-dʒɪst/ *n* tur thuhla zirtu tlawngta (tur tlawngta), lole, tur thuhla theitu.

toxin /tɒksɪn/ *n* tur a telmi thil (ramsa, lole, thinkung ih a suahmi tur pawl).

toy /tɔɪ/ *n* **1** nauhak lehnak lem le thildang pawl. **2** (usu derog) a thupitnak hnakin nunnuam, umharphen ih hmanmi thil pawl: *His latest toy is a personal computer.* ○ *executive toys.*

▷ **toy** *adj* [attrib] **1** lehnak ih hmanmi (lem pawl): *a toy car, gun, telephone* ○ *toy* (ie model) soldiers. **2** (of a dog) pawpaw (Zanniat) hrangih zuatmi uico fate phun pawl: *a toy spaniel.*

toy *v* (phr *v*) **toy with sth** **1** thupi lem lo, umharphen in ruat: *I've been toying with the idea of moving abroad.* **2** ralring lem loin, ruat lem loin (thil) tham rero: *toying with a pencil* ○ *She was just toying with her food, as if she wasn't really hungry.*

□ **toyshop** *n* nauhak lehnak thilri dawr.

trace¹ /treis/ **1** [C, U] sul-hnu nehnang: *traces of prehistoric habitation* ○ *The police have been unable to find any trace of the gang.* ○ *We've lost all trace of him,* ie We no longer know where he is. ○ *The ship had vanished without trace.* **2** [C] mal ngaite: *The post-mortem revealed traces of poison in his stomach.* ○ *He spoke without a trace of emotion.*

□ **trace element** (thingkung pawl ʃhate ih ʃha theinak dingah) malcirik te a telmi, a tel ʃulmi thilri pawl (leilung lakah).

trace² /treis/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth (to sth)** neh zawt: *I cannot trace the letter to which you refer.* ○ *Archaeologists have traced many Roman roads in Britain.* ○ *The criminal was traced to Glasgow.* (b) [Tn] suahkeh ʃhanlenda sim, ngan: *a book which traces the decline of the Roman empire.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth (back) (to sth)** a hram, thuhram zawtsuak: *He traces his descent back to an old Norman family.* ○ *Her fear of water can be traced back to a childhood accident.* ○ *The cause of the fire was traced to a faulty fuse-box.* **3** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth (out)** (a) a tlangpi khiih hmuh, rin, zuk, tuah: *We traced out our route on the map.* ○ (fig) *Those who came later followed the policies he had traced out.* (b) cafung rin: *He traced his signature laboriously.* **4** [Tn] ramzuk parah caku pate phah in acuih caku parah zukkhum (a thlaam langmi cawngih khum).

▷ **tracer** *n* **1** cafung thawn rin ih zukkhumtu minung, cet. **2** a dungah meikhu, khawtleu a tan vivomi cerek: [attrib] *tracer bullets.* **3** a sungin tleu phunkhat a suah theitu thilri (radio active thilri) acuih thilri cu milai taksa sungih lutter tikah a suahmi khawtleu zawtin khuiah a thleng ti theih a theih, milai taksa sung umdan zingzoinak ih hman a si.

tracing *n* cafung thawn rin ih khummi ramzuk.

□ **tracing-paper** *n* [U] zukkhumnak a pat zetmi cahnah.

trace³ /treis/ *n* **1** (usu *pl*) rang le rangleng khiih-awknak lengfung pahnih lakih pakhatkhat, cikcin hir le hriper pawl. **2** (idm) **kick over the traces** ⇒ KICK¹.

tracery /treisəri/ *n* [U, C] **1** biakinn tukvirh lungto thawn an ceimawi, an ʃelhdan. **2** cumi vek ceimawidan: *the delicate traceries of frost on the window-pane.*

trachea /trə'kiə/; US 'treikiə/ *n* (*pl* ~ **s** or, in scientific use, ~ **e** /-kii:/) (*anatomy*) dangkua ih thlidawng.

tracheotomy /træk'rɒtəmi/ *n* (*medical*) thawthawt thei dingah thlidawng rai, aat.

trachoma /trə'kəʊmə/ *n* [U] (*medical*) mitnat (mitvun sunglam a tolhmi).

track /træk/ *n* **1** (usu *pl*) leng, ramsa, minung pawl zawhnak keneh: *tyre tracks in the mud* ○ *We followed his tracks through the snow.* ○ *fresh bear tracks.* **2** zawhmi zin (hmuh theih le theih lo an um): *the track of a storm, comet, satellite* ○ *following in the track of earlier explorers.* **3** minung, ramsa, leng pawl zawh ringring ruangih a cangmi zin: *a muddy track through the forest* ○ *sheep tracks across the moor.* **4** (a) tlangleng zin: *a single/double track,* ie one pair/two pairs of rails ○ *The train left the track,* ie was derailed. (b) (US) tlangleng colhnak hmun, tlangleng zin kapih milai dinnak hmun: *The train for Chicago is on track 9.* **5** tlanzuamawknak hrangih tuahmi lamtluan, lamhel: *a cycling/running/greyhound/motor-racing track* ○ [attrib] *track racing.* ⇒ Usage at PATH. **6** (a) dardawng aw khumnak thil pheng bial (record) ih a rin: *Her new album has two great tracks (eg songs) on it.* (b) awkhumnak hriper (tape) parih awkhumnak zin: [attrib] *a sixteen-track tape recorder.* (c) (*computing*) thuhla pawl khumnak hmun, awkhumnak thil phengbial (disk) ih a rin. **7** tank, bulldozer, tivek ih taikap per vek a her reromi thil. **8** leng tolhnak thir tlang tluan. **9** (idm) **cover one's tracks** ⇒ COVER¹. **from/on the wrong side of the tracks** ⇒ WRONG. **hot on sb's tracks/trail** ⇒ HOT. **in one's tracks** (*infml*) mah um hmunah; hmakhat teah: *he fell dead in his tracks.* ○ *Your question stopped him in his tracks,* ie disconcerted him. **jump the rails/track** ⇒ JUMP². **keep/lose track of sb/sth** thuhla thei ringring/thei ringring lo: *It's hard to keep track of (ie maintain contact with) all one's old school friends.* ○ *lose track of time,* ie forget what time it is. **make tracks (for...)** (*infml*) hmun pakhat ah feh dingin pok: *It's time we made tracks (for home).* **off the beaten track** ⇒ BEAT¹. **on the right/wrong track** zinhman/hmanloin thu ruat/thiltuah: *We haven't found the solution yet, but I'm sure we're on the right track.* **on sb's track** dungin dawi vivo: *The police are on the track of the gang.*

▷ **track** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth (to sth)** sulhnu thlun vivo: *track a satellite, missile, etc using radar* ○ *The police tracked the terrorists to their hide-out.* ○ *track an animal to its lair.* **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] (*cinema*) (of a camera) thuanthu cawn zuk tik vekah kemra in zuk dingmi thlun vivo in zuk: *a tracking shot.* **3** (phr *v*) **track sb/sth down** ngah ko in sulhnu thlun: *track down an animal (to its lair)* ○ *I finally tracked down the reference in a dictionary of quotations.* **tracker** *n* ramsa, tivek zawttu. **tracker dog**

ramsa, tivek neh zawttu ih hmanmi uico (rimhnm uico).

tracked *adj* bulldozer ke vek keper nei: *tracked vehicles*.

□ **track and field** (*esp US*) a kimvel ah tlannak zin pawl, a lai ah feikhawh, lungdennak tivek a ummi leh zuam-awknak.

track events (*sport*) tlan phunphun zuamawknak. Cf FIELD EVENTS (FIELD¹).

tracking station van ih kahsuahmi vanpar vanzam le rocket pawl fehnak zin kha radar, radio hmangih zawtnak hmun (a zawtnak thilri pawl retnak ranpar hmun).

track record *mi* pakhat, pawlkom pakhat ih a thilti suak theimi: *He has an excellent track record* (ie has been very successful) *as a salesman*. ○ *a company with a poor track record*.

track suit lehpam zuamtu pawl in lehpam dan an cawn rero lai ih an hrukmi bawngbi le korleng (*jacket*).

tract¹ /trækt/ *n* **1** hmun kaupi: *huge tracts of forest, desert, farmland, etc*. **2** (*anatomy*) a peh aw thehmi thil fehnak dawng (ril tivek): *the digestive/respiratory/urinary tract*.

tract² /trækt/ *n* casual (a bikin biaknak lam, ramhruainak lam tivek ih suahmi).

tractable /træktəbl/ *adj* (*fml*) hruai ol, hman ol, khawng ol, thu lung ol.

▷ **tractability** /træktəbɪləti/ *n* [U].

traction /trækʃn/ *n* [U] **1** lamtluan, lole, thil pakhat khat par ih thil hnuknak tha: *electric/steam traction*. **2** (*medical*) thahri nat tikah a dirhnak thilri in dir ih tuamhlawmdan: *She's injured her back and is in traction for a month*. **3** mawṭawka ke in tolhnal ah nal loin lamzin a kai theinak: *Winter tyres give increased traction in mud or snow*.

□ **traction-engine** *n* thil dirhnak leng [diesel le tikhu tha a hmnagmi ih hermi enzin (*engine*)].

tractor /træktə(r)/ *n* **1** leilehnak, thilri le a ritmi thildang dirtu lengke tum zet nei. **2** (*US*) leng dang dirtu himhrih a simi a tha a cak zetmi mawṭawka.

□ **tractor-trailer** *n* (*US*) = ARTICULATED LORRY (ARTICULATE 2).

trad /træd/ *n* [U] (*infml*) 1920 kum hrawng ih an hmanmi jazz hlasakdan.

trade¹ /treɪd/ *n* **1** (a) [U] ~ (with sb/sth) thil zuar, thil lei le thleng-aw; sumtuah: *Since joining the common Market, Britain's trade with Europe has greatly increased*. ○ *Trade is always good* (ie Many goods are sold) *over the Christmas period*. ○ [attrib] *a trade agreement*. (b) [C] ~ (in sth) thilri phunkhat khat zuarin sum tuahnak: *be in the cotton, furniture, book trade*, ie sell or make cotton, furniture, etc ○ *The country earns most of its income from the tourist trade*. ○ *The new shop has been doing a brisk*

trade in cut-price clothes. **2** (a) [U, C] pumcawmnak hnaṭuan: *be a butcher, carpenter, tailor, etc by trade*. ○ *Basket-weaving is a dying* (ie declining) *trade*. ○ *The college offers courses in a variety of trades*. (b) **the trade** [Gp] zuar sin dingah a bur ih thil latu: *We sell cars to the trade, not to the general public*. ○ *offer discounts to the trade*. ⇒ Usage. **3** (idm) **do a roaring trade** ⇒ ROARING (ROAR). **a jack of all trades** ⇒ JACK¹. **ply one's trade** ⇒ PLY². **the tricks of the trade** ⇒ TRICK.

□ **trade gap** ram pakhat ih a zuarmi le a leimi an hleih-awknak thilri man.

trade mark **1** thiltuahtu pawlih an thilri hmainsinnak zuk, tacik, an thil hmin. **2** (*fig*) a lamdang cuangmi hmainsinnak: *a startling use of line and colour that is this artist's special trade mark*.

trade name **1** sumtuahnak hmin, zuar ding thilri kha a hmin ngaingai hmang loin thil hmindang pekmi hmin: *Aspirin in various forms is sold under a wide range of trade names*. **2** pursum leilawnnak hrangih hmanmi hmin.

trade price thilri tuahtu (asilole) a burpi ih zuartu ih thilri man.

trade secret **1** thilri tuahdan thuthup. **2** (*fig infml*) phuansuah duh lomi thuthup.

tradesman /-zmən/ *n* (*pl* -men /-mən/) **1** inn thleng zuarmi thilri petu: *the tradesmen's entrance*, ie the side entrance to a large house.

2 dawrkiltu.

trade union (also **trades union**, **union**, **US labor union**) hnaṭuantu pawl pawlkom. **trade-unionism** *n* [U] pursumleilawn lam pawlkom-awknak. **trade-unionist** *n* pursumleilawn lam pawlkomawknak ih a teltu. **Trades Union Congress** (*abbr* **TUC**) British pursumleilawn pawlkomawknak (asilole) pawl ho.

trade wind nisuahnak saklam le nisuahnak thlanglam in Equator lamah catbang lo ih a hrang ringringmi thli.

NOTE ON USAGE: **1 Employment** is formal and official. It indicates the state of having paid work: *The national employment figures are published every month*. ○ *Are you in gainful employment?* ie do you have a paid job? ○ *Employment agencies help people to find work*. **2 Occupation** and **job** indicate a particular type of paid work. **Occupation** is more formal and is used additionally of work which may not provide a regular income: 'What's his job?' 'He's a lorry driver, teacher, etc.' ○ *Occupation: Artist*, eg when filling in a form ○ *do you get any job satisfaction?* **2 A profession** is an occupation which requires higher education and specific training. **A trade** requires training and skill with the hands: *She's a lawyer by profession*. ○ *He's a carpenter by trade*.

trade² /treɪd/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (in sth) (with sb) sumtuah (thil lei-thil zuar): *The firm is trading (ie doing business) at a profit/loss.* ○ *a company which has ceased trading*, ie gone out of business ○ *Britain's trading partners in Europe* ○ *a firm which trades in arms, textiles, grain* ○ *ships trading between London and the Far East* ○ *an increase in the number of firms trading with Japan.* **2** [Ipr] ~ at sth (US) (dawr pakhat) ta thil lei: *Which store do you trade at?* **3** [Tn-pr, Dn-n] ~ (sb) sth for sth thilri pakhat le pakhat thleng aw: *She traded her roller-skates for Billy's portable radio.* ○ *I'll trade you my stamp collection for your model boat.* ○ *I wouldn't trade my job for anything*, ie because I enjoy it so much. **4** (phr *v*) **trade sth in (for sth)** thilri thar leimi man thenkhat hrang ih pekmi hmancia thil: *He traded in his car for a new model.* **trade on sth** (esp derog) mah bul thathnemnak hrangah hmang: *You shouldn't trade on her sympathy.* ○ *He trades on his father's reputation.* **trade sth off (against sth)** remawknak hrangah a sungkhan: *The company is prepared to trade off its up-market image against a stronger appeal to teenage buyers.*

▷ **trader** *n* sumtuahtu, dawrtuahtu. ⇒ Usage at DEALER.

trading *n* [U] sumtuah/thilri lei le zuar: *Trading was brisk on the Stock Exchange today.*

□ **trade-in** *n* thilri thar man ih pekmi hmancia thilri: [attrib] *an old cooker's trade-in value.*

trade-off *n* ~ (between sth and sth) khatlam le khatlam duhmi, duhdan thum rero; remcannak hawlton: *a trade-off between efficiency in use and elegance of design.*

trading estate (Brit) cetzung le sumtuahtnak dawr pawl umhmun ram. Cf INDUSTRIAL ESTATE (INDUSTRIAL).

trading past = POST² 4.

trading stamp dawrpawl in thilri leitu pawl hnenih pekmi, milu (tangka le thilri ai ih pekmi milu).

tradition /trə'dɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] pupa daan, tuah keel, thuanthu, thurosiah: *By tradition, people play practical jokes on 1 April.* ○ *They decided to break with (ie not observe) tradition.* **2** [C] pipu hnen ihsin comi zumnak le daan: *It's a tradition to sing 'Auld Lang Syne' on New Year's Eve.* ○ *James Joyce's 'Ulysses' challenged the literary traditions of his day.*

▷ **traditional** /-ʃənəl/ *adj* kumkhua ih thlunmi miphun daan: *It's traditional in England to eat turkey on Christmas Day.* ○ *country people in their traditional costumes*, ie of a type worn for many centuries. **traditionalism** /-ʃənəlɪzəm/ *n* [U] pupa daan sunsakkak, upatnak le lomnak. **traditionalist** /-ʃənəlɪst/ *n* pupa daan thluntu

le dinpitu. **traditionally** /-ʃənəli/ *adv*: *In England, turkey is traditionally eaten on Christmas Day.*

traduce /trə'dju:s/ *US* -'du:s/ *v* [Tn] (fml) mi rel, mi thangsiat; minung/thil thu a siat lam, a dik lo zawngih sim.

▷ **traducer** *n*.

traffic /træfɪk/ *n* [U] **1** mawṭawka pawl lamzin parih feh dullo: *heavy/light traffic* ○ *There's usually a lot of traffic at this time of day.* ○ *Traffic was brought to a standstill by the accident.* ○ *London-bound traffic is being diverted via Slough.* ○ [attrib] *a traffic accident.* **2** tangphawlawng le vanzam, tlangleng an lamzin ih feh: *cross-channel traffic*, ie ships crossing the English Channel ○ [attrib] *a threatened strike by air-traffic controllers.* **3** minung le thilri pawl hmunkhat ihsin hmundang ih feh, thawn: *an increase in freight/goods/passenger traffic* ○ *the profitable North Atlantic traffic.* **4** ~ (in sth) daan ih a khammi le borhhlawhmi sumtuah: *the traffic in drugs/arms/stolen goods* ○ *the white slave traffic.*

▷ **traffic** *v* (pt, pp **trafficked**, pres p **trafficking**) [I, Ipr] ~ (in sth) daan lo zet le borhhlawh zet ih sumtuah: *drug trafficking* ○ *He trafficked in illicit liquor.*

trafficker *n*.

□ **traffic circle** (US) = ROUNDABOUT.

traffic indicator = TRAFFICATOR.

traffic island (also **island**, **refuge**, **safety island**, **US safety zone**) ke feh pawl ih mawṭaw feh sung an hngaknak, zin laifang a pawng deuhnak hmun.

traffic jam maṭawka tampi feh thei lo ih tang (tartahak theh).

traffic-light (also **stoplight**) *n* (usu *pl*) mawṭawka sukso kilvengtu electrick mei (a sen le a hring).

traffic warden maṭaw retnak kilvengtu, mawṭawka retan dik lo le a tikcu hleifuan ih rettu pawl cawhtu.

trafficator /træfɪkeɪtə(r)/ *n* (also **traffic indicator**) maṭawka khui lamah a her ding ti khiihmuhtu maṭawka parih meitleu.

tragedy /trædʒədi/ *n* **1** [C, U] riahsiatnak nasa zet a thlentertu: *Investigators are searching the wreckage of the plane to try and find the cause of the tragedy.* ○ *a life blighted by tragedy* ○ (fig) *It's a tragedy* (ie extremely regrettable) *for this country that he never became prime minister.* **2** (a) [C] riahsiatnak thawn a cemmi thuanthu (asilole) thuhla: *Shakespeare's tragedies and comedies.* (b) [U] hitivek riahsiatza thawn a cemmi thuanthu cawn: *classical French tragedy.* Cf COMEDY.

▷ **tragedian** /trædʒɪdiən/ *n* **1** riahsiatnak thawn a cemmi thuanthu ngantu. **2**

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riahsiatnak thawn a cemmi thuanthu cawngtu (mipa).

tragedienne /trədʒɪdɪ'en/ *n* riahsiatnak thawn a cemmi thuanthu cawngtu (nunau).

tragic /trədʒɪk/ *adj* **1** riahsiatza: a tragic accident, mistake, loss ○ *Hers is a tragic story.* ○ *The effect of the pollution on the beaches is absolutely tragic.* ○ *It's tragic that he died so young.* **2** [attrib] riahsiatza a simi: one of our finest tragic actors.

▷ **tragically** /-kli/ *adv*: her tragically short life.

tragicomedy /trədʒɪkɒmədi/ *n* [C, U] hnihsuakza le riahsiatza a cokmi thuanthucawn.

▷ **tragicomic** /-kɒmɪk/ *adj*.

trail /treɪl/ *n* **1** sul, milai/ramsa fehnak sul: vapour trails, eg those left in the sky by high-flying aircraft ○ *The hurricane left a trail of destruction behind it.* ○ *tourists who leave a trail of litter everywhere they go.* **2** tupi (asilole) ram kau zet tan ih fehnak lamzin: a trail through the forest ○ a nature trail. **3** sul/sulhnu: *The police are on the escaped convict's trail,* ie are pursuing him. **4** (idm) **blasé a trail** ⇒ BLAZE³. **hit the trail** ⇒ HIT¹. **hot on sb's tracks/trail; hot on the trail** ⇒ HOT.

▷ **trail v 1** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] *dir*, leilung par ih *dir*: *Her long skirt was trailing along/on the floor.* ○ *a bird trailing a broken wing* ○ *I trailed my hand in the water as the boat drifted along.* ⇒ Usage at PULL². **2** [Ipr, Ip] ~ **along behind (sb/sth), etc** dunglam ih bangzet le khulfung zet ih feh: *The tired children trailed along behind their parents.* ○ *The horse I had backed trailed in last.* ○ (fig) *This country is still trailing far behind (others) in computer research.* **3** [I, Ipr] ~ (by/in sth) zuam-awknak ah sung (hlawhsam): *trailing by two goals to one at half-time* ○ *The party is trailing badly in the opinion polls.* **4** [Ipr] (of plants) mumal nei lo in ramkip ih ʈo, kho: *rose trailing over the walls.* **5** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth (to sth)** sulhnu thlun, sul zoi; neh zawt: *trail a criminal, a wild animal.* **6** (phr v) **trail away/off** (of sb's speech) ningzah ruangih dimte/ring lo zet ih ʈong.

□ **trail-blazer** *n* thilthar tuahtu, hramthoktu/hmaihruaitu. **trail-blazing** *adj* [usu attrib] (approv) hmaihruai: a trail-blazing scientific discovery.

trailer /treɪlə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) mawʈawka ih dirhmi thil phurhnak: *They packed the food and camping equipment in the trailer.* (b) (esp US) = CARAVAN. **2** baisikop hniksaknak ih hmuhmi.

train¹ /treɪn/ *n* **1** tlangleng: a passenger/goods/freight train ○ express/stopping trains ○ *I normally catch/take/get the 7.15 train to London.* ○ *get on/off a train* ○ *You have to change trains at Didcot.* ○ *If you miss the train there's another an hour later.* ○ *Travelling by train is more*

relaxing than driving. ○ [attrib] a train driver.

2 minung/ramsa tamzet pakhat dung pakhat thlun aw ih feh: a camel train ○ the baggage train, ie people and animals transporting luggage. **3** mi pakhat dungih thluntu mibur pi: *The pop star was followed by a train of admirers.* **4** (usu sing) ~ (of sth) a sangsang (asilole) a dotdot ih ruahnak/thu ruahmi: *His telephone call interrupted my train of thought.* ○ *The military coup brought direct consequences in its train,* ie as a result of it. **5** hruk tiki lei a hrut/phiat/a dai reromi hnipuan. **6** (idm) **in train** (fml) zirh cia/buatsaih cia/tuah cia: *Arrangements for the ceremony have been put in train.*

□ **train-bearer** *n* hnipuan sau kensaktu/kaihsaktu.

trainman /-mən/ *n* (pl -men /-mən/) (US) tlangleng lamzin ih hnaʈuantu.

train set nauhak lehnak tlangleng.

train-spotter *n* tlangleng ziang hmuah ka hmu zo ti umharphen ih hminsintu.

train² /treɪn/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-n/a, Cn-t] ~ **sb** (as sth/in sth) tumtahmi/duhmi thiam dingah minung/ramsa zirh, sim: *There is a shortage of trained nurses.* ○ *He was trained as an engineer/in engineering.* ○ *I've trained my dog to fetch my slippers.* ⇒ Usage at TEACH. (b) [I, Ipr, It] ~ (as sth/in sth) thiam ding ih zir: *She trained for a year as a secretary.* ○ *He trained to be a lawyer.* **2** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sb/sth) (for sth) cawmʈhatnak le cangvaih zirnak thawn: *The challenger has been training hard for the big fight.* ○ *train a horse for a race.* **3** [Tn-pr] ~ **sth on sb/sth** hmuitin, bih, tin: *He trained his binoculars on the distant figures.* **4** [Tn, Tn-pr] zamter, vakter: *train roses against/along/over/up a wall.*

▷ **trainee** /treɪni:/ *n* thilzirtu: [attrib] a trainee salesman.

trainer *n* **1** mi thil zirhtu. **2** vanzamleng mawngtu pilots pawlih zirnak vanzam. **3** (usu pl) (also training shoe) lektu pawl ih hmanmi sialrial kedan dupmi: a pair of trainers.

training *n* [U] lehnak (asilole) hnaʈuan zirnak: *He mustn't drink beer; he's in strict training for his next fight.*

training-college *n* (Brit) pursumleilawn (asilole) pumcawmnak fimthiam zirnak phunsang tlawng.

traipse /treɪps/ *v* [Ipr, Ip] (infml) thabang zet ih vaak (lam feh): *We spent the afternoon traipsing from one shop to another.*

trait /treɪt/; also, in British use, *trei* *n* ziaza/zia: *One of his less attractive traits is criticizing his wife in public.*

traitor /treɪtə(r)/ *n* ~ (to sb/sth) **1** zuartu, ral hnenih maih rualpi, mipahun le ram zuartu: *He's a traitor to himself,* ie has acted against his

own principles. **2** (idm) **turn traitor** zuartu ah cang.

