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W, w /dʌbljuː/ *n* (pl **W's, w's** /dʌbljuːz/) Mirang (English) cafang kulhluan-thumnak.

W abbr **1** watt(s): a 60W light bulb. Cf *v* abbr **2**. **2** west(ern): W Yorkshire ○ London W5 5HY, ie as a postal code. **3** (esp on clothing) women's (size).

WAC (also **Wac**) /dʌbljuː er 'si: or; in informal use, wæk/ abbr (US) Women's Army Corps: join the Wacs.

wacky /'wæki/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) (infml esp US) aatthlak: a wacky comedian.

wad /wɒd/ *n* **1** thil pakhat le pakhat karlak ih retmi puan neem, thil neem; kua phitnak a hru: The noise was so loud that she put wads of cotton wool in her ears. **2** tangka casual, tom; zung casual: He pulled a wad of £10 notes out of his pocket. **3** (Brit sl) a thlummi sang hlum: a cup of tea and a wad.

▷ **wad** *v* (**-dd-**) [Tn] **1** (a) a kuai olmi le siat olmi thil pawl a neem zetmi thil thawn fun, tuam, a karlak dan. (b) a dannak. **2** patpar, lole sahmul phummi jacket: a wadded dressing-gown, jacket, quilt. **wadding** /'wɒdɪŋ/ *n* [U] sahmul, lole patpar hnipuan sungih phummi, danmi thil neem.

waddle /'wɒdl/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] (often derog) rampai vek ih kar tawite te ih feh: A short plump woman came waddling along the pavement. ⇒ Usage at SHUFFLE.

▷ **waddle** *n* [sing] kar tawite te ih rampai feh vekih lam feh: walk with a waddle.

wade /weɪd/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] tidai/ ciarbek sung taimak ih feh: I can't wade in these boots. ○ There's no bridge; we'll have to wade across (the stream). ○ The angler waded (out) into the middle of the river. ○ They had to wade knee-deep through mud and debris to reach the victims. Cf PADDLE² **1**. (b) [Tn] tiva tan: Can we wade the brook? **2** (phr *v*) **wade in** (infml) tumnak fek le tha thawn a harmi thil tuah thok: The job has to be done, so let's wade in immediately. **wade into sb/sth** nasa takin tawng: She waded straight into her critics with her opening remarks. **wade through sth** nuam ti lo cingin, a sau le siar har thu pakhat siar: wading through page after page of boring statistics.

▷ **wader** *n* **1** [C] = WADING BIRD. **2** **waders** [pl] tidai lut thei lomi kedan saang (waterproof boots): a pair of waders.

□ **wading bird** ke sau zet a neimi tidai ih tlangmi vate.

wadi /'wɒdi/ *n* (in the Middle East and *n* Africa) Middle East le North Africa ram ih ruah tam

caan siar lo ah a luang lomi lungto tamnak tiva.

WAF (also **Waf**) /dʌbljuː er 'ef or; in informal use, wæf/ abbr (US) nunau vanzam ralkap: join the Wafs.

wafer /'weɪfə(r)/ *n* **1** a pa zetmi, sang thlum phunkhat: an ice-cream wafer, ie for eating with ice-cream. **2** thilnu (colh) tel lo sang bial, Bawipai' Zanriah ih hmanmi. **3** zung ca a si ti theih theinak dingih seal ai ih catlap dunglam ih benmi, a sen bial cahnah.

□ **wafer-thin** *adj* a pat zetmi: wafer-thin sandwiches ○ a wafer-thin majority.

waffle¹ /'wɒfl/ *n* kil-li nei sangpaat.

□ **waffle-iron** *n* waffle sang emnak thir per.

waffle² /'wɒfl/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] (Brit infml derog) thupi lo, tican nei lemlo thu saupi ngan, tɔŋ: What is she waffling about now? ○ He waffled on for hours but no one was listening.

▷ **waffle** *n* [U] tican nei lem lo tɔŋ, calai: The report looks impressive but it's really nothing but waffle.

waft /wɒft; US wæft/ zaangkhai zet in fehpi/ zuanpi: The sound of their voices wafted across the lake to us. ○ Delicious smells wafted up from the kitchen. ○ The scent of the flowers was wafted along by the breeze.

wag¹ /wæg/ *v* (**-gg-**) **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] khatlam le khat lam, lole a tlun lam le a tanglam ah zamrang ih caangter; Uico, lole rang mei cang daan vekin: The dog's tail wagged. ○ The dog wagged its tail excitedly. ○ wag one's finger at sb, ie as a way of showing one's disapproval of him. Cf WAGGLE, WIGGLE. **2** (idm) **the tail wagging the dog** ⇒ TAIL. **tongues wag** ⇒ TONGUE.

▷ **wag** *n* mei caang, mei phial: The dog gave a wag.

wag² /wæg/ *n* (dated) hnihsuah saithiam: He's a bit of a wag.

▷ **waggish** /'wæɡɪʃ/ *adj* (dated) mei caang vek: waggish remarks, tricks, youngsters. **waggishly** *adv*. **waggishness** *n* [U].

wage¹ /weɪdʒ/ *n* (usu *pl* except in certain phrases and when used attributively) tikcu te ih pekmi tɔanman, hlawhman: wages of £200 ○ Wages are paid on Fridays. ○ Tax and insurance are deducted from your wages. ○ We expect a fair day's wage for a fair day's work. ○ The workers are demanding to be paid a living wage, ie one that enables them to live without hunger or hardship. ○ a minimum wage, ie guaranteed basic pay in a particular industry or country ○ [attrib] a wage increase/rise of £10 a week. ⇒

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Usage at INCOME.

□ **wage-claim** *n* hnaʔuantu pawlkom hmin in hlawhman karh, ʃan dingih dilnak.

wage-earner *n* (a) nitin hlawh-man ngah hnaʔuantu, asilole, a tam in a ngah dingih ʔuantu: *Are you a wage-earner or salaried?* (b) sungkhat ih hlawhman neitu: *There are two wage-earners in the family.*

wage freeze lakkha, hlawhman ʃan lo dingih khamnak.

wage² /weɪdʒ/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (against/on sth)** thok, tho (ie. ral tho): *No country wants to wage a nuclear war.* ○ *The government is waging a campaign against sex discrimination in industry.*

wager /weɪdʒə(r)/ *v* [I, Tn, Tn-pr, Tf, Dn-n, Dn-f] ~ **sth (on sth)** (dated or fml) thaap; kam: *You won't find better goods anywhere else, I'll wager.* ○ *wager £5 (on a horse)* ○ *I'll wager (you) (any money you like) he won't come.*

▷ **wager** *n* (dated or fml) kam-awknak, thaap-awknak: *lay/make a wager* ○ *take up (ie accept) a wager.*

waggle /wæɡl/ *v* [I, Tn] (infml) khat lam le khat lam ah uico mei vekin caang: *His bottom waggles in a funny way when he walks.* ○ *She can waggle her ears.* Cf WAG¹, WIGGLE.

