Uu

- U¹, u /ju:/ n (pl U's, u's /ju:z/) Mirang (English) cafang a kulhluan-khatnak. 'Ursula' begins with (a) U/ 'U'.
 - □ **U-turn** n **1** motor etc thawn 180° (by a car, etc) her ih dung lam ah a let zawn ih feh/kirsaal: No U-turns, ie as a sign on motorways, etc. **2** (idm) **do a U-turn** (infml) tumdan/ram uk dan lingletter: The government has done a U-turn on its economic policy.
- U² /ju:/ adj (inmfl approv or joc) phun ziaza le sinak-ih ruatmi: very U behaviour.
- **U** /juː/ abbr (Brit) (of films) universal; (huapṭheh) upa/nauta tilo ih mi hmuahhmuah hrangih remcangmi/zohtheimi: a U film o a U certificate.
- **UAE** /ju: eɪ 'iː/ abbr United Arab Emirates (ram pakhat hmin).
- **UAR** /ju: ei 'a:(r)/ abbr United Arab Republic (ram pakhat hmin).
- **ubiquitous** /juː'bikwitəs/ adj [esp attrib] (infml or joc) (seeming to be) ramkip ih tikcu hmunkhat ih um: Is there no escape from the ubiquitous cigarette smoke in restaurants? ubiquitous traffic wardens.
 - \triangleright **Ubiquity** /jur'bikwites/ n [U] ram ih kipah tikcu nei khat ih um theinak.
- **U-boat** /ju:bəut/ n (esp in World War II) German pawl ih tidai tang raldonak lawng (German submarine).
- UCCA /Akə/ abbr (Brit) Universities General Council on Admission: fill in an UCCA form, ie with the subjects and universities chosen.
- **UDA** /ju: di: 'ei/ abbr Ulster Defence Association. **udder** /' \land de(r)/ n caw/me hnawi bawr.
- **UDI** /ju: di: 'ai/ abbr unilateral declaration of independence. sir khat hrang lawngih zalawng thu thannak.
- UDR /ju: di: 'a:(r)/ abbr Ulster Defence Regignent.
 UEFA /ju:'i:fa/ abbr Union of European Football
 Associations. the UEFA cup.
- **UFO** (also **ufo**) /ju: ef ' \ni o or, informal use, 'ju:f \ni o/ abbr ($pl \sim s$) unidentified flying object; ziang a si ti fiangter lomi van ih a zammi thil (esp a flying saucer).
- **ugh** (usu suggesting a sound like /s:/ made with the lipsa either spread or uounded very strongly) interj ning/duh lo ti theihternakih hmanmi tongkam (used to indicate disgust or horror, and usu accompanied by an appropriate facial expression): Ugh! you're eating snails!
- **ugli** /'ngli/ n (pl ~ s or -es) (also **ugli fruit**) dawhhlei phunkhat, a hawng a phar ih a tak cu a thlum ih ti tampi a nei.

- ugly /\agli/adj (-ier, -iest) 1 hmelsia: an ugly face, child, building an ugly wound, gash, scar, etc the ugly screeching of parrots. 2 ral, huatmi, domi: ugly threats, rumours, insinuations, etc an ugly laugh, look, wink, etc the situation in the streets was turning/growing ugly. The crowd was in an ugly mood. An ugly storm is brewing. 3 (idm) miserable/ugly as ⇒ SIN, lungawi lo zet. an ugly customer (infml) mi tihnung, nuam lo le mi harsa. an ugly duckling a pekih thading ih zum lomi, a hnu lamih thazet santlai le duh nungza. ugliness n [U].
- **UHF** /ju: eɪt \int 'ef/ abbr (radio) ultra-high frequency. Cf VHF.
- **UHT** /ju: etf 'ti:/ abbr (of dairy products) ultra heat treated (for longer life): UHT milk.
- UK /ju: 'kei/ abbr (esp in addresses) United Kingdom (of Great Britain and Northern Ireland): a UK citizen.

 ⇒ Usage at GREAT.
- **ukulele** /ju:kəˈleɪlɪ/ n hri pali nei Hawaiian tingtang fate banjo thawn a bang-awmi: strumming tunes on his ukulele.
- ulcer /\u00e1so(r)/ n hma, hnai a khuarmi hma: leg ulcers \u00a7 gastric ulcers \u00a7 My mouth ulcer has burst.
 - ightharpoonup ulcerate /\(\lambda\)lsəreif/\(v\) [I, Tn] (causes sth to) hma cangter, hmater: Aspirin can ulcerate the stomach lining. ulceration /\(\lambda\)lsə'rei\(\lambda\)n: severe ulceration of the legs.
 - ulcerous / Δl adj adj
- **ulna** /'nlnə/ n (pl -nae /-niː/) (anotomy) (saram ah) ngel le kiu karlak ih a sausawnmi banruh.
- ulterior /Al'tiəriə(r)/ adj [attrib] (fml) a thup awmi/hmuhban loih a thup awmi: This lever must serve some ulterior purpose. ○ Jim had ulterior motives in buying me a drink — he wants to borrow my van.
- ultimate /Altimət/ adj [attrib] 1 a netnak, a tawpkhawk: the ultimate outcome, result, conclusion, etc o Management must take ultimate responsibility for the strike. O Nuclear weapons are the ultimate deterrent. 2 a hram/a bulpi/a thoknak/a hna: ultimate principles, questions, causes o the ultimate truths of philosophy and science. 3 (infml) laan theih lomi, a nasa bik: The ultimate luxury of the trip was flying in Concorde.
 - □ ultimate n [sing] the ~ (in sth) a tum bik/a
 tawpkhawk: These ceramic tiles are the
 ultimate in modern kitchen design.
 - **ultimately** adv **1** a netnak ah/a cemnak ah/a neta bik ah: *Ultimately*, all the colonies will become independent. **2** a hram ah/a thawhnak

ah: All matter ultimately consists of atoms.

ultimatum /¡Altrˈmeɪtəm/ n (pl ~ s or -ta /-tə/)
thlun tengteng dingih neta bik thupek: accept,
reject, issue, deliver an ultimatum.

ultra- pref (used fairly freely with adjs) 1 a
luarmi, a luan tukmi: ultra-conservative ○
ultra-fashionable. 2 rikham lan/tiammi lan:
ultraviolet ○ ultra-high. Cf INFRA-

ultramarine /ˌʌtlrəmə¹riːn/ adj, n [U] a tleu zetmi mepian rong.

ultrasonic / \(\alpha\) tra'spnik/ \(adj\) (of sound waves) minung theih thei hnakih aw fem le rang.

ultrasound /altrasaund/ n [U] minung hnaa ih theihthei hnak in a fem sawnmi aw: [attrbi] an ultrasound scan, eg to detect abnormality in a foetus.

ultraviolet /, Altro varələt/ adj [usu attrib] 1 (physics) (of radiation) mit ih hmuh thei lomi khangro rong (colour): ultraviolet rays, ie causing sun-tanning. 2 tleu; violet rays a suakter theimi, lole, cumi thawn a pehparmi: an ultraviolet lamp o ultraviolet treatment, ie for skin diseases. Cf INFRA-RED (INFRA).

ululate /ju:ljvleɪt/ v [I] (fml) au ruangro/ring zet ih ai/tap.

 \triangleright ululation /-lei $\int n/n$ [U, C]: the ululations of the mourning women.

umber /\text{\text{\text{Ambe}(r)}/ n [U] aire le a hring cawkrawi pianzia: burnt umber, ie reddish-brown pigment.

 \triangleright umber adj a senpawl pianzia.

umbilicus /Am'bılıkəs; *also*, *in medical use*, Ambr'laıkəs/ *n* lai, laihri umnak, laipawng.

▷ umbilical /Am¹bılıkl; also, in medical use, Ambılaıkl/ adj laihripawng thawn a peh-awmi.
 □ umbilical cord laihri: (fig) by leaving my parents' home, I cut/broke the umbilical cord.

umbra /Ambrə/ (pl -rae /-ri:/, or ~ s) (astronomy) ni le thla a thim (thimpi a thlen) tikah a lai fangih a dum zetmi thlapi, asilole, leilung ih thlam. Cf PENIMBRA.

umbrage /Ambridz/n (idm) give umbrage; take umbrage (at sth) (fml or joc) zianghman ih siar lo le thinheng ter: I invited her because I was afraid of giving umbrage. ○ He took umbrage at my remarks and left.

umbrella /Am'brelə/ n 1 thawng, nithawng, mangthawng: put up/take down an umbrealla. Cf parasol, sunshade (sun). 2 (fig) kilvennak/ venhimnak: sheltering under the American nuclear umbrella o Police operated under the umbrella of the security forces. 3 [esp attrib] (fig) hnaṭuan pehtlaihnak a neimi company pawl hohatu/kaihruaitu pawlkom (agency): an umbrella organization, group, project.

umlaut /vmlaut/ n (in Germanic languages) aw suah dan (siar dan) khihhmuhnak ih vowel cafang parih nganmi cukte/thil bolte eg der Mann/die Männer (= the man/the men) in German. Cf DIAERESIS.

umpire /\text{Amparo(r)/ n (a) (in tennis, cricket, etc)}
tennis, cricket, tvp. lehnak ih thuthentu
(daing-lu-kyi). (b) pawl hnih karlak ih
thuthentu hrangih hrilmi.

▷ umpire v [I, Tn] thuthen (lehnak tivek ah): umpire a match, competition, dispute.

umpteen /Ampti:n/ pron, det (infml) siar cawk loin a tammi: Umpteen of them left. ○ have umpteen reasons for being late.

▷ umpteenth /\text{Ampti:n0}/ pron, det: For the umpteenth time, I tell you I don't know!

'un /ən/ pron (infml) pakhat: That's a good 'un! eg a good photograph, joke, excuse. ○ He went fishing and caught a big 'un.

un- pref 1 (with adjs, advs and ns) lo: unable ○ unconsciously ○ untruth.
2 (a) (with vs forming vs) tong-ral, tong-linglet: unlock ○ undo.
(b) (with ns forming vs) a si lo ih canter; hlit, phuak: unearth ○ unmask ○ unhorse.

NOTE ON USAGE: Compare the negative prefixes non-, um-, dis- and a-. 1 Non- and unare the most freely added prefixes. Non- is used with nouns, adjectives and adverbs and indicates an absence of something: a nondrinker o a non-stick pan o speaking nonstop. Un- is added to adjectives and indicates the opposite quality from the simple word: $unexpected = 'surprising' \circ unwise$ 'foolish'. Compare non-British ('of a nationality which is not British') and un-British ('being disloyal to Britain'). 2 In- is used with fewer words than **un-**, also to form opposites. There are variant spellings: iI- before l (illogical); imbefore b, m, p (imbalance, immaterial, impossible) and ir- before r (irresponsible). 3 Dis- is also used with verbs, adjectives and nouns to form opposites: dislike o disobedient o distrust. 4 A- is mostly used in formal or technical words to indicate 'lacking in' or 'lack of': amorphous ('lackingin shape') o anarchy ('lack of rule'). 5 It is not possible to predict whether un-, in- or dis- is used with a particular word and the correct form must be noted and learned.

UN /ju: 'en/ abbr United Nations: the UN Secretary General.

unabashed /ˌʌnəˈbæʃt/ adj (fml or joc) ningzak lo; ningzahnak tikcu a thlen tik khalih ningzak lomi: Tim appeared unabashed by all the media

unabated /Analbeitid/adj [usu pred] (of a storm, an argument, a crisis, etc) a kel a simi; demdeuh cuang lo, keel-awh: The gales continued unabated.
Our enthusiasm remained unabated.

unable / $\Delta n'$ erbl/ adj [pred] ~ to do sth (esp fml)



unattended

thei lo, ti thei lo, tuan thei lo: She is unable to walk. \circ I tried to contact him but was unable to.

unabridge /ˌʌnəˈbrɪdʒd/ adj (of a novel, play, speech, etc) tawiter lo: unabridged editions/versions of 'War and Peace'.

unacceptable /¡Anək'septəbl/ adj cohlan thei lomi, pom thei lomi, lungkim thei lomi: unacceptable terms, suggestions, arguments, solutions ○ Imprisonment without trial is totally unacceptable in a democracy.

▷ unacceptably /-bli/ adv: unacceptably low standards.

unaccompanied /¡AnəˈkAmpənɪd/ adj 1 (fml)
rualpi nei lo/thluntu nei lo: Children
unaccompanied by an adult will not be admitted.

O unaccompanied luggage/baggage, ie
travelling separately from its owner. 2 (music)
awnmawi thilri tel lo/hmang lo ih hlasak: sing
an unaccompanied.

▷ unaccountably /-bli/ adv: unaccountably absent from the meeting.

unaccountable /ˌ△nəˈkauntəbl/ adj 1 a rung simfiang theih lomi; fiangter thei lo: an unaccountable increase in cot deaths, ie of babies ○ For some unaccountable reason, the letter never arrived. 2 ~ (to sb/sth) (infml) thil tuahmi/thil cangmi parah tuanvo laksal thei lo. ▷ unaccountably /-əbli/ adv a ruang simfiang theih loin: unaccountably absent from the meeting.

unaccounted /¡Anəˈkauntɪd/ adj [pred] ~ for (a) telh lo, tel lo: One passenger is still unaccounted for. (b) simfiang lo: His disappearance is unaccounted for.

unaccustomed /ˌAnəˈkʌstəmd/ adj 1 ~ to sth zongsang lo, kel ih neih lo, ti thang lo: Unaccustomed as I am speaking.... 2 a dankel a si lomi: his unaccustomed silence the unaccustomed luxury of cheap foreign travel.

unacknowledged /¡Anək'nɒlɪdʒd/ adj famkim zetihtheihpilo,theihsaklo:anunacknowledged master of his craft ○ Her contribution to the research went largely unacknowledged.

unadopted /ˌʌnəˈdɒptɪd/ adj (Brit) (of a road) cozah (kumpi) ih fingkhawi nawn lomi, humhalh nawn lomi, ṭuanvo laak nawn lomi.

unadulterated /ˌʌnəˈdaltəreɪtɪd/ adj 1 (esp of food) thildang zianghman rawi lomi/amah lawng/a hlang, a hliir. 2 a pumhlum: talking pure unadulterated nonsense. O unadulterated hliss.

unaffected /ˌAnəˈfektɪd/adj 1 ~ (by sth) him, thil dangih khawihbuai lomi: rights unaffected by the new laws the children seem un unaffected emotionally by their parents' divorce. 2 titerawknak um lo a hmaan taktakmi, a dik: welcome sb with unaffected pleasure.

unalloyed /ˌʌnəˈləɪd/ adj (fml) rawi lomi, a thianghlimmi: unalloyed joy, enthusiasm,

excitement, etc.

un-American /ˌʌnəˈmerɪkən/ adj 1 America minung nuncan khawsak dan kel a si lomi: State control is a very in-a very un-American notion. 2 USA ramukdan (naing-ngan-zi) fehpi le pomdan thawn a mil-aw lomi/a rem lomi: un-American activities eg spying.

unanimous /jur'næmməs/ adj (a) ~ (in sth) zate lungkim: The villagers are unanimous in their opposition to the building of a by poss. (b) (of a decision, an opinion, etc) zate-ih lungkimmi: He was elected by a unanimous vote. O The proposal was accepted with unanimous approval.

ightharpoonup unanimity /ju:nə'nımətı/ n [U] lung kimnak famkim.

unanimously adv.

unannounced /ˌʌnəˈnaunst/ adj theihterawknak um hmaisa loin; rin lopi, zum lo-in: make unannounced safety checks on equipment O He arrived unannounced.

unanswerable /,An'a:nsərəbl; US ,An'æn-/ adj let thei lo; sawn thei lo: His case/defence is unanswerable.

unapproachable /ˌʌneˈprəʊt∫əbl/ adj (of a person) mi pawlkom thiam lo le biak har (because too stiff, formal, etc).

unarmed /An'a:md/ adj (a) hriamnam nei lo: Britain is proud of it unarmed police force. ○ He walked into the camp unarmed. (b) hriamnam hmang lo: soldiers trained in unarmed combat.

unashamed /ˌʌnəˈʃeɪmd/ adj ningzak lo: They kissed each other with unashamed delight.

 \triangleright unashamedly /,\text{\text{\pmin}abs} \frac{1}{2} \text{\text{\text{\pmin}abs}} \text{\text{\text{\pmin}abs}} \delta dv: unashamedly pursuing her own interests.

unasked /ˌʌnˈaːskt; US ˌʌnˈæskt/ adj sut lo le sawm loin: The meeting ended and the allimportant question remained unasked. ○ She come to the party unasked.

□ unasked for sut lo, sawm lo, dil loin: [attrib] unasked-for (ie voluntary) contributions to the fund.

unassailable /ˌʌnəˈseɪləbl/ adj (a) do theih lo le neh theih lo: an unassailable stronghold, fortress, etc O Liverpool have (built up) an unassailable lead at the top of the First Division.

(b) (fig) eel theih lo: Her position/argument is unassailable.

unassuming /ˌʌnəˈsjuːmɪŋ; US ˌʌnəˈsuː-/ adj mah le mah porh aw lomi: a gentle, quiet and unassuming manner.

 \triangleright unassumingly adv.

unattached /¡Anə'tæt∫t/ adj 1 midang/thildang thawn peh-aw lo/zom-aw lo: people unattached to any political organization. 2 nupi pasal nei hrih lo, hamcia khal nei lo, rualpi nei lo ih um.

unattended /ˌʌnəˈtendɪd/ adj 1 neitu um lo; fingkhawitu le zohtu nei lo: unattended



vehicles, suitcases, etc causing suspicion. **2** ~ (**to**) fingkhawi lo, kilven lomi: leave the shop-counter, telephone, etc unattended \circ They left the baby at home unattended all evening \circ old correspondence still unattended to.

unavailing /¡Anəˈveɪlɪn/ adj hmual nei lo/ hlawhsam: unavailing efforts/attempts to stop smoking o All our protests were unavailing.

unavoidable /ˌʌnəˈvɔɪdəbl/ adj pumpelh thei lomi, hrial thei lomi: unavoidable duties.

ightharpoonup unavoidably absent/delayed.

unaware /¡Anəˈweə(r)/ adj [pred] ~ (of sth...) thei lo/mang lo: be socially, politically, etc unaware ○ He was unaware of my presence/that I was present. ○ (fml) I am not unaware of the problem.

▷ unawares /-weez/adv 1 zum loin: She came upon him unawares as he was searching her room. 2 thei loin: I must have dropped my keys unawares. 3 (idm) catch/take sb unawares mangbangter/thinphangter: You caught us unawares by coming so early.

unbalance /ˌʌn'bæləns/ v [I, Tn] thinlung buaiter: Her death had an unbalancing effect on Joe, ie on his mind. ○ Over-production is seriously unbalancing the EEC economy.

▷ unbalanced adj [esp pred] (of a person, his mind, etc) thinlung hmaan lo, thinlung fimvar lo, thinlung kel-awh lomi: mentally unbalanced
 ○ He shot her while temporarily unbalanced. 2
 [esp attrib] (of opinions) lamṭan nei; ruahnak tam tuk/mal tuk pek: the unbalanced reporting of the popular tabloids.

unbar /¡ʌn'bɑ:(r)/ v [Tn] (-rr-) (a door, gate, etc) sangka, kawtka khar pawl ong; sangka on: (fig) unbar the way to a nuclear-free world.

unbearable /An'beərəbl/ adj tuar thei lomi: I find his rudeness unbearable.

 \triangleright unbearably /-abli/ adv: unbearably hot, painful, selfish.

unbeatable /,\(\text{\text{\hat}}\)\(\text{\text{heih}}\) | adj \(\text{\text{neh}}\) theih \(\text{\text{lo}}\). The Brazilian team is regarded as unbeatable. \(\text{\tiket{\texi{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\texi{\texi{\text{\texi}\text{\texi{\text{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\t

unbecoming /ˌAnbrˈkʌmɪn/ adj (fml) a hruktu thawn kaih lo, rem lo: an unbecoming dress, style, colour. 2 ~ (to/for sb) awm-ang lo; rem lo; zohmawi lo: conduct unbecoming to an officer and a gentleman ○ It was thought unbecoming for young ladies to smoke.

unbelief /ˌAnbrlli:f/n [U] (fml) zum thei lonak; eg Pathian/rirai, sakhua zum lonak. Cf disbelief (disbelieve).

ho unbelievable /¡Anbr'li:vəbl/ adj zum theih lo. Cf incredible. unbelievably /-əbli/ adv zum theih loin: unbelievable hot, cheap, stupid.

unbeliever *n* zumnak a nei lotu; zum thei lotu, eg Pathian, Biaknak, tvp.

unbelieving adj zum thei lo, zum lo/ringhlel: She stared at me with unbelieving eyes. Cf INCREDULOUS.

unbend /An'bend/ v (pt, pp unbent /An'bent/) 1
[I, Tn] (cause sth/sb to) a kawimi dingter. 2 [I]
(fig) umtlandan ah dorter-aw, neem (nuntha) deuh ih tlang/cang: Most professors unbend outside the lecture theatre.