▷ **traitorous** /ˈtreɪtərəs/ *adj* (fml) mi zuar thei/ zum um lo/zum tlak lomi: *traitorous conduct*.

trajectory /trəˈdʒektəri/ *n* cerek fehnak zinkual/ kel: *a bullet's trajectory*.

tram /træm/ (also **tramcar** /ˈtræmkɑː(r)/, **US streetcar**, **trolley**) *n* tlangleng vekin thirtluan parah electrick tha ih fehmi bus (baska), minung phurhnak mawṭawka phunkhat.

□ **tramlines** *n* [pl] **1** tram fehnak thir lamzin. **2** (infml) tennis sumtual (*court*) kimvelih artlang ih feh mi rin ding pahnih (double ihleh tikah a rin lengta hman a si).

trammel /træml/ *v* (-ll; **US -l-**) [Tn esp passive] (fml or rhet) mi pakhat ih zalonnak, asilole, hnaṭuannak cangvai thei lo ih kham/hnaihok: *No longer trammelled by his responsibilities as chairman, he could say what he wished*.

▷ **trammels** *n* [pl] (fml or rhet) zalong zetin cangvai thei lo ih khamnak: *the trammels of routine, convention, superstition*.

tramp /træmp/ *v* **1** [Ipr, Ip] ke tur phah ih feh: *We could hear him tramping about upstairs* ○ *They came tramping through the kitchen leaving dirty footmarks*. **2** [Ipr, Ip, In/pr, Tn] ram hla zet ke ih khualtlawng: *tramping over the moors* ○ *We tramped (for) miles and miles without finding anywhere to stay*. ○ *tramp the streets looking for work*. ⇒ Usage at STUMP.

▷ **tramp** *n* **1** [C] inn le lo nei lo mi vakvai. **2** [C usu sing] hlatngaipi ke ih fehnak: *go for a solitary tramp in the country*. **3** [sing] **the ~ of sb/sth** a ring zetmi kekar awn/thawm: *the tramp of marching soldiers/of soldiers' marching feet*. **4** [C] (also **tramp steamer**) tikcu hman lo ih thilri phurtu tangphawlawng tumpi. **5** [C] (dated sl derog) nunau hur.

trample /træmpl/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth/sb** (down) ke thawn pal/ciil: *The campers had trampled the corn (down)*. ○ *The crowd panicked and ten people were trampled to death*. **2** [Ipr] ~ **on sth/sb** (a) ke thawn siatko pal/ciil: *trample on sb's toes*. (b) (fig) mi ziang hmanih siar lo/nautat: *trample on sb's feelings/rights* ○ *I refuse to be trampled on any longer!* **3** [Ipr, Ip] thawm ring zet ih feh: *I don't want all those people trampling about all over my flower beds*.

trampoline /træmpəli:n/ *n* a tlang spring thawn kaihmi a ṭang zetmi puanthan; lektu pawlin lu bingbilailat ih an pet tiki phahmi puan sah.

▷ **trampoline** *v* [I] trampoline hman: *enjoy trampolining*.

trance /træns; **US** træns/ *n* **1** itthat duh nawnih um: *go/fall into a trance* ○ *put/send sb into a trance* ○ *come out of a trance*. **2** kiangkap ah ziang a cang ti hman thei lo ih thinlung ruahnak ding zetih feh: *She's been in a trance*

all day — I think she's in love.

tranquil /ˈtræŋkwɪl/ *adj* daite ih um, hnaihok lo: *lead a tranquil life in the country*.

▷ **tranquillity** (usu also **tranquility**) /ˈtræŋkwɪləti/ *n* [U] dai zirziar dinhmun, daihnak.

tranquillize (**US** also **tranquillize**), **-ise** /-aɪz/ *v* [Tn] minung/ramsa thazaang daite ih umter/ daiter: *The game wardens tranquillized the rhinoceros with a drugged dart*. ○ *the tranquillizing effect of gentle music*.

tranquillizer (**US** also **tranquillizer**), **-iser** *n* daitertu, natnak damtertut sii: *She's on* (ie is taking) *tranquillizers*.

tranquilly *adv*.

trans- *pref* **1** (with *adjs*) (ralkhatlamah) tantlang: *transatlantic* ○ *trans-Siberian*. **2** (with *vs*) hmundangah/dinhmun dangah: *transplant* ○ *transform*.

transact /trænzækt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (with **sb**) (fml) (sumtuahnak) mi pahnih karlakah thuhla fehter: *This sort of business can only be transacted in private*.

transaction /trænzækʃn/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (of **sth**) sumtuahnak ah thu fehternak: *the transaction of business*. **2** [C] hnaṭuan pakhat: *Payments by cheque easily outnumber cash transactions*. ○ *transactions on the Stock Exchange*. **3** **transactions** [pl] pawlkom pakhat ih thu relkhawmmi, thu simmi pawl khumnak: *the transactions of the Kent Archaeological Society*.

transatlantic /trænzətələntɪk/ *adj* [esp attrib] **1** Atlantic ihsin/khatlam: *The President affirmed America's commitment to its transatlantic (ie European) allies*. ○ *Two years in New York have left him with a transatlantic (ie American) accent*. **2** Atlantic tipithuanthum kaan in: *a transatlantic flight, voyage, telephone call*. **3** Atlantic tipithuanthum khatlam le khatlamih a ummi ram pawl thawn a pehtlai awmi thil: *a transatlantic trade agreement*.

trans *abbr* translated (by).

transcend /trænsend/ *v* (fml) **1** [Tn] minung sinak ih ruah ban lo, ti ban lo, hmuhton ban lomi: *Such matters transcend man's knowledge, ie We cannot know about them*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (in **sth**) hleih/ṭha cuang: *She far transcends the others in beauty and intelligence*.

transcendent /trænsendənt/ *adj* [usu attrib] (fml approv) a ṭha tukmi, a ṭha nasa bik, mi a hleih tukmi: *a writer of transcendent genius*.

▷ **transcendence** /-dəns/, **transcendancy** /-dənsɪ/ *ns* [U].

transcendental /trænsendəntl/ *adj* [usu attrib] minung fimnak le theihnak a laanmi: *Gazing at that majestic painting was for me an almost transcendental experience*. Cf **EMPIRICAL**.

▷ **transcendentalism** /trænsendəntəlɪzəm/ *n* [U] milai fimnak le thiamnak lan ih thil

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thuruahdan, a ummi thil parah hramtòh loin thinlung ruahnak ah hramtòhmi thuruahdan. Leilung lam thilhnakin thlarau lam thilthupi sawnih pomnak.

transcendentalist /-təlist/ *n* transcendentalism zumtu, pomtu.

transcendentally /-təli/ *adv.*

□ **transcendental meditation** daite ih, thukzet ih thuruahdan phunkhat, Hindu pawlih hramthawhmi a si ih tòngfang hrekhat kha atu le tu sal rero a si.

transcontinental /,trænzkont'nentl/ *adj* leilung then kaan in, ram kulhpi (*continent*) lan: a transcontinental highway, flight, journey.

transcribe /træn'skraib/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (**into sth**) cangan cia cawng/ngancia vekin ngansal: *She jotted down a few notes, and later transcribed them into an exercise book.* **2** [Tn, Cn-n, Cn-n/a] ~ **sth** (**as sth**) aw aiawhter, cafang thawn: *In this dictionary, the last vowel of 'transcendent' is transcribed (as) /ə/.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (**for sth**) aw ngan khum sal: a piano piece transcribed for the guitar. **4** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (**on/onto sth**) aw khumcia mi awkhumnak dang hmangin khum sal/cawng: a performance now transcribed onto compact disc.

▷ **transcript** /trænskript/ *n* **1** thusimmi/thunganmi ngan sal/nam sal: a transcript of the trial. **2** (US) tlawngta pakhat ih zirni le ngahmi hmat caken.

transcription /træn'skripʃn/ *n* **1** [U] ngancia vekih ngan salnak: errors made in transcription. **2** [C] (a) tlawngta pakhat ih ngahmi hmat caken. (b) tòng aw aiawh cafang: a phonetic transcription of what they said. **3** [U] nehnhnu ih suah leh dingin radio le TV programme ih khum cia: [attrib] the BBC transcription service.

transept /trænsɛpt/ *n* (*architecture*) thinglamtah (cross) pianzia vekih sakmi biakinn ih a ban pakhat khat: the north/south transept of the cathedral.

transfer¹ /træns'fɜ:(r)/ *v* (-rr-) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth/sb** (**from...**) (**to...**) hmun pakhat ihsin hmun dangah thawn: *The head office has been transferred from London to Cardiff.* ○ *She's being transferred to our Paris branch.* ○ (*fig*) transfer one's affections/one's allegiance, ie become fond of/loyal to sb else. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (**from sb**) (**to sb**) thilri pakhat khat, mi pakhat hnen ihsin midang hnenah pe/hlan: transfer rights to sb. **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (**from sth**) (**to sth**) cawng/tleng/khum: transfer computer data from disk to tape. **4** [I, Ipr] ~ (**from...**) (**to...**) (a) thleng/thawn: *He has transferred from the warehouse to the accounts office.* (b) fehnak lamzin, asilole, tomi mawtawka/lawng/tlangleng thleng: *We had to*

transfer from Gatwick to Heathrow to catch a plane to Belfast.

▷ **transferable** /-fɜ:rəbl/ *adj* thawn/thleng thei: *This ticket is not transferable, ie may only be used by the person to whom it is issued.*

transferability /træns'fɜ:rəbiliti/ *n* [U].

transference /trænsfərəns; US træns'zərəns/, **transferral** (US also **transferral**) /træns'fɜ:rəl/ *ns* [U] thawnnak: *The transference of heat from one body to another* ○ *the transferral of power to a civilian government.*

transfer² /trænsfɜ:(r)/ *n* **1** [C, U] thawnnak/thlengnak: *The club's goalkeeper isn't happy here, and has asked for a transfer (to another club).* ○ *the transfer of currency from one country to another.* **2** (a) [U] khual tlawnnak ih hmanmi mawtawka/lawng/tlangleng thleng: [attrib] *Would all transfer passengers please report to the airport transfer desk.* (b) [C] (esp US) bus pakhat ihsin bus dangah thawn siannak lethmat (ticket). **3** [C] (esp Brit) hmunkhat ihsin hmundang ah duhduh ih thawn theimi inn mawiternak ih tarmi zuk. □ **transfer fee** hmundangih thawn man tangka.

transfer list bawlung club pakhat ihsin club dangah thawn ding bawlung lektu hmin cazin.

transfigure /træns'figə(r); US -gjər/ *v* [Tn] (*fml*) hmuimel asilole, pianzia thleng: *Her face was transfigured by happiness.*

▷ **transfiguration** /træns'figə'reiʃn; US -gjə'r-/ *n* **1** [U, C] (*fml*) hmuimel asilole pianzia thlengnak, danglamnak. **2** the Transfiguration [sing] August 6 ni ih tuahmi Khristian puai, Bawi Jesuh a dungthluntu pathum hnenih hmuimel danglam zet ih langnak ciinkennak puai.

transfix /træns'fiks/ *v* (*fml*) **1** [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth/sb** (**with/on sth**) tlangko dawt/sun: *a fish transfixed with a harpoon.* **2** [usu passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (**with sth**) tih tuk ruangih caang thei lo, thu ruat thei lo, tòng thei lo ih um: *He stood staring at the ghost, transfixed with terror.*

transform /træns'fɔ:m/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth/sb** (**from sth**) (**into sth**) mi pakhat/thil pakhat ih hmuimel/ziaza a pumhlum ih thleng: *A fresh coat of paint can transform a room.* ○ *She used to be terribly shy, but a year abroad has completely transformed her, ie so that she is no longer shy.* ○ *a complete change of climate which transformed the area from a desert into a swamp* ○ *the process by which caterpillars are transformed into butterflies.*

▷ **transformable** /-əbl/ *adj* hmuimel/pianzia/ziaza thleng theih.

transformation /trænsfə'meiʃn/ *n* [C, U] hmuimel/pianzia/ziaza thlengnak: *His character seems to have undergone a complete*

transformation since his marriage.

transformer *n* electric tha ʔhumtu le kaitertu thil.

transfusion /trænz'fju:ʒn/ *n* [C, U] mi pakhat ih thi, midang taksa ah thun, thi thunnak: *The injured man had lost a lot of blood and had to be given a transfusion.*

transgress /trænz'gres/ *v* 1 [Tn] (fml) pah, khammi pah/dan pahsiat/pahbal: *transgress the bounds of decency.* 2 [I, Ipr] ~ (against sth) (dated) sual, thinlung ih sual.

▷ **transgression** /trænz'greʃn/ *n* (fml) (a) [U] pahnak, khammi pahbalnak/daan pahbalnak. (b) [C] daan thlunlonak/dodalnak/pahbalnak/sualnak.

transgressor *n* (fml) daan pahbaltu/misual/rikham lantu.

transient /trænzjənt; US 'trænznt/ *adj* caan tawite sung daih/a langte/rei daih lo: *transient success* ○ *Their happiness was to be sadly transient.* Cf TRANSITORY.

▷ **transience** /-əns/, **transiency** /-nsi/ *ns* [U]: *the transience of human life.*

transient *n* hmunkhat ah caan tawite sung um, lole, caan tawite sung hnaʔuan lawk, hmundang ih va feh hlan/va ʔhawn hlan ah: [attrib] *a transient population.*

transistor /trænzɪstə(r), -sɪst-/ *n* 1 radio le television sungih electric tha fehmi rak kaitu thilri. 2 (also **transistor radio**) electric tha ʔhawn awkaihnak neimi zalpai radio.

▷ **transistorized, -ised** /-təraɪzd/ *adj* electric tha feh kai thei ih tuahmi.

transit /trænzɪt, -sɪt/ *n* 1 [U] hmunkhat in hmunkhat thiar rero, feh rero, ʔhawn rero lai: *goods delayed or lost in transit* ○ [attrib] *an urban rapid-transit system.* 2 [C, U] (astronomy) arsi tivek van ih um thilri pakhat a dang pakhatlam ah feh: *observe the transit of Venus, eg across the sun.*

□ **transit camp** raltlan le ralkap tivek a lang ih an beunak inn.

transit visa umtatanak si loin colh phahnak ih hman theih ram pakhat luh theinak caken.

transition /trænzɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] ~ (from sth) (to sth) thil pakhat ihsin a dang pakhat ah thlengawknak: *the transition from childhood to adult life* ○ *a period of transition* ○ *His attitude underwent an abrupt transition, ie changed suddenly.*

▷ **transitional** /-ʃənl/ *adj*: *a transitional stage* ○ *a transitional government, ie one holding power temporarily during a period of change.*

transitionally /-ʃənəli/ *adv.*

transitive /trænzətɪv/ *adj* (grammar) (of a verb) object nei verb. Cf INTRANSITIVE.

▷ **transitively** *adv.*

transitory /trænsɪtrɪ; US -tɔ:ri/ *adj* malte sung lawng daih: *a transitory feeling of well-being.*

▷ **transitoriness** *n* [U].

translate /trænz'leɪt/ *v* 1 [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (from sth) (into sth) ʔong (lole) canganmi ʔong dangah let (lole) ʔong hman a ol deuh ih let: *He doesn't understand Greek, so I offered to translate.* ○ *translate an article into Dutch* ○ *'War and Peace', newly translated from the original Russian* ○ *Can someone translate this legal jargon into plain English for me?* 2 [I] ʔong dang ih leh theih: *Most poetry doesn't translate well.* 3 [Tn-pr] ~ sth into sth ruahnak, tuarmi phundangih langter (hmuh theih ah): *It's time to translate our ideas into action.* 4 [Cn-n/a] ~ sth as sth a si ding (lole) thil pakhat ih duhsannak a neimi, tumtahmi sim: *I translated her silence as assent.* Cf INTERPRET.

▷ **translatable** /-əbl/ *adj* ʔong dangih lehtheimi.

translation /-leɪʃn/ *n* 1 [U] ʔongleh: *errors in translation* ○ *the translation of theories into practice.* 2 [C] ʔong pakhat ih lehmi: *make/do a translation* ○ *a rough, literal, exact, etc translation* ○ *the available translations of Dante.* 3 (idm) **in translation** ʔong dangih leh takmi: *read Cervantes in translation.*

translator *n* ʔong lettu (a ngan ih lettu): Cf INTERPRETER (INTERPRET).

transliterate /trænz'lɪtəreɪt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-n/a] ~ sth (into/as sth) ʔongfang (lole) ʔong aw phun khat khi cafang dangih ngan: *transliterate Greek place-names into Roman letters.*

▷ **transliteration** /trænzlɪtə'reɪʃn/ *n* [C, U].

translucent /trænz'lusnt/ *adj* thil pakhat khatlam tlangsuak in zoh a theih lo na'n, khawtleu lut theimi (pawng ʔhawhnak inn tivek): *lavatory windows made of translucent glass.*

▷ **translucence** /-sns/, **translucency** /-snsi/ *ns* [U]: *the shimmering translucency of her fine silk gown.*

transmigration /trænzma'greɪʃn/ *n* [U] (a) thih hnu thlarau ruangpi sungih va fehnak. (b) = MIGRATION (MIGRATE).

transmission /trænz'mɪʃn/ *n* 1 [U] kuat awk (radio): *the transmission of disease by mosquitoes* ○ *a break in transmission* (ie of a radio or TV broadcast) *due to a technical fault.* 2 [C] radio, TV suahnak/mi: *a live transmission from Washington.* 3 [C, U] mawʔawka sungah engine ihsin axle tiang tha a kuattu a thuamhnaw pawl sihhawmmi (clutch, gear, etc): *a car fitted with (a) manual/(an) automatic transmission.*

transmit /trænz'mɪt/ *v* (-tt-) 1 [usu passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (from...) (to...) kuat (radio, thirhri in): *The World Cup final is being transmitted live to over fifty countries.* 2 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth/itself (from...) (to...) mi pakhat ih tisa par ihsin a dang tisa parah va feh, suan, eg natnak suan

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awk/thil pakhat ihsin a dang thil ah fehsuak – a zaizau: *sexually transmitted diseases* ○ *transmit knowledge from one generation to another* ○ *The tension soon transmitted itself to all the members of the crowd.* **3** [Tn] fehtlangter thei/a suahter: *Iron transmits heat.*

▷ **transmitter** *n* **1** radio lole electric, aw/thu hmunkhat in hmun khat ah a kuattu cet thil. **2** a kuattu (milai, rannung, thilri): *The mosquito is a transmitter of disease.*

transmogrify /trænz'mɒgrɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **-fied**) [Tn] (joc) thil, mi pakhat ih a pianzia (lole) a sinak thlengter theh (dawi in, lole mangbangza zet in).

▷ **transmogrification** /trænz'mɒgrɪfɪ'keɪʃn/ *n* [C, U].

transmute /trænz'mju:t/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (**into sth**) thil pakhat phundangah thlengter: *In former times it was thought that ordinary metal could be transmuted into gold.*

▷ **transmutable** /-əbl/ *adj* thlengter theih.

transmutation /trænz'mju:t'eɪʃn/ *n* [C, U].

transoceanic /trænz'əʊf'reɪnɪk/ *adj* [esp attrib] tipithuanthum kaan in: *transoceanic colonies* ○ *the transoceanic migration of birds.*

transom /trænsəm/ *n* **1** sangka lole pokhlet, sangkate (tukvirh) tlun ih an khanmi lungto/thingtluan. **2** (esp US) pokhlet parih a phei tlangkham.

transparent /træns'pærənt/ *adj* **1** khatlam le khatlam zohtlang thei: *a type of plastic that is as transparent as glass but stronger* ○ *a box with a transparent lid.* **2** phan lo ding vek si na'n, tih a nungmi: *a transparent lie* ○ *a man of transparent sincerity, honesty, etc.* **3** (approx) rinhllel um lo: *a transparent style of writing.*

▷ **transparency** /-rənsɪ/ *n* **1** [U] zohtlang theihnak. **2** [C] zoh tlang theih plastik parih an nammii zuk.

transparently *adv*: *transparently honest.*

transpire /træn'spaɪə(r)/ *v* **1** [I] (used with it and a that-clause; usu not in the continuous tenses) (of an event, a secret, etc) theihfiang a si: *This, it later transpired, was untrue.* ○ *It transpired that the gang had had a contact inside the bank.* **2** [I] (informal) a rung cang (thil ziang maw): *You're meeting him tomorrow? Let me know what transpires.* **3** [I, Tn] (of plants) thinghnah ihsin tikhu tivek suah, suakter.

▷ **transpiration** /træns'praɪəʃn/ *n* [U] tikhu a suakdan.

transplant /træns'plɑ:nt; US -plænt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (**from...**) (**to...**); ~ **sth** (**in/into sth**) a hram phawi in hmun dangah phun sal: *Transplant the seedlings into peaty soil.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (**from sb/sth**) (**to sb/sth**) milai titsa, ramsa titsa lakin a dang pakhat sungah bun sal: *a kidney from one twin to another.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (**from...**) (**to...**) (fig) (milai,

ramsa) hmunkhat in hmunkhat ah thawn: *He hated being transplanted from his home in the country to the noise and bustle of life in the city.* **4** [I, Ipr] ~ (**from...**) (**to...**) bun theih: *an old custom that does not transplant easily to the modern world.*

▷ **transplant** /træns'plɑ:nt; US -plænt/ *n* taksa dang bunsaknak: *have a bone-marrow transplant* ○ [attrib] *a heart transplant operation.*

transplantation /træns'plɑ:n'teɪʃn; US -plæn-/ *n* [U].

transpolar /trænz'pəʊlə(r)/ *adj* [esp attrib] Pol ram kaan mi/in: *transpolar flights from London to Tokyo.*

transport¹ /træn'spɔ:t/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth/sb** (**from...**) (**to...**) **1** (hmunkhat in hmundangah) mawtawka, tlangleng, tivek thawn phur, thiar: *transport goods by lorry.* **2** (esp formerly) ram hlatpi ah thawngto dingin kuat: *transported to Australia for life.*

▷ **transportable** /-əbl/ *adj* thiar theih, phurh theih.

transportation /træns'pɔ:t'eɪʃn/ *n* [U] **1** (esp US) = **TRANSPORT**: [attrib] *transportation costs.* **2** ram hlatpi ah thawngthlak: *sentenced to transportation.*

transported *adj* [pred] ~ (**with sth**) (rhet) thinlung mi a ti lamdangter: *Listening to her recent performance I felt totally transported.* ○ *transported with joy, anger, fear, etc.*

transporter /træn'spɔ:tə(r)/ *n* mawtawka phurtu mawtawka tumpi.

transport² /træns'pɔ:t/ *n* **1** [U] (a) (also esp US **transportation**) thil thiar, phurh thiar: *road and rail transport* ○ *the transport of goods by air* ○ [attrib] *London's transport system* ○ *transport charges.* (b) thil thiarnak/phurhnak: *My car is being repaired so I'm without transport at the moment.* ○ *I normally travel by public transport.* **2** [C] ralkap, ralkap rawl phurtu tangphawlawng, vanzamleng. **3** (idm) **in transports of sth** (rhet) mi thinlung hmuah a khuh theh: *in transports of rage, delight, terror, etc.*

□ **transport café** lam hlatngaipi mawtawka mawngtu hrangih phuanmi laphak/khawfi dawr.

transpose /træn'spəʊz/ *v* **1** [Tn] umhmun thlengh: *Two letters were accidentally transposed, and 'hand' got printed as 'hnad'.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (**up/down**) (**from sth**) (**into/to sth**) (music) a key thleng ih sak sal (hla): *transposing the song down to D minor.*

▷ **transposition** /træns'pəʊzɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] umhmun thlengnak.

transsexual /trænz'sekʃʊəl/ *n* **1** mipa ka si hmang tiih thinlung neitu nunau, a lunglet ih neitu mipa. **2** zahmawh a linglet ih a thlenghtu

mi nunau/mipa (mipa thil nunau ah, nunau thil mipa ah).

transship (also **tranship**) /trænʃɪp/ *v* (-pp-) [Tn] tangphawlawng pakhat in pakhat ah thilri thlengh.

▷ **transshipment** (also **tranship-**) *n* [U].

transubstantiation /trænsəbʃtænfɪʃn/ *n* [U] (*religion*) Bawipa Zanriah ih sang le sabitti khi thlacamnakh in, Jesuh ih sa le thii ah a cang ti zirhnakh.

transverse /trænzvɜːs/ *adj* [usu attrib] a kan ih um: a *transverse engine*, ie one placed parallel to the axles of a car, instead of at right angles to them.