▷ **waggle** *n*.

wagon (Brit also **waggon**) /wæɡən/ *n* 1 ke pali a nei caw/rang ih dirhmi thilri phurhnak leng. Cf CART. 2 (US **freight car**) tlun khuh nei lo, lung-mei hol phurhnak tlaangleng: *a train with passenger coaches and goods wagons.* 3 lakphak rawl phurhnak kut-tul leng. 4 (idm) **on the wagon** (infml) zu in hrimehram nawn lo, asilole, in hrimehram lo: *be/go on the wagon.*

▷ **wagoner** (Brit also **waggoner**) *n* thil phurhnak leeng finkhawitu le kilvengtu; leeng dir rang zohtu, kiltu, vengtu.

wagon-lit /væɡən 'li:/ *n* (pl **wagons-lits** /væɡən 'li:/) it theinak ihkhun nei tlaangleng.

wagtail /wæɡteɪl/ *n* mei sau zet nei vate, ciinraang phun.

waif /weɪf/ *n* 1 inn nei lo nauhak vakvai: *a home for waifs and strays*, ie homeless and neglected children ○ *They looked thin, waif-like and half starved.* 2 neitu um lo thilri le ʃilva.

wail /weɪl/ *v* 1 (a) [I, Ipr] ~ **(about/over sth)** ring zet in hrum, aukio, ʃap: *wail with grief* ○ *The sick child was wailing miserably.* ○ *There's no use wailing about/over mistakes made in the past.* (b) [I] (fig) minung ʃap le aukio vek thawmvang tuah: *ambulances racing along with sirens wailing* ○ *You can hear the wind wailing in the chimney.* (c) [Tn, Tf] ʃap phah in sim: *'I've lost all my money!' she wailed.* ○ *The child was wailing loudly that she had hurt her foot.* 2 [Ipr] ~ **for sb** ʃah; eg a faate a thi ih a ʃah: *She was wailing for her lost child.* ⇒ Usage

at CRY.

▷ **wail** *n* (a) ʃap, aukio: *The child burst into loud wails.* ○ *She uttered a wail of grief.* (b) ʃap, aukio vek thawmvang: *the wail of sirens.*

wainscot /weɪnskət/ *n* phar tanglam khuh, phar baan.

▷ **wainscoted** *adj* (of a room) phar tanglam zial ih khuhmi a khaan.

wainscoting *n* [U] phar tanglam khuhnak ih hmanmi thil.

waist /weɪst/ *n* 1 taai: *She wore a wide belt round her waist.* ○ *She has a 26-inch waist.* ○ *He measures 30 inches round the waist.* ○ *The workmen were stripped to (ie wearing nothing above) the waist.* ○ [attrib] *waist measurements.*

2 (a) taai zawn: *If the skirt is too big, we can take in the waist.* ○ *The waist is too tight for me.* ○ *trousers with a 30-inch waist.* (b) liang ihsin taai tiang taksa khuhtu hnipuan. Cf SHIRTTWAIST (SHIRT). 3 (a) thil pakhat ih a lai a reknak bik: *the waist of an hourglass, a violin, a wasp.* (b) lawng hmailam ih khaw-thlir, khaw connak le dunglam hmun sang, bawi pawl umnak karlak.

▷ **waisted** *adj* (of a garment) taai zawn ih a feemmi, fiakmi: *a waisted coat.*

-waisted (forming compound *adjs*) taihren puan lam thawn a kaikawh, a pehawmi: *narrow-waisted* ○ *wasp-waisted* ○ *a high-waisted garment*, ie one with its waist above the waist of the person wearing it.

□ **waistband** *n* el ʔemnak puan, skirt, lole bawngbi tai.

waistcoat /weɪskəʊt; US 'weskət/ (US also **vest**) *n* angki ban nei lo, hmailam ih sihnei, jacket le coat sung ih hruhm.

waist-deep *adv, adj* taai tiang: *The water was waist-deep.* ○ *They were waist-deep in water.* ○ *wade waist-deep into a stream.*

waist-high *adj, adv* taai tiang a saangmi: *The grass had grown waist-high.*

waistline *n* 1 taai kimvel tahnak: *a narrow/slim waistline.* 2 taai tlun, lole taai tang ʔemnak puan: *a dress with a high waistline.*

wait¹ /weɪt/ *v* 1 (a) [I, Ipr, It] ~ **(for sb/sth)** (minung, lole thil pakhat khat) hngak: *'Have you been waiting long?'* *'Yes, I've been waiting (for) twenty minutes.'* ○ *Tell him I can't see him now, he'll have to wait.* ○ *Wait for me, please.* ○ *We are waiting for the rain to stop.* ○ *You'll have to wait until the end of the month before I can pay you.* ○ (infml) *I was just waiting for (ie expecting) that (to happen).* ○ *The chairman is waiting to begin (the meeting).* ○ *I am waiting to hear the result.* ○ *I can't wait (ie am impatient) to read his latest novel.* (b) [Tn] caan ʃa hngak: *wait one's opportunity/chance to do sth* ○ *You will just have to wait your turn, ie wait until your turn comes.* ⇒ Usage. (c) [I]

tikcu thin: *The matter can wait until the next meeting; it's not urgent.* **2** [Tn, Dn-pr] ~ **sth (for sb)** rawl ei hngak: *I shall be home late tonight, so don't wait dinner (for me).* **3** [I] zin kap ah mawṭawka pakhat khat rei lote sung cawl: *No Waiting*, ie as a warning that vehicles must not stop at the side of the road even for a short time. **4** (idm) **keep sb waiting** hngakter: *I'm sorry to have kept you waiting.* ○ *He kept us waiting for ages while he packed his luggage.* **ready and waiting** ⇨ READY. **time and tide wait for no man** ⇨ TIME¹. **wait and see** ziang a cang ding, ziangti'n a um ding ti hngak hrih aw: *We shall just have to wait and see; there's nothing we can do at the moment.* **wait at table** (US **wait on table**) (of a waiter or a servant in a private house) in ding ei ding timtuahsak; ei cianak khokheng pawl ret sal. **wait for the cat to jump/to see which way the cat jumps** (infml) ziangti in a cang ding ti theihfiang hnu ih ruatcat, thil tuah; tlai hnu ih thil tuah. **wait for it** (infml) tuah tikcu a thlen hlanah tuah lo ding kham. (play) **a waiting game** hlawhtling dingih hnu hrim (hnu, tlai pang si lo). **wait on sb hand and foot** ṭul poimawh le sammi hmuah tuahsak: *He seemed to expect to be waited on hand and foot.* **what are we waiting for?** (infml) ziang si hngak rero a ṭulnak. **what are you waiting for?** (infml ironic) ziangruangah na hnaṭuan na thok lo. (just) **you wait** rak zoh hman aw, na thei leh ding. **5** (phr v) **wait about/around** rak hngak hramhram aw. **wait behind** midang feh ṭheh hnu ih mi pakhat thawn be-aw, thu rel: *Please wait behind after class today.* **wait in** inn ihsin a ra dingmi rak hngak: *I waited in all day but they didn't arrive.* **wait on sb** (a) ei ding, in ding pek ih tuamhlawm. (b) (dated fml) upatnak thinlung thawn mi hnenih leng. **wait up (for sb)** mi pakhat inn tlung hlan lo it lo in rak hngak: *I shall be home very late tonight, so don't wait up (for me).*

▷ **waiter** (fem **waitress** /ˈweɪtrɪs/) n rawl dawh ih mikhual pawl, rawl le in dingmi petu, hlantu.

□ **waiting-list** n thil pakhat khat hngaktu cazin: *put sb on a waiting-list for theatre tickets* ○ *a hospital waiting-list, eg for operations.*

waiting-room n (a) tlaangleng, vanzam tivek feh ding hngak ih mikhual pawl tokhawmnak khan. (b) siibawi rak hngak sungnak innkhaan.