▷ **unbending** *adj* (*esp derog*) ngaidan le ruahdan thleng duh lomi.

unbidden /,An'brdn/ adv (fml) 1 dil lo/ngen lo/sawm lo/fial lo: walk in, help unbidden. 2 (fig) thinlung ah suak, lungtho tein: memories, images, names, etc coming unbidden to one's mind.

unblushing /¡An'bla∫in/ adj (fml) ningzak lo: an unblushing admission of guilt.

ightarrow unblushingly adv.

unborn /¡An'bɔːn/ adj [esp attrib] suak hrih lo, a ra thleng leh dingmi tikcu; hmailam caan: unborn children, calves o generations as yet unborn.

unbounded /_iAn'baundid/ adj ramri um lo; ri nei lo: unbounded ambition, curiosity, luxury.

unbowed /nn'baud/adj mi nehter lo, a sungkhan lo: He remains bloody but unbowed, ie He has suffered but not submitted.

unbreakable /ˌʌn'breɪkəbl/ adj khuai theih lo; siat/kuai thei lomi: unbreakable plastics, toys ○ (fig) the unbreakable spirit of the resistance.

unbridled /, An'braidld/ adj [esp attrib] uk/khawng lo; suup lo: unbridled passion, enthusiasm, jealousy, etc ○ (dated) speak with an unbridled tongue, ie passionately, insolently or indiscreetly. Cf BRIDLE 2.

unbroken /An'brooken/ adj 1 cawlbang lo; a pehzom in: ten hours of unbroken sleep 0 the unbroken silence of the woods. 2 (of records in sport etc) neh lo. 3 (of a horse, etc) a ngam hrih lomi.

unbuckle /₁ Λ n'b Λ kl/ v [Tn] temmi/hrenmi phoih (taikhap, tivek).

unbusinesslike /_iAn¹bıznıslaık/ adj tuah daan tha le thiamnak tel loih thil ti (a bik in sumtuah le dar tuah tivekah): unbusinesslike methods, transactions, attitudes ○ It is unbusinesslike to arrive late for meetings.

unbutton /_han'batn/ v [Tn] angki/kawr sih phoih (a jacket, etc).

▷ **unbuttoned** adj (fig) (feeling) tidan kel kherkher vekih ti lo-ih thlah phoih-aw: her unbuttoned style of management.

uncalled-for / $an^{\prime}k$ adj dik lo; duh um lo, tul lo.



uncanny /an'kæni/ adj (-ier, -iest) (a) lamdang/a mak: The silence was uncanny. ○ I had an uncanny feeling of being watched. (b) a si dankel vek le zum vek si loin, lamdang zetmi: an uncanny coincidence, resemblance, etc.

- ▶ uncannily /-ɪlɪ/ adv: an uncannily accurate prediction.
- uncared-for /,An'keəd fɔ:(r)/ adj fingkhawi lo/ tuamhlawm lo, thlahthlaam: uncared-for children, gardens, pets.
- **unceasing** $/_{l}$ 'sissin/ adj cathang lo: unceasing efforts, protests, campaigns \circ nursing hi with unceasing devotion.

unceasingly adv.

- unceremonious /¡Anˌsweɪˈməʊnɪəs/ adj 1 (a) a dankel vekih tinak le sunlawihnak um lomi: Their divorce was an unceremonious affair. (b) sunlawihnak um lo, a dankel vek si lo: The dinner was a relaxed, unceremonious occasion.
 2 upat tihzahnak um lo/hngal zetih cang phutpho: his unceremonious departure, dismissal. removal. etc.
- > unceremoniously adv (derog): I was escorted unceremoniously to the door.
- uncertain /an'ss:tn/ adj 1 (a) [usu pred] ~ (a lout/of sth) theifiang lo: be/feel uncertain (about) what to do uncertain about/of one's legal rights. (b) theihfiang lomi: The outcome is still uncertain. 2 rinsan lo um lo; rinsan tlak lo: His aim is uncertain. 3 thleng/danglam dingmi/danglam, asilole, a thleng-aw theimi: uncertain weather a man of uncertain temper. 4 hreh, thukthun, awloksong, hniksak; rin ngaingai a theih lomi: an uncertain voice, smile the baby's first uncertain steps. 5 (idm) in/no uncertain terms pheh le sup nei loin, a ruh langin/a sinak vek cekci in: I told him what I thought of him no uncertain terms!
 - ightharpoonup uncertainly adv hreh zetin, awloksong zetin.
 - uncertainty /An'ss:tnti/ n (a) [U] fiangfai lonak/zumtlak lonak: The uncertainty is unbearable! (b) [C esp pl] thil fiang lomi: the uncertainties of life on the dole, ie as an unemployed person.
- uncharitable /\an't\faritabl/ adj lainatnak nei lo/ zaangfahnak um lo (the conduct of): uncharitable remarks, thoughts, etc \circ I don't want to be uncharitable, but she's not a terribly good cook.
 - riangle uncharitably /-ə $ext{bli}/adv$.
- uncharted /ˌʌnttʃaːtɪd/adj 1 ram zuk le chart-ih hminsinnak um lo: an uncharted island. 2 hmuh hrih lomi le ram zukih lang hrih lomi: an uncharted area, zone, etc o Our research is sailing into uncharted waters/seas, ie investigating fields that have not been researched before.
- **unchecked** /,\text{\text} adj (derog) kham lo/dawn lo ih duhduh ih umter: the enemy's unchecked

- advance o rumours spreading unchecked o The use of credit continues/grows unchecked.
- unchristian /nn'krıst∫ən/adj khristian a si lomi, Khristian pawlih zirh awk an thlun lomi: unchristian behaviour ○ an unchristian attitude
- uncivil /An'sıvl/ adj umtlandan mawi lo le tong mawi lomi: be uncivil to the neighbours O It was uncivil of you to say that. Cf INCIVILITY 1.
- uncle /'Aŋkl/ n 1 (a) kan nu ih suahpi mipa/kan pa ih suahpi mipa/kan ni-ih pasal: my uncle Jim. (b) faate neimi pa/nu ih suahpi mipa: Now you're an uncle. 2 (infml) (used by children, esp in front of a first name) nu le pa ih rualpi mipa (thisen lam ih naih-awknak um lo). 3 (idm) bob's your uncle ⇒ BoD⁴, hnaṭuan ol le zamrang ih theh theimi. talk like a Dutch uncle ⇒ TALK², a ṭuan ngai um loin a rel lawng rel, kaa lawng.
 - \Box Uncles Sam (infml) United State (American) (mipi, asilole, cozah): fighting for Uncle Sam.
 - **Uncle Tom** (*US inflm derog*) mirang lungawitertu le tlontu midum.
- unclean /nn'kli:n/ adj (a) (of food) thlarau hrangah a thianghlim lo tiih khammi rawl. (b) thlarau lam thianhlimnak nei lo/thiang lo: unclean minds, hearts, thoughts.
- **uncoil** /_t∆n'koɪl/ v [I, Tn] (cause sth/oneself to) a kawi le a kualmi dingter, phoih: The snake uncoiled (itself). uncoil electric flex, a hosepipe.
- **uncoloured** (US uncolored) / $_1$ An'kAləd/ $adj \sim$ (by sth) (fig) thildang ih cokrawi lo, nehkhuh lo: an uncoloured description of events \circ His judgement was uncoloured by personal prejudice.
- uncomfortable /an'kamftəbl; US -fərt-/ adj 1 nuam lo: uncomfortable chairs, shoes, rooms lie in an uncomfortable position. 2 thinlung nuam lo; donhar: Children make some people feel uncomfortable The letter was an uncomfortable reminder of my debts.
- ▷ uncomfortably /-əbli/ adv 1 nuam lo zet: uncomfortably cramped. 2 thinlung nom lonak le buinak lam zawngin: The exams are getting uncomfortably close.
- uncommitted /ˌʌnkə¹mɪtɪd/ adj ~ (sth/sb) zalong/zianghman ih kham lo/dipdaal lo: Some workers remain uncommitted to the project. parties appealing to uncommitted to uncommitted voters. Cf committed (committed voters).
- uncommon /an¹komən/ adj a um dah theu le a kel a si lomi/um dah lomi: an uncommon sight, occurrence, etc Hurricanes are uncommon in England.
 2 (fml) cin ringring tlak; tam tuk/ hleihluat.
 - ▶ uncommonly adv (fml) cehlei: uncommonly intelligent, stupid, difficult.
- uncompromising /An'komprəmaizin/ adj rem-

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awknak duh lo, a fek zetmi; midang dung thlun mai duh lomi: an uncompromising negotiator, attitude, position o attack the government's uncompromising stand on education cuts.

 \triangleright uncompromisingly adv.

unconcern /ˌʌnkənˈsɜːn/ n [U] zianghman ih siar lo/rel lo; thupi ih ruat lo: She heard the news of his death with apparent unconcern.

unconcerned /Ankən'sə:nd/ adj 1 ~ (with sth/sb) ziangih siar lo/thupi ih ruat lo: unconcerned with questions of religions of religion or morality. 2 ~ (at, by, with) thinphannak le buainak nei lo/um lo/poisa lo: Most tourists were unconcerned at the poor weather.

 \triangleright unconcernedly / $ank = n^l s = n \cdot l \cdot l \cdot a \cdot dv$.

unconditional /ıʌnkənˈdɪʃənl/ adj zianghman bituk/leitek um lomi: an unconditional surrender, refusal, offer.

 \triangleright unconditionally /- \int ənəli/ adv.

unconditioned /ˌʌnkənˈdɪ∫nd/ adj (esp of a reflex) zir le cawncop mi si lo, a mahte ih ummi. Cf conditioned reflex (condition²).

unconfirmed /ˌʌnkənˈfɜːmd/ adj (of facts, etc) a hmaan, a dik a si ti ih nemhnget lomi; fekter lomi: unconfirmed reports, rumours, etc of a coup.

unconscionable /An'konfenebl/ adj [attrib]
(fml or joc) a mawi lomi le a hleifuan tukmi:
You take an unconscionable time getting
dressed!

ightharpoonup unconscionably -bbl r adv: an unconscionably shy young man.

unconscious /ʌnˈkɒnʃəs/ adj 1 (a) theihnak nei lo; zianghman ciing lo: knock sb unconscious.
(b) ~ of sb/sth thei lo, ralrin hna thiam lo: be unconscious of any change. 2 theihnak le tumnak um lo ih tong/tuah: an unconscious slight ○ unconscious humour, resentment.

b the unconscious n (psychology) theih thei/ hmuh thei a si lomi minung thinlung cangvaih dan. Cf subconscious.

unconsciously adv: He unconsciously imitated his father.

unconsciousness n [U] **1** theih thei lonak: lapse, fall, etc into unconsciousness. **2** mi dangih simmi/tuahmi theih lonak.

unconsidered /,Ankən'sıdəd/ adj 1 (of words, remarks, etc) thate in ruatcia lo ih tong/tuah. 2 ziang hmanih siar lo/thupi ih ruat lo.

uncooperative /ˌʌnkəʊˈɒpərətɪv/ adj mi dang thawn tuankhawm duh lo; tuankhawm lungkim lo: uncooperative witnesses, patients, pupils, etc.

uncouple / $_{1}$ An 1 kAp 1 / v [Tn, Tn·pr] ~ sth (from sth) peh-aw lo (railway carriages, etc).

uncouth /Δn'ku:θ/ adj (mi umdan) (of people, their appearance, behaviour, etc) rumro, mawi lo, maksak.

 \triangleright uncouthness n [U].

uncover /An'KAvə(r)/ v [Tn] 1 (khuhnak) hlip;
ong. 2 (fig) langter/theihter/puangzarter:
Agents have uncovered a plot against the
President.

uncritical /ˌAn'krɪtɪkl/ adj ~ (of sth/sb) (esp
derog) a sia a tha sim duh lo, sim thei lo;
faksalnak nei lo: an uncritical attitude, view,
etc o uncritical supporters of the government
o The review is uncritical of the violence in the
film.

 \triangleright uncritically /-ikli/ adv.

uncrossed /An'krost; *US* -'krost/ *adj* (*Brit*) (of a cheq) a tam zawng ih rin hrih lomi (CROSS² 4).

uncrowned /An'kraund/ adj 1 (of a king, etc) siangpahrang lukhuh khumter hrih lomi. 2 (idm) the uncrowned king/queen (of sth) thil pakhat khat tuahnak ih thilti theinak le hlawhtling bik ih ruatmi: the uncrowned king of chess players/chess/the chessboard.

UNCTAD /\njktæd/ abbr United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

unction /ʌŋk∫n/ adj [U] 1 biaknak lam thil ih
hriakthih. 2 (fml derog) hriakthihnak =
UNCTUOUSNESS.

unctuous /'Aŋktjuəs/ adj (derog) umtlandan le tong danah a ding lomi/a hmaan lo zawngih porhmi: speak in unctuous tones ○ unctuous assurances.

 \triangleright unctuously adv.

unctuousness (also unction) n [U].

uncurl /ˌʌnˈkəːl/ v [I, Tn] ~ (sth/oneself) a kirmi/ kawimi dingter: The cat uncurled (itself) sensuously. ○ She uncurled her legs from under her

uncut /An'kAt/adj 1 (of a book) cabu tlaang a zim tanrual hrih lomi. 2 (of a book, film) rem hrih lomi; zohfel hrih lomi: uncut versions, editions, showings. 3 (of a gem) pianzia nei ih tuahhrih lomi.

undaunted /ˌʌnˈdɔ:ntɪd/ adj [usu pred] (rhet) beidong lo; phang lo, tih lo: He continued the climb, undaunted by his fall.

undeceive /Andr'six/v [Tn] (fml) a hmaan a dik theihter; bumnak in luatter: His behaviour soon undeceived her as to his true intentions.

undecided /ˌʌndrˈsaɪdɪd/ adj [pred] 1 relcat hrih lomi; a faingfai hrih lomi: The issue/matter remains undecided. ○ The (outcome of the) match is still undecided. 2 ~ (about sth/sb) ruatcat lo: I'm still undecided (about) who to vote for.

undeclared /,andr'kleəd/ adj (of goods liable to duty) Custom bawi pawl ih cek dingah theihter lomi thilri/thuhmi thil.

undemonstrative /ˌnndrˈmɒnstrətɪv/ adj

undeniable /ˌʌndɪˈnaɪəbl/ adj el theih lo; el ding um loih hmaanmi: undeniable facts ○ gems of



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undeniable worth/value \circ His charm is undeniable, but I still mistrust him.

undeniably /-əbli/ adv: undeniably difficult
 Undeniably, the final stage is crucial.

under /'Andə(r)/ prep 1 tangah; thuaiah; hnuaiah: The cat was under the table O Have you looked under the bed? O Let's shelter under the trees. ○ He threw himself under a bus. ○ The water flows under the bridge. O (fig) What sign of the Zodiac were you born under? Cf over² 1, 2. 2 thil pakhat khat tangah: Most of the iceberg is under the water. O Under the mountain there is a network of caves. O Under the mountain there is a network of caves. O She crept in beside him under the bedclothes. O She pushed all her hair under a headscarf. 3 thil pakhat khat sungah asilole thil pakhat khat hankih niam sawn: under the castle wall o a village under the hill. 4 (a) kum no sawn (a specified age): Many children under 5 go to nursery school. O It's forbidden to sell tobacco to children under 16. O If you are under 26 you can buy cheap rail tickets. (b) mal sawn (a specified amount, distance or time): Anyone with an annual income of under £5000 may be eligible to apply. O It's under a mile from here to the post office. O It took us under an hour. Cf OVER2. 5 (a) pakhat khat hnakin rank niam sawn/rank nauta sawn: No one under the rank of captain may enter the room. O She has a staff of 19 working under her. (b) mi pakhat in uk/ hruai: Britain under Cromwell, Thatcher, the monarchy o Under its new conductor, the orchestra has established an international (c) lungkim/dan/tuah dankel reputation. vekin: Six suspects are being held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. \circ Under the terms of the lease you had no right to sublet the property. **6** thilrit phur (a specified burden): She was struggling under the weight of three suitcases. \circ (fml) It was difficult to behave naturally under the burden of knowing the truth. 7 (a) dinhmun pakhat ih ding/um: buildings under repair/construction, ie being repaired/built o matters under consideration. discussion, etc. (b) thinlung thlengter/dangter: He's very much under the influence of the older boys. O You'll be under (an) anaesthetic, so you won't feel a thing. 8 (a) hmin in (a particular name): open a bank account under a false name o write a novel under the pseudonym of Colin *Kettle.* (**b**) thiadang in; then in: *If it's not under* sport, try looking under biography. pakhat cing/phun: fields under wheat.

▶ under adv 1 tidai tangah: If you take a deep breath you can stay under for more than a minute ○ The ship went under (ie sank) on its first voyage.
 2 thei-aw nawn loin: She felt herself going under.

under *adj* [attrib] niam sawn/tangih um: *the under layers* \circ *under surface.*

under- pref 1 (with ns) (a) tangah: undergrowth
o undercurrent. (b) rank niam sawn/nauta sawn: under-secretary ○ undergraduate. 2
(with adjs, vs and their related forms) hrih lo; tawk lo: underripe ○ underestimate ○ underdeveloped. Cf Sub.

underachieve / handərə t f iv / v [I] (euph) beisei le zum tlukin tuah tha deuh lo.

 \triangleright underachiever n.

underact /Andər'ækt/ v [I, Tn] thukthun nawn ih thil tuah: He underacted the title-role to considerable effect. Cf overact.

underarm /Andəra:m/ adj [attrib] 1 zak thawn a kaikawhmi: underarm hair, perspiration, deodorant. 2 adj, adv (also underhand) (in cricket, etc) kut, kiu le bawhlung liang hnakih niam ih ret: underarm bowling o bowl, serve, throw, etc underarm. Cf overarm.

underbelly /Andəbeli/ n [sing] 1 ramsa pawl ih pum (a neemnak) a bikin voksa canmi. 2 (fig) a cah lonak bik hmun, a famkim lonak: The stock-market crisis struck at the soft underbelly of the US economy, eg its trade deficit.

underbid /, Δ ndə'bid/ v (-dd-; pt, pp underbid) 1 [Tn] lilam ah midang hnakih niam sawn ih kotu/ngamtu.

under brush /\(\text{And} \text{bru} \)/\(n \) [U] (US) = UNDERGROWTH, zanthing tangih a khomi hramrul/hrampi bur.

undercarriage /\(\text{Andakerridz}\)/ (also lading gean)
n vanzamleng tumnak ke (lengke): raise/lower the undercarriage.

undercharge /ˌʌndə't∫ɑ:dʒ/ v [I, Tn, Tn.pr, Dn.n] ~ (sb) (for sth) thil man mal tuk ih dil: He undercharged me £1 for the book/for the book by £1. Cf overcharge 1.

 $\begin{array}{lll} \textbf{underclothes} & / \texttt{andekleu} \\ \texttt{oz}/ & n & [pl] & (also \textit{fml} \\ \textbf{under clothing} / \texttt{kleu} \\ \texttt{om}/ & [U]) = \texttt{underwear}. \end{array}$

undercoat /Andəkəʊt/ n [U, C] (paint used for making a) phar tivek sii thuh tikih hmaisa bikih thuhmi sii (tangdan sii). Cf TOPCOAT (TOP¹). **2** [U] (US) = UNDER SEAL.

undercover /, Andə 'k Avə(r) / adj [esp attrib] 1 a thup te-ih thil tuah: undercover payments, eg bribes. 2 anmah lakah um fawn in a thupte ih zingzoi: undercover agents, activities, organizations ○ detectives working undercover.

undercurrent /AndəkArənt/ n 1 tili tangih a fehmi tiluang; a thuai ih luangmi tihrual: strong, fierce, fast, dangerous, etc undercurrents.
2 ~ (of sth) (fig) thinlung sungih a thupte ih tummi, hmuh thei lomi: There was an undercurrent of resentment in their acceptance of the plan.

undercut¹ /'AndəkAt/ n [U] (Brit) (meat cut from the) a kawng (cawn) tit hlom (a bikin caw/sia). Cf TENDERLOIN (TENDER¹).



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undercut² /₁Andə'kAt/ v (-tt-; pt, pp undercut)
[Tn] thilri man, asilole, hnaṭuan hlawhman midang hnakin mal sawn ih lak (one's competitiors): They're undercutting us by 20p a packet.