▷ **transversely** *adv*.

transvestism /trænzvestɪzəm/ *n* [U] mipa vek (lola) nunau vek ih thuam-aw.

transvestite /trænzvestaɪt/ *n* cuvek milai.

trap /træp/ *n* **1** thang: a *mouse-trap* ○ a *fly-trap* ○ lay/set a trap (for rabbits) ○ caught in a trap. **2** (fig) (a) thanghri: *The thieves were caught in a police trap.* (b) bumnak: *You fell right into my trap.* ○ *Is this question a trap?* (c) luat harmi thil umtudan: *For some women marriage is a trap.* **3** U (lola) S vek tidai paip (ruahti dongtu a siih thli tivekin phit lo ding ih tuahmi). **4** rang pakhat ih dirhmi rangleng. **5** (a) tlanzuamtu uico thlahnak hmun. (b) laileng le bawlung tivek lem, kap dingah vanpar ih thlahnak thil. **6** = TRAPDOOR. **7** (sl) kaa: *Shut your trap!*

▷ **trap** *v* (-pp-) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] awk, tang: *Help! I'm trapped — open the door!* ○ *They were trapped in the burning hotel.* ○ *The lift broke down and we were trapped inside (it).* **2** [Tn] rak kai, rak awk: *A filter traps dust from the air.* ○ *a special fabric that traps body heat.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (**into sth/doing sth**) ti bum: *trapped into an unhappy marriage* ○ *I was trapped into telling the police all I knew.* **4** [Tn] thang siah: *It's cruel to trap birds.*

trapper *n* thangsiahtu.

□ **trapdoor** (also **trap**) *n* zial, siling ih um sangka.

trap-shooting *n* [U] vanpar ih hlonmi thil meithal in kap(nak).

trapeze /trəpiːz/; US trə-/ *n* pepawk.

trapezium /trəpiːziəm/ *n* (pl ~ s) (*geometry*) **1** (Brit) (US **trapezoid**) kap pali nei zuk, kap hnih cu dingte veve in an um, a dang kaphnih cu an ding lo. **2** (US) = TRAPEZOID.

trapezoid /trəpiːzɔɪd/ *n* (*geometry*) **1** (Brit) (US **trapezium**) a kap rin pali sungah pakhat hman dingruah ih a um lomi. **2** (US) = TRAPEZOID.

trappings /trəpiŋz/ *n* [pl] lenglam ih hmuh theihmi hmai hngalnakh: *a big car, a country house, and all the other trappings of success* ○ *He had the trappings of high office but no real power.*

Trappist /træpɪst/ *n*, *adj* daan fektuk a neimi tong lo dingih a tiamkamtu phungki.

trash /træʃ/ *n* [U] **1** a tha lem lomi thil, calai: *He thinks most modern art is trash.* **2** (US) innsung ih hnawmbaal, thil siava: *put out the trash.* **3** (US *infml derog*) mi upat lomi, milai: *white trash*, ie poor or deprived white people.

▷ **trashy** *adj* a tha lo, santlai lo.

□ **trashcan** *n* (US) = DUSTBIN (DUST¹).

trauma /trɔːmə; US 'traʊmə/ *n* (pl ~ s) [U, C] **1** (a) (*psychology*) thinkuainakh. (b) (*infml*) thinheng, thinhar nat: *going through the traumas of divorce.* **2** (*medical*) hriamhma, khawndennakh.

▷ **traumatic** /trɔːmætɪk/ *adj* **1** (*psychology or medical*) trauma a suahter thei, trauma thawn a pehkaimi. **2** (*infml*) (of an experience) nuam lo zetmi (hmuhtonnakh): *Our journey home was pretty traumatic.* **traumatically** /-klɪ/ *adv*.

travail /træveɪl; US trə'veɪl/ *n* [U] **1** (arch or rhet) har fualfo ih zuamnakh. **2** (arch) nauhrin natfah.

travel /trævl/ *v* (-ll-; US -l-) **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip, In/pr] khualtlawng: *I love (to go) travelling.* ○ *We travelled all over the country.* ○ *She travels to work by bike.* ○ *We travelled over by car.* ○ *We had been travelling (for) over a week.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] tlawng zo: *He's travelled the whole world.* ○ *travel forty miles to work each day.* ⇨ Usage. **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] feh, thawn: *Light travels faster than sound.* ○ *News travels quickly these days.* ○ *The billiard ball travelled gently across the table.* ○ (fig) *His mind travelled back to his youth.* **3** [Ipr] ~ (**in sth**) (**for sb**) thil zuar in feh: *He travels in carpets for a big London firm.* **4** [I] (of wine, etc) hlatpi fehpi ruangah siat lo: *Lighter wines often travel badly.* **5** [I] (*infml*) khulrang: *I don't know the car's exact speed, but it was certainly travelling.* **6** (idm) **travel light** (a) thil zaangte phur ih tlawng. (b) (fig) tluanvo hrial thei sung hrial.

▷ **travel** *n* **1** [U] khualtlawn (a bikin ramdangah): *the cost of travel* ○ *Travel in the mountains can be slow and dangerous.* ○ [attrib] *travel books.* **2** **travels** [pl] ramleng khualtlawnakh: *write an account of one's travels* ○ (joc) *If you see John on your travels* (eg about town), *tell him to ring me.* ⇨ Usage at JOURNEY. **3** [U] cet thilri khul (a rang, a fung): *There's too much travel on the brake, it needs tightening.*

travelled (US **traveled**) *adj* (usu in compounds) **1** (of a person) khualtlawng tamtu: *a well-/much-/widely-travelled journalist.* **2** (of a road, etc) milai ih zawh tammi (lamzin, etc): *The route was once much travelled but has fallen into disuse.*

traveller (US **traveler**) /trævlə(r)/ *n* **1** mikhual, khualtlawngtu: *an experienced traveller.* **2** thil zuar ih khualtlawngtu: *a commercial traveller.*

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3 (Brit) Gypsy miphun, ramngai nei lo mivakvai. **4** (idm) **traveller's tales** ram hlap i ummilai pawlih thuanthu (zumhar ngainuam). **traveller's cheque** (US **traveler's check**) ramdang ih hman theih bank cheque. **travelling** (US **traveling**) *adj* [attrib]: a travelling circus ○ a travelling clock, ie one in a case, for use when travelling ○ travelling expenses. **travelling salesman** dawr dang ah thil zuar ih a fehtu Kampani palai. **travelogue** (US also **travelog**) /trævələg/; US -ləg/ *n* khualtlawn thu simnak. □ **travel agent** khualtlawng duhtu hrang khualtlawnnak tawlrel hnañuan ðuantu: I booked my holiday through my local travel agent. **travel agency** (also **travel bureau**) travel agent pawl zung. **travel-sick** *adj* khualtlawn tiki h tomi ruangah ri (mawñaw ri, lawng ri, tivek). **travel-sickness** *n* [U].

NOTE ON USAGE: The person who **drives** a car, bus or train is the person in control of it. Similarly we **ride** a bicycle or horse, **sail** a boat or a ship (whether it sails or has an engine), and **fly** a plane. We **steer** a car, bicycle or ship when we turn it in a particular direction. When travelling as a passenger we **ride in** a car, bus or train, **sail in** a ship, and **fly in** a plane. When talking about means of transport we can use **go by** (car, boat/ship/sea, plane/air, bicycle, etc): Are you going by sea or by air? ○ He always comes to work by bus.

traverse /trə'vɜ:s/ *v* [Tn] kaantan in feh: searchlights traversing the sky ○ skiers traversing the slopes ○ The road traverses a wild and mountainous region.

▷ **traverse** *n* **1** a kaantan ih ummi thil. **2** kaantan, fehtlang, pahtlang.

travesty /trævəsti/ *n* ~ (of sth) aatthlakmi thil thu cawnnak; a niam sawnmi ai-rawlnak: The trial was a travesty of justice.

▷ **travesty** *v* (pt, pp **-tied**) [Tn] ai-rawl; thu/thil cawng: travestying sb's style of writing.

trawl /trɔ:l/ *n* **1** (also **trawl-net**) tipi ih ngakaihnak surpi. **2** (also **trawl line**, **setline**) (US) tipi ih hmanmi ngasio hri.

▷ **trawl** *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr] ~ (for sth) surpi thawn nga kai. (b) [Tn] surpi thlak. **2** [Ipr, Tn] ~ (through) sth (for sth) (fig) hawl ciamco: The police are trawling (through) their files for similar cases. **trawler** *n* ngakaihnak lawng.

tray /trei/ *n* **1** thing/thir kheng: a tea-tray ○ Take her some breakfast on a tray. **2** zung ih cakuang, cakheng: Letters were piled high in the tray on his desk.

treacherous /tretʃərəs/ *adj* **1** phiar thei. **2**

tihnung, mi a bum thei: That ice is treacherous, ie not as strong or thick as it looks. ○ treacherous currents.

▷ **treacherously** *adv*.

treachery /tretʃəri/ *n* [C, U] mi pakhat/thu pakhat thupte ih phiar: underhand treachery.

treacle /tri:kl/ (US **molasses**) *n* [U] cini an tuahnak futi. Cf SYRUP.

▷ **treacly** /tri:kl/ *adj* **1** cuvek thil. **2** (fig derog) (rawl) a thaw tuk ih mi hne (ngei) thei/thinlung putmi lang tuk ruangah mitkemza a simi: the treacly clichés of romantic fiction.

tread /tred/ *v* (pt **trod** /tro:d/, pp **trodden** /'tro:dn/ or **trod**) **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (on, etc sth/sb) (a) pal – ke ih pal: She trod lightly so as not to wake the baby. ○ explorers going where no man had trod (ie been) before ○ tread on sb's toe ○ Mind you don't tread in that puddle. ○ (fig) It is a sensitive issue so we must tread (ie speak, proceed) carefully. (b) (of a foot) pal suk. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ sth (in/down/out) ke thawn pal ih rawt le ruaite: tread grapes, ie to make wine ○ Don't tread your ash into my carpet! ○ tread the earth down around the roots ○ tread out fire in the grass. **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] vak ih ðum (lampi canter): The cattle had trodden a path to the pond. **4** (idm) **tread the boards** (rhet or joc) lemcangtu ah cang. **tread on air** lungnuam zet (ai puang). **tread on sb's corns/toes** (infml) mi pakhat va hnaihnok: I don't want to tread on anybody's toes so I won't say what I think. **tread on sb's heels** mi pakhat nai h zetin a dung thlun, lole, a tuahvek rori ih tuah (cawng). **tread/walk a tightrope** ⇒ TIGHTROPE. **tread water** ke cangvai ih ruangpi tithuk sungah ding zet ih um.

▷ **tread** *n* **1** [sing] ke kal suandan, lole, ke feh awn: walk with a heavy tread. **2** [C] kailawn zial a tlunlam. **3** [C, U] mawñawka ke a lengta sialrial: Driving with worn tread(s) can be dangerous.

□ **treadmill** *n* **1** ke pal ih hermi thil rialdipnak cet/leng. **2** (fig) nin um zetmi ðuan kel le tuah kel hnañuan: I can't get off the office treadmill.

treadle /tredl/ *n* ke in pal ih a her theimi thil.

treas *abbr* treasurer a tawinak nganmi.

treason /tri:zn/ *n* [U] ram, lole, ram uktu thah ding le siatsuah dingih ral thawn phiarnak.

▷ **treasonable** /tri:zənəbl/ *adj*: a treasonable offence, ie one that can be punished as treason. **treasonably** /-əbl/ *adv*.

treasure /trezə(r)/ *n* **1** [C, U] thil mankhung (sui/lungvar): buried treasure. **2** [C esp pl] a man nei/a mankhung ih retmi/ruahmi: art treasures. **3** [C] duhdawt zetmi pa/nu/minung: My dearest treasure! ○ Our new secretary is a perfect treasure.

▷ **treasure** *v* **1** [Tn] man nei zet ih ret, ruat: treasure sb's friendship ○ He treasures your

letters. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (up) a man khung tiih rak kemmi: *I shall always treasure the memory of our meetings.* ○ *treasure sth up in one's heart.*

treasurer /ˈtrezərə(r)/ *n* tangka fingshawitu/ tuanvo neitu, paisa kaitu.

□ **treasure-house** *n* thil mankhung retnak inn.

treasure-hunt *n* (a) thil mankhung hawl. (b) thil pakhat thuhmi hawl (lehnak phunkhat).

treasure trove **1** a neitu theih lo, tonmi thil mankhung thuhmi. **2** (fig) thil man nei hmantha le thil mawi a ummi hmun, cabu: *The gallery is a treasure trove of medieval art.*

treasury /ˈtrezəri/ *n* **1** **the Treasury** [Gp] (in Britain and some other countries) misenpi paisa parih thuneihnak neitu cozah zung. **2** [C] thil mankhung retnak. **3** [C] (fig) cabu, lole thil dang pohpoh ah thil man nei le thil duhnung ummi: *a treasury of poetic gems.*

□ **Treasury bill** **1** (Brit) cozah tangka ca. **2** (US) cozah suah kum khat sung a miat thawn tangka khawlnak ca.

treat /tri:t/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-n/a] ~ **sb** (as/like **sth**) tuamhlawm, zoh: *They treat their children very badly.* ○ *You should treat them with more consideration.* ○ *Don't treat me as (if I were) an idiot.* **2** [Cn-n/a] ~ **sth as sth** thil pakhat parih ruahnak neihdan: *I decided to treat his remark as a joke, eg instead of being offended by it.* **3** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] thuhla pakhat ruat: *The problem has been better treated in other books.* ○ *The documentary treated the question in some detail.* (b) [Ipr] ~ **of sth** (dated or fml) (of a book, lecture, etc) thu pakhat a thuhla sim le rel: *an essay treating of philosophical doubt.* **4** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth; ~ sb (for sth)** mi damter dingah sii le tuahnak thawn tuamhlawm: *a new drug to treat rheumatism* ○ *Last year the hospital treated over forty cases of malaria.* ○ *She was treated for sunstroke.* **5** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (with sth)** thil pakhat parah siat lo dingin thil dang thawn rawi le tuah: *wood treated with creosote* ○ *treat crops with insecticide.* **6** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/oneself (to sth)** mi, lole, mah le mah ei ding le zoh ding tivek do/do-aw: *She treated each of the children to an ice-cream.* ○ *I decided to treat myself to a taxi, eg instead of walking.* ○ *We were treated to the unusual sight of the Prime Minister singing on TV.* **7** [Ipr] ~ **with sb** (dated or fml) rem-awter: *The government refuses to treat with terrorists.* **8** (idm) **treat sb like dirt/a dog** (infml) mi pakhat upat lo/ziang hmanih siar lo: *They treat their workers like dirt.*

▷ **treat** *n* **1** nomnak nasa tak petu thil (a bikin rin lo thil le a bengbaimi ruangah): *Smoked salmon — what a treat!* ○ *Her son's visits are a great treat for her.* **2** ei/din mi va do: *This is my*

treat, ie I'll pay. **3** (idm) **a Dutch treat** ⇒ DUTCH. **trick or treat** ⇒ TRICK *n*.

treatable *adj*: *a treatable cancer.*

treatise /ˈtri:tɪz, -tɪs/ *n* ~ (on **sth**) thuhla pakhat saupi ih nganmi ca.

treatment /ˈtri:tmənt/ *n* **1** [U] damnak dingih tuamhlawm – midang parih va tidan/thuhla pakhat parih thil tidan: *undergoing medical treatment* ○ *protesting against the brutal treatment of political prisoners* ○ *Shakespeare's treatment of madness in 'King Lear'.* **2** [C] nat damternak ih thil tuah, nat bawl; ziing: *a new treatment for cancer* ○ *an effective treatment for dry rot.* **3** (idm) **give sb/get preferential treatment** ⇒ PREFERENTIAL.

treaty /ˈtri:ti/ *n* **1** [C] ram khat le ram khat lungkimnak caken: *the Treaty of Rome* ○ *make/sign a peace treaty with a neighbouring country.* **2** [U] thil pakhat khat lei-aw dingih lungkimnak caken: *sell a house by private treaty, ie instead of by public auction, etc.*

treble¹ /ˈtrebl/ *adj, n* a let thum: *a treble portion of ice-cream, ie three times as big as the normal one* ○ *he earns treble my salary.*

▷ **treble** *v* [I, Tn] a let thum ih karhter: *He's trebled his earnings in two years.* ○ *The newspapers' circulation has trebled since last year.*

□ **treble chance** (Brit) bawlung lehnak ah zo in a neh ding ti tiam-awknak.

treble² /ˈtrebl/ *n* (a) mibur hlasak ih aw sang bik: *a choir of trebles.* (b) nauhak aw sang nei. (c) cuvek aw sang ih rak saknak: *He sings treble.*

▷ **treble** *adj* [attrib] aw sang zet ih sakmi aw: *a treble voice* ○ *a treble recorder* ○ *the treble clef, ie the symbol in music showing that the notes following it are high in pitch.* Cf BASS.

tree /tri:/ *n* **1** thingkung: *an oak, ash, elm, etc tree* ○ *We sheltered under the trees.* Cf BUSH, SHRUB. **2** (esp in compounds) thil tuahnak zanthing: *a shoe-tree.* **3** (idm) **at the top of the tree** ⇒ TOP¹. **bark up the wrong tree** ⇒ BARK². **not grow on trees** ⇒ GROW. **not see the wood for the trees** ⇒ WOOD.

▷ **tree** *v* (pt, pp **treed**) [Tn usu passive] (minung, lole, ramsa kha) him dingin thingkung parah a hramhram ih kaiter: *a treeless plain.*

□ **tree-fern** *n* khangca, cavi kung.

tree-house *n* thingkung ʔek lakih sakmi inn (nau hak lehnak ah).

treeless *adj* thingkung um lo: *a treeless plain.*

tree-line (also **timber-line**) *n* zanthing a kho thei nawn lonak ri a simi tlangtluan (a sang le niam ritluan).

tree-top *n* (esp pl) thing zim: *birds nesting in the tree-tops.*

trefoil /ˈtrefɔɪl/ *n* **1** hnge khat ah hnah pathum um thingkung. **2** cuih thinghnah vek ceimawi-

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awknak thil.

trek /trek/ *n* a hlat ih a har khualtlawn (ke feh).

▷ **trek** *v* (-kk-) [I, Ipr, Ip] a hlat le a harmi khualtlawn: *trekking for days across the desert.*

trellis /trellis/ *n* [C, U] a zaam themi thinghri zaamnak ding (a kai theinak ding) thing, lole plastic pheikham tuah sakmi.

tremble /trembl/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) (tihnak, khawsik, tha derdai ti vek a phunphun ruangah) thia ciamco ther, khur (kut ke, awsuah ti vek thia le khur): *trembling hands* ○ *His voice trembled with rage.* ○ *We were trembling with excitement.* (b) [I] malte lai hnin: *leaves trembling in the breeze* ○ *The bridge trembled as the train sped across it.* **2** [I, Ipr, It] thinhengzet/ aithokzet/thinlung buai: *I tremble at the thought of what may happen.* ○ *She trembled to think what might have happened to him.* **3** (idm) **in fear and trembling** ⇒ FEAR¹.

▷ **tremble** *n* aw thia: *There was a tremble in his voice.* ○ (infml) *She was all of a tremble*, ie trembling all over.

trembler /tremblə(r)/ *n* hnin tikah electric tha a ngah theimi thirkual.

trembly /trembli/ *adj* (infml) khur, lole thia: *I felt all trembly.*

tremendous /tri'mendəs/ *adj* **1** nasa zet, tum zet: *a tremendous explosion* ○ *travelling at a tremendous speed* ○ *It makes a tremendous difference to me.* ○ *They had the most tremendous row.* **2** (infml) a tha hngin; lamdang: *a tremendous film, pianist, experience* ○ *He's a tremendous walker*, ie He walks a lot. ▷ **tremendously** *adv.* *tremendously pleased.*

tremolo /tremələu/ *n* (pl ~ s) (music) tummi awnmawi ih suahmi awthir, lole awthir in hla sak. Cf VIBRATO.

tremor /tremə(r)/ *n* **1** (malte lai) a hninmi: *There was a tremor in her voice.* ○ *earth tremors*, eg during an earthquake. **2** thinlung hnin ko ih rak khoih (tihnak, lungawinak, dontamnak tivek ruangah): *tremors of fear, delight, anxiety*, etc.

tremulous /tremjələs/ *adj* (fml) **1** thinphannak, lole, tisa derdainak ruangah khur/thia: *in a tremulous voice* ○ *with a tremulous hand.* **2** tih, lole, awloksong: *a tremulous look.*

▷ **tremulously** *adv.*

trench /trentʃ/ *n* ralrelhnak, lole, tiluannak ding laihmi kahsam, lole, lei khur: *irrigation trenches* ○ *The workmen dug a trench for the new water-pipe.* ○ [attrib] *trench warfare.*

▷ **trench** *v* [Tn] leikhur lai, tiluannak lai.

□ **trench coat** ruakhkam kawt angki.

trenchant /trentʃənt/ *adj* (of comments, arguments, etc) hmualnei zet: *trenchant wit, criticism.*

▷ **trenchantly** *adv.*

trencher /trentʃə(r)/ *n* (arch) (formerly) thing

salhmi kheng/kanto.

▷ **trencherman** /-mən/ *n* (pl -men /-mən/) (idm)

a good, etc trencherman (joc) rawl pham.

trend /trend/ *n* **1** thil fehdañ – thilsiduhdañ, thil a sawndañ, thil a fehnañ lam: *The trend of prices is still upwards.* ○ *a growing trend towards smaller families* ○ *contemporary trends in psychiatry* ○ *following the latest trends in fashion.* **2** (idm) **set a/the trend** thil piandang hei thok, midang cawn dingih thil tuahdañ danglam ce ih tuah.

▷ **trend** *v* [Ipr, Ip] lam ah a feh, lam ah a sawn: *house prices trending upwards.*

trendy *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml) sanman bik hnipuan tuahdañ le thil dang tuahdañ thlunmi: *trendy clothes* ○ (derog) *trendy intellectuals*, ie ones who do not examine new ideas carefully. — *n* (Brit infml esp derog) thil thar uartu, lole, thate ih zoh hliah lotu: *middle-aged trendies.* **trendily** *adv.* **trendiness** *n* [U].

□ **trend-setter** *n* hnipuan thitdañ tivek phun dang deuh ih tuah thoktu. **trend-setting** *adj* [attrib]: *a trend-setting film.*

trepan /trɪpæn/ *v* (-nn-) [Tn] (medical) = TREPHINE.

▷ **trepan** *n* **1** (medical) trephine tuah tir. **2** (engineering) leisuang thilsuak phorhsuahnak ih hmanmi lei vihnak.

trephine /trɪfiːn/ *n* (US -fam/ *v* [Tn] (medical) (also **trepan**) luruh vit (lole) mitmu tuamnakk hlit.

▷ **trephine** *n* (medical) sibawi hmanmi luruh vihnak hluah.

trepidation /treprɪdeɪʃn/ *n* [U] thil tha lo zet a cang ding hrangih thinnuam lo zetih um: *The threat of an epidemic caused great alarm and trepidation.*

trespass /trespəs/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (on sth) mi ih hmun le ramah mah thu te ih feh (lole): *He accused me of trespassing on his estate.* ○ *No trespassing*, ie as a warning sign. **2** [Ipr] ~ **on sth** (fml) duhamnak in thil va co tum/a mawi lo lawmmam ih thil va hmang: *trespass on sb's time/hospitality/privacy.* **3** [I, Ipr.] ~ (against sb) (arch or Bible) mawh; sual.

▷ **trespass** *n* **1** (a) [U] mi hmunram ih fehnañ/ nornak: *the law of trespass.* (b) [C] mi vanor ih ummi: *an accidental trespass.* **2** [C] (arch or Bible) mawhnak, sualnak.

trespasser *n* mah thute ih mi hmuan sungluttu: *Trespassers will be prosecuted*, eg on a notice.

tress /tres/ *n* (fml) **1** [C] samtom. **2** **tresses** [pl] samsau zuahmi (nunau): *combing her dark tresses.*

trestle /tresl/ *n* thingpheng/zialpheng, lole, cabuai donmi thing pheng, lole, tonak zialpheng dotu a ke (thing/thir).