NOTE ON USAGE: Compare **wait for** and **expect**. *I'm expecting him to arrive soon* means that I'm sure that he will. *I'm waiting for him to arrive* means that I thought he would come earlier but he is late. **Waiting** (for something) can be seen as an action: *I'll wait here until it's*

time to go. ○ *I'm too nervous to read when I'm waiting to see the dentist.* **Expecting** can suggest that nothing can be done to change an event in the future: *I'm expecting to fail my exams.* ○ *The fall in profits had been expected.*

wait² /weɪt/ n **1** ~ (for sth/sb) rak hngak sungnak: *I was prepared for a wait.* ○ *We had a long wait for the bus.* **2** (idm) **lie in wait** ⇨ LIE².

waive /weɪv/ v [Tn] (fml) thlah, ti vivo lo ih bang: *waive a claim, privilege, right, rule* ○ *We've decided to waive the age-limit for applicants in your case.*

▷ **waiver** /ˈweɪvə(r)/ n (law) upadi le daan vekih covo thlah, hlon hlo; bansannak: *They were persuaded to sign a waiver of claims against the landlord.*

wake¹ /weɪk/ v (pt **woke** /wəʊk/ or, in archaic use, **waked**, pp **woken** /ˈwəʊkən/ or, in archaic use, **waked**) **1** (a) [I, Ip, It] ~ (up) ṭhang: *What time do you usually wake (up) in the morning?* ○ *She had just woken from a deep sleep.* ○ *I woke early this morning.* ○ *Wake up! It's eight o'clock.* ○ *I woke up in the night feeling cold.* ○ *She woke up with a start when the door slammed.* ○ *He woke (up) to find himself alone in the house.* (b) [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sb** (up) ṭhang, thoter: *Try not to wake the baby (up).* ○ *I was woken (up) by a noise in the room.* Cf AWAKE¹, AWAKEN. **2** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sb/sth** (up) ṭhangharhter, mangter, thoter: *A cold shower will soon wake you up.* ○ *The incident woke memories of his past sufferings.* ○ *The audience needs waking up.* **3** [Tn] (fml) awnter, thawmvang hnaihokter: *His echoing cry woke the mountain valley.* **4** (idm) **wake the dead** (of a noise) a ring tuk: *They were making enough noise to wake the dead.* **one's waking hours** men sung, itthat lo sung: *She spends all her waking hours worrying about her job.* **5** (phr v) **wake up to sth** thil umdan le umzia theithiam: *It's time you woke up to the fact that you're not very popular.* ○ *He hasn't yet woken up to the seriousness of the situation.*

▷ **wakeful** /-fl/ adj (a) itthat lo, meng. (b) ralring; harhfim. (c) (of a night) itthat lo; it lo sing lo: *a wakeful night spent in prayer.*

wakefully /-fəli/ adv. **wakefulness** n [U].

waken /ˈwɪkən/ v [I, Tn] ṭhangter.

wake² /weɪk/ n (a) mithi phum hlanih zamen; topinak. (b) (esp in Ireland) a thitu sungkhat pekmi ei-in thawn mithi topinak.

wake³ /weɪk/ n **1** tidai par ih lawng fehnak sul; sulhnu: *the foaming white wake of the liner.* **2** (idm) **in the wake of sth** hnuzul; thlun in: *Outbreaks of disease occurred in the wake of the drought.* ○ *The war brought many social changes in its wake.*

walk¹ /wɔːk/ v **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, In/pr] (a) (of a person)

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lam leeng; lam feh: *How old was the baby when she started to walk?* ○ *We walked slowly home.* ○ *He walked into the room.* ○ *walking up and down* ○ *They walked along the river.* ○ *I've walked ten miles today.* Cf RUN¹, TROT 2. (b) motor; leeng, tivek hmang lo ih ke in feh, tlawng: 'How did you get here?' 'I walked.' ○ *I missed the bus and had to walk home.* (c) (often **go walking**) harhdamnak ding le thinlung nuamter dingih ke in feh: *I like walking.* ○ *We are going walking in the Alps this summer.* (d) (of four-footed animals) ke li nei ramsa nuamte in khulfung zet ih feh. Cf GALLOP, TROT 1. 2 [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] hruai, fehpi; khor: *Horses should be walked for a while after a race.* ○ *He's out walking the dog.* ○ *He walked the horse up the hill.* ○ *He walked her to her car.* ○ *He put his arm round me and walked me away.* ○ *I'll walk you home.* 3 [Tn] ke in feh: *walk the fields looking for wild flowers.* 4 [I] (dated) (of a ghost, etc) muthla cangvai rero vekin hmu: *It was the sort of night when phantoms might walk.* 5 (idm) **be on/walk the streets** ⇨ STREET. **run before one can walk** thil umdan thei lo ih hnañuan har zetmi ñuan: *Don't try to run before you can walk.* **walk before one can run** hnañuan har ñuan lo ih a umdan thei; zir hmais. **a walking dictionary, encyclopedia**, etc ñongfang tampi a theitu le thil pakhat khat a hleice ih thiamtu: *She's a walking textbook of medicine.* **walk one's legs off his feet** (infml) thacem; bang hlan lo feh. **walk the plank** tangphawlawng sir ih donmi zialtlep par ihsin tidai ah tuul thlak; thihter. **walk tall** hngal; zum-aw. **walk/tread a tightrope** ⇨ TIGHTROPE (TIGHT).

6 (phr v) **walk away from sb/sth** zuam-awknak ah mah rak zuamtu olte ih neh. **walk away/off with sth** (infml) (a) olte in laksawng ngah: *She walked away with two first prizes.* (b) fir; ru: *Somebody has walked off with my pen.*

walk into sth (infml) (a) ralring lo ruangih kaih tuar: *They set a trap for him and he walked right into it.* (b) zuam ciamco ñul lo ih hnañuan ngah: *She simply walked into a job at the bank as soon as she graduated.* **walk into sth/sb** lamzin feh lai ih mi khawng pang: *She wasn't looking where she was going and walked straight into me.*

walk out (infml) (of workers) hna ñuan duh lo in hmakhatte ih ngol. **walk out (of sth)** thinheng zet ih meeting-nak hmun, lole hnañuannak hmun ihsin suak; feh hlo; taanta. **walk out (with sb)** (dated infml) duh-aw, cai-aw: *They were walking out for years before they got married.* **walk out on sb** (infml) tan; tlansan; pehawknak nei lo; ñen aw: *He had a row with his wife and just walked out on her.*

walk over sb (infml) (a) zuamawknak ih mi

neh zet: *The visiting team was too strong — they walked all over us.* (b) siakha zet le zaangfahnak nei lo ih mi tuah: *You mustn't let him walk over you like that.*

walk up (usu imperative) ra zoh aw: *Walk up! Walk up! The performance is about to begin.*

walk up (to sb/sth) pan; nai: *A stranger walked up to me and shook my hand.* ○ *She walked up to the desk and asked to see the manager.*

▷ **walker** *n* 1 harhdamnak dingih lam fehtu; lam leengtu. 2 ke kiak pawl hmanmi kianghrol phunkhat.

□ **walkabout** *n* 1 (in Australia) hramlak ih tawihvah: *go walkabout.* 2 mi upa le bawi mikhual pakhat mi senpi lak ih nuamte in tawivak: *go on a walkabout.*

walk-in *adj* [attrib] 1 (esp US) (of a cupboard, wardrobe, etc) a sung ih luh theih bungbel, ei-in le thil thuam retnak bizu tum zet: *a walk-in closet.* 2 (US) (of a flat) a bulte ih luhnak neimi umnak khaan: *a walk-in apartment.*

walking papers (US) hnañuannak ihsin dawinak ca: *be given one's walking papers.*

walking rein = LEADING-REIN (LEADING).

walking-stick *n* (also **stick**) kianghrol.

walking-tour *n* zungpit tlawngpit sung tlawnvak.