- underdeveloped /Andədr'veləpt/ adj 1 thangkim hrih lomi, pitling hrih lomi: underdeveloped muscles. 2 (of a country, etc) thangso hrih lomi (ram).
- underdog /nndədog; US -do:g/ n (esp the underdog) zuam-awknak, tawng-awknak ah neh dingih an zum lomi minung le ram: crowds supporting the underdog.
- underdone /¡ʌndə'dʌn/ adj a hmin deuh hrih lomi (a kuh lai); a cu deuh hrih lomi: nicely underdone vegetables The beef was underdone and quite uneatable.
- underestimate / \(\text{Ander'estimeit} / v \) [Tn] thupi-ih siar lo; nautat; zianghman ih siar lo, niam deuh in zoh/tuat: underestimate the cost, danger, difficulty, etc of the expedition I understimated the time we needed by 30% Never underestimate your opponent, ie think that you will beat him easily. Cf overestimate, underestimate.
 - ▷ underestimate /-mət/ n thupi lo tukih siarnak: a serious underestimate of losses on the Stock Exchange. Cf overestimate.
- underexpose /, Andərik'spəuz/ v [Tn esp pass] (a film, etc) (photo tuahnak ah) khawtleu ngah malter tuk deuh; rei lote lawng pho. Cf overexpose.
- ho underexposure /-iklspəuzə(r)/ n [U].
- **underfed** /Andəˈfed/ adj rawl mal tuk ei, rawl khop loin zuat/cawm: underfed cattle, troops, children.
- underfelt /'Andəfelt/ n [U, C] puanpher (carpet) thuai ih phahmi hmul thawn tahmi puanneem. Cf underlay.
- underfloor /¡Andəˈflɔː(r)/ adj [attrib] zial tangih um: underfloor (electric) wiring o underfloor heating, eg using warm air.
- underfoot /ˌʌndəˈfut/ adv ke tangah; leiah: The snow underfoot was soft and deep. It's muddy underfoot. Fallen riders were trampled underfoot by the charging horses.
- **undergarment** /\'\nnd\(\text{and}\) ga:\(\text{m\text{or}} fnl\) sunghruk hnipuan.
- undergo /ˌAndə'gəʊ/ v (pt underwent /-ˈwent/, pp undergone /-ˈgɒn; US -ˈgɔm/) [Tn] 1 nuam lo le nat tuar: undergo great hardship, suffering, privation, etc. 2 tong/tuar (a process etc): undergo major surgery, reform, repair O The ship successfully underwent sea trials in coastal waters. O Our agenda underwent a rapid change after the chairman's resignation.
- undergraduate /ˌʌndəˈgrædʒvət/ n degree ngah hrih lo phunsang tlawngta: Cambridge undergraduates. ○ [attrib] undergraduate

- courses, grants, students. Cf graduate, ostaraduate 2 .
- underground¹ /,\(\text{Anda}\)'graund/ \(adv\) lei thuai. 2
 (\(fig\)) (dodaltu ral pawl hnenah) a thupte ih um/ relh: \(He\) went underground to avoid the police.
- underground² /Andəgraund/ adj [attrib] 1 lei thuaiah: underground passage, caves, etc ○ an underground car-park. 2 (fig) a thupte ih dinmi ram-thu ih cangvaihnak party: the underground resistance movement, ie of the French opposing the Geran occupationof France during World War II ○ the underground press.
 - \triangleright underground n the underground [sing] 1 (also Brit infml the tube, US subway) lei thuai tlangleng lamzin: travel by underground \circ fares on the London Underground \circ [attrib] underground stations. 2 (CGp) (esp political) ram thu ah a thupte-ih ding le cangvaimi: work for, join, contact the underground.
- undergrowth /Δndəgrəυθ/ (US underbrush) n
 [U] thing tang ih a bur ih khomi hramrul: clear
 a path through the undergrowth.
- underhand /ˌandəˈhændɪd/ 1 adj (also underhanded /ˌandəˈhændɪd/) a thupte ih thil tuah; mi bum ih thil tuah: underhand tricks, methods, means. 2 adj, adv = UNDERARM 2.
- underlay /Andəlei/ n [U, C] thil ṭang ding le siat lohli lo dingih a tangih dan/phahmi, dam. Cf UNDERFELT.
- underlie /¡Andə'laɪ/ v (pt underlay /ˌAndə'leɪ/ pp underlain /-leɪn/) 1 [I, Tn] a tangih um: the underlying clay rock, etc. 2 [Tn no passive] (fig) rinsan/hngohsanih hmanmi thil: A deep faith underlies her work among refugees. the underlying reason for her refusal.
- underline /Andə'lam/ (also underscore) v [Tn] 1 tongfang tivek tang ah riin (a word, etc). 2 (fig) a ce hlei ih uar; a tul ti ah napi in langter (an attitude, a situation, etc): Strikes by prison officers underline the need for reform in our gaols.
- underling /Andəlin/ n (derog) nauta, dinhmun niamsawn mi: hired underlings of a gangster boss.
- undermanned /Andə'mænd/ adj (of a ship, factory) thate ih tuan dingin minung mal tuk ret: complaints that our hospitals are seriously undermanned. Cf UNDERSTAFFED, OVERMANNED.
- undermentioned /ˌʌndəˈmen∫nd/ adj [usually attrib] (Brit fml) a tanglam vekin; a tanglam ih sim le nganmi vekin (in a letter, etc).
- undermine /¡Andəˈmaɪn/ v [Tn] 1 a hnuai/tang leilung lai, asilole, a kua tuah; a hrampi derter: Badgers had undermined the foundations of the church. cliffs undermined by the sea. 2 (fig) nuam tete in thil/minung pakhat cak loter/tawnṭaiter: undermine sb's position, reputation, authority, etc, eg by spreading scandalous rumours self-confidence undermined by



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repeated failures.

underneath /¡Andə'ni:0/ prep thil pakhat khat tangah: The coin rolled underneath the piano. ○ She found a lot of dust underneath the carpet. ○ What does a Scotsman wear underneath his kilt? ○ Caving means exploring the passages underneath the hills.

ightharpoonup underneath adv tang lam ah; tangah: There's a pile of newspapers in the corner—have you looked underneath? \circ When they cleaned up the painting they discovered a Holbein underneath. \circ (fig) He seems badtempered but he's very softhearted underneath. underneath n [sing] thil pakhatih tanglam/thuai lam: the underneath of a car, sofa.

undernourished /ˌʌndəˈnʌrɪʃt/ adj ṭhannak le harhdamnak dingih a ṭulmi rawl a ṭul vekih pek lomi: badly, severely, seriously undernourished. Cf MANOURISHED.

 \triangleright under-nourishment /-\(^{\text{I}} \) n \(^{\text{I}} \) m \(^{\text{I}} \) m \(^{\text{I}} \) $n \ [U]$.

underpants /Andəpænts/ (also infml pants) n
[pl] bawngbi sunghruk: put on some/a pair of
clean underpants O He stood there in his
underpants, ie not wearing anything else. Cf
KNICKERS.

underpass /andəpɑ:s; US -pæs/ n (a) (section of a) lamzin dang tangih a fehmi lamzin. Cf overpass. (b) mawṭawka zin ton-awknak ah kefeh pawl ih zawhmi leithuai lamzin. Cf subway 1.

underpay /,andə'pei/v (pt, pp under-paid /-peid/)
[Tn,Tn·pr] ~ sb (for sth) ku-li tuan/hnatuantu
hlawhman mal tuk pek: Nurses are overworked
and underpaid. O He underpaid me for the
work (by £10). Cf OVERPAY.

underpin /₁Andə'pɪn/ (-nn-) [Tn] 1 phar, tivek a tanglam ihsin a fek le a khohmi lung rem ih do.
2 (fig) khohter, hngetter (an argument, a claim, etc): The evidence underpinning his case was sound. ○ These developments are underpinned by solid progress in heavy industry.

underplay /Andə'plei/v [Tn] thil pakhat a sinak taktak hnakih thupi lo ih tuah: underplay certain aspects, factors, elements, etc. Cf OVERPLAY.

underprivileged /Andə'privəlidəd/ adj covo le hamthatnak mi ih ngah zat ngah ve lo; ngah mal tuk: socially underprivileged families, groups, etc.

 \triangleright **the underprivileged** n [pl v]: The underprivileged need special support.

underrate /ˌʌndəˈreit/ v [Tn] zianghman ih siar
lo; thupi ih ruat lo, nautat: underrate an
opponent, achievement ○ an underrated play,
actor ○ As an actor, he's seriously underrated.
Cf over rate, underestimate.

underscore / n Andə sko: n v [Tn] = underline, tongfang, asilole, tongtluan a tangih riin.

undersea /'Andəsi:/ adj [attrib] tifinriat thuai.

underseal / Λ ndəsi:l/(Brit) (US undercoat) n [U] mawṭawka ciarbek kop lo dingih khamtu.

 \triangleright underseal v [Tn] cuvek khamnak ret.

under-secretary / \(\triangle \) Andə'sekrətri; US -teri/ n 1 sungtuan kuttang ih hnatauntu. 2 (Brit) (ralkap a si lomi) department pakhat hohatu/hruaitu upa: be Parliamentary under-secretary to the Treasury.

undersell /\u00e4nde'sel/ v (-II-; pt, pp undersold /-'səvld/) [Tn] midang hnak in thilri a man ol ih zuar: Our goods cannot be undersold, ie Our prices are the lowest. O They're underselling

under-sexed /ˌʌndəˈsekst/ adj nunau le mipa pawl-awknak ah mi zaran hnakin ṭawnṭai/cak lo. Cf over-sexed.

undershirt /\text{\text{And}} \int \frac{1}{2} \text{tf} / n (US) = VEST^1 1, banian, angki sunghruk.

under-side /Andosaid/ n [sing] a tanglam; a hnuailam: His shot hit the under-side of the bar, ie the one across the goal-posts.

undersigned /ˌʌndəˈsaɪnd/ adj (fml) catlap tanglam ih lethmat ṭhutu/hmin khentu.

 \triangleright **the undersigned** n (pl unchanged) a tang lam ih hmin khentu pawl: We, the undersigned (ie We whose signatures appear below), declare that

underslung /¡ʌndəˈslʌŋ/ adj 1 tlun lam ihsin kai/thlai. 2 (of a vehicle chassis) axles hnakih niam ih thlai.

undersold pt, pp of undersell.

understaffed /¡Andəˈstɑ:ft; US -ˈstæft/ adj (of a school, a hospital, an office, etc) thate ih tuan dingin minug maltuk/minung daih-aw lo: The school is badly understaffed. Cf overstaffed, UNDERMANNED.

understand / ${
m ind}$ ə ${
m stænd}/v~(pt,~pp~{
m understood})$ /-\stud/) (not used in the continous tenses) 1 (a) [I, Tn, Tw] theifiang; theithiam: I'm not sure that I fully understand (you). O understand the instructions, rules, conditions, etc o I can understand French perfectly. O I don't understand (a word of) what you're saying, eg because you're speaking too quickly. (b) [Tn, Tw, Tsg] thil pakhat a poizia le a thupitzia theithiam: Do you understand the difficulty of my position? O I just can't understand him/his taking the money. 2 [I, Tn, Tf, Tw, Tsg] zaangfahnak thawn thil pakhat/mi pakhat thuhla theithiam; ziang ti ih tuah ding/tuan ding ti theithiam: understand children, machinery, modern music o We thoroughly understand each other/one another, even if we don't always agree. O I quite understand that you need a change/your needing a change. O He



understands how hard things have been for you. **3** (usu fml) (a) [Tf, Cn·t] theihternak ihsin thei: I understand she is in Paris. O Am I to understand that you refuse? O The situation, as I understand it, is very dangerous. O I understood him to say/as saying that he would co-operate. (b) [Tf usu passive] sim tul lo, theihcia vekih ruat: Your expenses will be paid, that's understood. 4 [Tn esp passive] a kim lo le a sambaumi thinlung ih bet: 'I can't drive', the object 'a car' is understood. 5 (idm) give sb to understand (that)... (fml) zumter/ruatter: We given to understand that the accommodation was free. make oneself understood tican/simduhmi fiangter: He doesn't speak much English but he can make himself understood.

 \triangleright understandable /-əbl/ adj thei theih; aancin theih: ngaithiam/ruatsak theih. understanably adv: She was understandably annoyed.

understanding / $_{\Lambda}$ ndə l stænd $_{\Pi}$ / n 1 [U] ruahnak thiang tha zet/fiang zet ih ruat theinak; fimvarnak: musteries beyond human understanding. 2 [U, sing] ~ (of sth) thil pakhat thupit dan, candan, sullam theihnak: I have only a limited understanding of French. 3 [U, sing] hmuhtlang theinak/a sung muril le umdan theihthiamnak: no real understanding between husband and wife o our improved understanding of Soviet life O Work for a better understanding between world religions. 4 (a) [U] ~ (of sth) (usu fml) thuhla theih dan: My understanding was that we would meet here. (b) [C usu sina] timtuahnak le lungkimnak: come to/reach an understanding with management about pay o We have an understanding that/ There is an understanding between us that we will not sell to each other's customers. 5 (idm) on the understanding that ...; on this understanding cuvek khavek a si ahcun; cu ti a si lawngah: I lent him £5 on the understanding that he would repay me today.

understanding adj midang ih harnak le tuarnak theihpi thiam/zaangfah thiam: an understanding approach, smile, parent.

understate / $_{\rm i}$ Andə $^{\rm i}$ steit/ v [Tn] 1 a sinak vek cekci in a kim ih sim lo; famkim ih sim theh lo: understate one's views, feelings, reactions, etc She gave a beautifully understated performance as Ophelia. 2 a zat hnakin mal sawn ih sim: understate one's losses, eg of money, troops.

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angle understatement /\(\text{And} \) a stertment/\(n \) (a) [U] a famkim ih rel thluh lo: a clever use of understatement. (b) [C] famkim lo tukih sim: To say that he was displeased is an understatement, ie He was furious.

understudy /\(\text{AndestAdi/} \) $n \sim (\text{to sb})$ thuanthu cawnnak ah midang aiawh thei, asilole, aiawh thei dingih zirtu: (fig) The Vice-President acts as understudy to the President.

(the role of) Ophelia O She understudied Judi

undertake /ˌʌndəˈteɪk/ v (pt undertook /-ˈtuk/, ppundertaken /-teikən/) (fml) 1 [Tn] mahtein tuanvo laak: undertake a mission, task, project, etc O She undertook the organization of the whole scheme. 2 [Tf, Tt] thil pakhat ṭuan/ṭuan dingih lungkim, asilole, tiam-aw: he undertook to finish the job by Friday.

 □ undertaking / \(\text{And} \) \(\text{terkin} \) \(n \) 1 [sing] tuan ding le tuah dingih tuanvo laak: a commercial, financial, etc undertaking O Small businesses are a risky undertaking. O Getting married is a serious undertaking. 2 ~ (that.../to do sth) (fml) tiamkam: an undertaking that the loan would be repaid \circ She gave a solemn undertaking to respect their decision.

undertaker / Λ ndəteIkə(r)/(US also mortician) nmithi pawl phum ding, a silole, ur dingih tim uahtu le tawlreltu.

 □ undertaking /ndəteikin/ n [U] mithi phum dingih tawlreltu pawl ih hnatuan/tuan vo.

undertone / Andətəun/ n 1 (often pl) aw thuum le dimte: speak, murmur, etc in an undertone o threating, sympathetic, sibilant undertones. 2 (of sth) a sungih a thupte ih ummi: There were undertones of relief as the visitors left. Cf OVERTONE. 3 si thuhmi tha lem lo: pink with an undertone of mauve.

undertow /'nndətəʊ/ n [sing] a tlunlam tiluan thawn a linglet ih a luangmi lipi thuai ih tihrual: caught in an undertow o The pull of the undertow can drag swimmers out to sea.

undervalue /, Δ ndə l vælju:/ v [Tn, Cn·n/a] ~ sb/ sth (as sth) a man, lole, sinak niamter; hmuniam, nautat, zohsuk: We had undervalued the flat by £5000. O Don't undervalue Jim's contribution to the research. O We clearly undervalued him as a member of our team.

underwater /ˌʌndəlwɔːtə(r)/ adj tidai tangih ummi: underwater caves, cameras underwater archaeology, eg of wrecks.

underwater adv: The duck disappeared underwater.

underwear /\(\lambda \text{ndawea}(r) / \) n [U] underclothes) [pl], (fml) underclothing [U] sunghruk: thermal underwear O She packed one change of underwear, eg a bra, pants, tights.

underweight /Andəlweit/ adj zaran, asilole, a tlaangpi hnakih niam; rit lo zaang: You are only slightly underweight fo (ie in relation to) you $height. \circ The \ coal \ is \ six \ pounds \ underweight/$ underweight by six pounds. Cf overweight.

underwent / \text{, and \text{\text{o}} went/ pt of undergo.}

underworld /'n and n the under world



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[sing] 1 (in mythology) mithi khua lei hnuai ih mitthi pawl thlarau umnak hmun. 2 thil sual tuah le rukfir ih pumcawmtu pawl umnak hmun: police contacts in the London underworld o [attrib] leading underworld figures, ie notorious criminals.

underwrite /ˌʌndəˈraɪt/ v (pt underwrote /-ˈrəʊt/, pp underwritten /-ˈrɪtn/) [Tn] 1 tangphawlawng ih thilri phur pawl le siatnak a um asile, thilri man kuan theh dingih tiamkam-aw. 2 (finance) biak-awknak ih lungkimcia vekin, senpi ih lei duh nawn lo company thilri (shares) lei dingih tuanvo laak: The shares were underwritten by the Bank of England. 3 hnatuan pakhat tuahnak ih a tulmi sumpai pek dingih tuanvo la: The government underwrote the initial costs of the operation.

> **underwriter** *n* cutivek ih tuan dingih tuanvo latu: *an underwriter at Lloyd's*.

undeserved /andr'zs:vd/ adj mawi lo, dik lo, tlak lo, ding lo: an undeserved punishment, rebuke, reward ○ His reputation as a Romeo is quite undeserved.

 \triangleright undeservedly /-dr'za:vidli/ adv.

undesirable /, Andr'zaiðrðbl/ adj 1 buainak leh remlonak thlengter theimi/duh lomi: The drug has no undesirable side-effects. ○ Military interventions is hightly undesirable. 2 (of a person, his habits, etc) duhnungza a si lomi minung/miṭha lo: She's a most undesirable influence.

 \triangleright **undesirable** *n* duh-um lomi minung: drunks, vagrants and other undesirables \circ (joc) The club hires a bouncer to keep out undesirables.

undesirably /-əbl $_{
m I}/adv$.

undeterred / \(\text{p.ndits:} \) \(\alpha \) \(\text{d} \) \(\alpha \) \(\text{d} \) \(\text{hamnak le dodalnak} \)
\(\text{um lo/kham lo; tha sia lo: } \) \(\text{undeterred by failure} \)
\(\text{o} \) \(\text{It was raining heavily but he set out undeterred.} \)

undeveloped /ˌʌndɪˈveləpt/adj pitling, ṭhangkim hrih lo; hmin ngah hrih lo: undeveloped fruit, muscles, organs. 2 lo thlawhnak, thilri tuahnak tivekih hman hrih lomi: undeveloped land ○ undeveloped resources, sites.

undid /An'dıd/ pt of UNDO, angki sih/hridai sih phoih.

undies /\u00e1nndiz/ n [pl] (infml) nunau sunghruk: She appeared in her undies.

undignified /An'dignifaid/adj mi-aa vek le mi ih upat tlak lomi (ti hnuamhni): an undignified retreat, collapse, failure, etc ○ His skis crossed and he sat down in a most undignified manner.

undischarge /ˌʌndɪs'tʃɑːdʒd/ adj (finance) 1 (of a debt) leiba rul lo/sam lo. 2 (of bankrupt person) leiba rul thei hrih lomi. Cf discharge.

undisputed /,\(\text{Andr}\)'spju:tid/ adj 1 rinhlelh thei
lomi; zum lo theih lo: undisputed facts, talents,
right. 2 el lo ih cohlang/a dik a hmaan tiih

lungkim: the undisputed champion, winner, etc o the undisputed market leader.

undistinguished /ˌʌndrˈstɪŋgwiʃt/ adj hleicetnak zianghman nei lo/um lo; zaran, asilole, tikel: an undistinguished career, appearance ○ be undistinguished as a diplomat.

undivided /ˌandrˈvaɪdɪd/ adj (idm) give one's undivided attention (to sth/sb); get/have sb's undivided attention thinlung zate pe: You have my (full and) undivided attention. O Tom seldom got his mother's undivided attention.

undo /An'du:/ v (pl undid /An'dɪd/, pp undone /
An'dan/) [Tn] 1 phoih: My zip has come undone.
○ I can't undo my shoelaces. ○ undo (ie
unravel) some knitting. Cf do up (do²), do sth up.
2 siat bal: He undid most of the good work of his
predecessor. ○ What is done cannot be undone.
▷ undoing /An'du:ɪŋ/n [sing] (fml) mi ih siatnak,
asilole, tlakniamnak: Drink was his undoing. ○
lead, contribute to sb's undoing.

undone *adj* [pred] **1** phoih, tem lo, sih lo, ong: *Your buttons are all undone.* **2** tuah lo, theh lo: *The work was left/remained undone.*

undoubted /An'dautid/ adj [attrib] ringhlel lo; lung rum lo: her undoubted skill, class, ability, etc as an athlete on undoubted improvement in my health on undoubted authority on the subject.