□ **trestle-table** *n* cuvek domi cabuai.

trews /truːz/ *n* [pl] pianzia (rong) phunkim

rawimi bawngbi fual: a pair of trews.

tri- pref (with *ns* and *adjs*) pathum tinak: *triangle*
○ *tricolour* ○ *trilingual*. Cf **BI-**, **DI-**.

triad /traɪæd/ *n* **1** mi pathum kom, lole, thil pathum a pehkai-awmi. **2** (also **Traid**) Tulukram ih thil tha lo (sualnak) tuahtu thupte pawlkom.

trial /traɪəl/ *n* **1** [C, U] upadi zungih thu hliakhlainak/sual le soal lo theihnak ding thu suhnak: *The trial lasted a week.* ○ *trial by jury* ○ *commit sb for trial*, ie send sb to prison, for later trial ○ *The defendant claimed that he had not had a fair trial.* ○ *The case comes to trial/comes up for trial* (ie will be tried) *next month.* **2** [C, U] mipakhat (lole) thil pakhat hniksaknak, tihniknak: *give job applicants a trial* ○ *put a car through safety trials* ○ *a trial of strength*, ie a contest to see who is stronger ○ *The new drug has undergone extensive medical trials.* ○ [attrib] *for trial purposes* ○ *employ sb for a trial period* ○ *a trial separation*, ie of a couple whose marriage is in difficulties. **3** [C] a lektu an thiam le thiam lo theihnak dingih lek ternak. **4** [C] ~ (to sb) tuar dingmi thitokza, mi/thil buaithlak: *Her child is a trial to his teachers.* ○ *life's trials.* **5** (idm) **go on trial/stand trial (for sth)** thu thennak zungih thu dengfelnak: *She went on/stood trial for murder.* **on trial** that le that lo/si ngaingai le si ngaingai lo hniksaknak: *Take the machine on trial for a week.* ○ (fig) *Democracy itself is on trial as the country prepares for its first free elections.* **put sb/be on trial (for sth)** mi pakhat mawhpuih ih thu thennak zung ah thusuh le thu thennak: *She was put on trial for fraud.* ○ *He's on trial for his life.* **trial and error** thil buai pakhat a that theinak dingah tidan a phunphun in tuahhnik ih tifuh lonak ihsin zirnak: *learn by trial and error* ○ [attrib] *trial-and-error methods.* **trials and tribulations** thinhennak le buaithlaknak.

□ **trial run** thil pakhat a that le that lo theih duh ah hniksak hmaisai: *Take the car for a trial run to see if you like it.* ○ *The programme was given a trial run to gauge viewers' reactions.* ○ *She's taking the exam a year early, just as a trial run (for the real thing).*

triangle /traɪæŋɡl/ *n* **1** kapthum le kil pathum nei thil (zim thum le kap thum nei thil). **2** hivek thil pungsan (pianhmang) a simi: *a scarf made of a triangle of blue silk* ○ *a triangle of grass beside the path* ○ *benches arranged in a triangle.* **3** (music) kil thum nei, thirfung thawn tummi awnmawi thilri. **4** minung, ruahnak, thupomdan pathum a telmi thil umtudan: *a love triangle.* **5** (idm) **the eternal triangle** ⇒ **ETERNAL**.

▷ **triangular** /traɪ'æŋɡjələ(r)/ *adj* **1** kil thum neiimi (zuk, tivek): *a triangular contest in an*

election, ie one with three candidates.

tribal /traɪbl/ *adj* [usu attrib] miphun mihnam thawn pehparmi: *tribal loyalties, dances, gods, wars.*

▷ **tribalism** /traɪbəlɪzəm/ *n* [U] **1** phunhnam khat sungih umkhawmnak. **2** phunhnam thinglung; phunhnam thlun ih hoiher/umtlan daan.

tribe /traɪb/ *n* **1** tong, biaknak, nunphung tivek a bangawmi miphun/mihnam: *Zulu tribes* ○ *the twelve tribes of ancient Israel.* **2** a bangawmi ramsa/ (lole) a phun a bangawmi thingkung. **3** (often pl) (infml esp joc) mi tampi: *tribes of holiday-makers* ○ *What a tribe* (ie large family) *they've got!* **4** (usu derog) mirual khat/mibur khat: *I hate the whole tribe of politicians.*

□ **tribesman** /-zmən/ *n* (pl **-men** /-mən/) phunhnam pakhat sungtel.

tribulation /trɪbjʊ'leɪʃn/ *n* **1** [C, U] (rhet) zonzaihnak/retheihnak; tuarnak: *He bore his tribulations bravely.* ○ *a time of great tribulation.* **2** (idm) **trials and tribulations** ⇒ **TRIAL**.

tribunal /traɪ'bjuːnl/ *n* tawhawknak (thu el-awknak) thurel cattu bawi upa pawl: *a rent tribunal*, ie one hearing appeals against high rents ○ (fig) *the tribunal of public opinion.*

tributary /trɪbjʊtri/ *US* -teri/ *n* tiva pi, lole tiffinriat fintu tiva te: *The Avon is a tributary of the Severn.*

▷ **tributary adj 1 ~ (to sth)** (of a river or stream) tivapi pakhat ih a ra kommi (tiva): *tributary to the Thames.* **2** [attrib] (of a country or ruler) ram pakhat, lole, uktu pakhat in uktu dang hnenih siahhkhon pekmi.

tribute /trɪbjʊt/ *n* **1** [C, U] upatnak laksawng, upat, lole, uar ruangih pekmi thil: *floral tributes*, ie gifts of flowers ○ *Tributes to the dead leader have been received from all around the world.* ○ *The mourners stood in silent tribute as the coffin was laid to rest.* **2** [sing] **1 ~ (to sth)** thil pakhat sinak ih suaupimi: *His recovery is a tribute to the doctors' skill.* **3** [C, U] (esp formerly) ram pakhat (lole) ram uktu pakhat (siangpahrang) in a dang siangpahrang hnenih pekmi laksawng (ral um lonak dingah). **4** (idm) **pay tribute to sb/sth** ⇒ **PAY**².

trice /traɪs/ *n* (idm) **in a trice** hmakhat te ah: *I'll be with you in a trice.* ○ *In a trice, he was gone.*

triceps /traɪseps/ *n* (pl unchanged) baan tlunlam-dunglam titkhal. Cf **BICEPS**.

trick /trɪk/ *n* **1** bumnak: *play a trick on sb* ○ *We need a trick to get past the guards.* ○ *You can't fool me with that old trick!* ○ (fig) *a trick of the light*, ie that makes one see sth that is not there ○ [attrib] *a trick question* ○ *trick photography.* **2** tidan phundang; thil pakhat a thatnak bik ih tidan ding: *The trick is to hold your breath while you aim.* ○ *I can't open the box — is there a*

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trick to it? ○ *before artists had mastered the tricks of perspective* ○ *I've never learnt the trick of making friends easily.* **3** zohnuamnak dingih thiamnak mitkher tivek thawn thil tuah: *conjuring tricks* ○ *Let me show you some card tricks.* ○ *She had trained her dog to do tricks, eg to stand on its hind legs.* **4** a si ðeumi, tuah ðeumi: *He has an annoying trick of saying 'You know?' after every sentence.* ○ *My car has developed a trick of stalling on steep hills.* **5** (phelehnak) vel khat phelehnak: *take/win a trick, ie win a round* ○ *How many tricks did we lose?* **6** (idm) **be up to one's (old) tricks** (infml) mi pakhat lungawi lo zawng ih thil hei ti: *Half my money's gone — you've been up to your tricks again, haven't you?* **do the job/trick** ⇒ JOB¹. **every/any trick in the book** a mai duhnak tuahsuaknak dingih hmanmi ruahnak phunkim: *I tried every trick in the book but I still couldn't persuade them.* ○ *He'll use any trick in the book to stop you.* **have a trick up one's sleeve** tumtahnak le ruahnak rak nei/a ðulnak zawn ih hman dingmi tuahnak le ruahnak rak nei. **how's tricks?** (sl) ziang na bang?/na dam maw? **not/never miss a trick** ⇒ MISS³. **teach an old dog new tricks** ⇒ TEACH. **trick or treat** (esp US) Hallowe'en puai tikah nauhak pawl inn tin an feh tikih hmanmi ðong 'thanthing (muðhai) in pek lo le' kan lo ti ding... tivek. **the tricks of the trade** (a) thilti thiam zet pawl ih thil tidan. (b) thil leitu ding pawl hipdan; mah dodaltu pawl tlunih umdan, tivek: *She's only been with us a month so she's still learning the tricks of the trade.* **the whole bag of tricks** ⇒ WHOLE.

▷ **trick** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] mi bum: *You've been tricked.* **2** [Tn-pr] (a) ~ **sb into sth/doing sth** bumthiamnak in mi pakhat thil pakhat tuahter: *She tricked him into marriage/into marrying her.* (b) ~ **sb out of sth** bumthiamnak thawn mi sungter: *Her partner tried to trick her out of her share.* **3** (phr *v*) **trick sb/sth out/up (in/with sth)** mi pakhat, lole thil pakhat thuammawi: *tricked herself out in all her finery.*

trickery /-əri/ *n* [U] bumnak.
trickster /-stə(r)/ *n* mibumhmang.
tricky *adj* (-ier, -iest) (a) (of work, etc) tuahdan ding thiam a ðul mi: *a tricky situation, problem decision.* (b) (of people or their actions) hrokhrawl le depde: *He's a tricky fellow to do business with.* **trickily** *adv.* **trickiness** *n* [U].

trickle /'trɪkl/ *v* **1** [I, I-pr, Ip, Tn-pr, Tn-p] maltete ih for/luang: *Blood trickled from the wound.* ○ *tears trickling down her cheeks* ○ *trickle oil into the mixture bit by bit.* **2** [I-pr, Ip] nuamtete in feh/ra: *people trickling into the hall* ○ *The ball trickled into the hole.* ○ *News is starting to trickle out.*

▷ **trickle** *n* **1** mal ngaite ih luan: *The stream is reduced to a mere trickle in summer.* **2** (usu sing) ~ (of sth) thil malte ra (lole) feh rero: *a trickle of information.*

□ **trickle charger** device for the slow continuous charging of accumulator.

tricolour (US **tricolor**) /'trɪkələ(r); US 'traɪkələ(r)/ *n* **1** [C] a rong phun (3) ih rinmi thantar (aalan).

2 the Tricolour [sing] France pawl ih thantar (a tunggrin mepian, a pheirin a sen le rang).

tricycle /'traɪsɪkl/ (also infml **trike**) *n* kethum nei thirleng.

trident /'trɪdnt/ *n* a zimzum pathum um feipi.

tried *pt, pp* of TRY¹.

triennial /traɪ'eniəl/ *adj* kum thum daih (lole) kumthum ah vei khat, kum thum dan, phiangkum.

▷ **triennially** /-niəl/ *adv*: *The games occur triennially.*

trier ⇒ TRY¹.

trifle /'traɪfl/ *n* **1** [C] thupi lo, man nei lo zet thil ðukmawtak: *I bought a few trifles as souvenirs.* ○ *It's silly to quarrel over trifles.* ○ *He spends all his time on crosswords and other trifles.* **2** [C] paisa malte: *It cost a mere trifle.* **3** [C, U] keikhmuk rawi ih tuahmi sang hmeh thlum phunkhat. **4** (idm) **a trifle** mal lai: *This dress is a trifle short.* ○ *Isn't the meat a trifle tough?* ○ *Try turning the key a trifle (more).*

▷ **trifle** *v* [I-pr] ~ **with sb/sth** mi/thil pakhat ziang siar lo nawn ih um; daithlang ih umsan: *He's not a man to be trifled with, ie He must be treated with respect.* ○ (fml) *Its wrong of you to trifle with her affections, ie make her think you love her when you don't.*

trifling /'traɪflɪŋ/ *adj* thupi lo/titlak lo: *a few trifling errors* ○ *This is no trifling matter, ie It is serious.* **trifler** /'traɪflə(r)/ *n* mi ziang siarlotu.

trigger /'trɪgə(r)/ *n* meithal li (a zangte): *squeeze the trigger* ○ *have one's finger on the trigger, ie be ready to shoot.*

▷ **trigger** *v* [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth (off)** thil pakhat suakter – thil cangter: *The riots were triggered (off) by a series of police arrests.* ○ *The smoke triggered off the alarm.*

□ **trigger-happy** *adj* (infml derog) malte timen ah meithal ih kap duh.

trigonometry /'trɪgə'nɒmətri/ *n* [U] a kil le a tlang pawl thu zirnak kanaan phunkhat.

▷ **trigonometric, -metrical** /'trɪgənə'metrik, -kl/ *adjs.* **trigonometrically** /-kl/ *adv.*

trike /traɪk/ *n* (infml) = TRICYCLE.

trilateral /'traɪlætərəl/ *adj* [usu attrib] kapthum, mi burthum, ram thum telmi: *trilateral discussions* ○ *a trilateral agreement.*

▷ **trilaterally** *adv.*

trilby /'trɪlbi/ *n* mipa lukhuh nem phunkhat.

trilingual /'traɪlɪŋgwəl/ *adj* ðong phunthum hmang/thiam.

trill /trɪl/ *n* **1** minung aw (lole) vate aw – a thirmi.

2 (*music*) please write mi English. **3** 'r' aw suah in awthir ih fong.

▷ **trill** *v* [I, Ip, Tn] **1** a thirmi awnmawi suah – awthir in hla sak: *The canary was trilling away in its cage.* **2** aw thirmi cafang aw sal.

trillion /trɪljən/ *n, pron, det* **1** (*Brit*) (the number) 1000,000,000,000,000,000; one million million. **2** (*US*) (the number) 1,000,000,000,000; one million million.

▷ **trillionth** /trɪljənθ/ *n, pron, det.*

For the use of trillion and trillionth see the examples at hundred and hundredth.

trilobite /traɪləbaɪt/ *n* a ruh lungto cang zo, a um nawn lomi tipi sungum rannung.

trilogy /trɪlədʒi/ *n* pawl thum kom ih tuahmi hnaʔuan, a bikin thuanthucawn, nunthuleng, le laam (*operas*).

trim¹ /trɪm/ *adj (-mmer, -mmest)* (*approv*) **1** thianghlim felfai zet ih retmi/tuahmi: *a trim ship* ○ *He keeps his garden trim.* **2** a mawi, a tizerzimi: *a trim waistline, figure, etc.*

▷ **trimly** *adv.* **trimness** *n* [U].

trim² /trɪm/ *v (-mm-)* **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-p] a mawi lo tertu at, tan, khuar pop: *trim the top of a hedge* ○ *trim one's beard (back).* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (**off sth/off**) a ʔat lonak/a mawi lonak phiat/at/tan/virh: *The article's too long. Can you trim it (by a quarter)?* ○ *Please trim the excess fat off (the meat).* ○ *I trimmed an inch off the hem of this skirt* ○ *We had to trim a lot off our travel budget.* ⇒ Usage at CLIP². **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (**with sth**) hnipuan thuamnaw mawi seh ti ih cei: *trim a dress with lace* ○ *a hat trimmed with flowers.* **3** [Tn] tangphawlawng (*ship*); vokkuanglawng (*boat*); vanzam tivek khatlam ah lei lo dingin thilri, a totu milai, a ritdan bangrep dingin tuah. **4** [Tn] (puanzar lawng) thlihrannak lamzin thlun in feh. **trimmer** *n* trim tuahtu minung/thil: *an electric hedge trimmer.* **trimming** *n* **1** [U, C] mawi tuahnak ih hmanmi thilri. **2** **trimmings** [pl] (a) mawiseh tiah a hleifuan pawl tanmi, ahmi: *pastry trimmings.* (b) pakhat khat a belh bawmtu/a thluntu: *roast turkey and all the trimmings*, ie vegetables, stuffing, sauces, etc.

trim *n* **1** [C usu *sing*] sam patdeuh le tawideuh dingih met; hram kung tawi deuh dingih ah; hawikung attan ih mawiternak: *The lawn needs a trim.* **2** [C, U] inn, inn thilri, puan tivek pawl ceimawinak: *a yard of gold trim* ○ *The car is available with black or red trim*, ie upholstery, etc. **3** (idm) **be in/get into trim** rem; tawk dingin tuah; tiar-aw: *in good, proper, excellent, etc trim* ○ *She's got a month to get into trim for the race.*

trimaran /traɪmərən/ *n* pum pathum a neimi lawng (lawng pathum kom bangtuk).

trinitrotoluene /traɪnətrəʊtəljəɪn/ *n* [U] ⇒

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trinity /trɪnəti/ *n* **1** (*fml*) pathumkom (trio). **2** **the Trinity** (in Christianity) Pa, Fapa, le Thiang Thlarau thumkom pakhat sinak; Thumthlak Pathian.

□ **Trinity Sunday** Whit Nipi ni sangtu Nipi ni.

trinket /trɪŋkɪt/ *n* zunghruk, hnathlaih, ʔhi tivek man olmitete ih tuah thil.

trio /tri:əʊ/ *n* (pl ~ **s**) **1** [CGp] milai, lole, thilri pathum kommi. **2** [C, CGp] (*music*) a lektu pathum kom, lole, hlasaktu pathum kom, thumzai: *a piano trio*, eg for piano, violin and cello.

trip /trɪp/ *v (-pp-)* **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (**over/up**) thil pakhat ke in sit sual ih bah: *She tripped (over the cat) and fell.* ○ *Be careful you don't trip (up) on the mat.* ○ *I tripped over, dropping the tray I was carrying.* (b) [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sb** (**up**) pakhat khat sɪtsual dingih tuah ih bahter: *He tried to trip me up.* **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] kekar zuanzaang zet ih feh, tlan, laam: *She came tripping down the garden path.* ○ (*fig*) *a melody with a light tripping rhythm.* **3** [Tn] thlah; on; cang ding in tuah: *trip the shutter*, ie of camera ○ *If anyone tampers with this door it trips the alarm.* **4** [I, Ip] ~ (**out**) (*dated sl*) naite khualtlawn. **5** (phr v) **trip** (**sb**) **up** ʔhelh/palh; thuthup phuang: *The lawyer was trying to trip the witnesses up*, ie make them contradict themselves. ○ *I tripped up in the interview and said something rather silly.*

▷ **trip** *n* (usu short) nomak ih khualtlawn; sungkhat/rualpi khua dang ih um tlawn: *a trip to the seaside* ○ *during my last trip to London* ○ *a honeymoon trip to Venice.* ⇒ Usage at JOURNEY. **2** (*sl*) theih le hmuhnak, a bikin, sii LSD tivek eimi ruangih thinlung le mit ih a si lo pipi hmuh le theiter: *an acid* (ie LSD) *trip* ○ *a good/bad trip.* **3** thil pakhat khat sɪtsual ruangih bah. **4** cet pakhatkhat, caang dingin thlah/on.

tripper *n* nomnak ah naite khual a tlawnngu: *The beach was packed with day trippers.*

tripping *adj* [esp attrib] (of movements, rhythms, etc) rang zet le zuanzaang zet. **trippingly** *adv.*

□ **trip-wire** *n* pah pang asile awkcih thei dingin niamte ih khih mi thirhri.

tripartite /traɪpɑ:tait/ *adj* [usu attrib] (*fml*) ʔhen thum, lole, mi pathum, pawlthum tel: *a tripartite division* ○ *tripartite discussions* ○ *a tripartite agreement.*

tripe /traɪp/ *n* [U] **1** caw pumpi (sa): *boiled tripe and onions.* **2** (*sl*) (a) thulolak: *Don't talk tripe!* (b) ʔukʔak zet ih nganmi ca, hla tivek: *I don't read that tripe.*

triple /trɪpl/ *adj* [usu attrib] **1** ʔhen thum, mi pathum, lole, pawl thum telmi; thumkop: *The plan has a triple purpose*, ie three purposes. ○

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triple time, ie rhythm with three beats to the bar ○ *a triple alliance*, ie between three countries. **2** a let thum: *travelling at triple the speed* ○ *a triple whisky*, ie a glass containing three times the usual quantity ○ *a triple murderer*, ie one who has killed three people.

▷ **triple** *v* [I, Tn] a let thum karhter: *Output has tripled.*

triply *adv.*

□ **the triple jump** let thum dawp peh thum pet lekzuamnak (dawp khat le dawp hnihnakh ah ke khat veve thlak ih a vei thumnakh kehni thlak).

triplet /ˈtrɪplɪt/ *n* **1** (usu *pl*) milai, rannung veikhat ah pathum suakkhat, pathumphir: *His wife gave birth to triplets.* **2** set khat pathum a simi. **3** (*music*) a bangrep/a canrep mi awfang pahnih sak lai caan ah awfang pathum vuakkhat sungih bangraan tein sakcihnakh.

triplicate /ˈtrɪplɪkət/ *n* (idm) **in triplicate** cangan bang-aw cekcimi pathum, pakhat cu a hramthok nganmi (*original copy*): *submit an application in triplicate.*

▷ **triplicate** /ˈtrɪplɪkət/ *v* [Tn] hramthok cangan (*original copy*) a telmi, ca pakhat pathum ah suak.

tripod /ˈtraɪpɒd/ *n* kethum nei thil dohnakh; camera, telescope tivek dohnakh.

tripper ⇒ *TRIP*.

triptych /ˈtrɪptɪk/ Khristian biakinn sung biaktheng parih tarmi zuk.

trisect /ˈtraɪsekt/ *v* [Tn] rin pakhat bangrep ciar in then thum ah then.

▷ **trisect** /ˈtraɪsekt/ *n* [U].

trite /ˈtraɪt/ *adj* (of a phrase, an opinion, etc) hman ringring ruangih a thar nawn lomi, a thar a si lomi (hackneyed); zaran hmanciomi.

triumph /ˈtraɪəmf/ *n* **1** [U] nehnakh, tuahsuaktheinakh: *shouts of triumph* ○ *The winning team returned home in triumph.* **2** [C] tuahsuaktheinakh, nehnakh nasa zet: *one of the triumphs of modern science* ○ *She scored a resounding triumph over her rival.*

▷ **triumph** *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (**over sb/sth**) neh; tuahsuak thei: *Common sense triumphed in the end.* ○ *triumph over one's difficulties*, ie overcome them.

triumphal /ˈtraɪəmfəl/ *adj* [usu attrib] **1** nehnakh a simi, lole, tuahsuaktheinakh a simi: *a triumphal arch*, ie one built to honour a victory in war. **2** tuahsuaktheinakh maksakh: *a triumphal chorus.*

triumphant /ˈtraɪəmfənt/ *adj* neh; tuahsuak thei: *a triumphant cheer.* **triumphantly** *adv.*

triumvirate /ˈtraɪəmvɪrət/ *n* mi pathum kom uktu: *The company is run jointly by a triumvirate of directors.*

trivet /ˈtrɪvɪt/ *n* **1** thir ih tuahmi kethum nei lungthu. **2** (idm) **right as a trivet** ⇒ *RIGHT*¹.

trivia /ˈtrɪviə/ *n* [pl] (*usu derog*) a thupi lo; a terek tukmi thuhla.

trivial /ˈtrɪviəl/ *adj* (*often derog*) thupi lo: *a trivial mistake, loss, offence* ○ *raise trivial objections to sth* ○ (*fml*) *a trivial young man*, ie one who is only concerned with trivial things.

▷ **triviality** /ˈtrɪviələti/ *n* (*derog*) **1** [U] thupit lonakh. **2** [C] thil thupi lo: *waste time on trivialities.*

trivialize, -ise /ˈtrɪviəlaɪz/ *v* [Tn] (*derog*) thu terek ah cangter: *Too many films trivialize violence.* **trivialization, -isation** /ˈtrɪviəlaɪzəʃn; ˈtrɪviəlaɪzən/ *n* [U, C].

trivially /-ɪəli/ *adv.*

trod *pt* of *TREAD*.

trodden *pp* of *TREAD*.

troglodyte /ˈtrɒglədɪt/ *n* lungkua sung ummilai (khuahlan milai).

troika /ˈtrɔɪkə/ *n* **1** rang pathum ih dirhmi Russia leng fate. **2** hnaʔuan tlang milai pathum, a bikin ramuknak hnaʔuan a ʔuan tlang pathum.

Trojan /ˈtrɒdʒən/ *n, adj* **1** Troy khuami, Troy mi, a hlan Asia Minor ram ih khua pakhat: *The Trojan war*, ie between the Greeks and the Trojans, as described by Homer. **2** (idm) **work like a black/Trojan** ⇒ *BLACK*².

□ **Trojan horse** ral pawl siatsuahtu dingih tuahmi anmah bawmtu sihamng ti ih zumsualmi milai, lole, thil pakhat khat.

troll¹ /trɒl/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (**for sth**) a feh roerom tilawng par ihsin ngasio: *trolling for pike.*

troll² /trɒl/ *n* (in Scandinavian myths) khawsia tuumpi, lole, huatsuak pawl-nuam, lasi.

trolley /ˈtrɒli/ *n* (*pl* ~ *s*) **1** thil phurhnakh, dawr lennak ih hman theih kuttul leng: *a luggage trolley* ○ *a shopping trolley*, eg in a supermarket. **2** lengke pali neimi cabuai fate: *a tea-trolley.* **3** tlangleng lampi thirtluan parih a fehmi lamzin hnaʔuantu pawl ih hmanmi leng. **4** (also **trolley-wheel**) electric tha in a feh mi, milai to thei thirhri parih a fehmi leng. **5** (US) = *TRAM*.

□ **trolley bus** *n* electric hri in electric tha ih a fehmi minung tonakh leng/bus.

trollop /ˈtrɒləp/ *n* (*dated derog*) ʔophnop ziaza bal zetih um, lole, nuncan ʔha lo nunau.

trombone /ˈtrɒmˈbəʊn/ *n* daar ih tuahmi awnmawi tumnak tawtawrawt kaa kaupi.