Walkman *n* (pl ~ s) (propr) ear-phone thawn ngai theimi kutken cassette fate.

walk-on *adj* [usu attrib] (of a part in a play) lemcawnnak ah a tawi zet le ñong ñul lomi.

walk-out *n* hnañuantu pawl rin lo ih ngolnak.

walk-over *n* olte ih nehnak: *The match was a walk-over for the visiting team.*

walk-up *adj* [attrib] (US) (of a flat or block of flats) dat kailawn nei lomi. — *n* dat kailawn nei lomi inn, innkhaan.

walkway *n* corridor; innkap fehnak zin fate.

walk² /wɔ:k/ *n* 1 (a) [C] nomnak le damnak duh ruangih lam leennak: *go for a walk* ○ *have a pleasant walk across the fields* ○ *She took the dog for a walk.* (b) [sing] (a) feh dan: *I recognized him at once by his walk.* (b) kar khat; ke kar khat: *The horse slowed to a walk after its long gallop.* ○ *After running for ten minutes, he dropped into a walk, ie began to walk.* 3 [C] fehnak lamzin: *The path through the forest is one of my favourite walks.* ○ *Some of the walks in this area are only possible in dry weather.* ○ *The garden is well laid out, with many pleasant walks.* 4 (idm) **cock of the walk** ⇨ cock¹. **a walk of life** mi pakhat ih hnañuan, a pumcawmnak; a sinak: *They interview people from all walks of life.*

walkie-talkie /ˈwɔ:ki ˈtɔ:ki/ *n* (infml) fehnak kipih ken thei a zaang zetmi radio-telephone.

wall /wɔ:l/ *n* 1 (a) phar: *The old town on the hill had a wall right round it.* ○ *The fields were*

divided by stone walls. ○ *The fruit trees grew against the garden wall.* (b) a khaan, lole inn ih phar pakhat: *the castle walls were very thick.* ○ *Hang the picture on the wall opposite the window.* ○ [attrib] a wall light. **2** (fig) phar thawn a bangrepmi thil: *The mountain rose up in a steep wall of rock.* ○ *The investigators were confronted by a wall of silence.* ○ *The tidal wave formed a terrifying wall of water.* **3** a sunglam pit lo ih a kawhawrmil thilih a lenglam dan: *the abdominal wall* ○ *the wall of an artery, a blood-vessel, etc.* **4** (idm) **bang, etc one's head against a brick wall** ⇒ HEAD¹. **a fly on the wall** ⇒ FLY¹. **have one's back to the wall** ⇒ BACK¹. **a hole in the wall** ⇒ HOLE. **to the wall** harsa le beidong dinhmun: *Several firms have gone to the wall* (ie been ruined) recently. ○ *drive/push sb to the wall*, ie defeat him. **up the wall** (infml) nasa zet ih thinheng; thin so: *That noise is driving/sending me up the wall.* ○ *I'll go up the wall if it doesn't stop soon.* **walls have ears** (saying) mi thusim a thupte ih ngaitu ralrinnak: *Be careful what you say; even the walls have ears!* **the writing on the wall** ⇒ WRITING.

▷ **wall v 1** [Tn esp passive] phar, hauhruang in kulh: *a walled city, garden, town.* **2** (phr v) **wall sth in/off** phar in kulh ci; phar in then: *Part of the yard had been walled off.* **wall sth up** phar thawn phit: *a walled-up door, fireplace, passage.*

□ **wallflower n 1** hmuan ih cinmi a rim thawmi thingkung; pangpar. **2** (infml) laampi ding hngak in rak to ngiongitu.

wall-painting n phar parih suaimi lem.

wallpaper n [U] pianzia (rong) a neimi phar parih benmi caku, catlap. — v [I, Tn] phar parih caben.

wall-to-wall adj, adv (of a floor-covering) khaan sung khat ko ih phahmi: *a wall-to-wall carpet* ○ *a room carpeted wall-to-wall.*

wallaby /wɒləbi/ n Kangaroo fate phun.

wallah /wɒlə/ n (infml) (India țong) hnațuan pakhat khat a neimi: *bank wallahs.*

wallet /wɒlɪt/ (US also **billfold**, **pocket-book**) n tangka bawm, tangka retnak dipte, kut ih khaimi dipte. Cf PURSE¹ 1.

wall-eyed /wɒl'aɪd/ adj mit raang kaumi.

wallop /wɒləp/ v [Tn, Tn-pr] (infml) **1** nasa zet in thawi: *If I ever catch the rascal I'll really wallop him!* ○ *She walloped the ball (for) miles.* **2** zuam-awknak ah mi neh zet: *I walloped him at darts.*

▷ **wallop n 1** [C] (infml) nasa zet ih thawi: *He crashed down on the floor with a wallop.* **2** [U] (Brit sl) zu.

walloping adj [attrib] (infml) tum; tum zet: *He had to pay a walloping (great) fine.* — n (infml) (a) thawi: *She threatened the children with a*

walloping. (b) neh zet; neh neknek: *Our team got a terrible walloping yesterday.*

wallow /wɒləʊ/ v [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (about/around) (in sth) **1** (vok) bual ih taal rero; sualnak ah taal rero; tidai sungih taal rero: *The children enjoyed watching the hippopotamus wallowing (about) in the mud.* ○ *The ship wallowed in* (ie was tossed about by) *the rough sea.* **2** thil pakhat khat ah nuam zet ih um; bualcel; nomnak hmang; nomnak ah leuh: *wallow in a hot bath* ○ *wallowing in luxury* ○ *They're absolutely wallowing in money*, ie very rich. ○ *She seemed to be wallowing in her grief, instead of trying to recover from the disaster.*

▷ **wallow n 1** bualcelnak. **2** bual; sabual.

Wall Street /wɔ:l stri:t/ (infml) New York khua sungih ummi America minung pawlih tangka daw: *Share prices fell on Wall Street today.* ○ *Wall Street responded quickly to the news.* ○ [attrib] *the Wall Street Journal.*

wally /wɒli/ n (Brit infml) mi-aa; ruahnak kim lo: *Don't be such a wally!*

walnut /wɒlnʌt/ n **1** [C] khumkhal rah; a rah sungmu a thaw zetmi. **2** (a) [C] (also **walnut tree**) khumkhal timi zanthing phunkhat. (b) [U] khumkhal thing.

walrus /wɒlrəs/ n vur ram tisung um nga tumpi phun khat; Arctic zone ah an um.

□ **walrus moustache** (infml) a hmur sirlam veve ih a ummi walrus ih hmurhmul.

waltz /wɔ:ls/ US wɔ:lts/ n (a) mipa le nunau a kopkop ih laamnak phunkhat. (b) hi laamnak hrangih tummi awnmawi.

▷ **waltz v 1** [I, Tn-pr] laam; laamter: *She waltzes beautifully.* ○ *He waltzed her round the room.* **2** [Ipr, Ip] (infml) laam phah ih lungawi zet ih her; thawn: *She waltzed up to us and announced that she was leaving.* ○ *He waltzes in and out as if the house belongs to him.* **3** (phr v) **waltz off with sth** (infml) (a) thil fir; ru: *he's just waltzed off with my cigarette lighter!* (b) ol zet ih ngah; neh: *She waltzed off with the school prizes for maths and science.*

wampum /wɒmpəm/ n [U] N. America Indian pawl in tangka ih an hmanmi cumkheng phaw vek a hakmi țhifang tivec hlawnthil.

wan /wɒn/ adj (-nner, -nnest) (of a person, his appearance, etc) thin bang hmél; dam lo hmél; bang hmél: *a wan smile*, ie a slight one from sb who is ill or tired or unhappy ○ (fig) *the wan light of a winter's morning.*

▷ **wanly adv**: *smile wanly.*

wanness /wɒnnɪs/ n [U].

wand /wɒnd/ n **1** mitkher thiam le dawi thiam ih hmanmi kut kaih funghreu, kianghrol fem: *The fairy godmother waved her (magic) wand.* **2** = LIGHT PEN (LIGHT¹).

wander /wɒndə(r)/ v **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] (a) (tumnak fel le fiang nei cuang loi hmun dangdang ah)