 \triangleright undoubtedly adv: The painting is undoubtedly genuine. \bigcirc undoubtedly so.

undreamed-of /An'dri:md pv/ (also undreamt-of /An'dremt pv/) adj a cang thei ding tiih ruat dah lomi: undreamed-of wealth, success ○ We now travel round the world in a way previously undreamt-of.

undress /, an'dres/ v 1 [I] phoih, hlip, hlit: undress and get into bed. 2 [Tn] hnipuan phoih/ hlip: undress a child, doll.

▷ undressed adj [usu pred] hnipuan hruk lo, taklawng: Are you undressed yet? ○ It's time the children got undresses.

undrinkable /, An'drinkabl/ adj in tlaak lo: This wine is quite undrinkable.

undue /¡An'dju:; US -'du:/ adj [attrib] (fml) hleihluak/luar tuk: with undue haste ○ show undue concern over sb/sth ○ apply undue pressure to make sb change his mind.

undulate /Andjulett; US -dzu-/v [I] caang, caang duldo: (a field of) wheat undulating in the breeze o undulating hills, fields, etc.

 \triangleright undulation n (a) [U] tifawn vekih a langmi, lole, cangvaihnak. (b) [C] (cangdawlmi lo vekin) leilung a dot dot ih ummi: the downs fell in gentle undulations to the sea.

unduly / \(\lambda \text{n' l'dju:li} \); US -'du:li/ adv (fml) tul loin,
mawi lo zet in: without being unduly pessimistic,
suspicious, etc \(\circ \) not unduly influenced/not
influenced unduly by the media.

undying /An'daIII/ adj [attrib] hmun camcin,



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cemni nei lo: undying love, hatred, fame.

unearned /¡An's:nd/adj 1 hlawhmi si lo, hnatuan ruangih hlawhmi si lo: unearned income, eg from interest on investments. 2 co phu lo/co tlaak lo: unearned praise.

unearth /\lambda n's:\text{\text{\text{\form sth}}} \ r \text{ [Tn, Tn-pr] } ~ \text{sth (from sth) 1} \\ \text{hmu suak, lai suak: } unearth buried treasure \circ \\ The dog has unearthed some bones. 2 (fig) hawl/\\ \text{hlathlai ih hmu/hmusuak ih thu than: } I\\ \text{unearthed the portrait from the attic. } \circ \text{unearth} \\ new facts about Shakespeare.} \end{array}

unearthly /ʌnˈɜːθlɪ/ adj leilung lam thil si lo; milai khawruahnak ih theihban lomi mangbangza, tihnungza thil raapthlaak: unearthly visions, screams ○ The silence was unearthly. 2 [attrib] (infml) zingpit tuk lawmmam; remcang lo zet caan: Why unearthly time of 2.30 am.

uneasy /ʌnˈiːzɪ/ adj (-ier, -iest) 1 ~ (about sth/at sth) a harsami, lole, thinhengnak a simi: I'm uneasy in my mind about the future. 2 thinnuam lo; caan tawite lawng, lole, thil remcang lo zetmi: an uneasy truce, silence o pass an uneasy night, ie sleep badly. 3 hnaihnok/thinphang: They had an uneasy suspicion that all was not well.

ightharpoonup unease /\(\lambda\) niz/, uneasiness ns [U] tihphannak, thin nom lonak: I waited with growing unease for her return.

uneasily /An'i:zɪlɪ/ adv: He moved uneasily in his chair.

uneatable /\(\text{An'}\)itribl/ adv ei tlaak lo. Cf inedible. **uneconomic** /\(\text{An_i}\)itrible'\(\text{nomik}\), \(\text{An_i}\)ek-/ adj hlawknak um lo; a miat lomi: uneconomic factories, industries, businesses, $etc \circ the$ closure of uneconomic pits, ie coal-mines.

uneconomical /ˌʌnˌiːkə¹nɒmɪkl, ˌʌnˌek-/ adj heukhau, ei-ek, daih lo, tenren lo: an uneconomical method of housekeeping.

ightharpoonup uneconomically /-kli/ adv.

uneducated /An'edʒʊkeɪtɪd/ adj 1 fimthiamnak nei lo; cin le daan mumal nei lo: uneducated speech, handwriting ○ uneducated tastes. 2 tlawngca zir dah lo, lole, malte lawng zirmi.

unemployed /ˌʌnɪm'ploɪd/ adj 1 a laangte ih hnatuan nei lo (temporarily wirthout a paid job).
2 hman lomi: (finance) unemployed capital, ie capital that is not invested.

 \triangleright the unemployed n (pl v) hnațuan nei lo pawl.

unemployment /Anim'ploiment/ n [U] (a)
hnatuan ding um lonak: 300 workers face
unemployment o throughout the period of your
unemployment. (b) hnatuan nei lo
hmuahhmuah: reduce unemployment, eg by
creating jobs o the rising level of unemployment
o [attrib] the monthly unemployment figures.

 \triangleright unemployment benefit (US unemployment compensation) [U] hnatuan ngah thei lo pawl

hnenih pekmi paisa.

unending /An'endin/ adj 1 kumkhua ih um/ cawlbang lo: the unending struggle between good and evil. 2 (infml) tisal leuhleuh: I'm tired of your unending complaints.

unequal / An'i:kwəl/ adj 1 ~ (in sth) temzen, a zat bang-aw lo/lamdang: The twins are unequal in height. 2 cahnak bang-aw lo/thil ti theinak bang-aw lo: an unequal bargain, contest, struggle unemployment unequal pay and conditions, eg for women. 3 [pred] ~ to sth (fml) thil pakhat khat tuah dingah thazaang in tlin lo, fimnak in daih lo: I feel unequal to the task.

 \triangleright unequally /-kəli/ adv.

unequalled /_iAn'i:kwəld/ adj midang hnakih cuang; thim theih lo: His record as a showjumper is unequalled. ○ The husky is unequalled for stamina and endurance.

unequivocal /nnr'kwivəkl/ adj (fml) tican, asilole, sullam pakhat lawng nei mi; a fiangmi le tisual thei lomi: an unequivocal attitude, position, demand.

> **unequivocally** /-kəlɪ/ adv: state one's intentions unequivocally.

unerring /¡An'sːrɪŋ/ adj tummi/batmi cak cingah/ sual lo, thelh lo: his unerring taste in clothes, instinct for a bargain, sense of direction ○ He has an unerring knack of saying the wrong thing. ○ His aim was unerring.

 \triangleright unerringly adv.

UNESCO (also Unesco) /jur/neskeu/ abbr United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

unethical /,Δn'eθιkl/ adj hnaṭuannak ah cin le daan mumal nei lomi: unethical decision, practices.

 \triangleright unethically /-kli/ adv.

uneven /¡An¹i:vn/ adj 1 rual lo, nal lo, a rawn daan bang-aw lo: an uneven hemline, ie of a skirt ○ an uneven pavement, floor. 2 bang-aw lo/dang-aw; a keelvek ringring si lo: have an uneven pulse, heartbeat ○ Emotion made his voice uneven. ○ work of uneven quality. 3 (of a contest, etc) bang aw lo.

ightarrow unevenly adv. unevenness n [U].

unexceptionable /ˌʌnɪkˈsep∫ənəbl/ adj (fml) sawiseltheilo,lungkimza: her unexceptionable behaviour, conduct, etc.

 \triangleright unexceptionably /-əbli/ adv.

unexpected /\(\text{Anik}\)'spektid/ adj zum lo, rin lo: unexpected guests, questions, gifts ○ unexpected developments, changes, results ○ His reaction was quite unexpected.

 \triangleright **the unexpected** n [sing] zum lo/rin lo thil: be prepared for the unexpected (to happen).

unexpectedly adv.

unexpectedness n [U].

unfailing /An'feilin/ adj (approv) 1 cemti nei lo,



camci, ringring: an unfailing source of inspiration o their unfailing efforts for peace o his unfailing patience, good humour, devotion, etc. 2 [usu attrib] rinsan theimi/a fiangmi/tengteng: her unfailing cooperation, support, etc.

ightharpoonup unfailingly adv ziangtik lai khalah: unfailingly courteous.

unfair /ˌAn'feə(r)/ adj 1 ~ (on/to sb) dik lo/mawi
lo: unfair treatment, competition ○ an unfair
decision, comparison, advantage ○ If some
athletes use drugs, it is unfair on/to the other. ○
She sued her employer for unfair dismissal.

ightarrow unfairly adv.

unfairness n [U].

unfaithful /ˌʌnlˈfeɪθfl/adj ~ (to sb/sth) 1 mi nupi/ mi pasal thawn sual/uire: Her husband is unfaithful (to her). 2 (dated) zum um lo, rin um lo: an unfaithful servant, subject, etc.

ightarrow unfaithfully /-fəli/ adv.

unfaithfulness n [U].

unfamiliar / \(\text{Anfo} \) milio(r) / adj 1 ~ (to sb) tha te-ih theilo: His face was unfamiliar to me. ○ working in new and unfamiliar surroundings.
2 [pred] ~ with sth (fml) a thu thei lo; hmang thiam lo: I'm unfamiliar with this type of computer.

ightharpoonup unfamiliarity /ˌʌnfəˌmɪlɪˈærətɪ/ n [U].

unfathomable /Anˈfæðəməbl/ adj (fml) 1 a thuk tukih a tawdeng thleng thei lo: the ocean's unfathomable depths. 2 (fig) lamdang tuk, theihhar tuk: unfathomable motives, mysteries.

unfeeling /An'fi:lm/ adj thinlung ruh, thinlung hak, mi zaangfah thiam lo: unfeeling behaviour
an unfeeling person, remark, attitude, reaction.

ightarrow unfeelingly adv.

unfeigned /An'feind/ adj a si ngaingai mi, titeraw lo, a taktak: greet sb with unfeigned pleasure, delight, sympathy, etc.

 \triangleright unfeignedly / αdv .

unfit /ˌʌnˈfɪt/ adj 1 ~ (for sth/to do sth) (a) tlak lo/
tling lo: food unfit for human consumption ○
houses unfit for people to live in. (b) a tulmi
thiamnak, asilole, titheinak nei lo/tithei lo: She
is unfit for such a senior position. ○ He is unfit
to drive in his present state, eg because he is
drunk. 2 harhdam tawk lo, tling lo: The army
rejected him as medically unfit.

unflagging /¡An¹flægɪŋ/ adj banghmel langter lo, baang lo, thathlah lo: unflagging energy, zeal, devotion, etc ○ listen with unflagging attention, interest, concentration, etc.

ightrightarrow unflaggingly adv.

unflappable /Anfflæpəbl/ adj (infml esp Brit) harsatnak ah buai lo, thinlung fek zetih um: a busy manager needs a completely unflappable secretary.

□ unflappability /ˌʌnflæpəˈbɪlətɪ/ n [U].

unflinching /anˈflmt∫m/ adj tihnungza le harsatnak hmaiah tih lo, dungsip lo: unflinching courage, determination, resoluteness, etc.

> unflinchingly adv: He held out his hand unflinchingly for the cane.

unfold /An¹fəvld/ v 1 [I, Tn] (cause sth) phoih, ong: The garden chair unfolds to make a campbed. O unfold a map, tablecloth, etc O The eagle unfolded its wings. 2 [I, Tn, Dn·pr] ~ sth (to be) (fig) langter, theiter: The landscape unfolded before us. O as the story, scene, enquiry unfolds (itself) O She unfolded her plans to me.

unforeseen /¡\nnfor!si:n/ adj rak theicia lo, rin lo: unforeseen circumstances, developments, difficulties.

unforgettable / \(\text{Anfa}\) getabl/ adj (esp approv) olte ih hngilh thei lomi, cinken ringring tlaak: an unforgettable experience, moment, scene.

unformed /¡An'fɔ:md/ adj pitling hrih lo,
 thangkim hrih lo: her unformed handwriting ○
 The child's character is as yet unformed.

 \triangleright **unfortunate** n (esp pl) vansia, asilole, rethei zonzai: *Unlike many other poor unfortunates, I do have a job*.

 $\begin{array}{lll} \textbf{unfortunately} & adv & \textcolor{red}{\sim} (\textbf{for sb}) \text{ rehsia zet, vansiat} \\ \text{thlaak:} & The & notice & is & most & unfortunately} \\ phrased. & \circlearrowleft & I & can't & come, & unfortunately. & \circlearrowleft \\ \textit{Unfortunately for him, he was wrong.} \end{array}$

unfounded /¡Anˈfaʊndɪd/ adj hngauhsan nei lo, hrihram nei lo: unfounded rumours, suspicions, hopes.

unfreeze /,\u00e4nfrizz/ v (pt unfroze /-\u00edfreeze/, pp unfrozen /-\u00edfreezen/) 1 [I, Tn] (cause sth to) a khalih sin a ti ih cang, eg vur thawn ret ih khaltermi sa tivek khal loter sal. Cf DEFROST. 2 [Tn] (finance) thuneihnak neitu pawl ih tuahmi lakkha, hlawhman le thil man thlun duh lo/hlon: unfreeze wages, prices, etc ounfreeze trade restrictions.

unfriendly /ˌʌn¹frendlɪ/ adj (-ier, -iest) ~ (to/
towards sb) hua/raalsan, asilole, zaangfah lo,
lainat lo: an unfriendly look, gesture, attitude ○
He was distinctly unfriendly towards me.

unfrock /An'frok/ (also defrock) v [Tn esp passive] Puithiam a puithiam hnatuan ihsin dawi/colhter/bangter (a priest guilty of bad conduct).

unfurl ',\text{\ti}\text{\texi}\text{\texi\tin\text{\text{\text{\text{\texi}\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\texi}\text{\texi}\text{\texi}\text{\text{\texi}\tex{\text{\texi}\text{\texi}\text{\text{\texi}\text{\texitint{\texi

ungainly /An'geɪnlɪ/ adj cangdan le pianken



mawi lo, duhnung lomi: the ungainly movements of ducksout of water \circ He walked in long ungainly strides.

□ ungainliness [U].

unget-at-able /,Anget'ætəbl/ adj (infml) (in a place that is) thlen ol lo, pan theih lo; naih theih lo

ungodly /ˌʌn'gɒdlɪ/ adj 1 (dated or fml) Pathian tihzah lo, misual, hlothlau: led anungodly life.
2 [attrib] (infml) remcang lo zet: Why are you phoning at this ungodly hour (of the night)?

ungovernable /ˌʌnˈɡʌvənəbl/ adj (fml) khawng theih lo; uk har zet, mi neekrawk: fly into an ungovernable rage, temper, etc o a man of ungovernable passions.

ungracious /ˌʌnˈgreɪ∫əs/ adj duhnung lo, mawi lo: her ungracious acceptance of my offer ○ It was ungracious of me not to acknowledge your help.

 \triangleright ungraciously adv.

ungrammatical /¡Angrəˈmætikl/ adj tong hman dan, tong dan dik lo, hmaan lo: ungrammatical sentence, constructions, etc.

 \triangleright ungrammatically /-kli/ adv.

ungrateful /\lambdan'greitfl/\(adj \simes (to) \) (for sth) lungawi thiam lo: You \(ungrateful\) wretch!

 \triangleright ungratefully /-fəli/ adv.

unguarded /An'ga:dɪd/ adj 1 kilveng lo: The prisoner was left unguarded ○ Never leave your luggage unguarded, ie unattended. 2 (esp of a person what he says) ralring lo, tong le hnatuan ah ralring lo: unguarded comments, criticisms, etc ○ catch sb in an unguarded moment.

unhappy /An'hæpi/ adj (-ier, -iest) 1 (a) rehsia,
lungawi/aipuang lo: look, sound, etc unhappy ○
an unhappy occasion, atmosphere, fact. (b) ~
(about/at sth) thin phang/lungkim lo: Investors
were unhappy about the risk. 2 vansia, vannei
lo: an happy coincidence, chance, etc ○ What
has led to this unhappy state of affairs?

 \triangleright unhappily /-II/ adv 1 rehsia zet in. rehsiatza: *Unhappily*, she is not here today. unhappiness n [U].

unhealthy /An'helθt/ 1 harhdam lo: an unhealthy pallor, complexion, cough ○ (fig) the unhealthy state of the economy. 2 harhdamnak siatsuah thei: an unhealthy climate, diet, life-style ○ living in damp unhealthy conditions. 3 taksa/ ruahnak hmaan lo; dam lo, famkim lo: show an unhealthy interest in/curiosity about murder. 4 (infml) nunnak hrangah tihnungza: Terrorist attacks made our position very unhealthy.

ightarrow unhealthily /-ɪlɪ/ adv.

unhealthiness n[U] thinung.

unheard /,An'h3:d/ adj [usu pred] ngai sak lomi; ngaihven lomi: Her case was/went unheard by the authorities.

□ unheard-of /ʌnˈhɜːd ɒv/ adj theih dah kel

lomi; a hlanih theihcia/tuahcia lomi: Radiation reached unheard-of levels. O It was unheard-of for anyone to complain.

unholy /ˌʌnˈhəʊlɪ/ adj (-ier, -iest) [attrib] 1 tha lo; sual, thianghlim lo: an unholy alliance between communists and Fascists. 2 (infml) (only before noun) thil tha lo sim uarnak; a luarkai; lawmmam: leave things in an unholy muddle/mess ○ making an unholy row/din/racket.

 \triangleright unholiness n [U].

unhoped-for /an'həupt fɔ:(r)/ adj ruahsan lemlomi, beisei lomi: an unhoped-for piece of good luck.

uni- comb form pakhat/pakhat lawng um/nei: unilateral ○ unisex.

UNICEF /jumsef/ abbr United Nations Children's (formerly International Children's Emergency) Fund.

unicellular /ju:nr'seljulə(r)/ adj (biology) (of an organism) a fate zetmi nunnak (cell) pakhat lawng a neimi.

unicorn /jumikom/ n a cal ih ki saupi a neimi rang vek ramsa phun khat; a um ngaingai lomi, thuanthu phuahcop.

unidentified /₊Anar'dentifaid/ adj theihthiam lomi, a hmaan/hmaan lo ti theih lomi: an unidentified species, submarine, caller ○ information from unidentified sources.

 \Box unidentified flying object $(abbr\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \)=$ FLYING SAUCER (FLYING).

uniform¹ /ju:n:fo:m/ adj bang-awmi, a dang-aw lomi: of uniform length, size, shape, colour, etc
The rows of houses were uniform in appearance. ○ be kept at a uniform temperature
uniform distribution of weight.

 \triangleright uniformity /ju:nt'fo:məti/ n (esp derog) [U]: a depressing uniformity of taste. uniformly adv: Reaction to the cuts was uniformly negative.

uniform² /ju:nifo:m/ n 1 [C, U] a burih ummi pawl khat/ho khat ih bangrep ih an hrukmi hnipuan: children wearing school uniform(s). 2 (idm) in uniform (a) hnipuan bangrep hruk: officers in full dress uniform. (b) ralkap tuan: How long was he in uniform?

▷ **uniformed** adj uniform hruk: uniformed staff, eg at a hotel ○ the uniformed branch of the police, ie as contrasted with detectives, who wear plain clothes.

unify /ˈjuːnɪfaɪ/ v (pt, pp -fied) [Tn] rualrem-aw, kom-aw: Germany was unified in 1871. O the unifying effect of the nurses' strike O England and Scotland do not have a unified legal system.

 \triangleright unification /ju:nifi'kei $\int n / n$ [U]: seeking the unification of Christian churches.

unilateral /ju:nrlatrəl/ adj [usu attrib] khatlam lawng ih tuahmi, khatlam le khatlam ih



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lungkimnak a si lomi: unilateral decisions, agreements, declarations, etc \circ unilateral (nuclear) disarmament, ie voluntary removal or dismantling by a country of its (nuclear) weapons. Cf bilateral, Multilateral.

 \triangleright unilaterally /-rəli/ adv.

unimpeachable /ˌʌnɪm'pi:t∫əbl/adj (fml approv)

zum lo ding um lo; lungrum ding um lo; zum a

tlaakmi: unimpeachable honesty, behaviour ○

evidence from an unimpeachable source.

 \triangleright unimpeachably /-əbli/ adv.

uninformed /Anm'formed adj 1 theihter lo: an uninformed estimate, opinion, criticism O Her colleagues had deliberately kept her uninformed.
2 cathiam lo/fimthiamnak nei lo: the uninformed political discussion you hear in pubs O (fml or joc) Quercus, or, to the uninformed layman, the oak....

uninspired /, \text{\tint{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\tint{\text{\tint{\text{\tin\text{\texi}\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\texi}\text{\texitilex{\tex{\texit{\texit{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi\tint{\tin}\tint{\tetitt{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{

uninspiring /ˌʌnɪnˈspaɪərɪŋ/ adj duhnak le thathawhnak umter lo: *The book is fascinating, despite its uninspiring title.*

unintelligible /¡Anın'telıdʒəbl/ adj theihthei lo: unintelligible handwriting, jargon ○ speak in an almost unintelligible whisper.