▷ **trombonist** /ˈtrɒmˈbəʊnɪst/ *n* trombone awnmawi tumtu.

troop /tru:p/ *n* **1** [C] milai bur, lole, ramsa bur: *a troop of schoolchildren* ○ *troops of deer.* **2** **troops** [pl] ralkap burpi: *demand the withdrawal of foreign troops.* **3** [C] raldonakh mawʔawka pawlkhat, lole, pukpi ralkap pawlkhat, lole, rangto ralkap pawlkhat. **4** [C] scouts pawlkhat.

▷ **troop** *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] (with a *pl* subject) a burpi ih rat le feh: *children trooping out of school.* **2**

(idm) **trooping the colour** (*Brit*) siangpahrang suah ni lomnak puai ah ralkap pawl a tortor in thantar phur ih ralthuang tuah.

trooper *n* **1** raldonak mawtaw ralkap, lole, rangto ralkap. **2** (*US*) rampi palik. **3** (idm) **swear like a trooper** ⇨ SWEAR.

□ **troop-ship** *n* ralkap phurnak tangphawlawng. **trope** /trəʊp/ *n* (*fml*) ðongfang le ðongfang burpawl hlorhnak.

trophy /trəʊfi/ *n* **1** do rero, hawl rero, zuam rero ruangih ngahmi laksawng; neh thei ruangih comi laksawng: *the Wimbledon tennis trophy*. **2** raldo, ramtawi tivek ih ngahmi hminsintlak thilri: *a set of antlers and other trophies*.

tropic /trɒpɪk/ *n* **1** [C usu *sing*] Equator rin ihsin sak le thlang 23°27' degree ih ummi riin (leilung parah mit hmuh theih ih rinmi a si lo) (the tropic of Cancer) (the tropic of Capricorn). **2 the tropics** [pl] Equator saklam le thlanglam latitude rin 23°27' karlak ummi ram pawl, a satnak hmun.

▷ **tropical** /-kl/ *adj* a satnak hmun thawn a pehtlaimi: *tropical fruit* ○ *a tropical climate* ○ *August was almost tropical* (ie very hot) *this year*. **tropically** /-kli/ *v*.

troposphere /trɒpəsfiə(r); *US* 'trəʊp-/ *n* [*sing*] (usu **the troposphere**) leilung ihsin vanlam peng 7 tiang.

Trot /trɒt/ *n* (*sl* usu *derog*) Trotskyist.

trot /trɒt/ *v* (-tt-) **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] (of a horse or rider) rang kalrang deuh ih feh (feh menmen le tlan karlak). (b) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] to rang cutivek ih feh. **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] (a) (of a person) kar tawi tete in tlan: *The child was trotting along beside its parents*. (b) (*infml*) lamleeng, lole, feh (lamvak menmen): *I'm just trotting round to the pub*. ⇨ Usage at RUN¹. **3** (phr *v*) **trot sth out** (*infml derog*) mi theih le hmuh dingih suah: *He always trots out the same old excuses for being late*.

▷ **trot** *n* **1** [*sing*] kekar: *go at a steady trot*. **2** [C] kekar a caan: *go for a trot*. **3 the trots** [pl] (*sl*) sungdok nat: *get the trots*. **4** (idm) **on the trot** (*infml*) (a) pakhat hnu pakhat: *for eight hours on the trot*. (b) hnahnok peh vivo: *I've been on the trot all day*. ○ *her new job certainly keeps her on the trot*.

trotter *n* **1** tlanzuamnak rang a zirhtu le a zuattu. **2** (usu *pl*) vok, lole, tuu ih ke (ei dingih suanmi).

troth /trəʊθ; *US* trɔːθ/ *n* (*arch*) (idm) **plight one's troth** ⇨ PLIGHT².

Trotskyism /trɒtskɪzəm/ *n* [U] Leon Trotsky ih politics le economics hmuhdan, a bikin, leitlun ram hmuahhmuah socialist canter thluh ding tumtahnak.

▷ **Trotskyist** /trɒtskɪst/ (also **Trotskyite** /trɒtskiət/) *n*, *adj* Trotsky hmuhdan duhtu le bawmtu.

troubadour /truːbədəʊ(r); *US* -dʊər/ *n* kum zabi

11 in 13 tiang hrawngah khualtlawng ih biaza simtu le hlasaktu France mi.

trouble /trʌbl/ *n* **1** [C, U] thinphannak, natfahnak, harsatnak; ðih phannak: *We're having trouble with our new car*. ○ *My teeth are giving* (ie causing) *me trouble*. ○ *If we're late, there'll be/it'll mean trouble*, ie unpleasantness, perhaps involving punishment. ○ *family trouble(s)*, eg disagreements between parents and children ○ *our troubles are not over yet*. ○ *The idea soon ran into trouble*. ○ *The trouble* (ie problem) (*with you*) *is...* ○ *What's the trouble?* ie *What's wrong?* **2** (a) [U] ~ (to sb) a remcan lonak; donharnak: *I don't want to be any trouble (to you)*. ○ *Were the children much trouble?* ○ *I can come back tomorrow, it's no trouble*. ○ *Repairing it is more trouble than it's worth*. ○ *I'm sorry to have to put you to so much trouble*. (b) [*sing*] (*fml*) hnaihnohnak, lole, harsatnak a petu: *This dish is delicious but rather a trouble to prepare*. ○ *I find getting up early a great trouble*. **3** [C, U] thu el-awknak, tawng-awknak, hau-awknak, rem lonak tivek pawl: *the recent trouble(s) in south Africa* ○ *The firm's been hit by a lot of labour trouble*, eg strikes. **4** [U] (a) natnak: *stomach, heart, liver, etc trouble* ○ *a history of mental trouble*. (b) siatnak (machine, engine, cet tivek ah a siatnak a um ih a cawlcang thei lomi): *My car's got engine trouble*. **5** (idm) **ask for trouble/it** ⇨ ASK. **get into trouble** mah le mah harsatnak pek aw: *Even an experienced climber can get into trouble*. ○ *he got into trouble with the police*, eg was arrested. **get sb into trouble** (a) midang harsatnak pek: *Don't mention my name or you'll get me into trouble*. (b) (*infml*) fala ðhit loih nau paiter: *He got his girl-friend into trouble*. **give (sb) (some, no, any, etc) trouble** harsatnak pek/pek lo: *The new computer's been giving (us) a lot of trouble*, ie not working properly. **go to a lot of, considerable, etc trouble (to do sth)** pakhat kha harzet in ðuansuak thei: *Thank you for going to so much trouble to find what I was looking for*. **in trouble** (a) harnak phunphun sungah thleng: *If we can't keep to the schedule, we'll be in (a lot of) trouble*. ○ *I'm in trouble with the police over drugs*. (b) (*infml*) (of an unmarried woman) lakfa pai. **look for trouble** (*infml*) harsatnak tong dingin tlang leng: *drunken youths roaming the streets looking for trouble*. **make trouble (for sb)** (eg of an enemy) harsatnak pek: *If I say no, the boss will only make trouble for me*. **take trouble over sth/with sth/to do sth/doing sth** ralring zet le thungaithlak in thil pakhat ðuan: *They took a lot of trouble to find the right person for the job*. **take the trouble to do sth** harzet le zuamzet ih ðuan ðulmi ðuan thotho: *Decent*

journalists should take the trouble to check their facts.

▷ **trouble** *v* **1** [Tn] harnak pek, thinphangter, thin nuamloter: *be troubled by illness, doubt, bad news* ○ *My back's been troubling me.* ○ *a troubled look* ○ *What troubles me is that...* ○ *I'm sorry to trouble you, but....* **2** [Tn-pr; Cn-t] ~ **sb for sth** (a) (fml) (used with *may* or *might* in polite requests) ka lo zonzaiter pei maw timi ʔongka thlum hman: *May I trouble you for the salt?* ○ *Might I trouble you to give me a lift to the station?* (b) (dated) (used with *I'll* or *I must* in ironic or sarcastic requests) ʔong linglet hman: *I'll trouble you to watch your manners.* **3** [I, Ipr, It] ~ (about sth) (fml) (used esp in questions and negative sentences) buaipei: *'Do you want me to post it for you?'* *'No, don't trouble (about it), thank you.'* ○ *Why should I trouble to explain it all?* **4** (idm) **fish in troubled waters** ⇒ FISH². **pour oil on troubled waters** ⇒ POUR.

troublesome /-səm/ *adj* harsatnak pe thei; mi hnaihnok thei; hnoksak um: *a troublesome child, problem, headache* ○ *My cough is rather troublesome today.*

□ **trouble-maker** *n* mi huatsuak; mi hnaihnok. **trouble-shooter** *n* thu elawk, tawh-awk remtu; cet siatmi remtu.

trouble-spot *n* tu le tu buainak suaknak hmun/ram, a bik in, ral do awknak hmun: *the world's major trouble-spots.*

trough /troʊ/; US trɔːf/ *n* **1** cawrawl peknak kheng, vok rawl peknak kuang. **2** titler; a kua puanzetmi tiluannak: **3** tilet pakhat le pakhat karlak (a niamnak zawn). **4** (in meteorology) thlisahnak hmun pahnih kar lak ih ummi thli dai/thli nemnak hmun saupi (a fiak ih a saumi). Cf RIDGE 3.

trounce /traʊns/ *v* [Tn] **1** rawtneknek (nehzet): *Wales were trounced 5-0 by Poland.* **2** (dated) mi pakhat napi ih vel/ʔuat/rawt.

troupe /tru:p/ *n* [CGp] puai laamtuhlasaktu burkhat: *a dance troupe.*

▷ **trouper** *n* **1** (dated) puai laamnak ih a laamtu. **2** (infml approv) mi bawm thei rintlak: *Thanks for helping, you're a real trouper.*

trousers /traʊzəz/ *n* [pl] **1** bawngbi fual/tawhrolh sau: *a pair of grey trousers.* **2** (idm) **catch sb with his pants/trousers down** ⇒ CATCH¹. **wear the pants/trousers** ⇒ WEAR².

▷ **trouser** *adj* [attrib] bawngbi/tawhrolh sau thawn a pehparmi: *trouser buttons, legs, pockets* ○ *a trouser press.*

trouser-suit *n* nunau bawngbi/tawhrolh sau le kawt angki khuahkhat.

trousseau /truːsəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ **s** or ~ **x** /-səʊz/) (esp formerly) mothar in innsungsang thar hramthawhnak ih a khawlmī hnipuan le a dang inn sunsang thilri.

trout /traʊt/ *n* (pl unchanged) **1** (a) [C] ei thaw tiva, tite nga phunphun. (b) [U] cumi ngasa: *a piece of smoked trout.* **2** (idm) **an old trout** ⇒ OLD.

trowel /traʊəl/ *n* **1** Mirang leilung (bihlatmi) thamnak sawhle. **2** hmuān thlawhnak tuhmui. **3** (idm) **lay it on thick/with a trowel** ⇒ THICK *adv.*

troy weight /trɔɪ weɪt/ thilrit thlainak sui, ngun, lung mankhung a rit thlainak/khingkhainnak (British tidan ah 1 pound = 12 ounces = 5760 grains).

truant /truːənt/ *n* **1** tlawngta khuan dil loin tlawng a kai lotu/roltu (Tlawng kai loin tlawng ihsin a tlantu). **2** mah ih hnaʔuan, ʔuan paih loin a hrial rerotu. **3** (idm) **play truant** (US **play hooky** /hʊki/) tlawng kai paih loin mah thu ih um men.

▷ **truancy** /-ənsi/ *n* [C, U] tlawng kai paih loin mah thu ih ummennak.

truce /truːs/ *n* (a) raldo kap-awk colhlawnak do-awk, kap-awknak ihsin a laangte (caantawi te sung) remnak/daihnak: *declare/negotiate/break a truce.* (b) rem-awk sung/remawak caan sung: *a three-day truce.*

truck¹ /trʌk/ *n* **1** (Brit) thilri phurhnak khuh nei lo tlangleng. **2** thil phurhnak mawʔawka tumpi (esp US) = LORRY. **3** kut ih tul cop dirhcop mi thilri phurhnak leng.

▷ **trucker** *n* (esp US) thilri phurhnak mawʔawka tumpi mawngtu.

trucking *n* [U] (US) leipar ih thilri phur/thilri kuat hnaʔuan.

truck² /trʌk/ *n* [U] **1** (US) thingthei, hanghnah/hangrah zuar dingin/sumtuahnak ih a cingtu. **2** (idm) **have no truck with sb/sth** biakawkdng/pawlawk ding duh lo; thin suup ding, lole, ruat hrih ding el; zawi-e lo: *I'll have no truck with extremists/extremism.*

□ **truck farm** (US) = MARKET GARDEN (MARKET¹).

truck farmer, truck farming.

truckle /trʌkl/ *v* (phr v) **truckle to sb** miih thupek le fialmi ralhrut zetin saang (cohlang): *refusing to truckle to bullies.*

truckle-bed /trʌkl bed/ (US **trundle-bed**) *n* duhnak pohih tul theimi leng ke bunmi, ihkhun niamte.

truculent /trʌkjələnt/ *adj* (derog) upa/tlunlam thu el hman, a hrang a puarthau: *truculent behaviour* ○ *He became very truculent and started arguing with me angrily.*

▷ **truculence** /-ləns/ *n* [U]. **truculently** *adv.*

trudge /trʌdʒ/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip, In/pr] harzat in lam feh (bang tuk ko hlattuk khualtlawn ruangah lam ʔha tein a feh thei nawn lo): *trudging (along) through the deep snow* ○ *He trudged 20 miles.* ⇒ Usage at STUMP.

▷ **trudge** *n* (usu sing) lam hlatpi bang zet ih fehna.

true /tru:/ *adj* **(-r, -st)** **1** a ngaingai; a taktak: *Is it true you're getting married?* ○ *a true story* ○ *The food is good and the same is true of the service*, ie that is good too. ○ *'We've always found somewhere to stay here before.'* *'True, but we may not always be so lucky.'* ○ *Unfortunately what you say is only too true.* **2** [esp attrib] **(a)** a zia dik lung kimpì, lóle, cohlanmi tahfung lungkim pi: *a true judgement, assessment, analysis, etc.* **(b)** a dik mi; a ngaingai: *true love* ○ *The frog is not a true reptile.* ○ *claimed to be the true heir.* **3** [esp attrib] a si rori-mi; a cekci: *a true copy of a document* ○ *a true pair of scales.* **4** [esp pred] kaih ciah; a rem zet: *Is the wheel true?* ○ *Make sure the post is true before the concrete sets.* **5** ~ **(to sth)** rin um; zum tlak: *a true patriot* ○ *remain true to one's principles* ○ *be true to one's word/promise*, ie do as one has promised. **6** (idm) **come true** **(of a hope, prediction, etc)** a si taktak; a ra ngaingai: *It's like a dream come* (ie that has come) *true.* **one's true colours** (often derog) a taktak a nuncan; a ziaza taktak: *Once he achieved power he showed (himself in) his true colours.* **true to sth** a ngaingai a cang; pakhat vek cekci: *True to form* (ie As usual), *he arrived late.* ○ *The film is very true to life*, ie realistic. ○ *Plants grown from seed are not always true to type*, ie exactly like the plant that gave the seed.

▷ **true adv** **1** thu ngaingai in: *She spoke truer than she knew.* **2** a cekci in: *The arrow flew straight and true to its mark.*

true n (idm) **out of true** a umnak ngai lo ah: *The door is out of true.*

□ **true-blue n, adj** (nunphung, ziaza thu le hla ah) diktak in a thlun le a hmangtu: *a true-blue Tory of the old school.*

true-hearted adj dingfel zetmi (loyal); rin-um zet.

true-life adj [attrib] a taktak a simi, a cang taktakmi: *a true-life adventure.*

true-love n mi thungaitlak in a duhdawtu, mi ih duhdawtmi (sweet-heart).

true north leilungpi umdan ningin saklam a simi (magnetic north a si lomi).

truffle /trʌfl/ *n* **1** leitang ihsin a khomi ei thaw zet paa, papar phun khat. **2** chocolate thawñ rawimi ei thaw thil thlum.

trug /trʌg/ *n* hmuantlawh tiki hmanmi tu, hrei pawl kennak kho/bawm.

truism /tru:izəm/ *n* a dikzetmi ðong asinan thupi zet ðong a si lomi, eg *Nothing lasts for ever* (kum khua daihmi thil a um lo, tivek).

truly /tru:li/ *adv* **1** a taktak in; a ngaingai in: *Tell me truly what you think.* **2** thungaitin: *I'm truly grateful.* **3** hmantein; thungaiin: *a truly generous act* ○ *Her last novel was truly awful.* **4** (idm) **well and truly** ⇒ WELL³. ⇒ Usage at YOUR.

trump¹ /trʌmp/ *n* **1** phe lek tikah a dang hnakin man a nei cuangmi, nehnak phehnah: *Hearts are trumps.* ○ *He took my ace with a low trump.* ○ *We played the game in no trumps*, ie with no suit chosen as trumps. **2** (infml dated) mibawm duh; misiang; mi ðhatuk. **3** (idm) **come/turn up trumps** (infml) **(a)** misiangzet le mibom duhzettu: *Nobody else in the family gave anything for the jumble sale, but my sister come up trumps.* **(b)** ruahmi hnakin ðha deuh ih tuah: *The team turned up trumps on the day.* **declare trumps** ⇒ DECLARE. **draw trumps** ⇒ DRAW².

▷ **trump v** **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** **(with sth)** phelehnak ah man neihter cuangmi phehnah in neh: *trumped my ace* (with a six). **2** (phr v) **trump sth up** (usu passive) mi siatsuah duh ruangah thuphanper: *arrested on a trumped-up charge.*

□ **trump-card n** **(a)** nehtheinak phehnah. **(b)** (fig) nehtheinak lamzin: *Finally she played her trump-card and threatened to resign.*

trump² /trʌmp/ *n* (arch) tawtawrawt aw.

trumpery /trʌmpəri/ *adj* [attrib] (dated derog) thil man ðhazet a bang na'n a taktak ah man olte a simi: *trumpery ornaments.*

trumpet /trʌmpit/ *n* **1** tawtawrawt; mumek; muko. **2** tawtawrawt pangpar. **3** (idm) **blow one's own trumpet** ⇒ BLOW¹.

▷ **trumpet v** **1** [I, Tn] tlang-au; thuthan: *He's always trumpeting his own opinions.* **2** [I] (of an elephant) vui au aw. **trumpeter n** tawtawrawt tumtu; a bik in ralkap pawl a tikcu le a caan ðhehnak ih tummi: *Trumpeter, sound the charge!*

truncate /trʌŋ'keɪt/ *US* 'trʌŋ'keɪt/ *v* [Tn esp passive] tawi deuh seh tiah a zim tan/phiat: *a truncated cone, pyramid, etc* ○ *published her article in truncated form.*

trunccheon /trʌntʃən/ (also **baton**) *n* palik bawi pawl kenmi funghreu tawi.

trundle /trʌndl/ *v* [I, Ip, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] hril, riil: *A goods train trundled past.* ○ *trundling a wheelbarrow down the path.*

□ **trundle-bed n** (US) = TRUCKLE-BED (TRUCKLE).

trunk /trʌŋk/ *n* **1** [C] thingkung a kuangpi. **2** [C usu sing] ruangpi (kut le, ke le, lu tel lo). Cf TORSO. **3** [C] thilri kuatnak ih hmanmi thingkuang tumpi. **4** [C] vui. **5** **trunks** [pl] lehnak le tikholhnak ih an hmanmi bawngbi tawite. **6** [C] (US) mawtawka dunglam ih thilriretnak kuang (a khan).

□ **trunk-call n** (Brit dated) (US **long-distance call**) telephone khuadang, ramdang hlatpi ko.

trunk-road n lam thupi bik; lamzinpi.

truss /tras/ *n* **1** hernia riltlak nat domnak taikap vek. **2** inn sang pi, lilawn tivek an sak tiki hmanmi ruhkuang. **3** (Brit) rawlung car, hramkung car tom.

▷ **truss** *v* 1 [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth/sb (up) (with sth)** felte in tem-ɬawn: *truss a chicken*, ie fasten its legs and wings securely before cooking ○ *The thieves had trussed the guard up with rope.* 2 [Tn esp passive] ruhkuang thawn do.

trust¹ /trast/ *n* 1 [U] ~ **(in sb/sth)** rinsannak: *A good marriage is based on trust.* ○ *I have absolute trust in the (skill of) doctors.* ○ *I put my trust in you.* ○ *You've betrayed my trust*, eg told a secret or not kept a promise. 2 [U] mawhphurhnak; ɬuanvo: *a position of great trust.* 3 (law) (a) [C] rak kilkhaw sak dingih pekmi thilri, paisa: *In his will he created trusts for his children.* ○ *The project is financed by a charitable trust.* (b) [U] kilkhaw saktu hnaɬuan, ɬuannak. 4 [C] sumtuah hnaɬuantu pawl zuamawknak le thilri man kai tuk dawnkham dingin tuahmi pawlkom awknak: *anti-trust laws.* 5 [C] khuahlan ih sakmi inn thupi zet, nunphung lam thil, hlan thilri pawl finkhaw le humhimtu dingih tuahmi pawlkom: *a wildfowl trust.* 6 (idm) **in trust** kilkhawit kut ih apnak/retnak: *The money is being held in trust for him until he is twenty-one.* **on trust** (a) zohfelnak le zoifelnak um loin: *You'll just have to take what I say on trust.* (b) a baak in: *supply goods on trust.*

▷ **trustful** /-fl/, **trusting** *adjs* zum um, rin um. **trustfully** /-fəli/, **trustingly** *advs.*

trustfulness *n* [U].

trustworthy *adj* zum-man; rinsantlak.

trustworthiness *n* [U].

trusty *adj* (-ier, -iest) (arch or joc) zumman a simi, rintlak: *mounted his trusty steed* ○ *You trusty old bicycle.* — *n* thawngtla mi lakah a ziaza a nuncan a ɬhami kha ɬuanvo le ngahvo peknak.

□ **trust company** (esp US) thilri sumpai kilkhaw sak, a hlawk a ɬang ngah thei dingin mi va coih tivek ɬuannak sumtuah company.

trust fund pakhat khat hrangah a sum neihmi pawl kilkhaw saknak: *set up a trust fund.*

trust² /trast/ *v* 1 [Tn] zum; ring: *They're not to be trusted/not people I would trust.* ○ *I trust you implicitly.* ○ *You can't trust what the papers say.* 2 [Tn-pr, Cn-t] thil pakhat tuahsak thei dingin ring(depend); mi ring: *I can't trust that boy out of my sight.* ○ *I'd trust him with my life.* ○ *Can I trust you to post this letter?* ○ (ironic) *Trust you (ie It is typical of you) to forget my birthday!* 3 [It, Tf] (fml) ring (hope): *We trust to receive a cheque at your earliest convenience.* ○ *I trust (that) she's not seriously ill.* ○ *You've no objection, I trust.* 4 (phr v) **trust in sb/sth** rinsan; zum; muang: *trust in providence* ○ *You must trust in your own judgement.* **trust to sth** can tawk cang; a sinak vekih cang leh dingin taan: *trust to luck, fate, fortune, etc* ○ *At such times you have to trust to instinct.*

trustee /tra'sti:/ *n* 1 kilkhawit; pakhat ih neihmi thilri fiangkhwai sak dingin ɬuanvo a neitu. 2 tlawng tivek, hnaɬuannak hmunpi tivek finkhaw le tawlrel saktu dingih ɬuanvo neitu.

▷ **trusteeship** /-ʃɪp/ *n* 1 [U, C] kilkhawit sinak. 2 [U] kil khawit ram pakhat khi kil khawit dingin UNO ih ɬuanvo pekmi ram cozah pakhat.

truth /tru:θ/ *n* (pl ~ **s** /tru:ðz/) 1 [U] thutak; thungai, thu dik: *There's no truth/not a word of truth in what he says.* 2 (a) [U] thungaingai: *the whole truth* ○ *the search for (the) truth* ○ *tell the truth*, ie speak truthfully, not lie ○ *We found out the truth about him.* ○ *The (plain) truth is, I forgot about it.* (b) [C] a ngaingai a si tihi cohlanmi, zummi; thutak: *one of the fundamental truths of modern science.* 3 (idm) **a home truth** ⇒ HOME¹. **in truth** (fml) a ngaingai in: *It was in truth a miracle.* **the moment of truth** ⇒ MOMENT. **the naked truth** ⇒ NAKED. **to tell the truth** ⇒ TELL.