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thawn vivo; vak vivo: *wander through the countryside* ○ *enjoy wandering in a strange town* ○ *She was wandering aimlessly up and down the road.* ○ *We wandered around for hours looking for the house.* ○ (fig) *She was so weak that her pen kept wandering over the page as she wrote.* (b) nuamnai le tumtahnak fiangfai lo ih vaak rero; vai; cer: *They wandered back to work an hour later.* ○ *He wandered in to see me as if he had nothing else to do.* ○ *They wandered out into the darkness.* ○ (fig) *Her thoughts wandered back to her youth.* **2** [Tn] tumnak mumal nei lo ih tawivak duldo: *I've spent two years wandering the world.* ○ *The child was found wandering the streets alone.* **3** [I, Ipr, Ip] (of a road or river) kelkawi; a kual; a kawi: *The road wanders (along) through the range of hills.* **4** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (from/off sth); ~ (away/off) (of a person or an animal) mah umnak ihsin ramdang, hmundang ah feh; lam hlo: *The shepherd set out to look for the sheep that had wandered (away).* ○ *We seem to have wandered from the path.* ○ *The child wandered off and got lost.* ○ (fig) *Don't wander from the subject: stick to the point, ie don't digress.* **5** [I] (of a person, his mind, etc) thupi ih ruat lo; thinlung buai: *He realized his audience's attention was beginning to wander.* ○ *Her mind seemed to be wandering and she didn't recognize us.*

▷ **wander** *n* (infml) tawihvahnak: *She went for a little wander round the park.*

wanderer /wɒndərə(r)/ *n* mi tawivak; ramsa tawivak (WANDER 1).

wanderings /wɒndəriŋz/ *n* [pl] **1** tawihvahnak; hmun khat ihsin hmun dangdang ih thawn vivonak: *After five years, he returned from his wanderings.* **2** khurhnat besiat ruangih a si lolo ðong ciamcomi, sim ciamcomi.

wanderlust /wɒndələst/ *n* [U] khualtlawn duh tuknak, hiar tuknak.

wane /weɪn/ *v* [I] **1** (of the moon) thlapi a thim lam. Cf **wax**² **1**. **2** thil ti theinak; cahnak le thupitnak cem vivo; ral deuh; cak lo deuhdeuh: *The power of the landowners waned during this period.* ○ *Her enthusiasm for the expedition was waning rapidly.* **3** (idm) **wax and wane** ⇨ **wax**².

▷ **wane** *n* (idm) **on the wane** nuamte ih ðumsuk vivo.

wangle /wæŋgl/ *v* (infml) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-n] ~ **sth** (out of sb) bumnak le leem dan thim ih thil ngah, nei: *I'd love to go to the match tomorrow — do you think you can wangle it?* ○ *She managed to wangle an invitation to the reception.* ○ *He was trying to wangle his way onto the committee.* ○ *I'll try to wangle a contribution out of him.* ○ *She's wangled an extra week's holiday for herself.* **2** (phr v)

wangle out of sth/doing sth tel lonak; luatnak lamzin hawl: *it's bound to be a boring party — let's try to wangle out of it/going.*

▷ **wangle** *n* thil dik lo; dik lo le leem awknak hmang ih thil tinak: *get sth by a wangle.*

wank /wæŋk/ *v* [I] (Δ Brit sl) mahte zang fil rero.

▷ **wank** *n* (Δ Brit sl) cuvek tuahnak.

wanker (Δ Brit sl) **1** (derog) tling lo; sam; zangzel le mi-aa. **2** zang filtu.

wanna /wɒnə/ contracted form 'want to' (infml esp US) **1** duh: *I wanna hold your hand.* **2** duh: *You wanna cigarette?*

want¹ /wɒnt; US wɔːnt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tt, Tnt, Tsg, Cn-n/a] duh: *They want a bigger flat.* ○ *Have you decided what you want?* ○ *The staff want a pay rise.* ○ *She wants to go to Italy.* ○ *She wants me to go with her.* ○ *I didn't want that to happen.* ○ *I want it (to be) done as quickly as possible.* ○ *I don't want you arriving late.* ○ *The people want him as their leader.* ⇨ Usage. **2** [Tn, Tg] ðul; poihai: *We shall want more staff for the new office.* ○ *Let me know how many copies you want.* ○ (infml) *What that boy wants (ie deserves) is a good smack!* ○ *The plants want watering/want to be watered daily.* ○ *I'm sure you don't want reminding of the need for discretion.* **3** [Tt] (infml) thil ti a ðul: *You want to be more careful.* ○ *They want to remember who they're speaking to!* **4** [Tn] (fml) sambau; daih lo: *He wants the courage to speak the truth.* ○ *After the disaster there were many who wanted food and shelter.* **5** [Tn usu passive] mi pakhat poi; ðul: *You will not be wanted this afternoon.* ○ *You are wanted immediately in the director's office.* ○ *He is wanted (for questioning) by the police, eg because he is suspected of committing a crime.* **6** [Tn] (mi pakhat khat thawn) nunau mipa lam pawl-awh hiar. **7** [Tn] (used with it) sam; tling lo; duh lai: *It still wants half an hour till midnight.* **8** (idm) **have/want it/things both ways** ⇨ BOTH. **not want to know (about sth)** thei duh lo; hrial: *He was desperately in need of help but nobody seemed to want to know.* **waste not, want not** ⇨ WASTE². **9** (phr v) **want for sth** (esp in questions or negative sentences) sambau; ðuul: *Those children want for nothing/never want for anything, ie have everything they need.* ○ *She didn't want for help from her friends.* **want in/out** (infml) lut duh/suak duh: *I think the dog wants in — I can hear it scratching at the door.* **want out/out of sth** (infml esp US) tel duh nawn lo.

NOTE ON USAGE: When expressing an offer or issuing an invitation, **like** is the most usual verb: *Would you like a cup of coffee?* ○ *Would you like to come to dinner with us next week?* **Care (for)** is more formal: *Would you care for*

another piece of cake? ○ Would you care to come for a walk with me? **Want** is the most direct and informal: *Do you want a piece of chocolate?* ○ *We're going to the cinema tonight. do you want to come with us?*

want² /wɒnt; US wɑːnt/ *n* **1** [C usu pl] **(a)** thil pakhat duhnak; poi-hainak; ʔulnak: *He is a man of few wants.* ○ *This book meets a long-felt want*, ie has been needed for a long time. **(b)** duhmi; ʔulmi thil: *All their wants were provided by their host.* **2** [U, sing] ~ **of sth** sambau-nak; tlaksam-nak; daih lonak: *The refugees are suffering for want of food and medical supplies.* ○ *The plants died from want of water.* ○ *She decided to accept the offer for want of anything better.* ○ *She couldn't find anywhere to live, though not for want of trying*, ie not because she hadn't tried. **3** [U] farahnak; thil neih lonak: *live in want* ○ *Their health had suffered from years of want.* ○ *a policy aimed at fighting want and deprivation.* **4** (idm) **in want of sth** thil pakhat sam; ʔul: *The house is in want of repair.*

□ **want ads** (infml esp US) = CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS (CLASSIFY).

wanting /ˈwɒntɪŋ; US ˈwɑːn-/ *adj* [pred] **1** ~ **(in sth)** (fml) kim lo; sam; daih lo: *His behaviour was wanting in courtesy*, ie discourteous, rude. **2** (idm) **be found wanting** ⇒ FIND¹.

wanton /ˈwɒntən; US ˈwɑːn-/ *adj* **1** [esp attrib] (of an action) a ruang um lo ih tuahhrim: *wanton cruelty, damage, waste* ○ *the wanton destruction of a historic building.* **2** (fml) um menmen thei lo; lek duh: *a wanton breeze* ○ *in a wanton mood.* **3** (of growth, etc) tam zet; ʔha zet: *The weeds grew in wanton profusion.* **4** (dated fml) hnawm; thianghlim lo; hur: *a wanton creature* ○ *wanton behaviour.*

▷ **wanton** *n* (dated) a sual; ziaza ʔha lomi (esp nunau).

wantonly *adv*: *wantonly destructive.*

wantonness *n* [U].

wapiti /ˈwɒpɪti/ *n* N America ram um zukneng.