 \triangleright unintelligibly /-əbli/ adv.

uninterested / Δ n'IntrestId/ $adj \sim (in sb/sth)$ thinlung lut lo, ngaih sak lo; paih lo. \Rightarrow Usage at INTEREST².

uninviting / $_{1}$ Anin'vaitin/ adv thinlung hip lo: an uninviting meal of cold fish and chips \circ The hotel room was bare and uninviting.

union /ju:niən/ n 1 [U sing] ~ (of A with B/ between A and B) peh-awknak, zom-awknak: the union of three towns into one \circ support the union between our two parties/the union of our party with yours. 2 [C] (a) (esp political) a thendarhmi le ramthen pawl hmun khat ih kom-aw: the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. (b) pawlkom, pawl ho dangdang pawl peh-aw: the National Union of Working Men's Clubs o members of the Students' Union, ie a general social and deabting society at soe universities and colleges o join the Mothers' Union. (c) TRADE UNION (TRADE 1) lungrual tlangnak. 3 (fmlor joc) (a) [U] hmunkhat ah lungrual te ih um: live together in perfect union. (b) [C] innsang lungrual te ih um: a happy union, blessed with six children. 4 [C] thirtluan, lole, tidawng pahnih pehzomtu.

 \triangleright unionize, -ise /-arz/v [I, Tn] sumtuah pawl khawmnak ih telve dingin midang sawm/khawm: unionize a firm's employees \bigcirc a unionized work-force. unionization, -isation/ju:niənar'zer∫n; US-nr'z-/n [U].

□ the union Jack (also the union flag) United Kingdom-ih Thantar puan.

unionist /ˈjuːnɪənɪst/ n (a) Trade union ih a telmi member, asilole, Trade Union tha a petu. (b)
Unionist unionist politic lam ih ṭanrual/zomawk a duhtu a bik in Britain uk Northern Ireland karlak ah.

 \triangleright unionism /n/n [U].

unique /juːˈniːk/ adj 1 (a) bangpi nei lo/amah lawng lo cu amah vek a dang um nawn lo: a unique work of art. (b) tluktu/bangtu nei lo: a unique opportunity ○ a unique ability. 2 [pred] ~ to sb/sth minung/thil pakhat thawn lawng a pehpar-awmi/zom-awmi: special difficulties unique to blind people. 3 (infml) lamdang zet, hleice zet: a rather unique little restaurant.

 \triangleright uniquely adv: She is uniquely suited to the job.

uniqueness n [U].

unisex /jumseks/ adj nunau mipa thleidang lo ih hman theimi thilri: unisex fashions o a unisex hairdressing salon.

unison /jumisn, 'jumizn/ n (idm) in unison (with sb/sth) (a) hmunkhat te ah a bang-awmi awthluuk pakhat a rual ih saktlaang, lole, a bang-aw mi awthluk a niam le a saang in saktlang/tumtlaang: The last verse will be sung in unison. (b) (fig fml) hmunkhat ah lungkim ih tuankhawm: The banks have acted in unison with the building societies in lowering interest rates.

unit /ju:nɪt/ n 1 thil pakhat, pawl khat, tom khat, bur khat: the family as the unit of society o the course book has twenty units. 2 thil tahnak ih sirhsanmi tahnak hram (pi hi a sau lam tahnak hram unit a si — pi sirhsan in yard, furlong, mile a suak): The metre is a unit of lenght. \circ The monetary unit of Great Britain is the pound. \circ SI units \circ a bill for fifty units of electricity. 3 (esp in compounds) (a) cet tivek sungah a um vekih a dangte in hnatuan pakhat a tuan vemi thil fate: a filter unit o the central processing unit in a computer. (b) pawlkom tumpi sung ihsin a hleice ih hnatuanmi mibur burkhat: a unit of highly-trained soldiers o a bombdisposal unit. 4 hmannak phunkhat a nei ciarmi, innsang thilri pawl: matching kitchen units o storage units. 5 (a) thil siarnak fate bik, nambat: The number 34 consists of three $tens\ and\ four\ units.\ (\mathbf{b})\ 0\ le\ 9\ karlak\ ih\ a\ ummi$ nambat him pawl (1/2, 3/4 tivekih a then a si lomi): a column for the tens and a column for the

unit price thil pakhat pakhat/a paakpaak ih man.

unit trust (Brit) (US mutual fund) paisa retkhawmnak company.

Unitarian /ju:n/teəriən/n, adj (member) Trinity
Doctrine Pa, Fapa, Thiang Thlarau ti ih zum
lotu, Pathian ah mi pathum si loin mi pakhat a
si ti ih zumtu; Thumkom Pathian zum lotu



unite 1564

pawl: the Unitarian Church.

 \triangleright Unitarianism /-ızəm/ n [U].

unite /ju.'naɪt/ v 1 [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn·pr] ~ (sb/sth) (with sb/sth) (cause people or things to) remaw, pakhat ih cang, kom-aw, lungrual: The two parties have united to form a coalition. ○ After three years in prison he was again united with his wife and family. ○ the common interests that unite our two countries ○ The threat of war has united the country behind (ie in support of) its leaders. 2 [I, Ipr] ~ (in sth/doing sth) hmunkhat ih tuankhawm: We should unite in fighting/unite to fight poverty and disease.

▷ united adj 1 lainatnak le duhdawtnak thawn peh/komkhawm: a very united family. 2 tumtahnak pakhat nei minung pehzom-aw: make a united effort ○ apresent a united front to the enemy. 3 ram-uknak (politics)lam ih pehzom/ṭangkhawm: the campaign for a united Ireland. unitedly adv.

 \square the United Kingdom (abbr (the) UK) Great Britain le Ireland ram saklam kommi. \Rightarrow Usage at GREAT.

the United Nations $(abbr\ (the)\ UN)$ leilungpi remdaihnak um dingih a tuantlaangtu ram tinkip pawlkompi.

the United State (of America) (abbr (the) US, USA) America saklam ih ram then (States) 50 le District of Columbia (DC) kommi.

Univ abbr University: London Univ \circ Univ of Salford.

universal /ju:ni'v:si/adj [esp attrib] zaraan, mi hmuahhmuah tuahmi, leitlun pumpi huapmi: Television provides universal entertainment. O War cause universal misery. O universal suffrage, ie the right of all members of a community to vote O There is universal agreement on this issue. O Their proposal met with almost universal condemnation.

ightharpoonup universality /ju:niver'sæleti/ n [U].

universally /-səli/ adv mi hmuahhmuah, asilole, thil hmuahhmuah ah: It is universally acknowledged that... \circ The rules do not apply universally.

□ universal joint (also universal coupling) cet sungih a hermi hmun pahnih a pehmi fung kha, a ding in, lole, a peng in a ṭial le a bak kaih-aw ih peh theihmi pehnak.

universe /ju:nivs:s/ n 1 the universe [sing] lei le
van ih ummi huap in thil ummi hmuahhmuah.
2 [C] arsi bur (glaxy): Are there other universes
outside our own?

university /ju:nr\va:seti/ n (a) [C] phunsang
tlawng: She hopes to go to university next year.
○ [attrib] a university student, lecturer,
professor, etc. (b) [CGp] phunsang tlawng ih a
ummi hmuahhmuah a bur ih kawhnak. ⇒
Usage at school.¹.

unjust /יְמח'dאַמגל adj mawi lo, ding lo; dingthluk lairel um lo: an unjust accusation.

> unjustly adv: She was unjustly imprisoned without trial.

unjustifiable /An'dʒAstɪfaɪəbl/ adj a hmaan a si ti ih pom thei lo, ngaidam thei: His behaviour was quite unjustifiable.

 \triangleright unjustifiably /-əbli/ adv.

unkempt /ˌʌnˈkempt/ adj mi buahcih; mi thiangfai lo: unkempt hair ○ He had an unkempt appearance. ○ The garden looks very unkempt.

▷ unkindly adv zaangfahnak nei loin: Please don't take my remarks unkindly, ie think I intend to be unkind in saying this.

unkindness n [U, C].

unknowing /An'nəuɪŋ/ adj [usu attrib] theih lomi: He was the unknowing cause of all the misunderstanding.

▷ **unknowingly** adv: All unknowingly, she had been waiting for hours in the wrong place.

unknown /¡An'nəun/adj ~ (to sb) 1 theih lo, theih fiang lo: The side-effects of the drug are as yet unknown (to scientists). ○ Unknown forces were at work to overthrow the government. 2 hminthang lo, laar lo: The star of the film is a previously unknown actor. 3 (idm) an unknown quantity ton fiang lo ruangih umdan zia sim thei lominung/thil: the new sales director is still a bit of an unknown quantity. unknown to sb theih loin: Quite unknown to me, she'd gone ahead and booked the holiday.

ightharpoonup unknown n (a) (usu the unknown) theih hrih lomi thil/hmun tivek: a journey into the unknown \circ fear of the unknown. (b) [C] thazet ih theih lomi minung: The leading role is played by a complete unknown. (c) [C] (mathematics) tuat suak hrih lo; a zat theih hrih lomi: x and y are unknowns.

unlace / $_{\rm A}$ n'le $_{\rm IS}$ / v [Tn] kedan hri sih ciami phoih. **unladen** / $_{\rm A}$ n'le $_{\rm Id}$ / $_{\rm Id}$ thil phurhmi nei lo; lawng.

unlawful /,\(\text{\chinft}\) adj (infml) daan lo, daan thawn kalh-aw: unlawful assembly \(\circ\) a verdict of unlawful killing.

ightharpoonup unlawfully /-fə \ln/adv .

unlearn /ˌʌn'liːɜːn/ v [Tn] zir cia, thiam cia dan hngilh dingin tum; theihngilh; ciing nawn lo: You must start by unlearning all the bad habits your previous piano teacher taught you!



unmask unmask

unleash /nn'li: ʃ/v [Tn, Tn·pr] ~ sth (against/on sb/sth) (a) kaihhremnak, asilole, hrengsut ihsin luatter/suakter, phelh: unleash the guard dogs. (b) (fig) thil pakhat kha kham nawn lo in thlah; thil/mi pakhat khat nasa zet ih donak dingah pakhat khat thlah: unleash the forces of nuclear power O He unleshed a torrent of abouse against the unfortunate shop assistant.

unleavened /¡ʌn'levnd/ adj (of bread) thil nu, asilole, colh rawi lo.

unless /ən'les/ conj lole, lo ahcun: You'll fail in French unless you work harder. ○ Unless England improve their game they're going to lose the match. ○ I wouldn't be saying this unless I were sure of the facts. ○ Come at 8 o'clock unless I phone, eg to tell you a different time. ○ I sleep with the window open unless it's really cold.

NOTE ON USAGE: Unless and if...not can often be used in the same way: Follow the green signs unless you have goods to declare/if you haven't any goods to declare. Unless cannot be used when referring to the result of something not happening and is, therefore, not used in 'imaginary' conditional sentences: We would have had a lovely holiday if it hadn't rained (NOT unless it had rained) every day. \circ I'll be sorry if she doesn't come (NOT unless she comes) to the party. Unless (not if ... not) is often used to introduce an afterthought, ie something added to the main statement: She hasn't got any hobbies — unless you call watching TV a hobby. O Have a cup of tea unless you'd prefer a cold drink.

unlettered /, α n'letəd/ adj (fml) casiar thiam lo, cathiam lo. Cf ILLITERATE.

unlike /An'laik/ adj [pred] bang-aw lo, dang-aw: They are so unlike nobody would believe they were sisters.

▶ unlike prep 1 lamdang/bang-aw lo: Her latest novel is quite unlike her earlier work. ○
The scenery was unlike anything I'd seen before. ○
○ Their celebrations at Christmas are not unlike our own. 2 ziaza keel si lo: It's very unlike him to be so abrupt. 3 vek si loin: Unlike me, my husband likes to stay in bed. ○ I was very interested in the lecture, unlike many of the students. ○ He managed to finish the race, unlike more than half of the competitors.

unlikely /an'laikli/ adj (-ier, -iest) (a) si ding a mawi lo, si ding a bang lo: It is unlikely to rain/ that is will rain. ○ There is unlikely to be rain.
○ There is unlikely to be rain. ○ His condition is unlikely to improve. ○ In the unlikely event of a strike, production would be badly affected. (b) [attrib] a hmaan/dik ding a bang lo; zum um lo: an unlikely tale, excuse, explanation, etc.

unlimited /ivn'limitid/ adj tam ngaingai; bikhiah um lo: If only one had an unlimited supply of money!

unlined /An'lamd/adj 1 a sung thuah nei lo: a cheap unlined coat ○ The box was rough and unlined.
2 riin lomi catlap/cahnah: unlined paper ○ a smooth unlined complexion.

unlisted /,An'listid/ adj (a) cazin ih tel lomi (esp
 of Stock Exchange prices): an unlisted
 company. (b) (US) = EXDIRECTORY: He/his
 number is unlisted.

unload /¡An'ləʊd/v 1 (a) [I, Tn, Tn·pr] ~ sth (form sth) thil phurhmi thum/thlaak; suah: 'Dockers started unloading (the ship). ○ unload shopping from a car. (b) [Tn] meithal sungih thanmi zian le ziandawng suah; camera ihsin film suah. 2 [I, Tn] (of vehicles, vessels etc) mawṭaw le lawng parih thilri suah: Lorries may only park here when loading or unloading. 3 [Tn, Tn·pr] ~ sth/sb (on/onto sb) (infml) duh lomi thil; minung midang hnenih pek: Do you mind if I unload the children onto you this afternoon? Cf OFFLOAD.

unlock /ˌʌn'lok/ v [Tn] 1 sangka tawh/cabi ong: unlock the gate. 2 phorhsuah; luatter, suah: exploration to unlock the secrets of the ocean bed.

unlooked-for /an'lukt fx(r)/ adj (fml) beisei lo; zum lo: unlooked-for compliments, difficulties.

unloose /ˌʌnlluːs/ (also unloosen /ʌnlluːsn/) v [Tn] temmi phoih; duhduh ih umter: unloose the rope round one's waist ○ He unloosened his collar.

□ Usage at Losse¹.

unlucky /An'lAkı/ adj vantha lo; vansia: I always seem to be unlucky at cards. ○ He was unlucky enough to loose his keys. ○ The number thirteen is often considered unlucky. ○ an unlucky attempt, ie one that did not succeed.

▷ unluckily adv vansia zet in: Unluckily (for Peter) he did not get the job.

unmade /ˌʌnˈmeɪd/ adj (of a bed) ihnak dingin ihphah le puan tuah lo: She rushed off to work leaving her bed unmade.

unman / An'mæn/ v (-nn-) [Tn] (arch or rhet) ralthatnak tumter/tha nauter: Unmanned by grief he broke down and wept.

unmanly /An'mænlı/ adj (of behaviour) pitling lo, pacang lo: It was once thought unmanly not to drink and smoke.

unmanned 1 pt, pp of UNMAN.

unmanned² /ˌʌnˈmænd/ adj minung tel lo ih mahte ih caang (cet lawnglawng in tinak): unmanned railway signals ○ send an unmanned spacecraft to Mars.

unmannerly /An'mænəlı/ adj (fml derog) nuncan tha lo; umzia mawi lo: unmannerly conduct.

unmarried /¡ʌnˈmærɪd/ adj nupi-pasal nei hrih lo: an unmarried mother, couple.

unmask / nn'ma:sk; US - mæsk/ v 1 [I, Tn] hmai



huhnak ong; hmaikhuh ong: The revellers unmasked (ie took off their masks) at midnight. **2** [Tn] ziaza ngaingai, lole, sinak tatak langter: unmask the $culprit \circ unmask$ a plot.

unmatched /an'mætst/ adj zuam theih lo; tluktu um lo, bangpi nei lo: an achievement that remains unmatched to this day.

unmentionable /ʌnˈmen∫ənəbl/ adj [usu attrib] simngam lo le phuanngam lomi ṭihnungza thil raapthlaak: an unmentionable disease, eg venereal disease.

▷ unmentionables n [pl] (arch euph or joc) simngam lo minung/thilri (a bik in sunghruk pawl).

unmindful /an'maindfl/ adj [pred] ~ of sb/sth (fml) ruat loin, hngilh in: He worked on, unmindful of the time.

unmistakable /_ivnmi'steikəbl/ adj fiang/theih sual thei lo: the unmistakable sound of an approaching train.

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angle \,$ unmistakably /-əblɪ/ adv.

unmitigated /An'mitigeitid/ adj [usu attrib] (of
 sth/sb bad) thatnak tel phah lo, siatnak
 lawnglawng a simi: an unmitigated disaster,
 scoundrel.

unmoved /'An'mu:vd/ adj [pred] lainat lo; zaangfah lo: It's impossible to remain unmoved by the reports of the famine.

unnatural /An'næt∫rəl/ adj 1 a dan kel si lo; a umdan kel si loih lamdang: His face turned an unnatural shade of purple. ○ It was unnatural for the room to be so tidy. 2 (derog) (a) nundan kel/umdan kel thawn kaih-aw lo, rem-aw lo: unnatural sexual desires. (b) sual tuk/sia-kha tuk: the unnatural murder of his own father.

▷ unaturally /-rəlɪ/ adv: Not unnaturally, she was greatly upset by her father's sudden death.
 ○ an unnaturally jovial manner.

unnecessary /An'nesəsri; US -seri/ adj (a) [usu
 pered] tul lo: It's unnecessary to cook a big meal
 tonight. (b) [usu attrib] a tulmi hnakih tam/
 hleifuan: unnecessary expense. (c) (of remarks,
 etc) a tul lo: an unnecessary reference to his
 criminal past.

ightharpoonup unnecessarily /,honnesəsərəli; US ,hon,hosə'serəli/ adv.

unnerve /,\(\text{\text{\pi}}\) n'\(\text{\text{\pi}}\): \(v\) [Tn] duaiter; \(\text{\pi}\) ngamnak/ \\
\text{ralthatnak nei lo ih tuah: } \(His\) encounter with \\
\text{the guard dog had completely unnerved him.} \(\text{\text{\pi}}\)

> unnerving adj: She found the whole interview rather unnerving.

unnoticed /ˌʌn'nəʊtɪst/ adj [usu pred] theih lo/ hmuh lo; ciingtha lo: The event passed unnoticed. ○ I can't let this act of kindness go unnoticed.

unnumbered /ˌʌn'nambəd/ adj 1 numbat nei lo: unnumbered tickets/seats, eg at concert hall or theatre. 2 (arch or rhet) siar cawk lo: the unnumbered stars. UNO /ju:nəu/abbr United Nations Organization.
unobtrusive /ˌʌnəb'tru:sɪv/ adj (usu approv)
fiang tuk lo, langhngan lo; mi hiip lo: an
unobtrusive but pleasing design ○ He was so
quiet and unobtrusive that you would hardly
know he was there!

▷ unobtrusively adv: She slipped away from the party unobtrusively.

unoccupied /₁An¹okjupaɪd/ adj 1 a lawng; zo hman um lo: find an unoccupied table ○ The house had been left unoccupied for several years. 2 (of a region or country) ram dang ralkap ih uk lo; luah lo: unoccupied territory. 3 hnaṭuan tam lo; um huahho: in one of her rare unoccupied moments.

unofficial /ˌʌnəˈfɪʃl/ adj thuneihnak neitu ih lungkimnak le siannak ngah lo/um lo: an unofficial strike, ie one not authorized by the union ○ an unofficial statement, ie one not authorized for release to the public ○ unofficial news, ie not confirmed by official sources or authorities.

 \triangleright unofficially /- $\int \partial \ln a dv$.

unorthodox /ˌanˈɔːθədɒks/ adj a kel le a dan vek si lo, danglam: unorthodox beliefs, opinions, etc ○ unorthodox teaching methods ○ She has an unorthodox technique, but is an excellent player. Cf heterodox.

unpack /_iAn'pæk/ v (a) [I, Tn] thil pakhat sungih ummi suah; a sungih ta phorhsuak, a leng suah: Let's unpack before we go to bed. ○ a half-unpacked suitcase. (b) [Tn, Tn·pr] ~ sth (from sth) suah, phorh: unpack the books from the box.

unpaid /An'peid/adj 1 (a) pek hrih lo: an unpaid bill/debt. (b) ~ for a man pe hrih lo: The car is three years old and still unpaid for. 2 (a) (of people) hnatuan man, asilole, hlawhman pek lo, ngah lo: an unpaid baby-sitter. (b) (of work) tuantu tuanman pek lomi hnatuan: unpaid labour.

unpalatable /An'pælətəbl/adj (fml) 1 thaw lo, ei hiar um lo: The fish was particularly unpalatable. 2 (fig) nuam lo, cohlan harsa: His views on capital punishment are unpalatable to many.

ho unpalatably /-əblɪ/ adv.

unparalleled /An'pærəleld/ adj tluktu nei lo, bangtu nei lo, rem-aw/kaih-aw lo: an economic crisis unparalleled in modern times.

unparliamentary /ˌʌnˌpɑːləˈmentrɪ/ adj (deog)
Parliament feh dan leh ti dan kel thawn a remaw lo/a kaih-aw lomi: unparliamentary
language, conduct.

unpick / An'pik/ v (a) [attrib] ~ sth (from sth) thitnak phoih: unpick the stitches from a curtain. (b) thil pakhat khat ihsin phoihsal: unpick a hem, seam, etc.

unplaced / n^i pleist/ adj zuam-awknak ah a



unravel unravel

pakhat, pahnih, pathumnak tiang ngah lo.