▷ **truthful** /-fl/ *adj* 1 (of a person) hmanteih simmi; thuphan sim lomi. 2 (of statements) thutak (true) a simi.

truthfully /-fəli/ *adv.* **truthfulness** *n* [U].

try¹ /traɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **tried**) 1 [I, It] (In informal use, *try to* + infinitive is often replaced by *try* and + infinitive, esp in the imperative, and *don't/didn't try to* by *don't/didn't try and*.) zuamhnik: *I don't know if I can come, but I'll try.* ○ *I tried till I was tired.* ○ *Try to/and be here on time.* ○ *He's tying his best/hardest/utmost*, ie as much as he can. ○ *I tried hard not to laugh.* ○ *You haven't even tried to lift it.* ○ *Don't try to/and swim across the river.* ⇒ Usage at AND. 2 [Tn, Tn-pr, Tg] ɬimnak ih hmang; hmanghnik: *I've tried this new detergent with excellent results.* ○ *'Would you like to try some raw fish?'* *'Why not, I'll try anything once.'* ○ *Have you ever tried windsurfing?* ○ *Try that door*, ie *Try opening it to see if it is locked or to find what is on the other side.* ○ *Don't try any funny stuff with me!* ○ *Let's try the table in a different position.* ○ *I think we should try her for the job.* ○ *Try phoning his home number.* 3 (a) [Tn esp passive] thuthentu zung ih thurel: *The case was tried before a jury.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (for sth)** thuthentu zungah mi pakhat thu rel (a sual luputnak thu): *he was tried for murder.* 4 [Tn] a ɬih; ɬih; tuar har: *Small print tries the eyes.* ○ *Don't try my patience!* ○ *His courage was severely tried by his ordeal.* 5 (idm) **do/try one's damndest** ⇒ DAMNEDEST (DAMNED). **try one's hand (at sth)** zuam hnuk, lol, tihnik (a vei khatnak): *I'd like to try my hand at computing.* **try one's luck (at sth)** ngah/tisuak thei ding ruahsannak thawn zuam hnuk: *I think I'll try my luck at roulette.* 6 (phr v) **try**

for sth neh dingin zuam: *try for a scholarship, an Olympic medal, a job in the Civil Service.* **try sth on** (a) hnipuan taw le taw lo hruk hnik/ ðim hnik: *Try on the shoes before you buy them.* (b) (infml) thil ða lo ti tum: *Don't try anything on with me, kid, or you'll be sorry.* **try out** (for sth) (US) tihniknak tuah, mipi hmaiah tihnik: *You won't make the team if you don't try out.* ○ *She's trying out for the part of Cleopatra.* **try sb/ sth out** (on sb) pakhat a cang thei maw thei lo ti hniksak: *try out a young quarter-back* ○ *The drug has not been tried out on humans yet.*

▷ **tried** adj [attrib] rintlak ti ih hmuh zomi: *a tried (and tested) remedy* ○ *a tried and true friend.*

trier n tithei-patawp tiang a zuam thei ringringtu: *He's not very good but he's a real trier.*

trying adj a har ngaingai mi; tuarhar zetmi: *a trying person to deal with* ○ *have a trying day.* □ **try-on** n (infml) siang lotu um lo ding ruahsannak thawn thil tuah.

try-out ða maw ða lo ti theihthiamnak ih hmanhnik (ðimhnik): *give sb/sth a try-out.*

try² /traɪ/ n 1 ~ (at sth/doing sth) tihnik, zuamhnik; ðimhnik: *I'll give it a try/It's worth a try.* ○ *He had three tries at mending the lock and gave up.* 2 (in Rugby football) Rugby lehnak ih a hmat ngahmi phun khat.

tsar (zar, czar) /zɑː(r)/ n Russia ram kawmiunit acozah kaihlán uktu siangpahrang sinak hmin (1917 hlan).

▷ **tsarina** (also **tzarina, czarina**) /zɑːˈriːnə/ n Russia siangpahrang nupi, bawinu, asilole, siangpahrang kawhnak hmin.

tsetse /tsetsɪ/ n (also **tsetse fly**) Africa ram a satnak ih um, mi keu hman fikfa (tho) phunkhat, a keumi milai, ramsa ihhmut nat an ngah.

T-shirt ⇒ T, t.

tsp (pl **tsps**) abbr teaspoonful, laphak thirkeu khat: *Add 2 tsps sugar.*

T-square ⇒ SQUARE² 5.

TT /tiː ˈti/ abbr 1 zukhan, zu a in lomi. 2 (Brit) Tourist Trophy: *the TT motorcycle races on the Isle of Man.* 3 (of milk) tuberculin-tested.

tub /tʌb/ n 1 (a) (often in compounds) a bialmi tikuang, kan to; tidai, puansawpnak, phun ding thingkung, retnak kuang: *wash-tubs* ○ *wooden plant-tubs.* (b) ei ding thil retnak plastik kuang: *a tub of ice-cream, cottage cheese, margarine, etc.* (c) (also **tubful** /-fʊl/) kuang khat (thil a tam a mal retnak). 2 (a) = BATH-TUB (BATH). (b) = BATH 1: *have a cold tub before breakfast.* 3 (infml esp joc) a khulfung zetmi lawng (tiva ih a fehmi lawng): *a leaky old tub.*

□ **tub-thumper** n (infml derog) mipi hmai ah hrangzet in au ih thusim hmanngu.

tub-thumping n, adj.

tuba /ˈtjuːbə; US ˈtuː-/ n dar thawn tuahmi awnmawi tumþa thilri.

tubby /ˈtʌbi/ adj (-ier, -iest) (infml) (minung) a tawi fawn, a thau fawnmi; tawi-ceeng: *a tubby little man.* ⇒ Usage at FAT¹.

tube /tjuːb; US tuːb/ n 1 [C] thir, lole, thlalang, lole, sialriat dawng: *laboratory test-tubes* ○ *an inner tube*, eg of a bicycle or car tyre ○ *Blood flowed along the tube into the bottle.* 2 [C] ~ (of sth) ha ðuah sii, kaw, hnih sii tivek retnak a dawng: *tubes of glue, mayonnaise* ○ *squeeze toothpaste from/out of a tube.* 3 **the tube** (also **the underground**) [U, sing] (Brit infml) London khua ih lei hnuai tlangleng: *travel to work by tube/on the tube* ○ *take a/the tube to Victoria* ○ [attrib] *tube trains, tickets, etc.* Cf SUBWAY. 4 [C] = CATHODE RAY TUBE (CATHODE). 5 [C usu pl] taksa sung um hrokkua, ril tivek kua saupi a neimi dawng: *bronchial, Fallopian, Eustachian tubes.*

▷ **tubeless** adj [usu attrib] (of a tyre) tube nei lo, a sung a kua lomi (mawþawka ke).

tubing n [U] dawng a saulam: *two metres of copper, plastic, etc tubing.*

tubular /ˈtjuːbjʊlə(r); US ˈtuː-/ adj 1 dawng hmuhihmel a keng: *a tubular container.* 2 dawng tampi tel; dawng tampi ih tuahmi: *tubular scaffolding* ○ *tubular furniture.*

tuber /ˈtjuːbə(r); US ˈtuː-/ n aalu, kawlhra tivek tawba.

▷ **tuberous** /ˈtjuːbəərə; US ˈtuː-/ adj 1 a tawba a simi. 2 tawba nei.

tuberculosis /tjuːˈbɜːkjʊləʊsɪs; US tuː-/ n [U] (abbr **TB**) cuapnat (TB nat).

▷ **tubercular** /tjuːˈbɜːkjʊlə(r); US tuː-/ adj cuapnat nei; TB neimi: *a tubercular infection, lung.*

TUC /tiː juː ˈsiː/ abbr (Brit) hnaþuantu pawl pawlkom (Mirang ramta).

tuck¹ /tʌk/ n 1 [C] hnipuan bil (fate ih tuah): *put in/take out a tuck in a dress.* 2 [U] (Brit infml esp dated) nauhak duhmi sang thlum phunphun: [attrib] *a school tuck-shop.*

tuck² /tʌk/ v 1 [Tn-pr, Tn-p] (a) ~ **sth into sth**; ~ **sth in/up** puan a zim, cahnah a tlang tivek bil, zep: *tuck your trousers into your boots* ○ *tuck your shirt in*, ie into your trousers, shorts, etc ○ *He tucked up his shirt-sleeves.* ○ *The sheets were tucked in neatly*, ie under the mattress. ○ *tuck the flap of an envelope in.* (b) fate deuh dingin, umnak luah lo dingin bil, thup, zep: *The nurse tucked her hair (up) under her cap.* ○ *He sat with his legs tucked (up) under him.* 2 [Tn-pr] pakhat khat thawn tuam, vel, ngerh: *tuck a blanket round sb's knees/legs.* 3 [Tn-pr] remzet, felzet in ret: *The hen tucked her head under her wing.* ○ *tucked the map under his arm, into the glove compartment.* 4 (idm) **nip**

and tuck ⇨ NIP. **5** (phr v) **tuck sth away** (infml esp Brit) tampi ei. **tuck sth/oneself away** (infml) thup, khawl: *He's got a fortune tucked away in a Swiss bank account.* ○ *The farm was tucked away in the hills.* **tuck into sth/in** (infml esp Brit) lungawi zet le hlauptlo zetin rawl-ei: *he tucked into the ham hungrily.* ○ *Come on, tuck in, every body!* **tuck sb up** hlum zetin tuam: *tuck the children up in bed.*

□ **tuck-in** *n* (usu sing) (Brit infml) rawl tampi: *have a good tuck-in.*

tucker /ˈtʌkə(r)/ *n* (idm) **one's best bib and tucker** ⇨ BEST¹.

▷ **tucker** *v* [usu passive: Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sb** (out) (US infml) thabaang; cauthlang: *I'm fair tuckered out.*

Tue (also **Tues**) abbr Tuesday: *Tues 9 March.*

Tuesday /ˈtʃuːzdi/; US ˈtuː-/ *n* [U, C] (abbrs **Tue**, **Tues**) Tlawngkai Nihnih, Thawhleh.

For the uses of Tuesday see the examples at Monday.

tuft /tʌft/ *n* sam, hmul, hramkung a tom teih a khomi (eg. kelcang khabe hmul tivek).

▷ **tufted** *adj* a tom/a bur te ih um: *a tufted carpet.*

tug /tʌɡ/ *v* (-gg-) **(a)** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **(at sth)** hmakhat tein thasuah ih dir: *We tugged so hard that the rope broke.* ○ *tug at sb's elbow/sleeve*, eg to attract attention. **(b)** [Tn, Tn-p] dir, hawp, huih: *The wind nearly tugged my umbrella out of my hand.* ○ *It is difficult tugging the children round the shops with me*, ie because they resist.

▷ **tug n 1** dir, hnuk: *I felt a tug at my sleeve.* ○ *Tom gave his sister's hair a hard tug.* ○ (fig) *She felt a sharp tug at her heart-strings* (ie pang of sorrow) as he left. **2** (also **tugboat**) tangphawlawng pawl a dirtu lawng fate.

□ **tug of love** (Brit infml) nupa then tiki naute kilkhawi ding lon awk: [attrib] *a tug-of-love drama.*

tug of war hridai dirh zuamawknak.

tuition /tʃuːʃn/; US tuː-/ *n* [U] **(a)** (esp fml) cazirhnak: *have private tuition in French.* **(b)** university, college tivek ah cazir man tangka, tlawngkhuan tangka.

tulip /tʃuːlɪp/; US ˈtuː-/ *n* Holland ram ih dipangpar mawi phunkhat.

tulle /tʃuːl/; US tuːl/ *n* [U] sur vekih tahmi puan neemte (thil khuh le sin dingih hmanmi).

tumble /ˈtʌmbəl/ *v* **1** **(a)** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn-pr, Tn-p] tla puppi, na tuk lemlo in: *tumble down the stairs, off a bicycle, out of a tree, over a step, etc* ○ *Toddlers keep tumbling over.* ○ *The children tumbled* (ie pushed) *each other (over) in the snow.* **(b)** [I] zamrang zetin a man le a zat tum, tla: *Share prices tumbled on the stock-market.* **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] ril ciamco; bah: *The puppies were tumbling about on the floor.* ○ *The stream tumbled over the rocks.* ○ *The breakers came*

tumbling onto the shore. **3** [Ipr, Ip] ~ **into/out of sth**; ~ **in/out** (a tomtom/burbur in) tawlu mang lo ih lut/suak: *I threw off my clothes and tumbled into bed.* ○ *The children tumbled into/out of the car.* ○ *My shopping bag broke and everything tumbled out.* **4** [Tn, Tn-p] siatter; korter: *The wind tumbled her hair.* ○ *The bedclothes were tumbled (about) as though the bed had been slept in.* **5** (phr v) **tumble down** tluk; riil; sawn: *The old barn we bought to convert into flats was practically tumbling down.* **tumble to sb/sth** (infml) ziaza taktak thei ngah, lole, a thukmi a tican diktak ngah: *I tumbled to him/to what he was up to when I found some of his letters to Jane.*

▷ **tumble n 1** [C] tlu, lole, phut tiih tlak: *have/take a nasty tumble.* **2** [sing] hnok ruri, lole, cokbuai dinhmun: *bedclothes in a tumble on the floor.*

□ **tumbledown** *adj* [attrib] a sawn/tlu siat theh; finkhawi lo ruangih siat hnuaiahnimi (dilapidated): *a tumbledown old shack.*

tumble-drier (also **tumbler-drier**) *n* puansawp cia roternak cet (electric tha hmanin).

tumbleweed *n* [U] North America nelrawn ih a khomi hramkung phunkhat, thla a tang khua a thal in an ro theh ih thli in a duhduhnak ah a sempet hlo theumi.

tumbler /ˈtʌmblə(r)/ *n* **1** **(a)** thlalang khuathai tawpheng, a taw le a lu a tia-aw ih kutkaih nei lomi hai. **(b)** (also **tumblerful** /-fʊl/) thlalang hai in hai khat: *a tumbler of milk.* **2** tawh sung ih a hrentu fung. **3** khirseep lek (acrobat) thiamtu, lu tivekin.

□ **tumbler-drier** *n* = TUMBLE-DRIER (TUMBLE).

tumbrel (also **tumbriel**) /ˈtʌmbrel/ *n* French Revolution lai ih thah ding thawngtla phurnak leeng: *tumbrels rolling through the streets.*

timescent /tjuːmesnt/; US tuː-/ *adj* (fml) (of parts of the body) taksa a puammi; a pawtmi; a thangmi (nupa hiar-awk tik vekih taksa a thangmi; zangfok tivek).

▷ **timescence** /-sns/ *n* [U].

tumid /tjuːmɪd/; US ˈtuː-/ *adj* (fml) (of parts of the body) (taksa) a thangmi, a thlingmi, a puammi.

▷ **tumidity** /tjuːmɪdət/; US tuː-/ *n* [U] thling(nak) (swollen); thannak, a puamnak.

tummy /ˈtʌmi/ *n* (used esp by or to children) pumpi (stomach): *have a tummy-ache* ○ *one's tummy-button*, ie navel.

tumour (US **tumor**) /tjuːmə(r)/; US ˈtuː-/ *n* taksa hleifuan: *cancerous tumours* ○ *benign/malignant tumours* ○ *a lung tumour*. Cf GROWTH 4.

▷ **tumorous** *adj*.

tumult /tjuːmʌlt/; US ˈtuː-/ *n* [U, sing] (fml) **1** **(a)** hnaihknoknak; cokbuainak: *The demonstration broke up in tumult.* ○ *the tumult of battle.* **(b)** hnasetza, ning um zet ih buairurinak: *One had*

to shout to be heard above the tumult. ○ Her speech threw the House (ie of Commons) into a tumult (of protest). **2** thinlung buai zet/hnok zet: her mind was/Her thoughts were in a tumult. ○ a tumult of passion, jealousy, excitement, etc ○ When the tumult within him subsided....

▷ **tumultuous** /tjuːmʌltʃuəs; US tuː-/ **adj** **1** a buai zetmi; a hnok zetmi: tumultuous crowds, upheavals, passions. **2** hnasetza zet ih awn-aumi: tumultuous applause, support, protest ○ give sb a tumultuous welcome.

tumulus /tjuːmjʊləs; US 'tuː-/ **n** (pl -li /-lai/) thlan parih lungdawl, lungtian. Cf BARROW².

tuna /tʌn/ **n** **1** zu, wine tivek pawl retnak pipa pungpi, lole, thingkuanghlum tumpi. **2** cuih kuanghlumpi a tum le a kauhnak (beer zu asile 216 gallon, wine zu asile 252 gallon a tlemmi.

tuna /tjuːnə; US 'tuːnə/ **n** (pl unchanged or ~ s) (a) (also **tunny**) [C] tipithuanthum sung um ei tha nga tumpi. (b) (also **tuna-fish**) [U] a sa ei thaw (nga).

tundra /tʌndrə/ **n** [U, C] Europe, Asia le North America continents pawlih saklam Artic ram, a daihtuk ruangah kum pumpi in vur in a khuh ringring; thing khoh lonak ram: [attrib] tundra vegetation.

tune /tjuːn; US tuːn/ **n** **1** [C, U] aw; awsuah; hlasakmi aw: whistle a catchy tune ○ hymn tunes ○ He gave us a tune on his fiddle. ○ Modern music has no tune to it. **2** (idm) **call the shots/the tune** ⇒ CALL². **change one's tune** ⇒ CHANGE¹. **dance to sb's tune** ⇒ DANCE². **he who pays the piper calls the tune** ⇒ PAY². **in/out of tune (with sb/sth)** (a) awnmawi aw dik thawm remaw maw, remaw lo: The violin is not quite in tune with the piano. ○ The choir was (singing) distinctly out of tune in places. (b) (fig) a kiangkap thawm a remaw maw, rem lo: feel out of tune with one's surroundings, companions. **sing a different song/tune** ⇒ SING. **to the tune of sth** (a) duhmi aw hril in: We sang these lines to the tune of Yankee Doodle. (b) (infml) cu zat: He was fined for speeding to the tune of £200.

▷ **tune v** **1** [Tn] a aw a tawkwawn in rem: tune a guitar. **2** [Tn] tha te, naal zet ih feh thei dingin engine rem (dengawter). **3** (idm) (be) **tuned (in) to sth** (of a radio, etc) duhmi station ngah dingin radio her: Stay tuned to us for the latest sports results. ○ You're not properly tuned in. **4** (phr v) **tune in (to sth)** suah/thawn (radio/TV duhnak zawm ah thawn/suah: tune in to the BBC World Service ○ Tune in next week at the same time! **tune sb into sth** (usu passive) (mi ruahnak thinlung) a theitu siter(mi): Voters always elect the candidate most tuned in to their needs. **tune (sth) up** awnmawi aw rem: The orchestra were tuning

up as we entered the hall.

tuneful /-fl/ **adj** a aw a mawimi/duh a nungmi.

tunefully /-fəli/ **adv**. **tunefulness** **n** [U].

tuneless **adj** (usu derog) aw a nei lo, aw mawi lo. **tunelessly** **adv**. **tunelessness** **n** [U].

□ **tune-up** **n** mawṭawka cet remh; zohta: My car needs a tune-up.

tuning-fork **n** hla aw laknak thirfung tek.

tuner /tjuːnə(r); US 'tuː-/ **n** **1** (esp in compounds) piano aw a remtu (a deng aw tertu); piano le a dang awnmawi thilri a aw a remtu. **2** radio/TV ih station/chanel tivek hawl (select signals).

tungsten /tʌŋstən/ (also **wolfram**) **n** [U] tungsten thir phunkhat, electric meibawl tuahnak ah le kahpathir tuahnak ah an hmang.

tunic /tjuːnik; US 'tuː-/ **n** **1** ralkap; palik pawl ih kor. **2** (a) hih tik hlan Rom mi le Greek mi pawlih ban nei lo korfual tumpi. (b) nunau korfual tumpi.

tunnel /tʌnl/ **n** **1** (a) leivih leitang lamzin/tlangleng zin: the Channel Tunnel, ie between England and France. (b) zubui, zinghnam kua pawl: Moles dug tunnels under the lawn. **2** (idm) **light at the end of the tunnel** ⇒ LIGHT¹.

▷ **tunnel v** (-ll-; US -l-) **1** [Im Ipr, Ip] ~ (into, through, under, etc) leitang fehnak kua tivek vit: The prisoners had escaped by tunnelling. ○ They tunnelled along under the walls and up into the woods beyond. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **one's way into/through/under sth** leitang fehnak kuaviih: The rescuers tunnelled their way (in) to the pot-holes. ○ tunnel a hole, shaft, passage, etc.

□ **tunnel vision** **1** hmuhmi fiang lo. **2** (derog) a cokbuaumi thuhla theitheii lo.

tunny /tʌni/ **n** [C] = TUNA 1.

tup /tʌp/ **n** (esp Brit) til per lo tuucang. Cf EWE.

tuppence /tʌpəns/ **n** (Brit infml) **1** = TWOPENCE (two). **2** (idm) **not care/give tuppence for sb/sth** thil/milai man nei lo tuk, lole, thupi lo tuk ih ruat.

▷ **tuppenny** /tʌpəni/ **adj** [attrib] = TWOPENNY (two): a tuppenny stamp.

turban /tɜːbən/ **n** (a) muslim le Sikh pawl ih lupawng. (b) nunau hmanmi hivek lupawng zikzik.

▷ **turbaned** **adj** lupawng a pawngmi: a turbaned Sikh.

turbid /tɜːbɪd/ **adj** (fml) **1** (of liquids) nawnthlawk; ciarbek: the turbid floodwaters of the river. **2** (fig) buai ruri, lole, cokbua: a turbid imagination ○ turbid thoughts.

▷ **turbidity** /tɜːbɪdəti/, **turbidness** **ns** [U].

turbine /tɜːbaɪn/ **n** tidai, tisakhu, thli, lole, gas tivek ih hermi leng, lole, cet.

turbo-jet /tɜːbəʊ'dʒet/ **n** pangka ih mawngmi siloin, turbine engine tha ih fehtermi vanzamleng.

turbo-prop /tɜːbəʊ'prop/ (also **prop-jet**) **n** turbo-

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jet hrang le pangkha hrangih turbine bunmi vanzamleng.

turbot /tɜːbət/ *n* (pl unchanged) (a) [C] Europe ram tipithuanthum um ngapheng tumpi. (b) [U] turbot ngasa.

turbulent /tɜːbjələnt/ *adj* (of air or water) tisuar/tilet bangran loin, a sang a niam um hnuaihnnimi: *turbulent waves* ○ *turbulent weather conditions*. (a) a buai hnuaihnnimi; a dai lomi; hau aw reromi: *turbulent mobs, crowds, factions, etc* ○ *a city with a turbulent past*. (b) buai rurimi, lole, kham theih lomi: *turbulent moods, passions, thoughts*.

▷ **turbulence** /-ləns/ *n* 1 [U] 1 buainak; hnaihnnoknak: *political, social, religious, etc turbulence* ○ (fig) *emotions in a state of turbulence*. 2 thli le tidai hmakhatte ah hmunkhat le hmunkhat bang lo ih a cangmi thlisia/tilet: *We experienced some slight turbulence flying over the Atlantic*.

turbulently *adv*.

turd /tɜːd/ *n* (sl) 1 (ramsa) ekkhal: *dog turds*. 2 (Δ) *huatum milai (fihnungza milai): You turd!*

tureen /təˈriːn/ *n* rawldo puai, rawldawr tivek ih an hmanmi a khuh (a sin) nei buhretnak/tihang retnak kheng, kehhrang sinnei.

turf /tɜːf/ *n* (pl **turfs** or **turves** /tɜːvz/) 1 (a) [U] hrampi khuhmi (ramhring tual) hmun: *clipped, springy, rolled, etc turf* ○ *lay turf*, eg to make a lawn. (b) [C] ramhring a khat ih ummi tualrawn kil nei. 2 [C, U] Ireland ramah hivek hramhring tlapte cu leilung in an phok ih tihthing ah an hmang. 3 **the turf** [sing] rang tlan zuamnak bualrawn/hmun. 4 [U] (infml esp US) mah ih kiang le kap, mah leilung: *on my own turf*.

▷ **turf v** 1 [Tn] lei ah hrampi phah (ih cing); tual ah hrampi phah (lungto tlappi vekih a khomi ramhring kha tual ah phah): *a newly-turfed lawn*. 2 (phr v) **turf sb/sth out (of sth)** (Brit infml) hramhram in dawi; hlon; thawnter: *Turf the cat out if you want to sit in the chair*. ○ *You'd have more room in your wardrobe if you turfed out all your old clothes*.

□ **turf accountant** (Brit fml) Mirang (Brit) rang tlan zuamawknak ih paisa thapnak cazin kaitu.

turgid /tɜːdʒɪd/ *adj* 1 (derog) theih har, nin-um (ʔong): *a turgid article on medieval law*. 2 a phaw; a phing, a thling.

▷ **turgidity** /tɜːdʒɪdɪti/ *n* [U]. **turgidly** *adv*.

turkey /tɜːki/ *n* (pl ~ s) 1 (a) [C] vui-ar. (b) [U] vui-ar sa: *a slice of roast turkey*. 2 [C] (US sl) sunnak; tlaksiatnak: *His last movie was a real turkey*. 3 (idm) **cold turkey** ⇒ COLD¹. **talk turkey** ⇒ TALK².

Turkish /tɜːki/ *adj* Turki mi; Turki ʔong.

▷ **Turkish** *n* [U] Turki ʔong.