war /wɔː(r)/ *n* **1** **(a)** [U] ral, leidorol, doawknak: *the horrors of war* ○ *the outbreak* (ie beginning) of war ○ *The border incident led to war between the two countries.* ○ *the art* (ie tactics and strategy) of war ○ *the fortunes of* (ie what may happen in) war ○ *The government wanted to avoid war at all costs.* ○ *civil war.* **(b)** [C] ral do-awknak: *during the Second World War* ○ *he had fought in two wars.* ○ *If a war breaks out, many other countries will be affected.* **2** **(a)** [C, U] zuam-awknak, pawl khat le pawl khat do-awknak: *the class war* ○ *a trade war* ○ *There was a state of war between the rivals.* **(b)** [sing] ~ **(against sb/sth)** natnak le sualnak do: *a major step in the war against cancer* ○ *Little*

progress has been made in the war against drug traffickers. **3** (idm) **at war** do-aw, ral-aw: *The country has been at war with its neighbour for two years.* **carry the war into the enemy's camp** ⇒ CARRY. **declare war** ⇒ DECLARE. **go to war (against sb/sth)** mi thawn ral do-awknak thok. **have been in the wars** (infml or joc) do-awknak ah nasa zet in tisiat a tuar dah ti lang. **make/wage war on sb/sth** **(a)** hriamnam thawn do. **(b)** cemter; um nawn lo dingih zuam: *wage war on crime, disease, poverty, etc.* **a war of nerves** thinlung siat ko tuah ih neh tum. **a war of words** ʔong ʔha lo le ʔong sia: *As the election approaches the war of words between the main political parties becomes increasingly intense.*

▷ **war** *v* (-rr-) [I] (arch) ral do: *warring tribes.*

□ **war bonnet** N. America ih um Indian pawlih arhmul thawn tuahmi lukhuh.

war chest (US) ral hrangih siannak thawn burkhawmmi sum; tangka.

war-cry *n* **(a)** ral doawknak hmun ih hmanmi aunak hla. **(b)** party aunak hla.

war-dance *n* ral do feh hlanih ral dotu ding pawl laam khawmnak; ral nehnak laam; rallaam.

warfare /ˈwɔːfɛə(r)/ *n* [U] **(a)** do-awknak: *guerrilla, modern, nuclear warfare.* **(b)** (esp violent) nangaipi ih beih-awknak; tawng-awknak; dodalnak: *There is open warfare between the opponents of the plan and its supporters.*

war-game *n* **(a)** ramzuk parah ralkap, lawng tivek pawl hmun khat ihsin hmun dangah ʔhawn ih zuam-awknak lehnak phunkhat. **(b)** ralthuam hmang ih ral do dan zir.

warhead *n* torpedo le missile bomb zim ih a puak theimi umnak; hmun: *equipped with a nuclear warhead.*

war-horse *n* **1** (esp formerly) hlanlai ih ral donak ih an hmanmi rang. **2** (fig) voi tam zet, ral a tawng dahmi ralkap, lole naingnganzi tama (politician).

warlike /ˈwɔːlaɪk/ *adj* do-awknak duh zet le thiam zet; ral hraang; ral duh: *a warlike people* ○ *a warlike appearance, mood, state.*

war-lord *n* (dated or fml) ralkap hotu, ralkap lu bik.

war memorial ral ih thi pawl hngilh lonak dingih sakmi, inn tivek pawl.

warmonger *n* (derog) ral thoktu; ral do duhtu.

war-paint *n* [U] **(a)** ral hmai feh hlanih taksa ih thuhmi sii (N. America Indian ral do pawl ih hmanmi). **(b)** (infml joc) hmai thuh: *She never goes out to a party without putting her war-paint on!*

war-path *n* (idm) **(be/go) on the war-path** (infml) sual-awknak ding, hau-awknak ding man; hua, thinheng: *Look out — the boss is on the war-*

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path again!

warship *n* ral donak lawng.

wartime *n* [U] ral sung; ral um sung: *Special regulations were introduced in wartime.* ○ [attrib] *wartime rationing* ○ *the shortages of wartime Britain.*

warble /wɔːbl/ *v* (a) [I] (esp of a bird) vate ai rero: *larks warbling in the sky.* (b) [Tn] hi tivek ih ai; hlasa.

▷ **warble** *n* (usu *sing*) cuvek thawmvang, awn: *the blackbird's warble.*

warbler /wɔːblə(r)/ *n* a ai thei vate phun khatkhat.

ward /wɔːd/ *n* 1 mina (dam lo) retnak khaan: *a children's, maternity, surgical ward* ○ *a public/private ward.* 2 veng then: *There are three candidates standing for election in this ward.* 3 taza zung le finkhawitu (*guardian*) ih zoh le finkhawimi nauhak: *She invested the money on behalf of her ward.* ○ *The child was made a ward of court.* 4 (usu *pl*) tawhfung (*key*) le tawhkuang (*lock*) ih um lei le a ki pawl. 5 (idm) **a ward in chancery** (in Britain) upadi (daan) vekih Daan Department hotu ih finkhawimi, kilkhawimi nauhak.

▷ **ward** *v* (phr *v*) **ward sb/sth off** tlansan; kian/hrial; kiangkap ah um duh lo: *ward off blows, disease, danger, intruders.*

-ward *suff* (with *advs* forming *adjs*) lam ah (hmailam, dunglam, tivek): *backward* ○ *eastward* ○ *homeward.*

▷ **-wards** (also esp US **-ward**) (forming *advs*): *onward* ○ *towards.*

warden /wɔːdn/ *n* 1 (thil pakhat khat) kilvengtu; finkhawitu: *a game warden* ○ *a traffic warden* ○ *the warden of a youth hostel.* 2 phunsang tlawng le training tlawng ih hotu lu bik: *the Warden of Merton College, Oxford.* 3 (US) thawnginn hotu lu bik; thawnginn uktu.

warder /wɔːdə(r)/ *n* (fem **wardress** /wɔːdrɪs/) (Brit) thawnginn, asilole, jail (*a-chuk*) ih thawngtla kiltu.

wardrobe /wɔːdrəʊb/ *n* 1 hnipuan khainak le bannak a neimi hnipuan retnak bizu: *a built-in wardrobe*, ie one that forms part of the wall of a room. 2 (usu *sing*) hnipuan; sinfen retnak: *an extensive wardrobe of elegant dresses* ○ *buy a new winter wardrobe.* 3 thuam-awknak, cei-awknak hnipuan retkhawmnak (a hleice in, thuanthu cawngtu le milaam pawl ih hnipuan). □ **wardrobe master, wardrobe mistress** thuantu cawn le laamnak lam company ih neihmi milaam pawl ih hnipuan hmuahhmuah kilvengtu.

wardroom /wɔːdrʊm, -ruːm/ *n* lawng hnañuantu; a tum bik le bawi bik siar lo; lawng bawi dang hmuah rawl eikhawmnak khaan.

ware /weə(r)/ *n* 1 [U] (esp in compounds) (a) cetzung ihsin a suakmi tuahcia thil: *ironware*

○ *hardware* ○ *silverware.* (b) lei bel; tlak bel: *earthenware* ○ *ovenware.* 2 **wares** [pl] (dated) zuar ding thilri: *advertise, display, sell, peddle one's wares.*

□ **warehouse** /weəhaʊs/ *n* (a) dawr ih kuat hlanih zuar dingmi thilri pawl ret khawmnak hmun. (b) cabuai tokheng retnak innkhaan. — *v* [Tn] thilri retkhawmnak innpi ah thilri ret: *the cost of warehousing goods.*

warfare ⇒ WAR.

warily, wariness ⇒ WARY, ralring zetin.