- unplayable /ˌvn¹pleɪəbl/ adj 1 (in games, of a ball) lehnak ih hman thei lomi bawlung. 2 (of ground) lehnak tlak lo bualrawn. 3 (of music) tum dingah a harsa tukmi.
- unpleasant /\(\text{An'pleznt/}\) adj nuam lo; lungkim thei lo; duhnungza si lo: unpleasant smells, weather an unpleasant surprise I found his manner extremely unpleasant.
 - \triangleright unpleasant adv.
 - **unpleasantness** n [C, U] (instance of) thinlung sia, pakhat le pakhat huat-awknak: I want to avoid any unpleasantness with the neighbours.
- **unplug** /_iAn'plag/ v (**-gg-**) [Tn] **1** plug phawi; (electric) phit/hmit: Please unplug the TV before you go to bed. **2** khamtu hlon hlo: The drain is blocked and needs unplugging.
- **unpopular** $_{h}$ An'popjulə(r)/ $adj \sim (with sb)$ langsar lo, mi theih lo, mi duhzawng si lo: an unpopular decision \circ She's rather unpopular with her boss at the moment.
- \triangleright unpopularity / $\Lambda n_1 pppjv'l$ ærətı/ n [U].
- **unpractised** /ʌn'præktɪst/ adj hmuhtonnak malte lawng nei; thiam lem lo.
- unprecedented /An'presidentid/ adj ton dah
 kel lo, danglam; tuah dah lo le theih dah kel lo:
 unprecedented levels of unemployment o a
 situation unprecedented in the history of the
 school.
- unpredictable /

 theih lo: an unpredictable result. (b) (of a person) ziang tivekin a um leh ding ti ih sim cia theih lo/thleng thei; fek lo, hnget lo: You never know how she'll react: she's so unpredictable.
- **unprejudiced** /_i Λ n'predgodist/ adj duh bul/huat bul nei lo; thlei dan nei lo; lamṭan nei lo.
- unpremeditated /ˌʌnpri:ˈmedɪteɪtɪd/ adj (mawhnak tuah le thu sia lamah) a hlan ihsin tumtahnak/ruatcianak nei lopi in: an unnremeditated attack.
- unprepossessing /ˌʌnˌpri:pəˈzesɪn/ adj (fml) mi hiip lo; cang dan le umtlandan mawi lo, mi duh zawng si lo: Though unprepossessing to look at he is highly intelligent.
- unpretentious /, Anprr'ten∫əs/ adj (approv)
 porh-aw lo, titer-aw lo; tluangtlam: an
 unpretentious little book but one that tells a
 simple story well.
- unprincipled /An¹prinsəpld/ adj (fml) cin le daan nei lo, mumal nei lo; thu ngai nei lomi: unprincipled behavour ○ an unprincipled rogue.
- unprintable /An'printabl/ adj (of words, articles, etc) cabu ih suah ding a tlaak lo le a mawi lomi: I'm afraid that my views on their private life are unprintable!
- **unprofessional** / $_{\mu}$ nprə † fe \int ənl/ adj (derog) **1** (esp of conduct) hnatuan pakhat ah beiseimi

- nunzia thleng ban lo: The board considers your behaviour highly unprofessional. 2 (of a piece of work, etc) hnaţuannak ah thiamnak le zirnak vekih tuan lo, tuah lo: He made a very unprofessional job of putting up the garden shed for us.
- \triangleright unprofessionally /- \int ənəli/ adv.
- unprompted / \(\text{,} \text{ adj} \) (of an answer or action) midangih sim cop le fial cop ih tong le tuah si lo, mah lungtho te ih tuah: \(an \) unprompted offer of help.
- unpronounceable /¡Anprəˈnaunsəbl/ adj (of a word, esp a name) tongfang/hmin tivek kawh har, saal har, tong suah har/aw suah har.
- unprovided /

 innprə'vaidid/ adj (fml) ~ for ei ding, bar ding, hman ding tuahsak cia lo: The widow was left unprovided for, ie No money, etc had been left for her on her husband's death.
- unprovoked /Anprovoket/ adj (esp of verbal or physical violence) thin ai-thokter ruangih ti a si lomi; ti hmasanak um loin: unprovoked aggression/attacks.
- unpunished /ınn'p∧nı∫t/ adj [pred] cawh loin; hreem loin: Such a serious crime must not go unpunished.
- unputdownable /¡Anput'daunəbl/ adj (fml) (of a book, etc) thil pakhat khat ah thinlung lut tuk ruangih cawlbang thei nawn lo.
- unqualified /An'kwplıfaıd/adj 1 (a) ~ (as sth/for sth/to do sth) thil pakhat tuan dingah thiamnak nei lo/tlaak lo: an unqualified instructor o unqualified as a teacher/for teaching. (b) [pred] ~ to do sth (infml) tling lo, ti theinak nei lo/sambau: I feel unqualified to speak on the subject. 2 [usu attrib] fiangfai lo; bikhiah um lo: unqualified praise o an unqualified success.
- unquestionable /An'kwest∫ənəbl/ adj fiang, el theih lo; rinhlelh ding um lo: His honesty is unquestionable.
 - \triangleright unquestionably /-əbli/ adv.
- unquestioned /An¹kwes∫ənd/ adj el lo; ringhlel lo: an unquestioned fact ○ Her authority is unquestioned.
- unquestioning /An'kwest∫ənɪŋ/ adj rel buainak nei lo ih tuah, elnak nei lo: Hew demands unquestioning obedience from his followers. unquestioningly adv.
- **unquiet** /Anˈkwaɪət/ adj [usu attrib] (fml) buai/ dai lo: all the signs of an unquiet mind.
- unquote / $\Lambda n'kw$ $\partial u/n$ (idm) quote (... unquote) ∂u ∂u
- unravel /nn'rævl/ v (-II-; US -I-) [I, Tn] 1 (cause sth woven, knotted or tangled to) tah ciami puan ih pathri phoih: My knitting has unravelled. unravel a cardigan, a ball of string. 2 (fig) (cause sth to) fiangter langter, phuangsuak: The mystery unravels slowly. ○



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unravel a plot, puzzle, etc.

unread /An'red/ adj 1 (of a book) siar hrih lo: a
 pile of unread novels. 2 (of a person) cabu
 tampi siar lomi: She knows so much that she
 makes me feel very unread.

unreadable /ˌʌn'riːdəbl/ adj 1 (derog) siar har; siar thei lo. 2 = ILLEGIBLE siar thei lo.

unreal /_h\n'ri\n' | adj (of an experience) a taktak si lo; a hmaanmi si lo: The whole evening seemed strangely unreal.

 \triangleright unreality / n [U].

unreasonable /An'ri:znəbl/ adj 1 (of people) awm-anglo; zohmawi lo. 2 a mawi tawk hnak ih luan; a hleifuan tuk: make unreasonable demands on sb.

 \triangleright unreasonably /-əbli/ adv.

unreasoning /An¹rizənɪŋ/ adj (fml) (of a person or of attitudes, beliefs, etc) zumnak, ruahnak, lungput, tvp. sullam nei lem lomi: an unreasoning fear of foreigners.

unreel /,\u00e4nn'ri:l/v [I, Tn] (cause sth to) a kual ihsin phoih: *Unreel the hose fully before use*.

unrelenting /ˌAnrrlentɪn/ adv (a) dem cuang lo; thum lo; catbaang lo: unrelenting pressure. (b) mi zawnruat thiam lo/mizaangfah lo, thinlung thum duh lo: a cruel and unrelenting master.

> unrelentingly adv: The rain continued unrelentingly.

unremitting /_i\nrr'mitin/ adj cawl lo, baang lo: unremitting care, boredom, drudgery.

unrepeatable /¡Anrr'pi:təbl/ adj 1 tuah sal theih lo; nolh sal theih lo: unrepeatable bargains/ offers, ie at specially low prices. 2 zoh mawi lo zet mi: His remarks were quite shocking — unrepeatable, in fact.

unrequited /¡Anrı'kwaıtıd/ adj (fml) (esp of love) lehrulh lomi; lawmman pek lomi: unrequited passion.

unreserved /ˌnnri'zɜ:vd/ adj 1 (of seats etc) a
 dangte retcia lo, hmucia lo: We always keep a
 few unreserved tables. 2 (fml) suupmi nei lo; a
 zate in: Do I have your unreserved attention?
 ▷ unreservedly /ˌnnri'zɜ:vɪdlɪ/ adv suupmi um
 loin; lungtluang zetin: apologize unreservedly.

unrest /,\(\text{An'rest/}\) n [U] (state of) cawl-um thei
lonak; buainak, lungkim thei lonak,
hnaihnoknak: civil/industrial/political/social
unrest.

unrestrained /ˌʌnrɪ'stremd/ adj kham lo; hreeng lo; suup lo: unrestrained anger, temper, violence, etc ○ the unrestrained use of military force.

unripe /,\text{\text{\partial}} '\text{\text{\partial}} '\text{\text{\partial}

unrivalled (US unrivaled) /An¹raɪvld/ adj ~ (in
sth) zumtu nei lo; zo hman ih tongban theih
lomi: have an unrivalled reputation ○
unrivalled in courage.

unroll / $_{\rm i}$ An'rəvl/ v [I, Tn] (cause sth to) zual ciami

pharh: $unroll\ a\ carpet,\ map,\ sleeping-bag.$ Cf ROLL² 3.

unruffled /ˌʌnˈrʌfld/ adj dai; huai lo; zo hman ih bang lomi: She spoke with unruffled calm. ○ He remained unruffled by the charges.

unruly /An¹ruːlɪ/ adj thusim nunsim theih lomi; umdan tha ih um lo: unruly behaviour ○ an unruly mob, crowd, demonstration, etc ○ (fig) unruly hair, ie hard to manage.

 \triangleright unruliness n [U].

UNRWA /'Anrə/ abbr United Nations Relief and Works Agency.

unsiad /_i\n'sed/adj (fml) 1 [pred] sim lo; tong lo, rel lo: Some things are better left unsaid. 2 pt, pp of UNSAY.

unsaturated /An'sæt∫əreitid/ 1 ciar lo; cin lo. 2 (chemistry) (esp of an organic compound) hydrogen thawn kom in thil phundang a cang thei laimi compound. Cf POLYUNSATURATED.

unsavoury (US unsavory) /,\text{an'seivəri/} adj 1 fihnungza: an unsavoury mixture of cold pasta and curry. 2 (fml or joc) nuncan ziaza mawi lo: unsavoury rumours, details, habits o an unsavoury character, reputation. Cf savoury.

unsay $/_1 \Delta n$ sei/ v (pt, pp unsaid /-sed/) [Tn esp passive] (fml) thu sim ciami zuuk sal: What is said cannot be unsaid.

unscathed /,An'skeiðd/ adj [pred] hliam lo; tuahmawh lo: The hostages emerged from their ordeal unscathed.

unscramble /ˌʌnˈskræmbl/ v [Tn] 1 radio/ telephone aw fiangter/thiangter. 2 (infml) hnaihnok zet mi thiangter, hmaan zet ih umter: After a few seconds to unscramble my thoughts, I replied....

unscrew /,An'skru:/ v (a) [Tn] a tial nei thir hrennak thlong/phoih: unscrew the doorhandle. (b) [I, Tn] merh phah ih phoih: The lid of this jam pot won't unscrew.

unscripted /\text{\text{/nh'skriptid/} adj (of a speech,}
broadcast, etc) ngancia le tuahcia/
timtuahcianak um loih thusim/than: a
language course based on natural unscripted
dialogues, conversations, etc.

unscrupulous /nn'skru:pjuləs/adj suup-awknak nei lo: unscrupulous methods, behaviour ○ He was utterly unscrupulous in his dealings with rival firms.

ightarrow unscrupulously adv.

unscrupulousness n [U].

unseat /An'si:t/v [Tn] 1 rang/thirleng par ihsin tlaak. 2 M.P. hnaṭuannak, asilole, zung hnaṭuannak ihsin suah/dawi: a move to unseat Labour militants.

unseemly /\(\text{\text{\colored}}\) /\(\text{\colored}\) /\(\text{\colored}\) in the language was most unseemly rush to leave work ○ make unseemly suggestions ○ His language was most unseemly, ie abusive.

 \triangleright unseemliness n [U].



unswerving

- unseen /\lambda n'si:n/ adj 1 hmu lo; hmuh thei lo: I slipped from the room unseen, ie unnoticed. 2 (of a translation) timtuahcia um loih tuah. 3 (idm) sight unseen ⇒ SIGHT.
 - ▶ unseen n (Brit) timtuahcia um loih ramdang tong maih tong ah lehnak: German unseens.
- unserviceable /ˌAnˈsɜːvɪsəbl/ adj (abbrss US, u/s) (fml or joc) hmantlak nawn lo: an unserviceable bicycle, telephone, tin-opener, etc.
- unseattle /ˌʌnˈsetl/ v [Tn] (a) hnaihnokter;
 riahsiater: Our move (ie to another house)
 unsettled the children. Seafood unsettles my
 stomach. (b) buaiter: Living alone unsettled his
 nerves.
 - Duasettled adj (a) fek lo; hnget lo, asilole, buaiter/hnaihnok: Conditions on the stockmarket were unsettled. an unsettled stomach fell unsettled in one's new surroundings. (b) thleng-aw thei/simcia theih lo; mi donharter/hnaihnok: unsettled weather Our future plans are still unsettled. (c) (of a bill, etc) relkhawm sal dingih ret. (d) (of a bill, etc) tang ka (sum) pek hrih lo.
- unshakeable /An'Jeikəbl/ adj (of a belief, etc) zuamnak thleng thei lo, fek eueu: an unshakeable conviction, resolve, faith, etc.
- unsightly /An'saɪtlı/ adj hmuh nuam lo; zoh sia: unsightly facial hair, eg on women ○ London's unsightly suburban sprawl.
 - ightarrow unsightliness n [U].
- unskilled /ˌʌnˈskɪld/ adj thiamnak le zirnak nei lo: unskilled workers unskilled labour.
- unsociable /ʌnˈsəʊʃəbl/ adj midang thawn umkhawm duh lo; mi pawl/kom thiam lo. Cf ANTISOCIAL.
- **unsocial** /nn'səoʃl/ *adj* **1** midang thawn pawlawk thiam lo. **2** hnaṭuan tikcu thawn kaih-aw lo, rem-aw lo: *unsocial hours*, eg on night shifts.
- unsolicited /,\text{Anse'\text{lisited}} adj main thu in pek,
 lole, kuat/dil lomi: unsolicited help, advice, etc
 ounsolicited comments, criticisms, etc ounsolicited (junk) mail, ie usu for advertising purposes.
- unsophisticated /Ansə'fistikeitid/ (sometimes derog) 1 tluangtlam; titer-awknak um lo: unsophisticated tastes, attitudes, looks To the unsophisticated (ie naive) mind of the average viewer.... 2 a taktak; a ngaingai, hnok lo, buai lo: unsophisticated tools, methods, designs.
- unsound /tAn'saund/ adj 1 tha lo, sia: The house roof was (structurally) unsound. His lungs were unsound. 2 cohlan tlak lo, letkhan tlak lo, pom tlak lo; that lonak le famkim lonak nei: unsound reasoning, judgement, advice The findings of the research seem unsound. 3 (idm) of unsound mind (law) aa: thinlung kim lo.
- unsparing / An'spearin/ adj ~ (in sth) 1 siang zet ih pe; suupmi nei lo: be unsparing in one's efforts. 2 luartuk, zaangfahnak nei hrimhrim

- lomi: Nijinsky was unsparing in his demands for perfection.
- □ b unsparingly adv 1 terhsiang zet; suupmi nei lo: give unsparingly of one's time and money. 2 zaangfahnak um hrimhrim loin: He drove himself unsparingly.
- unspeakable /An'spi:kəbl/ adj (usu derog) kaa ih
 sim theih lo: unspeakable cruelty, behaviour,
 embarrassment unspeakable joy, delight, etc.
 ▷ unspeakably /-əbli/ adv: an unspeakably vile
 habit.
- unstable /¡An'steibl/ adj 1 fek lo, hnget lo: an unstable load, eg on a lorry an unstable pile of chairs. 2 hmakhatte ih thleng thei lo; simcia sung thei lo: unstable share prices The political situation is highly unstable. 3 thinlung le ruahnak lam ding lo/fek lo: His personality is a little unstable.
- unsteady / \(\lambda \text{An'}\) sted \(\lambda \) dj (-ier, -iest) 1 hnget lo, thir, thia; himdam lo: Six whiskies made him unsteady on his feet. \(\circ \) an unsteady hand, voice \(\circ \) have an unsteady footing on the ladder. 2 bang-aw lo; hmaanhmaan ih um lo: the candle's unsteady flame \(\circ \) His heartbeat/pulse was unsteady.
 - ightharpoonup unsteadily /-IlI/ adv: wobble, tilt, rock, sway, etc unsteadily.
 - unsteadiness n [U].
- unstinting /An'stmtm/ adj ~ (in sth) siang zet le suup lo zet ih pe: unstinting generosity, support, praise ○ She was unstinting in her efforts to help. unstintingly adj.
- unstop /,\u00e4n'stop/ v (-pp-) [Tn] khamtu hlonhlo: unstop a sink, toilet, drain, etc.
- unstoppable /an'stoppabl/ adj (esp infml) kham theih lo: The Tories in their third term will be unstoppable.
- unstuck /ˌʌnˈstʌk/ adj 1 bet lo, ben cih lo: The (flap of the) envelope was unstuck. 2 (idm) come unstuck (infml) hlawhsam, hlawhtling lo: His plan to escape came badly unstuck.
- unstudied /,nn'stAdid/ adj (umdan) umdan kel, ti-awter lo, tuahcop lo a simi nun dan kel: with unstudied elegance, grace, charm, etc.
- unsung /ˌʌn'sʌn/ adj (fml) biazai, lole, hla ih thangṭhat lo, theihpi lomi: unsung heroes ○ His exploits went unsung.
- unsure /¡An¹∫ɔ:(r); US -¹ʃuər/ adj [pred] 1 ~ (of
 oneself) mah le mah malte lawng rinsan-aw:
 He's rather unsure of himself. 2 ~ (about/of
 sth) thil pakhat thuhla fiang lo: I'm unsure of
 the facts. We were unsure (about) who was to
 blame.
- unsuspecting /,Ansə'spektin/ adj zum, zumlonak nei lo, lungrumnak nei lo; ringhlel lo: The murderer crept up on his unsuspecting
- unswerving /An'sws:vin/ adj ~ (in sth) thleng lo,
 hngetkhoh: unswerving loyalty, devotion,



untangle

belief, etc \circ He is unswerving in pursuit of his aims.

untangle /¡An'tængl/ v [Tn, Tn·pr] a hnokmi phoih; hridai, thirhri le sam tivek: untangle knitting wool, electric flex O She untangled her hair from the hair-drier. O (fig) untangle a plot O I can't untangle these accounts/figures.

untapped /¡An¹tæpt/ adj hman hrih lomi; lole, phorhsuah hrih lomi: an untapped source of wealth, talent, inspiration ○ draw on untapped reserves of strength.

untenable /ˌʌn'tenəbl/ adj (of a theory, etc) el theih lo; run-awk/kham-awk theih lo: untenable arguments, claims, propositions, etc ○ the untenable position of the Flat Earth Society.

unthinkable /ˌʌnˈθmkəbl/ adj ruat ngam lo; ruat theih lomi: It is unthinkable that we should allow a nuclear holocaust to occur.

unthinking /¡ΛΠ'θιηκιη/ adj thate ih ruat lawk lo ih sim/tuah: unthinking remarks, criticisms ○ Unthinking, he threw his lighted match into the waste-paper basket.

 \triangleright unthinkingly adv.

untidy /An'taɪdɪ/ adj (-ier, -iest) felfai lo; fel le
 rem zetih um lo, fai lo le hnok: an untidy desk,
 kitchen, cupboard, etc ○ untidy hair, writing ○
 He's an untidy worker; he leaves his tools
 everywhere.

 \triangleright untidily /-IlI/ adv.

untidiness n [U].

until /ən'tɪl/ (also till) (till more informal; until usu preferred in initial position) conj tiangin, lai hlan lo: Wait until the rain stops. ○ Don't leave till I arrive. ○ Continue in this direction until you see a sign. ○ Until she spoke I hadn't realized she was foreign. ○ I won't stop shouting until you let me go. ○ No names are being released until (ie before) the relatives have been told.