□ **Turkish bath** tihlum ah takpum ciah aw ih

kholhfai/hnawtfainak le hmeh-awknak tiang ih thlunmi tibual dan phunkhat.

Turkish coffee khazet, thlumhngin ih tuahmi khawfi.

Turkish delight chuchin (thil thlum khal, ei menmi) phunkhat.

turmeric /tɜːməɪk/ *n* [U] (a) aihre kung. (b) aihre vut.

turmoil /tɜːmɔɪl/ *n* [C, usu sing, U] hnoksak, harsatnak tumpi: *The country was in (a) turmoil during the strike*.

turn¹ /tɜːn/ *v* her, mer, veel, kawn-heel.

▷ **MOVEMENT AROUND A CENTRAL POINT** 1 [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] laifang veel ih hernak: *The hands of a clock turn very slowly*. ○ *The earth turns (ie rotates) on its axis once every 24 hours*. ○ *The wheels of the car began to turn*. ○ *This tap turns easily/It's easy to turn this tap*. ○ *She turned the handle but the door wouldn't open*. ○ *He turned the key in the lock*. ○ *She turned the steering-wheel sharply to the left to avoid a cyclist*. 2 [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sb/sth) (over) khatlam, khatlam ah her rero: *If you turn over you might find it easier to get to sleep*. ○ *Brown the meat on one side, then turn it (over) and brown the other side*. ○ *he sat there idly turning the pages of a book*. ○ *She turned the chair on its side to repair it*. ○ *You've turned your jumper inside out*. ○ *Turn the record over and put on (ie start to play) the other side*. 3 (a) [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] hmai hoidan her rero: *About/Left/Right turn!* ie as military commands ○ *It's time we turned and went back home*. ○ *She turned to look at me*. ○ *He turned towards her*. ○ *We turned off the motorway at Lancaster*. ○ (fig) *Her thought turned to (ie She began to think about) her dead husband*. ○ *He turned his back to the wall*. ○ *She turned (her face) away in embarrassment*. (b) [I] (of the tide) let kir: *The tide is turning; we'd better get back*. 4 [Tn-pr] hmun pakhat bat: *Police turned water-cannon on the rioters*, ie to disperse them. ○ *They turned their dos on us*. ○ *She turned her eyes towards him*. ○ (fig) *It's time to turn our attention to the question of money*.

▷ **POINTING OR SENDING SOMETHING IN A PARTICULAR DIRECTION** hmun pakhatlam ah her 5 [Tn-pr, Tn-p, Cn-a] sawhmi pakhat ah fehter: *turn a horse into a field* ○ *turn a boat adrift* ○ *It would be irresponsible to turn such a man loose on society*. 6 [Tn-p] bil (puan): *She turned down the blankets and climbed into bed*. ○ *He turned up the collar of his coat and hurried out into the rain*.

▷ **CHANGING DIRECTION** fehnak lam thleng 7 [Ipr, Tn] ~ (round) sth her (ih feh):

The car turned (round) the corner and disappeared from sight. ○ She waved to me as she turned the corner. **8** [Ln, Ipr] (of a river, road, etc) kelkawi in feh: The river turns north at this point. ○ Just before the trees the path turns sharply right. ○ The road turns to the left after the church. **9** [Tn no passive] lingtelet in her: turn cartwheels/somersaults ○ She turned a pirouette on the ice.

► **CHANGING STATE OR FORM** pianzia thleng **10** (a) [La, Ln, Cn-a] canter: The milk turned sour in the heat/The heat turned the milk sour. ○ He turned nasty when we refused to give him the money. ○ Leaves turn brown in autumn. ○ The weather has turned cold and windy. ○ She turned a deathly shade of white when she heard the news. ○ He's a clergyman turned politician, ie He was formerly a clergyman but is now a politician. ⇒ Usage at BECOME. (b) [Tn] a thleng; a kim: She turned forty last June. ○ It's turned midnight. **12** [Ipr, Tn-pr] ~ (sb/sth) (from A) to/into B phunkhat ihsin a dang phunkhat ah thleng: Caterpillars turn into butterflies. ○ Water turns into ice when it freezes. ○ His expression changed from bewilderment to horror as he realized what had happened. ○ The experience has turned him into a sad and embittered man. ○ The witch turned the prince into a frog. ○ The novel was turned into a successful Hollywood film. **12** [Tn] pakhat ih cang dingin tuah: turn a chair leg. **13** [I, Tn] a siatter; a thuurter: The thundery weather has turned the milk. **14** [I, Tn] (of the stomach) luaksuakter: The sight of the greasy stew made his stomach turn/turned his stomach. **15** (idm) as it/things turned out thil sidan ruangah: I didn't need my umbrella, as it turned out, ie because it didn't rain. **be well, badly, etc turned out** thazet, sia zet in thuam aw: Her children are always smartly turned out. **turn round and do sth** (infml) mi duh lo zawng tuah/tong: How could she turn round and say that, after all I've done for her. (For other idioms containing **turn**, see entries for ns, adjs, etc, eg **not turn a hair** ⇒ HAIR; **turn a deaf ear** ⇒ DEAF.)

16 (phr v) turn about (often used in the form about turn as a military command) (esp of soldiers) dunglam ah her (bauhthen): The colonel ordered the troops to turn about. ○ 'About turn!' barked the sergeant-major. **turn (sb) against sb** duh lo/hua: She turned against her old friend. ○ After the divorce he tried to turn the children against their mother.

turn around = TURN ROUND.

turn away (from sb/sth) a dangah her hlo: She turned away in horror at the sight of so much blood. **turn sb away (from sth)** lut siang lo

(kir); khir; bawm duh lo: Hundreds of people had to be turned away from the stadium, eg because it was full. ○ turn away a beggar, ie refuse to give him money ○ A doctor cannot turn away a dying man.

turn (sb/sth) back let kir; kirsal: The weather became so bad that they had to turn back. ○ (fig) The project must go ahead; there can be no turning back. ○ Our car was turned back at the frontier.

turn sb/sth down sang lo; duh lo: He tried to join the army but was turned down (flat) because of poor health. ○ He asked Jane to marry him but she turned him down/turned down his proposal. **turn sth down** thum deuh, kiamter (kaihaw dingin thum): don't forget to turn down the gas after an hour or so. ○ Turn that record-player down — I'm trying to get some sleep.

turn in (a) hmaiton, lole, a sunglam ah kawi: Her feet turn in as she walks. (b) (infml) it: It's late; I think I'll turn in. **turn sb in** (infml) palik hnenih sim; zuar: She threatened to turn him in. **turn sth in (a)** peksal; pekir: You must turn in your kit (ie uniform, etc) before you leave the army. (b) taan; tuah nawn lo: The job was damaging his health so he had to turn it in. (c) neh; ti pet thei ngah: Thompson turned in a superb performance to win the decathlon. **turn in on oneself** mahta tuah ding neih tam ruangah a dang thu ah cang thei nawn lo: She's really turned in on herself since Peter left her. **turn sth inside out** (a sungleng) a linglet: The wind turned my umbrella inside out. ○ She turned all her pockets inside out looking for her keys.

turn off lamzin pakhat taan in a dang lamzin pakhat ah feh: Is this where we turn off/where the road turns off for Hull? **turn sb off** (infml) mi ning; duh um lo: All that talk about abattoirs turned me right off! ○ Bad breath is guaranteed to turn a woman off! **turn sth off (a)** radio, TV a phihnak merh ih phit: turn off the light, oven, tap ○ They've turned off the water while they mend a burst pipe. (b) phit (a merhnak thawn): Let's turn the television off, I'd sooner read a book.

turn on sb hmakhatte in le rinlopiin mi vanam: His normally placid dog turned on him and bit him in the leg. ○ Why are you all turning on me (ie criticizing or blaming me)? **turn on sth** thu pakhat lam ah an her aw thluh: The discussion turned on the need for better public health care. **turn on sth/doing sth** pakhat parah ring lawlaw: The success of a picnic usually turns on the weather. **turn sb on** (infml) pakhat parah duhhiarnak neihter: Jazz has never really turned me on. ○ She's often turned on by men with beards. **turn sth on** radio, electric mei tivek on le hmihnak, onnak lam ah merh: turn

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on the light, television, central heating ○ Turn on the gas and light the oven. ○ Could you turn on the bath (ie cause the water to start flowing) for me while you're upstairs?

turn out (a) suakkhawm; pok, hunglang: A vast crowd turned out to watch the match. ○ The whole village turned out to welcome the pope. ○ Not many men turned out for duty. (b) (used with an adv or adj, or in questions after how) cutin a cang asile: If the day turns out wet we may have to change our plans. ○ 'How did the party turn out?' 'It turned out very well, thanks.' ○ I hope all turns out well for you. **turn (sth) out** a tuah/a suah: Her toes turn out. ○ She turned her toes out. **turn sb/sth out** a tuah/a suah: The factory turns out 900 cars a week. ○ The school has turned out some first-rate scholars. **turn sth out** (a) electric mei hmit (phit): Remember to turn out the lights before you go to bed. (b) a sung um thilri lak thluh; lawngter thluh: turn out the attic, one's drawers ○ The teacher ordered him to turn out his pockets. **turn sb out (of/from sth)** daw; suak/suakter: My landlord is turning me out at the end of the month. ○ She got pregnant and was turned out of the house by her parents. **turn out to be sb/sth; turn out that...** a rak si; a rak cang: She turned out to be a friend of my sister/ It turned out that she was a friend of my sister. ○ The job turned out to be harder than we thought.

turn (sb/sth) over khatlam ah her: She turned over and went to sleep. ○ The car skidded, turned over and burst into flames. ○ The nurse turned the old man over to wash his back. **turn sth over** (a) cuzat a hlawk/cuzat an ngah thei: The company turns over £150 million a year. (b) (of a shop) dawr thilri zuar thluh ih a dang a thar ret: A supermarket turns over its stock very rapidly. **turn sb over to sb** sumtuahnak a dang pakhat kut ah aap: Customs officials turned the man over to the police. **turn sth over to sb** sumtuahnak a dang pakhat kut ah aap: He turned the business over to his daughter.

turn round (also **turn around**) (a) (of a ship or aircraft) tangphawlawng, vanzam tivek ah phurhmi thilri hmun pakhat ah thlak thluh ih, a dang hmun pakhat hrangah thilri a dang phur sal: These cruise ships can turn round in two days. (b) (commerce) (of shares, the stock-market, etc) a linglet lamah her/merh: The American market turned round sharply a week ago. **turn (sb/sth) round** dunglamah her: Turn round and let me look at your back. ○ Turn your chair round to the fire.

turn to hnaŋuan nasa takin thok: We turned to and got the whole house cleaned in an afternoon. **turn to sb/sth** thu va ron; bomnak dil: She has nobody she can turn to. ○ The parish priest is

someone to whom people can turn in difficult times. ○ The more depressed he got, the more he turned to drink. ○ The child turned to its mother for comfort.

turn up (a) (commerce) (of shares, the stock-market, etc) kai; thang; thangso: Investment is turning up sharply. (b) rak suak; suak thei; pawt; hmusal; tongsal: We arranged to meet at the cinema at 7.30, but he failed to turn up. ○ We invited her to dinner but she didn't even bother to turn up. (c) tongsal; hmusal: I'm sure your watch will turn up one of these days. (d) (of an opportunity) amahte a ra leh ding/a cang leh ding: He's still hoping something (eg a job or a piece of good luck) will turn up. **turn sth up** (a) tlunvanlam hoiter: He turned up his coat collar against the chill wind. (b) tawi/comterdeuh dingin bil: These trousers are too long; they'll need turning up/to be turned up. (c) laingah; suahngah; tongngah: The farmer turned up a human skull while ploughing the field. ○ The soil had been turned up by the plough. (d) than; ringter deuh: I can't hear the radio very well; could you turn it up a bit?

□ **turn-about** n dunglam ah her; dungher, thleng aw: (fig) The government's sudden turn-about (ie change of policy) on taxation surprised political commentators.

turn-around (also **turn-round**) n (usu sing) pumpuluk in thlengaw: The change of leader led to a turn-around in the fortunes of the Labour Party.

turn-off n 1 lamzinpi ihsin lamzin tek (lamdang pakhat): This is the turn-off for Bath. 2 (usu sing) (infml) duh um lo zet, mi ninnak suakter; pawl ding hiar um lo: Smelly feet are definitely a turn-off as far as I'm concerned.

turn-on n (usu sing) mipa nunau hiarnak thinlung suaktertu: She thinks hairy chests are a turn-on!

turn-out n (usu sing) 1 ra suaktu: There was a good turn-out at yesterday's meeting. 2 bizu, a kaan tivek lawngter: These drawers are full of rubbish; it's time I had a good turn-out. 3 hnipuan hrukdan: The headmaster praised the boys for their neat turn-out.

turnover n 1 [sing] sumtuahnak hnaŋuan pakhat in tikcu caan khat a tuansuah theimi tangka, tivek: The firm has an annual turnover of £75 million. ○ make a profit of £2000 on a turnover of £20000. 2 [sing] khawngthen (thil zuarnak man zat): We aim for a quick turnover of stock in our stores. 3 [sing] cetzung le kampani tivekih hnaŋuan pawl hnaŋuan suak le ai-rawlnak: why does your company have such a rapid turnover of staff? 4 [C] thingthei hmin pawl thawm zual ih tuahmi sang phunkhat: an apple turnover.

turn-round n 1 (also **turn-around**) (usu sing) (of

a ship or an aircraft) tangphawlawng, vanzamtivek ah an phurhmi thilri hmun pakhat ih thlakthluh hnuah, a dang hmun pakhat hrangah thilri dang phursal. **2** = TURN-AROUND. **turnstile** *n* minung pakhat pakhat ih lut thei dingin tuahmi a her rero mi sangka (lehnak hmun, bualrawn tivek luhnakh ah sangka cuvek an tuah theu).

turntable *n* **1** a her theimi cabuai (dardawng hlasaknak vek). **2** tlangleng cet tivek hernak tlangleng zinkap tualrawn.

turn-up *n* **1** (usu *pl*) bawngbi fual tanglam a zim bilmi: *Turn-ups are becoming fashionable again.* **2** (idm) **a turn-up (for the book)** (*infml*) ruah lopi thil cang: *The champion beaten in the first round? That's a turn-up for the book!*

turn² /tɜːn/ *n* **1** [C] merh; her, thil pakhat caang dingin her: *give the handle a few turns.* **2** [C] fehnakh lam thleng; hmaihoink thleng: *He took a sudden turn to the left.* **3** [C] a kelnakh/a kawinak lam: *a lane full of twists and turns* ○ *Don't take the turn too fast.* **4** [C] thansonakh, lole, thil lamdang deuh ih a cannakh: *an alarming turn in international relations* ○ *an unfortunate turn of events* ○ *matters have taken an unexpected turn.* ○ *Business has taken a turn for the better/worse.* **5** [C usu *sing*] mah le caan; mah tuah caan: *Please wait (until it is/for) your turn to be served.* ○ *Whose turn is it to do the washing-up?* ○ *I'll take a turn at the steering-wheel.* **6** [C] vak; lam tawi te lengvak: *I think I'll take a turn round the garden.* **7** [C] hnihsuahsai thiamtu, lole, hlasak thiamtu ih caan tawite hmannakh: *a comedy, song-and-dance, variety, etc turn* ○ *The star turn (ie main performance) was a young rock group.* **8** (*infml*) **(a)** [*sing*] thinlaunakh (nervous shock): *You gave me quite a turn, bursting in like that!* **(b)** [C] nattuarnakh (feeling of illness): *She's had one of her turns.* **9** (idm) **at every turn** khui khalah, lole, ziangtik lai caan khalah: *I keep meeting him at every turn.* ○ *She found her plans frustrated at every turn.* **by turns** (of people or their actions) pakhat hnu pakhat: *We did the work by turns.* ○ *He gets cheerful and depressed by turns.* **do sb a good/bad turn** a bawm/a bawm lo. **done, etc to a turn** (of meat, etc) a hmin, suancaan a cekci sung suang. **have, etc an enquiring, etc turn of mind** thu lamdang deuh ih ruahnakh caan, thubuai thuhla ruahnakh caan: *She's always shown an academic turn of mind.* **in turn** pakhat hnu pakhat kawhnakh: *The girls called out their names in turn.* **not do a hand's turn** ⇨ **HAND**¹. **on the turn** thlengzik, lole, lamdang in feh hlozik: *His luck is on the turn.* ○ *This milk is on the turn,* ie about to become sour. **one good turn deserves another** (*saying*) mah parih thatnak a tuah dahtu hnen ahcun thatnak tuah

ringirng ding, thatnak cu thatnak thawn thungrul ve. **out of turn** **(a)** mah ih caan hlan, caan hnu; **turn**²(4). **(b)** a si lo caan ah, lole, a rem lo caan, a rem lo lai caanah: *speak out of turn*, ie in a tactless or foolish way. **serve one's/sb's turn** ⇨ **SERVE**. **take turns (at sth)** pakhat hnu pakhat, a sangsang in tuah: *You can't both use the bike at once — you'll have to take turns.* **(do sth) turn and turn about** pakhat hnu pakhatin (a sangsangin). **a/the turn of events** ruah lopi thil umtu a thleng awk, a lamdangmi. **a turn of phrase** reldan, simdan: *She has an apt turn of phrase for summing up a situation.* **a turn of the screw** tuar laimi thil harsa zet parah a dang harnakh betsakh. **a turn of speed** (ability to achieve) khulvai cahnakh than lohli thansonakh lamah cak deuh in feh, lole, thazaang tam deuh lak: *She put on an impressive turn of speed to overtake the others.* **the turn of the year/century** kum zabi, kum thar a thok ah.

turncoat /tɜːnkəʊt/ *n* (*derog*) (pawl) pakhat in a dang pakhat ah a tlan, a thawnmi milai.

turner /tɜːnə(r)/ *n* thil (thir) tuahnakh cet kaitu: *a metal-/wood-turner*, ie person who turns metal/wood on a lathe. Cf **TURN**¹ 12.

turning /tɜːniŋ/ *n* hernakh lampial hmun (lamzin pakhat in a dang lamzin pakhat ih fehnakh/mernakh): *take the wrong turning* ○ *Take the second turning on/to the left.*

□ **turning-circle** *n* hernakh zinbial (mawtawka pawl her theinakh zinhlum (pum)).

turning-point *n* thlengawknakh (lamdang zet cannakh): *The meeting proved to be a turning-point in her life.* ○ *The discovery of a vaccine was the turning-point in the fight against smallpox.*

turnip /tɜːnɪp/ *n* **1** [C] **(a)** eiṭha mungla tawbaa rang phunkhat. **(b)** mungla tawba a pum le a sawl phun hnih. **2** [C, U] turnip, si lole, swede a tawbaa: *mashed turnip* ○ [attrib] *turnip soup.*

turnkey /tɜːnki/ *adj* [attrib] sak theh zomi, um thei ding a si thlangmi inn, innkhan, cetzung: *a turnkey plant, apartment, etc.*

turnpike /tɜːnpaɪk/ *n* **1** (US) lamzin thazet mawtawka duhtaw ih mawng theih, cuih lamzin a zawhtu in zawhman pek a tulmi: *the New Jersey turnpike.* **2** (Brit **pike**) (formerly) lamzin zawhthoknakh ih sangkapi (*Gate*) ah paisa pekta ih zawh a theihmi.

turpentine /tɜːpəntaɪn/ (also *infml* **turps** /tɜːps/) *n* [U] err zo mi farthliing (farhnai) sii a phunphun ih hman theimi.

turpitude /tɜːtjʊd/; US -tuːd/ *n* [U] (*fml*) siatvatnak; that lonakh.

turquoise /tɜːkwɔɪz/ *n* **1** [C, U] lungvar hring, a pianzia vandum hmel a kengmi: [attrib] *a turquoise.*

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□ **turquoise** *adj* hring, hringdup hmel a kengmi: *a turquoise dress*.

turret /ˈtʌrɪt/ *n* **1** innkil ih sakmi khuacuannak hmun sang. **2** (on a ship, an aircraft, a fort or a tank) tangphawlawng, vanzam, ralhruang ih meithal an bunnak hmun (thirphaw ih kulhmi): *a warship armed with twin turrets*.

▷ **turreted** *adj* pukpi meithal kahtheinak hmun ummi.

turtle /ˈtɜːtl/ *n* **1** tipi cumkheng tumpi. **2** (US) cumkheng phun hmuahhmuah. **3** (idm) **turn turtle** (*infml*) (of a boat) lawng lingletter; a let.

□ **turtle-dove** *n* vahui, laileng phunkhat.

turtle-neck *n* mawca angki hngawng pum a neimi.

turtle-necked *adj*: *a turtle-necked sweater*.

turves *pl* of **TURF**.

tusk /ˈtʌsk/ *n* ramsa ho; vui ho; ngalhriang ho; walrus ho. Cf **IVORY**.

tussle /ˈtʌsl/ *n* (*infml*) pakhat khat lon duh ah buan/tawng: *I had a tussle to get the knife off him*. ○ (*fig*) *We have a tussle every year about where to go on holiday*.

▷ **tussle** *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (**with sb**) (**about/for/over sth**) buan; tisauk zuam, thong: *They began to tussle with each other for the coins*. ○ (*fig*) *He tussled all night with the figures, but couldn't balance the account*.

tussock /ˈtʌsək/ *n* a kiangkap hnakin a sah deuh mi hramrul.

tut /tʌt/ (also **tut-tut** /tʌt ˈtʌt/) *interj*, *n* click the tongue? (tak tak) tiih lei in dang a khawngmi awn: *Tut-tut, the boy's late again!* ○ *a tut of disapproval*.

▷ **tut** (also **tut-tut**) *v* (-tt-) [I] tak a tak; thintawi, thinheng langternak: *His wife tut-tutted with annoyance*.

tutelage /ˈtjuːtlɪdʒ/; US ˈtuː-/ *n* [U] (*fml*) **1** (a) kilkhawitu, zohtu le a parih thunei theitu sinak (guardianship): *a child in tutelage* ○ *royal, Papal, princely tutelage*. (b) kilkhawitūl/zoh tūl a sinak (Upadi cun mi pakhat kum 18 a kim hlan lo, mahte thu nei thei lo, zoh tūl a si a ti) Kum 18 kim cun 'upa' (majority age) a si thlang ih kilhawitu ih zoh a tūl nawn lo. **2** kilkhawitūl/zoh tūl a si lai caan (Kum 18 kim tiang): *under the tutelage of a master craftsman*.

tutulary /ˈtjuːtləri/; US ˈtuːtələri/ *adj* (*fml*) (a) zohtu; kilkhawitu a simi. (b) kilkhawitu, zohtu asinak: *tutulary authority*.

tutor /ˈtjuːtə(r)/; US ˈtuː-/ *n* **1** mahbul zirhtu saya: *There is a tutor to teach the children while they're in hospital*. **2** (a) (Brit) mirang phunsangtlawng (*University*) ahcun thiamnak a sang bik tiang a zirtu tlawngta a zirhtu saya: *Her tutor says she is making good progress*. (b) (US) America ram ahcun College tlawng casimtu bawmtu (*assistant lecturer*) tinak a si. **3** a bikin awnmawi (*music*) zirnak cabu: *a*

violin tutor.

▷ **tutor** *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (**in sth**) zirh: *tutor sb for an examination* ○ *tutor sb in mathematics*. (b) [I] zirhtu rak tūan (work as a tutor): *Her work was divided between tutoring and research*. **2** [Tn, Cn-t] (*fml*) mah le mah ukaw (thinlung suup): *tutor one's passions* ○ *tutor oneself to be patient*.

tutorial /tjuːˈtɔːriəl/; US tuː-/ *adj* zirhnak thawn a pehparmi: *tutorial classes, duties, responsibilities* ○ *in a tutorial capacity*. — *n* cazir caan (period of instruction given by a tutor in a University): *attend, give, miss a tutorial*.

tutti-frutti /tuːti ˈfrʊti/ *n* (also **tutti-frutti ice-cream**) [U, C] thingthei thingrah thawn tuahmi cawhnaui tikhal thlum.

tutu /tuːtu/ *n* ballet dancar tikhal parih laamtu pawlih lamdang deuh hnitawite.

tuxedo /tʌkˈsiːdəʊ/ *n* (*pl* ~ **s** /-dəʊz/) (also *infml* **tux** /tʌks/) (US) = **DINNER-JACKET** (**DINNER**).

TV /tiː ˈviː/ *abbr* television (set): *What's on TV tonight?* ○ *We're getting a new colour TV*.

twaddle /ˈtwɒdl/ *n* [U] thu tuktak nganmi ca, man nei lo ca: *I've never heard such utter twaddle!* ○ *The novel is sentimental twaddle*.

twang /twæŋ/ *n* **1** tingtang hri tivek, saili hri tivek, dirh hnu thlah tikih a awn mi aw. **2** tɔŋg tikah hnaraw a suakmi hnar awsuah: *speak with a twang* ○ *a distinctive Texan twang*.