warm 1 /wɔːm/ *adj* (-er, -est) 1 (a) a hlum: *The weather is a bit warmer today.* ○ *gusts of warm air* ○ *Food for a baby should be warm, not hot.* (b) (of a person) hlumdan kel ih taksa hlum: *The patient must be kept warm.* ○ *Come and get warm by the fire.* ○ *I'm much too warm in here* — *please open the window.* ○ *have warm hands and feet.* (c) (of clothing) hnipuan hlum: *a warm pullover* ○ *Put on your warmest clothes before you go out in the snow.* (d) (of work, exercise, etc) taksa hlumtertu hnañuan, asilole, lehnak le cangvaihnak: *Sawing logs is warm work.* ○ *It was a warm climb to the summit.* Cf COLD¹, HOT. 2 thinlung taktak; thungai a simi: *warm applause, congratulations, thanks* ○ *a warm recommendation* ○ *give sb a warm welcome* ○ *a warm invitation to stay with sb* ○ *get a warm* (ie strongly welcoming or hostile) *reception.* 3 zaangfahnak tel; lainatnak tel: *She is a warm kindly person.* ○ *He has a warm heart.* ○ *warm feelings of love and gratitude.* 4 (of colours, sounds, etc) thinlung nuamtertu le aipuangtertu; thin thotertu: *The room was furnished in warm reds and browns.* ○ *The orchestra had a distinctively warm and mellow sound.* 5 (a) (of a scent in hunting) thar lam; hlun lo; ri hrih lo. (b) [pred] (in a guessing game or game of hide-and-seek) hawlmi nai; hawlmi kiangkap: *You're getting warm.* ○ *Am I getting warmer?* 6 (idm) **keep sb's seat, etc warm (for him)** (infml) mi ih tonak, umnak le hnañuannak ah a laangte ih rak um; ham sak. **make it/things warm for sb** (infml) mi cawh; nuam lo le harsater. **warm as toast** (infml) hlum zet; hlum nuam ngaingai: *We lit the fire and were soon as warm as toast.*

▷ **warmly** *adv* hlum zet in; lunghmui aipuang zet in: *warmly dressed* ○ *He thanked us all warmly.* ○ *I can warmly recommend it.*

warmth /wɔːmθ/ *n* [U] (a) (also **warmness**) hlumnak: *the warmth of the climate.* (b) a tawkfangmi khuasatnak: *Warmth is needed for the seeds to germinate.* (c) duhsannak langternak: *He was touched by the warmth of their welcome.* ○ *She denied the accusation with some warmth*, ie strenuously, forcefully.

□ **warm-blooded** *adj* (a) (of animals) thisen hlum nei ramsa. (b) (of a person) a tho theimi,

ning, zaangfahnak nei milai.

warm-hearted *adj* zaangfahnak nei; mizaangfah thei.

warm-heartedness *n* [U].

warm² /wɔ:m/ *v* **1** [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sth/sb) (up) hlumter; sat: a warming drink ○ *The milk is warming (up) on the stove.* ○ *Please warm (up) the milk.* ○ *warm oneself/one's hands by the fire.* **2** (idm) **warm the cockles (of sb's heart)** lungawi thin nuamter. **3** (phr *v*) **warm sth over** (US) (a) rawl hlumter sal; hlumter. **warm to/towards sb** mi pakhat khat duh thok: *I warmed to her immediately.* ○ *He's not somebody one warms to easily.* **warm to/towards sth** hnatuannak ah; thil pakhat khat ah thinlung lut, lole thatho. **warm up** (a) taksa hlumter. (b) (of a machine, engine, etc) engine titek rei lote sung cak zet ih tlanter, herter. **warm (sb/sth) up** harhter; thin thoter: *warm up an audience with a few jokes* ○ *The party soon warmed up.* **warm sth up** rawlthing sat sal; rawl thing hlumter: *warmed-up stew.*

▷ **warmer** *n* (esp in compounds) hlumtertu: a foot-warmer.

□ **warm-up** *n* lek ngaingai hlanih cangvaihnak le taksa hlumternak.

warm³ /wɔ:m/ *n* [sing] **1 the warm** hlumnak: *come out of the cold street into the warm.* **2** khuahlum: *She gave the sheets a warm by the fire before putting them on the bed.*

warn /wɔ:n/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-f, Dn-w] ~ **sb** (of sth) thil nuam lo le fihnungza thleng dingmi rak theihter cia, ralringter: *'Mind the step,' she warned.* ○ *I tried to warn him, but he wouldn't listen.* ○ *She has been warned of the danger of driving the car in that state.* ○ *The police are warning (motorists) of possible delays.* ○ *If you warn me in advance, I will have your order ready for you.* ○ *They warned her that if she did it again she would be sent to prison.* ○ *I had been warned what to expect.* (b) [Tn-pr] ~ **sb about/against sb/sth; ~ sb against doing sth** ralringter; sim: *He warned us against pickpockets.* ○ *The police have warned shopkeepers about the forged banknotes.* ○ *The doctor warned us against overtiring the patient.* (c) [Dn-t] thil tuah lo dingih ruahnak pe: *They were warned not to climb the mountain in such bad weather.* ○ *She warned them to be careful.* **2** (phr *v*) **warn sb off (sth/doing sth)** mi pakhat khat hmun dang ih feh lo ding le a kiangkap ih um lo dingih theihter: *I had been warned off visiting her while she was still unwell.*

▷ **warning** *n* **1** [C] ralrin peknak: *She has received a written warning about her conduct.* ○ *Her warnings were ignored.* ○ *a gale warning to shipping* ○ *Let that be a warning to you, ie Let that (accident, misfortune, etc)*

teach you to be more careful in future. ○ *a warning of future difficulties.* ○ [attrib] *warning lights, shots.* **2** [U] ralrin peknak: *The attack occurred without (advance) warning, ie unexpectedly.* ○ *You should take warning from (ie be warned by) what happened to me.* ○ *The speaker sounded a note of warning, ie spoke of possible danger.*

warp¹ /wɔ:p/ *v* [I, Tn] **1** kawiter, korter, ngerhter, puamter (vainim tidai ih kan ciah le a puam): *The damp wood began to warp.* ○ *The hot sun had warped the cover of the book.* **2** (fig) tanmi neihter; peengter, hruaisual: *His judgement was warped by self-interest.* ○ *a warped mind, sense of humour.*

▷ **warp** *n* (usu *sing*) tanmi neihnak; ding lonak: *a warp in his character* ○ *a time warp.*

warp² /wɔ:p/ *n* **the warp** [sing] (in weaving) thiamtah tiki pathri a tung zawng ih banmi.

warrant /wɔ:rənt; US 'wɔ:r-/ *n* **1** [C] ~ (for sth) (a) cozah ih pekmi thil titheinak caken; mikaih theinak ca: *issue a warrant for sb's arrest* ○ *a death-/search-warrant* ○ *A warrant is out for his arrest/against him.* (b) tangka, thilri, titek rak don theinak ca: *a travel warrant* ○ *a warrant for dividends on shares.* **2 ~ for sth/doing sth** [U] (fml) thil tuah ding, tuan ding ih thuneihnak (aana) peknak: *He had no warrant for doing that/what he did.*

▷ **warrant** *v* **1** [Tn] (fml) thil titheinak le thuneihnak pek; a mawi; a piang; a phu: *Nothing can warrant such severe punishment.* ○ *Her interference was not warranted.* ○ *The crisis warrants special measures.* **2** [usu passive: Tn, Cn-a, Cn-n, Cn-t] a dik, a taktak, a ngaingai a si ti ih tiamkam; amahkhaan: *This material is warranted (to be) pure silk.* **3** (idm) **I(II) warrant (you)** (dated) ka lo tiamkam: *The trouble isn't over yet, I'll warrant you.*

warrantee /wɔ:rən'ti; US 'wɔ:r-/ *n* thukam ca neitu.

warrantor /wɔ:rəntɔ:(r); US 'wɔ:r-/ *n* tiamkamnak petu; thukam petu.

warranty /wɔ:rənti; US 'wɔ:r-/ *n* **1** [C, U] tiamkam awknak ca; thukamnak ca: *It is foolish to buy a car without a warranty.* **2** [U] (fml) thuneihnak, lole thil titheinak: *What warranty have you for doing this?*