Description > until (also till) prep (a) tiang: wait until tomorrow ○ It may last till Friday. ○ Nothing happened until (ie before) 5 o'clock. ○ The street is full of traffic from morning till night. ○ Until now I have always lived alone. ○ I'd like to stay here up until Christmas. (b) hlan lo: The secret was never told until after the old man's death. ○ Don't open it till your birthday. ○ She was a bank cleark until the war, when she trained as a nurse.

untimely /An'taɪmlɪ/ adj 1 a tikcu loih thleng le um: an untimely arrival, remark, intervention.
2 tuan tuk: her untimely death at 25.

 \triangleright untimeliness n [U].

untiring / α n't α i - (in sth) (approv) baang lo, cawlbaang loih tuan: untiring campaigners for peace \circ She is untiring in her efforts to help the homeless.

 \triangleright untiringly adv.

untold /An'təvld/ adj 1 sim lo; phuang lo: Her

secret remains untold to this day. 2 [attrib] (esp derog) siar cawk lo: untold suffering, damage, cruelty o a man of untold wealth o untold thousands, millions, etc, ie of pounds.

untouchable /An¹tAt∫əbl/ n, adj (in India) (member) mi phunsang pawl ih dai le tham daan lo/awi a si lomi minung pawl (miphun niam bik).

untoward /Antə'wz:d; US An'tə:rd/adj (fml) rem cang lo, vansia, mawi lo: untoward incidents, developments, discoveries O I'll come if nothing untoward happens.

untrammelled (US also **-meled**) /An'træmld/ adj (fml) hnoksak lo; kham lo, dodal lo: a life untrammelled by responsibilities.

untried /\Lambdan'traid/adj hniksak hrih lo; hman hrih lo: untried products, systems, methods.

untrue /,\text{\tinte\text{\tinte\text{\tint{\text{\text{\text{\tin\text{\texi}\text{\text{\texi}\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi\texi{\texic}\tint{\texit{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi

untruth / \u00e4\u00fan'tru:\u00a9/ n 1 [C] (pl ~ s /-'tru:\u00e4z)/
thuhmaan lo ih simmi, thuphan: tell patent (ie obvious) untruths. 2 [U] thu hmaan tel lo.

 \triangleright untruthful / Δ n'tru: θ fl/ adj.

antruthfully /-fəli/ adv.

unturned /, ${\rm An'}$ ts:nd/ adj (idm) leave no stone unturned \Rightarrow LEAVE 1 .

untutored /ˌʌnʰtjuːtəd; US -ˈtuː-/ adj (fml or joc) zirh lo, cathiam lo: To my untutored ear, your vice sounds almost professional.

unused¹/ˌʌnlˈjuːst/ adj hman dah kel lomi: an unused envelope, postage stamp.

unused² /ˌʌnlˈjuːst/ adj [pred] ~ to sth/sb zongsang hrih lo, dan ih neih thei hrih lo: The children are unused to city life/to living in a city.

unusual /An'ju:ʒl/adj 1 danglam, um kel lo: This bird is an unusual winter visitor to Britain. ○
It's unusual for him to refuse a drink. 2 (esp approv) a dang hnakin a cehlei/a dang ce: The Lloyds building is noting if not (ie is very)

 □ unusually /-ʒəlɪ/ adv: an unusually high rainfall for January ○ Unusually for him, he wore a tie.

unutterable /An'Atərəbl/ adj [attrib] (fml) a nasa
tukih sim theih lo: unutterable pain, delight,
boredom, relief, etc ○ He's an unutterable bore.
> unutterably /-əbli/ adv: unutterably foolish.

unvarnished /An'va:nɪft/ adj [attrib] 1 ziang
hman bet lo/rawi lo; thuh lomi. 2 a hmaan
cekci ih sim: the plain unvarnished truth ○
give an unvarnished account of what happened.

unviel /An'veil/ v 1 [I, Tn] hmai khuhnak/ tuamnak ong, asilole, hlip. 2 [Tn] (a) puanzar hlip: unveil a statue, monument, plaque, portrait, etc. (b) mipi theih dingih thuthan hmaisa bik: unveil new models at the Motor Show O She unveiled her plans for reform.



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unversed /An'v3:st/ adj ~ in sth (fml) thiam hrih lo, umtlandan thei thiam lo: foreigners unversed in the British way of life ○ unversed in social etiquette.

unvoiced /An'voist/ adj (of thoughts, etc) phung suak lo, rel suak lo, sim lo: an unvoiced protest, doubt, suspicion.

unwaged /ˌʌnˈweɪdʒd/ adj (Brit euph) paisa hlawh lo; hlawh nei lo: Unwaged members pay a lower entrance fee.

 \triangleright the unwaged n [pl v] hlawh nei lominung pawl: half-price tickets for the unwaged.

unwanted /₁∧n¹wɒntɪd/ adj duh lomi; hai lomi: an unwanted pregnancy ∘ feel unwanted.

unwarrantable /An'worentebl; US -'wo:r-/ adj (fml) mawi lo, asilole, tul lo; ngaithiam, asilole, ngaidam tlaak lo: Their intrusion into our private lives is unwarrantable.

Description > unwarranted /An¹worentid; US -¹wo:r-/ adj ngaithiam lo, ngaidam lo: unwarranted fears, doubts, misgivings, etc.

unwary /ʌnˈweəri/ adj ralring lo; hriohrip lo; tihnungza a thleng theimi theithiam lo: Potholes can be lethal for the unwary cyclist.

 \triangleright **the unwary** n [pl v] a thleng dingmi tihnung za thil thiam lo hmuah hmuah: *Small print in documents can contain traps for the unwary*. **unwarily** /-Il/ adv.

unwariness n [U].

unwholesome /ˌʌn'həulsəm/ adj 1 harhdamnak ihaṭhalomi; a mawi tawk lomi: an unwholesome climate ○ unwholesome food ○ unwholesome reading for a child. 2 harhdam lomithmai/ pianzia: an unwholesome complexion.

unwieldy /An'wi:ldi/ adj rit tuk/tum tuk ruangih thawn har: long, unwieldy punt poles ○ (fig) the unwieldy bureaucracy of centralized government.

 \triangleright unwieldiness n [U].

unwilling /ʌnˈwɪlm/ adj zuam lo, paih lo: unwilling volunteers, victims, accomplices ○ my unwilling participation in the scheme ○ I was unwilling to co-operate without having more information.

ightharpoonup unwillingly adv: agree unwillingly to a request.

unwind /¡An'waɪnd/ v (pt, pp unwound /-ˈwaʊnd/)

1 [I, Tn, Tn·pr] ~ sth (from sth) a ngerhmi, lole, pat-hlum phoih: unwind a ball of string, a reel of thread, a roll of bandage, etc ○ He unwould the scarf from his neck. 2 [I] (infml) cawl; bang tukih cawl: Reading is a good way to unwind. ○ After a few drinks, he began to unwind, ie to talk more freely.

unwise /\pan'waiz/ adj aa, fim lo: an unwise decision, move, step, etc \(\cap \) It was unwise (of you) to reject his offer.

 \triangleright unwisely adv.

unwitting /An'witin/ adj [attrib] (fml) thei lo;

ralring lo: an unwitting carrier of stolen goods. **2** tumcia lo, tum hrim lo: my unwitting interruption of their private conversation.

> unwittingly adv: If I offended you it was unwittingly.

unwonted /An'wəuntɪd/ adj (fml) tidan kel si lo: an unwonted intrusion, interruption.

unworkable /, \text{\te}\text{\te}\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\te}\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\te}\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\texi}\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\texi}\tint{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{

unworldly /\Lambdan'ws:ldli/ adj thlarau lam lungput, leitlun nunnak lamih thinlung ret lo: an unworldly man, outlook, idealism.

 \triangleright unworldliness n [U].

unworthy /An'ws:ði/ adj 1 phu lo, tlaak lo: fighting for an unworthy cause. 2 ~ (of sth) tlinnak nei lo: trivia unworthy of your attention O I am unworthy of such an honour. 3 ~ (of sb/sth) kaih lo, rem lo: conduct unworthy of a decent citizen.

 \triangleright unworthily /-III/ adv.

unworthiness n [U].

unwound pt, pp of unwind.

unwritten /ˌʌnˈrɪtn/ adj ngan lo, ngancia ih um lo.

an unwritten law/rule ngancia daan um lo nain dankel ih kan hmanmi cin le daan (ngan lomi daan).

unyielding /ʌnˈjiːdɪn/ adj ~ (in sth) fek, a sung pek lo; hngetkhoh, thinlung thleng duh lo: The mattress was hard and unyielding. ○ (fig) unyielding in her opposition to the plan.

up $/\Lambda p/adv$ part (For special uses with many vs, eg pick sth up, wind sth up, screw sth up, see the v entries.) 1 (a) ding: I stood up to ask a question. O He jumped up (ie to a standing position) from his chair. Cf DOWN1 1. (b) tho, ihnak ihsin tho: Is Peter up (is Has he got out of bed) yet? O I was up late (ie didn't go to bed util late) last night. O It's time to get up! O I was up all night with a sick child. 2 hmunsang sawn ah: Lift your head up. O Pull your socks $up. \circ He$ lives three floors $up. \circ prices$ are still going up, ie rising. O Put the packet up on the top shelf. O The sun was coming up (ie rising) a we left. ○ We were two goals up (ie ahead of the other team) at half-time. Cf DOWN¹ 2. 3 ~ (to sb/ sth) hnenah, lamah: He came up (to me) and asked the time. O She went straight up to the door and knocked loudly. O A car drove up and he got in. 4 (a) hmun poimawh ah: go up to London for the day \circ They're up in London. \circ [attrib] The up train (ie The train to London) leaves every hour. (b) (Brit) phunsang tlawngah: She is going up to Oxford in October. O He's up at Cambridge. (c) saklam ah: We're going up to Edinburgh soon. 5 thendarh: She tore the paper up. \circ The road is up, ie with the surface broken or removed while being **up** 1572

repaired. 6 (in phrasal verbs) (a) a zatein, a pumhlum: We ate all the food up. \circ The stream has dried up, ie has become completely dry. (b) himte in; fekte in: lock, fasten, stick, nail, etc sth up. 7 (infml) thil danglam thleng/cang: I heard a lot of shouting — what's up? O I could tell something was up by the look on their faces. 8 (idm) be on the up-and-up (infml) (a) (Brit)nuamnaite ih thangso vivo/hlawhtling vivo: Business is on the up-and-up. (b) (US) miding; mitha. be up to sb (a) tuan ding tuanvo nei: It's up to us to help those in need. O It's not up to you to tell me how to do my job. (b) relcat ding tuanvo nei: An Indian or a Chinese meal? It'up to you. be up with sb nom lonak hram, asilole. natnak cangtertu: He's very pale. What's up with him? not be up to much tampi man lo, tha zet lo: His work isn't up to much. up against sth (a) hngat-aw: The ladder is leaning up against the wall. (b) (infml) harsatnak tong: He came up against the local police. \circ She's really up against it, ie in great difficulties. up and about; up and doing cak sal, dam sal. up and down (a) feh thul kir thul/ khatlam khatlam feh rero: walking up and sown outside our house. (**b**) kai thul tum thul: The boat bobbed upand down on/in the water. up before sb/sth thuthen tuar dingah thuthentu bawi hmai ih suak: He was/came up before the magistrate for speeding. O His case was brought up before the court. up for sth (a) zungah thubuai rel/then: up for speeding. (b) thil pakhat tuah ding ruat lai, thil pakhat tuan dingih ruat sak, thil pakhat hrangih pek: The contract is up for renewal. O The house is up for auction/sale. up to sth (a) tiang, a tam bik ah: I can take up to four people in my car. \circ count up to twenty slowly. (b) (also up until sth) tiang: up until the war she had never lived alone. (c) tluk, thim tikah: It's not up to his usual standard. (d) tithei: He's not up to the part of Othello. O I don't feel up to going to work today. (e) (infml) buaizet ih cangvai; taalbuai: What's he up to? o he's up to no god, ie dong sth bad. O What tricks has she been up to (ie playing)?

 \triangleright **up** prep **1** thunlam hmunsang sawn ah: run up the stairs \circ further up the valley \circ walk up (ie up the stairs along) the road \circ sail up a river, ie against the current. **2** (idm) **up and down sth** suk le so ah: walking up and down the platform. **up yours!** (Brit \triangle sl) (used to express extreme anger, disgust, annoyance, etc toward a person) mi pakhat parih thinheng le ngaih lo zet ih hmanmi tong.

up v (**-pp-**) **1** [I] (infml or joc) (followed by and and another v) tonak ihsin tho: She upped and left without a word. **2** [Tn] (infml) thang, kai: up the price o up an offer. **3** (idm) up sticks hmundang ah hnatuan dingin neihmi thilri

hmuahhmuah thawn thawn/vai.

up *n* **1** [sing] bawlung leilung a thlen hnu ih thli lakih a khir laifang/bawhlung khir. **2** (idm) **ups and downs** vanṭhatnak le vansiatnak: *He stuck by her through all life's ups and downs*.

□ **up-and-coming** *adj* (*infml*) (of a person) hnatuannak ah hlawhtling vivo, thangso sinsin: *an up-and-coming young barrister*.

up pref (with ns, vs and their related forms) sangsawn: upheaval ○ upland ○ upgrade.

upbeat /'npbi:t/ n (music) hla hruaitu in a kut ih funghreu tlun/so lam ih a khai/vaih lai fang. Cf DOWNBEAT.

ightharpoonup upbeat adj (fig) a tha zawng/tleu zawngih khua ruatmi; lungawi aipuang.

upbraid /ˌʌpˈbreɪd/ v [Tn, Tn·pr] ~ sb (for sth) (dated or fml) nunsim, kawk, hriing: upbraid sb for wrongdoing, incompetence, etc.

upbringing /Apbrinin/ n (usu sing) nauhak lai ih fingkhawinak: a strict religious upbringing ○ The twins had different upbringings.

up-country /, \(\text{Ap}\) k\(\text{kantri/}\) adj, adv (esp in large thinly-populated countries) minung malnak ram: \(\text{up-country}\) districts \(\circ\) travel \(\text{up-country}\).

update /₁Ap'deɪt/ 1 [Tn] sanman/san thar dawiman: update a dictionary, file, law ○ updated production methods, computer systems.
2 [Tn, Tn·pr] ~ sb (on sth) thuthang neta bik theihter: I updated the committee on our progress.

ightharpoonup update /Ap'deɪt/ v [I, Tn] sanman, thil/thuhla thar bet vivo: Maps need regular updates. \circ an update on the political situation.

up-end / $_{l}$ $\Delta p'$ end/ v [I, Tn] a linglet ih ret: I up-ended the crate and sat on it.

upgrade /ˌAp'greɪd/ v [Tn, Tn·pr] ~ sb/sth (to sb/ sth) kaiter/sangter, dinhmun sang sawn ih kaiter: She was upgraded to (the post of) sales director. O The consulate was upgraded to embassy status. Cf downgrade.

ightharpoonup upgrade /'Apgreid/ n (US) tlunlam ih kaisannak.

upheaval /Ap'hi:vl/ n (a) rin lopi ih tlunlam khirnak: volcanic upheavals. (b) (fig) rin lopi ih thleng-awknak le hnaihnoknak: political, social upheavals ○ Moving house causes such an upheaval.

uphill /ˌʌp/hɪl/ adj 1 tlaang so lam ah: an uphill road, climb ○ The last mile is all uphill. 2 [attrib] (fig) heh le heh tiih tha suah, asilole, tan tul; thil harsa: It's uphill work learning to ride. ○ an uphill task/struggle.

 \triangleright **uphill** adv a so lam pan in: walk uphill.

uphold /np'həuld/ v (pt, pp upheld /-held/) [Tn] 1 bawm, hnatlaakpi, za-awi: uphold a verdict, policy, principle. 2 siat lo ding le hlo ral lo dingih kilveng: uphold ancient traditions.

upholster /_hpp'həulstə(r)/ v [Tn, Tn·pr] ~ **sth** (in/ with sth) tohkheng (settee le sofa tve) puan ih



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khuh: upholster a sofa in leather \circ upholstered in/with velvet.

ightharpoonup upholsterer /-stərə(r)/ n cabuai, tohkheng, tivek puanih khuhtu.

uphostery /-stəri/ [U] 1 tohkheng, cabuaikhuhnak puan zuar ih sumtuahnak. 2tohkheng khuhnak ih hmanmi puan pawl.

UPI /ju: pi: 'ai/ abbr United Press International.
upkeep /apki:p/ n [U] (cost or means of) thil pawl siat lote ih rem cingcing le thiangfaite ih ret ringringnak (hrang ih a cemmi sumpai): I can't afford the upkeep of a large house and garden.

upland /Apland/ n (often pl) hmunsang, tlang par: the barren upland(s) of central Spain \circ [attrib] an upland region.

uplift /\pap!\lambdaft/v [Tn] (usu fig) khaisang, thinlung ruahnak lam sangter: with uplifted hands \circ an uplifting sermon.

uplift /n [U] thinlung, ruahnak, thlarau cakternak: Her encouragement gave me a great sense of uplift.

upon /ə¹pon/ prep 1 (fml) par; tlun = on² 1, 4b, 9,
10, 13. 2 (idm) once upon a time ⇒ once.
(almost) upon him, them, us, etc (hmai lam tikcu) zamrang ih ra thleng, nai: Christmas is almost upon us again.

upper / $\arrowvert \Delta p = (r)/\arrowvert adj$ [attrib] 1 tlunta; dinhmun sang sawn: the upper lip, arm, $jaw \circ one$ of the upper rooms, floors, windows o temperatures in the upper sixties, ie between 65. 2 tlang par sang sawn saklam; tikap ihsin hla sawnnak; Upper Egypt, ie the part furthest from the Nile delta o the upper (reaches of the) Thames. 3 dinhmun (rank) lamih sang sawn/tum sawn, asilole, mi lian sawn: the upper classes, ie of society \circ salaries/people in the upper income bracket. Cf LOWER1. 4 (idm) gain, get etc upper hand (over sb) cak sawn, cungnung sawn: Our team gained/had the upper hand in the second half. \circ Don't let your feeling get the upper hand $over\ you.$ a stiff upper lip \Rightarrow STIFF. the upper **crust** (*infml or joc*) minung pawlkom-awknak ah a sang bik le a cungnung bik dinhmun: belong to the upper crust.

□ pper n 1 shoe, boot tivek kedan ih kedil tlunta lam. 2 (infml) thinlung nomnak petu sii. Cf downer. 3 (idm) be one's uppers (infml) sumpai (tangka) malte nei.

 $\ \square$ upper case cafang tum (capital letters): titles set in upper case $\ \bigcirc$ [attrib] upper-case titles.

the upper Chamber (also the upper House) (in the British parliament) the House of Lords; Parliament sang sawn.

upper-cut *n* (boxing lehnak ah) ralpa ih kharuh tang lam ihsin thong.

uppermost / Apəməvst/ adj hmunsang bik, dinhmun sang bik, thupitnak a sang bik.

▶ uppermost adv a sang bik, asilole, a thupi bik: Store this side uppermost, eg as a notice on a container. ○ The children's future is always uppermost in my mind.

uppish /Apis// adj (infml esp Brit) (also esp US
 uppity /Apəti/) hngal/puar: Don't get uppish
 with me, young lady!

upright /\text{\text{Aprait}/ adj 1 ding zet ih ding/tungmi:}
his upright bearing/posture/stance. 2 mi dik; mi
hmaan: an upright citizen ○ be upright in one's
business dealings. 3 (idm) bolt upright ⇒
BOLT³.

 \triangleright **upright** adv **1** a tung mi, a ding: sit, stand, hold oneself upright \circ pull the tent-pole upright. **upright** n **1** a tung (a hleice in lehnak hrang ah): The ball bounced off the left upright of the goal. **2** upright upright

uprightness n [U].

upright piano (also upright) piano: a hri pawl a tung zawngih ummi piano.

uprising /vpraizin/ n uknak duh lo ruangih doawknak thok: an armed uprising.

uproar /\darger(n)/ n [U, sing] (outburst of) hnok
ruri, hnasetza, awn murmo: The meeting ended
in (an) uproar. ○ There was (an) uproar over
the tax increases.

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uproot /ivp'ru:t/ v 1 [Tn esp passive] a hram
 thawn phawi. 2 [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ sb/one self
 (from sth/...) (fig) umnak hmun, asilole,
 suahnak hmun ihsin tlanter; poksuak: She
 uprooted herself from thefarm and moved to
 London.

upset / $_{\text{i}} \text{Ap}^{\text{l}} \text{set} / v$ (pt, pp upset) 1 [I, Tn] letter, linglet, bungter: upset one's cup, the milk, a plate of biscuits \circ A large wave upset the boat. **2**[Tn] tumtahnak siatsuah: upset the balance of trade o Our arrangements for the weekend were upset by her visit. **3** [Tn] (a) vansanglamter; mangbangter: be emotionally upset ○ Don't upset yourself — no harm has been done. O The sight of physical suffering always upsets me. O He was upset at not being invited. (b) pumpi in rialdip thei lo: Cheese often upsets her stomach. 4 (idm) upset the/ sb's applecart. (a) tumtahnak le tawlrelnak siat suah: Her refusal to help quite upset the applecart. (b) lungkimpi lo.