▷ **twang** *v* [I, Tn] saili hri nawp ih thlahmi awn: *The bow twanged and the arrow whistled through the air*. ○ *Someone was twanging a guitar in the next room*.

twat /twɒt/ *n* (Δ *infml*) **1** nunau zahmawh; su. **2** (*derog*) duh um lo zet milai, lole, mi-aa.

tweak /twiːk/ *v* [Tn] sik in merh, ngerh tahratin dir/phawi: *She tweaked his ear playfully*.

▷ **tweak** *n* merh ih dirh: *He gave the boy's ear a painful tweak*.

twee /twiː/ *adj* (Brit *infml derog*) lung a hnomi, lole, a hnovek titer-awmi: *I can't stand those twee little frills*. ○ *She has a rather twee manner that I find irritating*.

tweed /twiːd/ *n* **1** [U] a lenglam a hrap mi sahmul puan: *Scottish tweed* ○ [attrib] *a tweed coat*. **2** **tweeds** [pl] sahmul hrap thawn tahmi puan: *He is usually dressed in tweeds*.

▷ **tweedy** *adj* (a) (*infml*) a hrapmi, sahmul puan a hruk ringringmi: *The pub was full of tweedy farmers*. (b) (*joc often derog*) mirang (Brit) ram milian zet pawl nundan vekin a siangteraw zet mi: *a rather tweedy golf partner*.

tweet /twiːt/ *n* vate fate ai (chirp of a small bird).

▷ **tweet** *v* [I] (of a bird) vate fate a ai.

tweeter /twiːtə(r)/ *n* awsang zet ih a suah theimi aw thangtertu awring cet fate (small loudspeaker). Cf **WOOFER**.

tweezers /twiːzəz/ *n* [pl] caiceh fate;

hmulbawtnak thircep: a pair of tweezers ○ You'll need tweezers to hold up the specimen.

twelve /twelv/ pron, det 12; hleihnih.

▷ **twelve** *n* 1 [C] nambat hleihnih. **2 the Twelve** [pl] Bawi Jesuh dungthlun hleihnih.

twelve- (forming compound *adjs*) a sinak hleihnih a simi: a twelve-man expedition.

twelfth /twelfθ/ pron, det 12th; a hleihnihnak.

twelfth man (in cricket) Cricket lehnak ah a lektu pawl pakhat khat a cangpang le a sawngtu dingih retmi.

Twelfth Night Epiphany puai a thlenhlan zan. — *n* bangrep ih thengmi 12 sungah pakhat.

□ **twelvemonth** *n* (dated) kum khat, thla hleihnih.

For the uses of *twelve* and *twelfth*, see the examples at *five* and *fifth*.

twenty /twenti/ pron, det 20; kul.

▷ **twentieth** /twentiəθ/ pron, det 20th; kulnak. — *n* bangrep in 20 ih thenmi sungah pakhat.

twenty *n* 1 nambat 20. **2 the twenties** [pl] nambat kul ihsin kulhluankua sung um hmuah (20 in 29 tiang).

twenty- (forming compound *adjs*) kul a ummi, sinak kul a simi: a twenty-volume dictionary.

For the use of *twenty* and *twentieth*, see the examples at *five* and *fifth*.

□ **twenty-one** *n* [U] = PONTOON 2.

twenty pence (also **twenty p**, **20p**) (Brit) Mirang (Brit) paisa penny (pence) kul.

twerp /twɜ:p/ *n* (infml) a fim lomi, miaa; nautat, huat ummilai: You twerp! ○ What a twerp he is!

twice /twais/ *adv* 1 **veihnih**: I have seen the film twice. ○ He has twice lied to us. **2** a let hnih: The car's performance is twice as good since the engine's been tuned. ○ She did twice as much work as her brother. **3** (idm) **be twice the man/woman (that sb is)** tampi tha deuh in; tampi cak deuh in: How dare you criticizes him? He's twice the man (that) you are! **lightning never strikes in the same place twice** ⇒ LIGHTNING. **once bitten, twice shy** ⇒ ONCE. **once or twice** ⇒ ONCE. **think twice about sth/doing sth** ⇒ THINK¹. **twice over** veikhat lawng si lo, veihnih in: You've bought enough paint to paint the house twice over!

twiddle /twidl/ *v* 1 [Ipr, Tn] ~ **with sth** khilam, hila thawn rero, her rero: He twiddled with the controls of the radio until he found the station. ○ She sat twiddling the ring on her finger. **2** (idm) **twiddle one's thumbs** pakhat hngahnak ah ziang ngai tuan thiam loin kut zungpi merh rero: I sat twiddling my thumbs waiting for him to finish using the phone. ○ You're not being paid to twiddle your thumbs all day, you know!

▷ **twiddle** *n* (a) her/mer. (b) a her ti hminsinnak.

twidly /'twidl/ *adj* (infml) kaih ding her ding

laklawh zet: the twiddly bits at the end of the sonata.

twig¹ /twig/ *n* thingkung, hramkung a hnge: They used dry twigs to start the fire.

▷ **twiggy** *adj* hnge tampi nei: twiggy sticks.

twig² /twig/ *v* (-gg-) [I, Tn, Tw] (Brit infml) theithiam; aancing: I gave him another clue, but he still didn't twig (the answer). ○ I soon twigged who had told them.

twilight /'twailart/ *n* [U] 1 (a) khawvang hnu nisuak hlan, khawfingcat lole, nitlak hnu khawthim hlan deuh, unau hmelpalh; khua tleu tuk lo; khua a vang zo nan ni suak hrih lo: I couldn't see their faces clearly in the twilight. (b) hitivek lai caan: farmers walking home at twilight ○ Twilight is a dangerous time for drivers. **2 the ~ (of sth)** (rhet) tum caan; tlak lam (cahnak, lole, thupitnak tum vivo): the twilight of his career ○ [attrib] his twilight years.

▷ **twilit** /'twailt/ *adj* khawvang ceu; unau hmelpalh: in the twilit gloom.

□ **twilight zone** (a) khawpi sung inn pawl thateih finkhaw lo ruangah a siat hnuaihni. (b) khuilam deuh ta a si ti hliah lomi: Wrestling is in a twilight zone between sport and entertainment.

twill /twil/ *n* [U] pathri a kalh ih tahmi puan: cotton/wool twill ○ [attrib] a twill skirt.

twin /twim/ *n* 1 [C] faphiir: She is expecting twins. ○ One ewe has produced twins. ○ [attrib] my twin brother/sister ○ twin lambs. **2** [C] khuahkhat; a khuah: The plate was one of a pair, but I broke its twin. ○ [attrib] my twin brother/sister ○ twin lambs. ○ [attrib] There are twin holes on each side of the instrument. ○ a ship with twin (ie two identical) propellers. **3 the Twins** [pl] = GEMINI.

▷ **twin** *v* (-nn-) [esp passive; Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (with sth)** (a) milai/thil pahnih kopter asilole a khuah ih ret. (b) a hleice in pakhat le pakhat pehtlai aw e.g ram pakhat le a dang ram pakhat lehnak, nunphung tivek ah pehtlaihawknak nei: Oxford is twinned with Bonn.

□ **twin bed** khan khat ih retmi minung pahnih hrang ihkhun a bangrep mi pahnih lakih pakhat khat.

twin-engined *adj* (of an aeroplane) vanzam engine pahnih nei.

twin set (Brit) nunau hruksuaita hngawngpum le tangthen suaita (bansau veve).

twin town a hleiceih pehtlainak nei ramdang veve ih a ummi khua pahnih: Oxford and Bonn are twin towns. ○ Oxford's twin town in France is Léon.

twine /twain/ *n* [U] hrihrual; pahnih, lole, pahnih hnaki tam hrual ih tuahmi hri: a ball of twine.

▷ **twine** *v* [Ipr, Tn-pr] ~ **(sth) round sth** ngerh; vel; kuah: vines that twine round a tree ○ The

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weed had twined itself round the branches. ○ She twined her arms around my neck.

twinge /twɪndʒ/ *n* **1** caan tawite sung thahri dirhcaihnak nat: an occasional twinge of rheumatism. **2** caan tawite sung nazet ih tuarmi nat: a twinge of conscience, fear, guilt, regret, remorse, etc.

twinkle /twɪŋkl/ *v* **1** (a) [I] (arsi) a tleu durhdo: stars twinkling in the sky ○ the lights of the town twinkling in the distance. (b) [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) (of a person's eyes) mit tleu zet le kaupi ih zoh (zoh pelpel): Her eyes twinkled with mischief. **2** [I] (esp of a person's feet) sak mi aw ngaih nuam tituk ruangah kezung khatlam thep rero: The tune set our toes twinkling.

▷ **twinkle** *n* [sing] (a) a tleu durhdo-mi: We could see the distant twinkle of the harbour lights. (b) mit ah a tleu durhdo: She has an amused twinkle in her eye(s). (c) rangzet ih a cangmi: the twinkle of the dancers' feet.

twinkling /twɪŋklɪŋ/ *n* (idm) in the twinkling of an eye khulrang zet in; hmakhatte ah, mitthep ah: The mood of the crowd can change in the twinkling of an eye.

twirl /twɜːl/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] her rero; rangzet in her rero: He walked along briskly, twirling his cane in the air. ○ She sat twirling the stem of the glass in her fingers. **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] rangzet in her: I watched the dancers twirling (across the floor). **3** [I, Tn, Tn-pr] ngerh; kirter: She twirled a strand of hair round her finger.

▷ **twirl** *n* **1** zamrang zet in vel rero hmuhi thlir: She did a twirl in front of the mirror. **2** merhnak ding zawn; hernak ding hminsinmi.

twist¹ /twɪst/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ sth (round sth/round) merh; thlur; ngerh: I twisted the bandage round her knee. ○ The telephone wire has got twisted, ie tangled. (b) [Ipr, Ip] ngerh: The snake twisted round my arm. ○ The sweet peas are twisting up the canes. **2** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (into sth) her; hrual: We twisted the bed sheets into a rope and escaped by climbing down it. (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (from sth) hridai hrual: twist a cord from/out of silk threads. **3** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] kawiter; dengkuai: His face was twisted with pain. ○ The car was now just a pile of twisted metal. ○ (fig) Failure left her bitter and twisted. (b) [I, Ipr] cipnup; kuaiper thluh: The metal frame tends to twist under pressure. **4** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] her; kimvel ih her: Twist the knob to the right setting. ○ I twisted my head round to reverse the car. (b) [I, Ipr, Ip] her; dunglam ah hoi: I twisted round in my seat to speak to her. ○ She was still twisting about in pain. **5** [I, Ipr, Ip] (eg of a road) hmailam thleng; dunglam hoisal: Downstream the river twists and turns a lot. ○ The path twisted down (the hillside). **6** [Tn] ilh;

pelh: a twisted ankle. **7** [Tn, Tn-pr] tongmi/simmi a lamdang ih hersak; thuphan ah hersak: The papers twisted everything I said. ○ The police tried to twist his statement into an admission of guilt. **8** [I, Tn] (in billiards) billiard bawhlung kha a kelkawimi lamzin ah a her in fe ter. **9** (idm) **twist sb's arm** (infml) tuah dingin aana in fial: She'll let you borrow the car if you twist her arm. **twist sb round one's little finger** (infml) tuan fial duhmi hmuah tuansuak dingin fialdan thei: Jane has always been able to twist her parents round her little finger. **10** (phr v) **twist (sth) of (sth)** merhkuai: The cap should twist off easily. ○ I can't twist off the lid.

▷ **twister** *n* (infml) **1** thuphanper hmangtu: What a twister! **2** theih harzet, thu harsa: That's a real twister. **3** (US) thliher; thliver; phusing thlihrual.

twist² /twɪst/ *n* **1** [C] merh: he gave my arm a twist. ○ With a violent twist, he wrenched off the handle. ○ Give the rope a few more twists. **2** [C] (a) hrualmi thil: a rope full of twists, ie kinks or coils ○ a twist of paper, ie a small paper packet with screwed-up ends. (b) a ngerh mi: a twist of smoke ○ a shell with a spiral twist. (c) lamzin a kelnak hmun: a twist in the road ○ the twists and turns of the river. **3** [C] thansonak; thlengawknak: the twists and turns in the economy, market, policy ○ a strange twist of fate ○ The story had an odd twist at the end. **4** [sing] lamdang zet ruahnak le nuncan ziaza: the criminal twist in his personality. **5** [U, sing] a her ih rilhtermi bawhlung. **6** (idm) **get one's knickers in a twist** ⇨ **KNICKERS round the bend/twist** ⇨ **BEND**².

▷ **twisty** *adj* (-ier, -iest) a phunphun ih hermi/merhmi/kelmi: a twisty path, river, track, etc.

twit¹ /twɪt/ *n* (Brit infml often joc) miaa; huatsuak: He's an arrogant little twit! ○ Stop messing around, you silly twit!

twit² /twɪt/ *v* (-tt-) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (about/with sth) (dated) hnih suah capohnak ah hman: His unmarried friends twitted him about his wedding plans.

twitch /twɪtʃ/ *n* **1** hmakhat tein taksa rang zet ih a hninmi/caihmi taksa hnin: I thought the mouse was dead, but then it gave a slight twitch. **2** hmakhat te ih caih/hnuh: I felt a twitch at my sleeve.

▷ **twitch** *v* **1** [I] taksa hnin; taksa caih: The dog's nose twitched as it smelt the meat. ○ Her face twitched with pain. **2** [Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ at sth thil pakhat rang zekzi tein dir: He twitched nervously at his tie. ○ She twitched the corner of the rug to straighten it. ○ The wind twitched the paper out of my hand.

twitchy *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml) a phangmi; a

tihmi; thlaphang ringringmi: *People are beginning to get twitchy about all these rumours.*
twitchily *adv.*

twitchiness *n* [U].

twitter /ˈtwɪtə(r)/ *v* **1** [I, Ip] (of birds) vate ai; chiap, chiap tivek ih awn. **2** (*infml*) (**a**) [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (**on**) (**about sth**) thlaphang in zamrangtein tɔng: *Stop twittering!* ○ *What is he twittering (on) about?* (**b**) [Tn] thlaphang phah ih tɔng: *'It's so marvelous to see you! she twittered.*

▷ **twitter** *n* [sing] **1** vate ai: *the twitter of sparrows.* **2** (*infml*) thla phannak: *a twitter of suspense and anticipation.* **3** (idm) **all of a twitter** (*infml* *joc*) thlaphang le thinkhur: *we were all of a twitter on the wedding day.*

twittery /ˈtwɪtəri/ *adj* (*infml*) thlaphang le thinkhurmi.

two /tu:/ *pron, det* **1** pahnih. Cf SECOND¹. **2** (idm) **by/in twos and threes** veikhat ah pahnih pathum in: *Applications for the job are coming in slowly in twos and threes.* **a day, moment, pound, etc or two** ni khat, lole, ni hnih; veikhat, lole, vei hnih fangkhat, lole, fanghnhin tein: *May I borrow the book for a day or two?* **in two** pahnih ah then hnih ah: *The vase fell and broke into two.* ○ *She cut the cake in two and gave me half.* **it takes two to do sth** (*saying*) thlatnak siatnak a cangtertu cu pakhat lawng a si thei lo (nupa innsungsang thuhla vekah). **put two and two together** mah ih hmuh le thei vekin thudik a si ding ti ih tɔat: (*joc*) *He is rather inclined to put two and two together and make five*, ie imagine that things are worse, more exciting, etc than they really are. **that makes two of us** (*infml*) na hmuhdan le ka hmuhdan a bang: *'I'm finding this party extremely dull.'* *'That makes two of us!'*

▷ **two** *n* nambat pahnih.

two- (in compounds) pahnih a ummi, pahnih a simi: *blue and white two-tone shoes* ○ *a two-room flat.*

□ **two bits** (*US infml*) US paisa 25 cents (pya 25). **two-bit** *adj* (*US infml*) a tha tuk lomi; a thupi tuk lomi; duh a um tuk lomi.

two-dimensional *adj* saulam le kauhlam a nei nain, thuklam a nei lomi: *a two-dimensional image* ○ (*fig*) *a two-dimensional character*, ie sb who is not very interesting.

two-edged *adj* (**a**) (of a knife, sword, etc) (namte, sword tivekah) kaphnih hriam. (**b**) (*fig*) thukhat in sullam pahnih a nei theimi: *a two-edged remark* ○ *Publicity is a two-edged weapon.*

two-faced *adj* hrokhrawlmi, lole, thuphan permi.

twofold *adj, adv* **1** a let hnih, lole, a let hnih hnakh tam: *a twofold increase* ○ *Her original investment has increased twofold.* **2** thenhnhin in a ummi: *a twofold development plan.*

two-handed *adj* (**a**) (of a sword, etc) kut pahnih ih kaihmi. (**b**) (of a saw, etc) hluah, tivek ah khatlam, khatlam in minung pahnih kaihmi.

two pence (also **two p, 2p**) (*Brit*) penny (*pence*) pahnih (pya hnih).

twopence /ˈtʌpəns; US ˈtu:pens/ (also **tuppence**) *n* **1** (esp formerly) pence pahnih (pya fang pahnih). **2** a fate/mal bik hman (pya khat hman): *I don't give twopence for/care twopence what they think.* ○ *It's not worth twopence.*

twopenny /ˈtʌpəni; US ˈtu:pəni/ (also **tuppenny**) *adj* (**a**) pence pahnih a simi/a manmi: *a twopenny stamp.* (**b**) man reitlak a nei lomi; a ol tukmi; man nei lo tluk a simi.

twopenny-halfpenny /ˈtʌpni ˈheɪpni; US ˈtu:pəni ˈhæfpeɪni/ *adj* (*infml*) a thupi lo; nautat tha; man a nei lo: *some twopenny-halfpenny little reporter.*

two-a-penny *adj* [pred] oltein ngah theih; man ol: *Qualified staff are two-a-penny at the moment.*

two-piece *n* hnipuan a rem awmi pahnih (hni le angki; kawt angki le bawngbi fual a pianrong puan phun a bangawmi: [attrib] *a two-piece suit, bathing-costume, etc.*

two-ply *adj* (of wool, wood etc) thing, sahmul tivek ah thuahhnhin, phanghnhin ih tuahmi.

two-seater *n* mawtawka, vanzam tivek pahnih to.

twosome /-səm/ *n* **1** mi pahnih kopkhat, khuahkhat (*pair, couple*). **2** pahnih tɔng ih lehnak.

two-time *v* [I, Tn] (*infml*) bum, rintlak lo ih nung (duh-awknak thu ah): *a two-timing rogue* ○ *he'd been two-timing me for months!*

two-timer *n.*

two-tone *adj* [attrib] pianrong phunhnhin nei; aw hnih nei.

two-way *adj* [usu attrib] (**a**) (of a switch) electric tha fehnak hmun hnih ih tekmi (then). (**b**) (of a road or street) mawtawka lamzin (kap hnih um) hmaiton phir ih feh theimi. (**c**) (of traffic) hmai ton in feh theimi lam (kap hnih in). (**d**) (of traffic) a kuatnak le a ngah (lak)nak a ummi. (**e**) (of communication between people, etc) khatlam le khatlam theihter awmi: *a two-way process.*

For the uses of *two* see the examples at *five*.

tycoon /taɪku:n/ *n* (*infml*) sumtuah, sumdawng, cetzung nei milian: *an oil tycoon* ○ *a newspaper tycoon.*

tying ⇒ TIE².

tyke (also **tike**) /taɪk/ *n* (*infml*) **1** (used as a term of abuse) santlai lomilai. **2** (esp US) a huatsuak zetmi nauhak fate. **3** uico kahpia; uico hrang.

tympanum /ˈtɪmpənəm/ *n* (pl ~ **s** or **-na** /-nə/) (*anatomy*) **1** hnakhuang. **2** hnakawr sung.

type¹ /taɪp/ *n* **1** ~ (**of sth**) phun; hnam; zia khat nei: *different racial types* ○ *Which type of tea*

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do you prefer? ○ all types of jobs/jobs of all types ○ A bungalow is/Bungalows are a type of house. ○ wines of the Burgundy type/Burgundy-type wines. **2** ~ (of sth) zia bang phun (minung, thil, cangvaihna ah): I don't think she's the artistic type. ○ not the type of party I enjoy ○ the old-fashioned type of English gentleman ○ just the type of situation to avoid. He's true to type, ie behaves as sb of his class, group, etc may be expected to behave. **3** (infml) nundan ziaza a bangawmi milai: a brainy type ○ He's not my type (of person), ie We have little in common. **4** (idm) revert to type ⇒ REVERT.

▷ **type** v [Tn] a phun vekin then: patients typed by age and blood group.

□ **type-cast** [esp passive: Tn, Cn-n/a] thuanthu cawgtu (actor-actress) amah cangdan kel in cangpek: avoid being type-cast as a gangster.

type² /taɪp/ n **(a)** [C] thircuk cangannak thir cafang. **(b)** [U] thir cafang a phunhnam: set sth in bold, roman, italic, etc type.

▷ **type** v [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ sth (out/up) thircuk thawn ca ngan: typing (away) with four fingers ○ This will need to be typed (out) again. **typing** (also **typewriting**) n [U] **1** thircuk ngannak cet in ngan: practice typing ○ [attrib] a typing pool, ie a group of typists who share a firm's typing work. **2** thircuk cangannak cet ih nganmi: two pages of typing. **typist** /taɪpɪst/ n thircuk cangantu: fast accurate typists required ○ copy, shorthand, etc typists.

□ **type-face** (also **face**) n cangannak cafang hmuimel: headings printed in a different type-face from the text.

typescript n [C, U] thircuk cangannak cet ih cukmi ca: We receive several new typescripts a day. ○ The poems arrived in (fifty pages of) typescript.

typesetter n nam ding ca a tuah/remtu.

typewriter n thircuk cangannak/cacuknak cet: an electric typewriter ○ [attrib] a typewriter ribbon, keyboard. Cf WORD PROCESSOR (WORD).

typewritten adj thircuk cangannak cet ih nganmi ca: typewritten pages, letters, manuscripts.

typhoid /taɪfɔɪd/ n [U] (also **typhoid fever**) taifawtnat (rilngatnat): [attrib] a typhoid epidemic.

typhoon /taɪfuːn/ n Pacific tipithuanthum nitlannaklam ih a cang/a suak theumi, thlisiapi. Cf HURRICANE, CYCLONE.

typhus /taɪfəs/ n [U] uihrik ihsin a cangmi

khurhnat phunkhat a suanaw thei nat.

typical /ˈtɪpɪkl/ adj ~ (of sb/sth) **1** a sinak phun a langzetmi: a typical Scot, teacher, gentleman ○ a typical cross-section of the population. **2** milai, lole, thilri pakhat ih a hleicemi sinak zia: It was typical of her to forget. ○ He answered with typical curtness. ○ On a typical (ie normal, average) day we receive about fifty letters. ○ Such decoration was a typical feature of the baroque period. ○ (infml) The train's late again — typical!

▷ **typically** /-kli/ adv **1** ziaphun aiawh in: typically American hospitality. **2** milai, lole, thilri pakhat ih sizia: Typically, she had forgotten her keys again.

typify /ˈtɪpɪfaɪ/ v (pt, pp **-fied**) [Tn] sinak diktat langter: Now a millionaire, he typifies the self-made man. ○ The nurses' strike typifies public concern about our hospitals.

typist ⇒ TYPE².

typography /taɪˈpɒɡrəfi/ n [U] **1** canamnak cetdan thiamnak. **2** nammi cangan mawinak: set to high standard of typography.

▷ **typographer** /taɪˈpɒɡrəfə(r)/ n typography thiamtu.

typographical /taɪpəˈɡræfɪkl/ adj.

typographically /-kli/ adv.

tyrannical /ˈtɪrənɪkl/ (also fml **tyrannous** /ˈtɪrənəs/) adj mipuar, mi namneh hman, nuncan a sia zetmi: a tyrannical regime ○ She works for a tyrannical new boss.

▷ **tyrannically** /-kli/ adv.

tyrannize, -ise /ˈtɪrənəɪz/ v [Ipr, Tn] ~ (over) sb/sth tyrant vekih mi uh, liansiat zet ih mi uk: tyrannize over the weak ○ He tyrannizes his family.

tyranny /ˈtɪrəni/ n **1** **(a)** [U] liansia, mizaangfah nei lo, siatvatnak huham thawn mi ukdan: a lifelong hatred of tyranny ○ the tyranny of military rule ○ (fig) submit to the tyranny of inflexible office hours. **(b)** [C esp pl] mi namneh, siatvatnak: the petty tyrannies of domestic routine. **2** [C, U] siava zet ih ukdan.

tyrant /ˈtaɪrənt/ n liansia, namnehtu, siava zet ih uktu bawi.

tyre (US **tire**) /taɪə(r)/ n sialriat ih tuahmi lengke (mawɬawka thirleng ke tivek pawl): a bicycle tyre ○ a spare tyre ○ a burst/flat/punctured tyre ○ Your tyres are badly worn. ○ [attrib] tyre pressure.

tyro = TIRO.

tzar, tsarina ⇒ TSAR.