Dupset/Apset/n 1 [U, C] buainak; beidongnak: Last-minute changes caused a great deal of upset. O She had a major emotional upset. 2 [C] pumsong, pumna: (infml) in bed with a tummy upset. 3 (in sport) ruah lopi thil cang (sung).

upshot / Ap / pt / n [sing] the ~ (of sth) a rah;

hlawknak: The upshot of it all was that he resigned.

- upside-down /ˌapsaɪd 'daʊn/ adj, adv 1 linglet; tlunlam tanglam ah, tanglam tlunlam ah: That picture is upside-down hold a book upside-down. 2 (infml fig) buainak le hnaihnoknak: He has an upside-down way of doing things, eg he deals with priorities last. Burglars had turned the house upside-down.
- upstage /¡Ap'steɪdʒ/ adj, adv 1 laamnak (stage) dunglamta, dunglam ah: an upstage door move upstage. 2 miphun sang le milian pawl lawng thupi ih ruat: They're much too upstage for us these days.
 - ▷ upstage v [Tn] 1 mah lawngih puai zohtu minung pawlih thinlung le mi hiip tum. 2 (fig) midang lan ih mi thinlung hiip: He upstaged the other speakers by illustrating his talk with slides.
- upstairs /ˌAp'steəz/ adv 1 inn tlunta khaan, dot
 tlunta: walk, leap, sleep upstairs I was
 upstairs when it happened. Cf downstairs. 2
 (idm) kick sb upstairs ⇒ KICK¹.
 - ▷ upstairs adj tlunta sawn; cungnung sawn:
 an upstairs room, window the families
 upstairs/the upstairs families.
- **upstairs** n [sing] (infml) dot tlunta: A bungalow does not have an upstairs.
- upstanding /¡Ap'stændɪŋ/ adj [attrib] (fml or rhet) 1 cak, harhdam; harhdam tha: a fine upstanding figure of a man. 2 mi ding, mi hmaan: upstanding members of the city council.
- upstart /Apsta:t/ n (derog) rin lo pi ih dinhmun sang thleng, asilole, hmakhat teih milian cang; umtlandan ah mi rem lo zawngih nung: You can't marry that young upstart! [attrib] upstart bureaucrats, financiers, officials, etc.
- upstream /Ap'stri:m/ adv, adj tilu/tihna lam ah/ ta: row, swim, walk upstream ○ Factories uptream (from us) are polluting the water. Cf DOWNSTREAM.
- upsurge /\(\text{Apss:dz} / n \) (usu \(sing \) (a) ~ (in \(sth \) tam
 lohli, \(thang/\(karhzai \) lohli: \(an \) \(upsurge \) in \(sales, \)
 costs, \(investments. \) (b) ~ (of \(sth \) \) hmakhatte in
 thinlung duhnak suak huho, \(cang \) huho: \(an \)
 upsurge of \(anger, \) enthusiasm, \(violence \) \(\circ \) an
 upsurge of interest in the environment.
- **upswing** /\(\text{Apswin} \) / n \(\text{(about sth)} \) (esp sudden) a sanglam pan a sinak; thangso a sinak: \(This \) policy led to an upswing in the party's popularity. Cf upturn.
- uptake /hpteik/ n (idm) quick/slow on the uptake theih theinak fung le rang; simmi tican thei ol/ol lo: You'll have to explain it to me carefully I'm not very quick on the uptake.
- uptight /Aptat/ adj ~ (about sth) (infml) 1
 phang tuk; helhkam tuk: get uptight about
 exams, interviews, etc. 2 ral, thinheng; thinpit,
 thin nuam lo: Offers of help just make him

 $uptight. \ {\bf 3} \ (US)$ a khoh zetmi ti dan kel.

- uptown /ı∆p'taun/ adj, adv (US) khawpi lenglam deuh minung umnak hmun: uptown New York ○ go, drive, stay uptown. Cf downtown.
- upturn /Apts:n/ n ~ (in sth) karhsonak; thansonak: an upturn in the sales figures ○ Her luck seems to have taken an upturn/to be on the upturn. Cf upswing.
 - □ upturned /ˌAp'tɜ:nd/ adj tlunlam hoimi; a pirmi; a lingkhupmi: a slightly upturned nose ○
 She felt drops of rain on her upturned face. sitting on an upturned crate.
- **upward** /Apwəd/ adj [usu attrib] a sangsawn, a thupi sawn lamah ṭhawn/hruai/pan: an upward glance, climb the upward trend in prices.
 - Description > upward (also upwards /-wədz/) adv hmunsang sawn lamah: The missile rose upward into the sky. The boat floated bottom upwards, ie upside-down. ⇒ Usage at FORWARD². upwards of prep hnakin a tam sawn: Upwards of hundred people came to the meeting.
- upward mobility dinhmun sang sawn ih telnak/thlennak. upwardly mobile dinhmun sangsawn thleng thei dingih timtuahcia: upwardly mobile young executives.
- **upwind** /Ap'wind adj, adv ~ (of sb/sth) thli ratnak/hrannak lamah: If we're upwind of the animal it may smell our scent.
- **uranium** /juˈreɪnɪəm/ n [U] a varpawlmi thir ritzet phun, radioactive property nei, atomic energy umnak hna (hram).
- urban /3:bən/ adj [usu attrib] khawpi sung thil: urban areas ○ the urban population ○ urban renewal, ie the renovation of old buildings, etc ○ urban guerrillas, ie terrorists operating in urban areas by kidnapping, etc. Cf RURAL.
- \triangleright **urbanize**, **-nise**/-arz/[Tn esp passive] (esp a rural place) khawpi umdan vekih tuah/umter. **urbanization**, **-isation** / β :bənar'ze β n; *US* - β n [U].
- urbane /s:'beɪn/ adj (fml sometimes derog)
 umtlandan mawi le ṭha; mipawl thiam: an
 urbane man, wit, smile, conversation.
 - $\,\,
 der$ urbanely adv.
 - urbanity /s:'bænətɪ/ n [U, C].
- urchin /s:t∫in/ n 1 (a) (esp dated) nauhak huatsuak/nauhak ninum: You little urchin! (b) (also street-urchin) umnak nei lo farah, hnipuan tet hruk, a baalmi nauhak. 2 SEA-URCHIN (SEA).
- **Urdu** /ˈʊəduː/ adj, n [U] Hindi tong thawn a pehawmi, Pakistan ram hman bikmi tong.



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-ure suff 1 (with vs forming ns) thil tuahnak, thil a dotdot ih tuah dan, a rah: closure o failure o seizure.
2 (with vs or ns forming ns) a bur, asilole, thil tuan dan le hman dan fiangfai te ih a neimi: legislature o prefecture.

urea /juəˈrıə; US 'jurıə/ n [U] zun al dat a neimi dat-dawm.

ureter /juəˈriːtə(r)/ n kal ihsin phu ah zun fehnak zin pahnih ih pakhat khat.

urethra /juəˈri:θτə/ n (pl ~ s or, in scientific use,
-rae /-ri:/) (anatomy) phu ihsin zun suahnak
dawngte.

urge /s:ds/ v 1 [Tn·pr, Tn·p, Cn·t] forh: urge apony into a canter, up a slope o urae one's mount on, forward, north ○ She urged her mare to jump the fence. 2 [Tn, Tf, Tg, Tsg, Cn-t] tuahter hram: 'Don't give in now,' she urged. o He urged that we should go/urged (our) going/ urged us to go. 3 [Tn, Tn.pr, Cn.t] ~ sth (on/ upon sb/sth) ruat ciamciam in le thinlung takin za-awinak pe: We urged caution. O The government urged on industry the importance of low pay settlements. O Motoring organizations are urging drivers not to travel by road if possible. 4 (phr v) urge sb on thil pakhat tuah/ tuan dingih tha pek: The manager urged his staff on (to greater efforts). O Urged on by his colleagues, he stood for election. O The need to find a solution urged him on.

 \triangleright **urge** *n* hiarnak nasa zet: sexual urges \circ get, have, feel, give in to a sudden urge to travel.

urgent /s:dzənt/ adj 1 zamrang thil; zamrang ih tuah le rel tulmi: an urgent message, case, cry for help ○ It is most urgent that we operate. ○ My car is in urgent need of repair. 2 a tul zia hmuh, langter: speak in an urgent whisper.

ightharpoonup urgency /-dzənsi/ n [U]: thu poipeng tum zet: a matter of great urgency \circ I detected a note of urgency in her voice. urgently adv: Ambulance drivers are urgently needed.

uric /jʊərɪk/ adj [attrib] zunlam thil, zun thawn a peh-awmi: *uric acid*.

urine /jʊərɪn/ n [U] zun; phu ihsin a rung suakmi

 \triangleright **urinal** /juərınl or, in British use, juə'raınl/ n mipa zun thawhnak hmun.

urinary /juərɪnərı; *US* -nerı/ *adj* [usu attrib] zun lam thil: *urinary infections, organs*.

urinate /juərmeɪt/ v [I] zun thawh.

urn /s:n/ n 1 mithi urmi vutcam retnak durtung.
2 (esp in compounds) lakphak, asilole, coffee tuahnak bel a tum zetmi (dawr ih hman theumi): a tea urn.

us /əs; strong form As/ pers pron (used as the object of a v or of prep; also used independently and after be) personal pronoun verb le preposition object hrangih hmanmi: She gave us a washing machine. ○ We'll take the dog with us. ○ Hello, it's us back again! Cf we.

US /ju: 'es/ abbr 1 United States (of America): a US citizen. 2 (also u/s) (infml) unserciveable (ie useless); hmantlaak lo: This pen's US. Give me one that writes.

USA /ju: es 'ei/ abbr 1 (US) United State Army. 2
[U, C] (esp in addresses) United State of America

USAF /ju: es ei 'ei/abbr United States Air Force.
usage /ju:sidz, 'ju:zidz/ n 1 [U] thil hmandan,
tidan: The tractor had been damaged by rough
usage. 2 tong hmandan: English grammar and
usage o Languages develop continually
through usage. o It's not a word in common
usage. o Languages develop continually
through usage. o A dictionary helps one to
distinguish correct and incorrect usage.

 $use^{1}/juzz/v$ (pt, pp used /juzzd/) 1 [Tn, Tn·pr, Tnt, $Cn \cdot n/a$] ~ sth (for sth/doing sth); ~ sth (as sth) hna tuanter/hmang: Do you how to use a lathe? ○ Use your common sense! ○ If you don't use (ie practise) your English you'll forget it. o May I use your phone? \circ A hammer unmarried name for professional purposes. O I use my bike for (going) shopping. ○ We used the money to set up an irrigation project. O They used force to persuade him. O May I use your name as a reference? ie May I quote it, eg when I apply for a job? 2 [Tn] (fml) zoh, fingkhawi; hmang: use one's friends well o He has used her shamefully. O He thinks himself ill-used, ie considers that he is badly treated. 3 [Tn, Cn·n/a] ~ sb/sth (as sth) maih thathnemnak ding hrangah midang hmang: He felt used by her. O She simply used us for her own ends /to get what she wanted. \circ He used the bad weather as an excuse for not coming. 4 [Tn, Tn-pr] hmang: use the milk sparingly, there's not much left. O The car used a gallon of petrol for the journey. 5 [Tn] (infml) (a) rittheimi sii hmang. (b) (US) kuak fawp. 6 (idm) I, etc could use a drink, etc (infml) in ding tul zet, duh zet: Boy, could I use a hot bath! use one's loaf (infml) hlawhtling zet ih ruatsuak, maih fimnak hmang. 7 (phr v) use sth up (a) a zate ih hmang theh: I've used up all the glue. O She used up the chicken bones to make soup. (b) baang; thazaang le cahnak hmuah hmang theh; cau: use up all one's strength, energy, etc. ▶ usable /juːzəbl/ adj [pred] hman theih: This tyre is so worn that it is no longer usable.

use² /ju:s/n 1 [U, sing] ~ (of sth) hmannak: the use of electricity for heating ○ learn the use of a lathe ○ an ingenious use of wind power ○ the use of force, terrorism, blackmail, etc ○ keep sth for one's own use ○ funds for use in emergencies ○ The ointment is for external use only, eg It must not be swallowed. ○ bought for use, not for ornament ○ The lock has broken through constant use. 2 [C, U] tumtahnak

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thawn thil pakhat hmannak: a tool with many uses \circ find a (new) use for sth. 3 [U] ~ (of sth) (a) hman theinak: allow a tenant the use of the garden \circ I have the use of the car this week. (**b**) hman theinak thuneihnak asilole thilti theinak: have full use of one's faculties o lose the use of one's legs, ie bacome unable to walk. 4 [U] santlaihnak: What's the use of worrying about it? O It's no use pretending you didn't know. O You're no use in the choir — you can't sing a note! O Recycled materials ar mostly of limited use. 5 [U] (fml) hman dan, ti dan, daan vekih neihmi hman dan: Long use has accustomed me to it. 6 (idm) come into/go out of use hmang thok, lole, hmang nawn lo: When did this word come into common use? O The present phone boxes will go out of use next year. have no use for sb thathnemnak nei lo/duh lo. have no use for sth hmannak ding um nawn lo: I've not further use for this typewriter, so you can have it. in use hmang rero. make the best use of sth ⇒ BEST1. make use for sth/sb thathnemnak ah hmang: Make full use of every chance you have to speak English. O We will make good use of her talents. make use of earthly use ⇒ EARTHLY. of use santlai, thahnem: These maps might be of (some) use to you on your trip. put something to good use thil pakhat ihsin hlawknak ngah: He'll be able to put his experience to good use in the new job.

used¹ /juːzd/ *adj* [usu attrib] (of clothes, cars, etc) hman reromi/a hlun (second hand).

used² /ju:st/ adj ~ to sth/doing sth tidan kel ih neih; zongsang: be quite used to hard work/working hard ○ After three weeks she had got used to the extreme heat. ○ The food in England is strange at first but you'll soon get used to it.

used to /ju:s tə; before vowels and finally 'ju:s tu:/ modal v (neg used not to, contracted form usedn't to /ju:snt tə; before vowels and finally 'ju:snt tu:/) hlan ah rak ti ṭheu, zongsang (expressing a frequent or continuous action in the past: in questions and negative sentences usu with did): I used to live in London. ○ Life here is much easier than it used to be. ○ You used to smoke a pipe, didn't you?

NOTE ON USAGE: The following negative and question patterns are old-fashioned or very formal: I usedn't to like her. O Used you to go there? O There used to be a cinema here, use(d)n't there? Most people now use patterns with did, especially when speaking or writing informally: I didn't use to like her. O Did you use to go there? O There used to be a cinema here, didn't there?

useful /juːsfl/ adj 1 santlai; ṭangkai: a useful gadget, book, hint, acquaintance ○ do sth useful

with one's life ○ Videos are useful things to have in the classroom. 2 (infml) tithei: He's a useful member of the team. 3 (idm) come in handy/useful ⇒ HANDY. make oneself useful a santlaimi hnatuan ih bawm: My nephews tried to make themselves useful about the house.

ightharpoonup usefully /-fəli/ adv: Is there anything I can usefully do here? usefulness /-fəlnis/n [U]: The old car has outlived its usefulness, ie is no longer useful or worth keeping.

useless /ju:slis/ adj 1 santlai lo; thahnem lo: A car is useless without petrol. ○ It's useless arguing/to argue with them. ○ All our efforts were useless. 2 (infml) cak lo; thil tithei lo: He's a useless player. ○ I'm useless at maths.

 \triangleright uselessness adv. uselessness n [U].

user /ju:zə(r)/ n (esp in compounds) hmangtu: drug-users, road-users ○ I'm a great user of public transport. ○ The steel industry is one of Britain's greatest users of coal.

▶ user-friendly /ju:zə 'frendli/ adj (esp of computers) thiam hrih lo pawl hrangih hmanol: a user-friendly keyboard ○ Dictionaries should be as user-friendly as possible.

usher /ʌ∫ə(r)/ n 1 biakinn, asilole, meeting tuahnak ih mi rak hmuaktu le tonak ding rak simtu. 2 thuthen zung ih sangka kiltu.

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USN /ju; es 'en/ abbr United States Navy.

USS /ju: es 'es/ abbr United States Ship: USS Oklahoma. Cf HMS.

USSR /ju: es es 'a:(r)/ abbr Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

usual /ju:zl/adj 1 a keel, a sikeel: make all the usual excuses ○ As is usual with children, they soon got tired. ○ When the accident happened, the usual crowd gathered. ○ He wasn't his usual self. ○ (infml) I'll have my usual, please, ie my usual drink, etc. 2 (idm) as usual a sikeel vekin, a si dan vekin: You're late, as usual. ○ As usual, there weren't many people at the meeting.

□ usually /ˈjuːʒəlɪ/ adv dang vekin, a si dan keel vekin: What do you usually do on Sundays?
 ○ he's usually early.
 ○ The canteen is more than usually busy today. business as usual ⇒ BUSINESS.

usurer /ju:zərə(r)/ n (dated usu derog) a thang/ miat tam zet laak ih midang sum hmangter, sum cawih.



uxorious

usurp /jux'z3:p/ v [Tn] (fml) midang ih cahnak, covo, le din hmun hmaan lo zet ih lonsak/ laaksak: usurp the throne ○ usurp the role of leader.

 \triangleright usurpation / juzzst per $\int n/n$ [U].

usury /ju:zəri/n [U] (dated usu derog) (lending of money at) a miat tampi lakih mi tangka hmangter, cawih.

utensil /ju:'tensl/ n inn ah nitin hman a ṭulmi; poihaimi thilri, ṭulmi thilri a phunphun: writing utensils, eg pencils, pens, ink ○ cooking/kitchen utensils, eg pots, pans.

uterus /ju:tərəs/ n (pl ~ es or, in scientific use, uteri /-raɪ/) (anatomy) nau inn; suul.

ightharpoonup uterine /juxtəram/ adj nau inn lam thil; suul thawn a peh-awmi.

utilitarian /juxtiliteəriən/ adj 1 (sometimes derog) a mawinak, hmannak, thatnak lam hnakin a hmannak le a santlaihnak lam thu sawnih retnak: The student accommodation is strictly utilitarian. 2 thil tuahmi le cangvaih dan cu senpi hrang le mi tamsawn hrangah thahnem santlai a si ahcun a tha a si, ti ih zumnak le za-awinak.

utility /jur'tɪlətɪ/ n 1 [U] thathnem santlaihnak:
 [attrib] a utility vehicle, ie one that can be used
 for various purposes ○ the utility value of a
 dishwasher. 2 [C] = PUBLIC UTILITY.

utility room bul inn ih puansawpnak cet, tivek, retnak khaan pakhat.

utilize, -ise /ju:təlaiz/v [Tn] (fml) hmang: utilize the available tools, resources o utilize solar power as a source of energy.

ightharpoonup utilization, -isation /ju:təlar'ze: $\int n$; US -lr'z-/ n [U].

utmost /\hatmaust/ (also uttermost /\hatmaust/) adj [attrib] a nasa bik, a hla bik, a deng bik: in the utmost danger \circ of the utmost importance \circ with the utmost care \circ pushed to the utmost limits of endurance.

b the utmost (also the utter most) n [sing] 1 a nasa bik, a hla bik, a deng bik: enjoy oneself to the utmost ○ Our endurance was tested to the utmost. 2 (idm) do/try one's utmost (to do sht) maih tithei tawp ih tuan/zuam: I did my utmost to stop them.

Utopia /juːˈtəʊpɪə/ n [C, U] sammi zianghman um lonak/ziang hmuahhmuah a famkimnak, ti ih thinlung mit in heicuannak hmun le ram: create a political Utopia.

▷ Utopian /-piən/ adj (usu derog) thil cangthei lomi cang sehla tiih saduhthahnak: Utopian ideals.

utter¹ /\(\text{sto}(\) / adj [attrib] (used to give extra
emphasis to a n) a zatein; pumhlum: utter
darkness, bliss, nonsense ○ an utter lie, disaster
○ to my utter delight, astonishment, etc ○ She's
an utter stranger to me.

▶ **utterly** adv: She utterly despises him. ○ We failed utterly to convince them.

utter¹ /^\tato(r)/v [Tn] (a) (a sound or sounds) kaa ih tong aw suak: utter a sigh, cry of pain, etc. (b) sim: utter threats, slanders, etc ○ He never uttered a word of protest.

▷ utterance /atərəns/n (fml) 1 [U] kaa ih sim; phuansuahnak: give utterance to one's feelings, thoughts, views, etc ○ The speaker had great powers of utterance. 2 [C] thu simmi: private/ public utterances.

uttermost = UTMOST.

uvula /ju:vjulə/n ($pl \sim s$ or, in scientific use, -lae /-li:/) (anatomy) dangfir/dangmawn.

uxorious /Ak'sə:rrəs/ *adj* (*fml or joc*) maih nupi duhtuk lawmmam.