□ **warrant-officer** *n* (a) (Brit) ralkap bawi ngaingai si lo, non-commissioned officer hnaki saang sawn, upa sawn. (b) (US) army, airforce le navy ih non-commissioned officer a saang bik.

warren /wɔ:rən; US 'wɔ:rən/ *n* **1** sabek umnak ram; sabek kua tampi umnak hmun. **2** (fig) (usu over-populated) minung tam zet umnak inn le ram; zin fate tampi umnak: *lost in a warren of narrow streets.*

warrior /wɔ:rɪə(r); US 'wɔ:r-/ *n* **1** (fml) (esp

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formerly) ralkap; ral dotu: [attrib] *a warrior nation*, ie fond of or skilled in fighting. **2** mah phun le hnam hrangih ral dotu: *a Zulu warrior*.

wart /wɔ:t/ *n* **1** (a) sihlik. (b) thingbol. **2** (idm) **warts and all** (infml) tlin lonak, samnak thup lo: *You agreed to marry me, warts and all!*

▷ **warty** *adj* sihlik khuh; sihlik khat.

□ **wart-hog** *n* Afirca ram ih ngal phun khat (ho pahnih tum zet le a hmai ih sihlik vek a bo tumzet a neimi).

wary /weəri/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) ~ (of sb/sth) raling: *keep a wary eye on sb* ○ *She was wary of strangers.* ○ *be wary of giving offence.*

▷ **warily** /-əli/ *adv*: *They approached the stranger warily.* **wariness** *n* [U].

was ⇨ BE.

wash¹ /wɒʃ/ *n* **1** [C usu sing] tikholh; kholh fainak: *He looks as if he needs a good (ie thorough) wash.* ○ *have a wash (and brush up)*, ie wash oneself (and make oneself tidy, brush one's hair, etc) ○ *Please give the car a wash.* ○ *The colour has faded after only two washes.* ○ *a cold wash*, ie a wash in cold water. **2** (a) **the wash** [sing] puan baal sawpnak: *All my shirts are in/have gone to the wash*, ie are being laundered. (b) [C usu sing] sawp dingmi thilpuan pawl: *There is a large wash this week.* ○ *When does the wash come back from the laundry?* **3** [sing] lawng, vanzam dunglam ih thawmvang: *the wash of the waves against the side of the boat* ○ *the wash made by the steamer's propellers.* **4** [C] paat zet ih si thuhmi. **5** [U] vok rawl; vok rawl hleifuan. **6** (idm) **come out in the wash** (infml) (of mistakes, etc) remṭha sal (siat lo tein).

□ **washboard** *n* puan sawpnak kuang.

wash-day *n* (dated) puan sawp ni; puan sawp ih hmanmi ni.

wash-drawing *n* tidai thawn rawimi pianzia phunkim sii thawn suaimi zuk.

wash² /wɒʃ/; US wɔ:ʃ/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Cn-a] sawp; kholh-aw; hnawtfai, kholhfai: *These clothes will have to be washed.* ○ *Go and wash yourself.* ○ *Have these glasses been washed?* ○ *The beach had been washed clean by the tide.* (b) [I] mah taksa, hnipuan, kut kholh; hmai phiah: *I had to wash and dress in a hurry.* ○ *They had to wash in cold water.* (c) [I] (of clothes, fabrics, etc) puan sawp tikah a pianzia, rong thleng cuang lo ih sawp theimi: *This sweater washes well.* ○ *If a garment won't wash, it must be dry-cleaned.* **2** [Tn] (of the sea, a river, etc) tidai ih fen; tisuar in tiffinriat kap ih leilung a ei: *The sea washes the base of the cliffs.* ○ *The garden wall is being washed by the flood water.* **3** (a) [Ipr, Ip] (of water) tidai a luannak ding lam ah luang: *waves washing against the side of a boat* ○ *Water washed over the deck.* (b) [Tn-pr, Tn-p esp passive] (of water) tidai in fen; tidai in

fehpi: *debris washed along by the flood* ○ *The body was washed out to sea.* ○ *Pieces of the wreckage were washed ashore.* ○ *He was washed overboard in the storm.* **4** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (out) (of water) thil pakhat ih a sunglam kholhfai; thil pakhat ih a kopmi baal kholhfai: *The stream had washed (out) a channel in the sand.* **5** [Tn] (sui tivek) tong dingah lungto fate umkhawm parah tidai burh: *washing ore.* **6** [Tn] zuk suainak sii in thil pakhat kha paatte (sah lo) in thuh, hnih. **7** [I, Ipr] (only in questions or negative sentences) ~ (with sb) (infml) pakhat ih thu simfiangnak, asilole, thusirhsan cohlang thei lo: *That excuse simply won't wash (with me).* **8** (idm) **wash one's dirty linen in public** mai bulpak thuhla le huatawnak thu zapi theih ih sim. **wash one's hands of sb/sth** tuanvo lak duh lo; hnawihnih duh lo: *I've washed my hands of the whole sordid business.*

9 (phr v) **wash sb/sth away** (of water) tidai in a fen hlo: *Her child was washed away in the flood.* ○ *footprints washed away by the rain.* ○ *The cliffs are being gradually washed away by the sea.*

wash sth down (with sth) (a) kahcik hmang in thil kholh: *wash down the decks* ○ *wash down a car with a hose.* (b) dolh; rawl ei lai ah, lole rawl ei khawh hnu-ah thil pakhat khat in: *I had bread and cheese for lunch, washed down with beer.*

wash (sth) off hnawtfai; hnihmi, a nehmi kholhfai: *Those grease stains won't wash off.* ○ *Please wash that mud off (your boots) before you come in.*

wash out (of a dirty mark) puan ih a kopmi baal sawpfai: *These ink stains won't wash out.*

wash sth out (a) a lenglam le a sunglam baal tleuhfai, kholhfai: *wash out the empty bottles* ○ *If I wash your sports kit out now, it'll be dry by tomorrow morning.* (b) (of rain, etc) lehnak cemter, lole lehnak thok thei lo ih kham: *The match was completely washed out.* ○ *Torrential rain washed out most of the weekend's events.*

wash over sb (infml) mi pakhat kimvel ah cang, thil thleng: *The recent criticism she's had seems to have washed right over her.*

wash up (a) (Brit) rawl ei ṭheh hnu-ah khokheng pawl kholh. (b) (US) hmai phiat, kut kholh.

wash sth up (Brit) rawl ei ṭheh hnu-ah khokheng pawl kholh; tiffinriat kap ah thil pakhat takap ah thlen, fehpi, run fen: *The tide had washed up cargo from the wrecked ship.*

▷ **washable** /-əbl/ *adj* sawp theih, kholh theih: *washable clothes, fabrics, paint, surfaces.*

□ **wash-basin** (also **wash-hand-basin**, **basin**, **US wash-bowl**) *n* (phar sansiah ih khen betmi) kut kholhnak khengpi (tidai onnak le kharnak

- ummi).
- wash-cloth** *n* (US) = FACE-CLOTH (FACE¹).
- washed out** (a) (of fabric or colour) sawp ruangih a pianzia (rong) siat ðeh; rong ti suak: *washed out blue overalls* ○ *a washed out cotton dress*. (b) (of a person, his appearance, etc) thi mal; baang; rau: *She looks washed out after her illness*.
- washed up** (infml) siatsuah; siat, sung: *Their marriage was washed up long before they separated*.
- washing-up** *n* [U] (a) rawl ei ðeh hnu ih khokheng kholh hnañuan: *do the washing-up*. (b) kholh dingmi kheng, bel le pakan pawl: *The washing-up had been left in the sink*. **washing-up liquid** belkheng pawl kholhnaq sabuan (satpia) ti.
- wash-leather** *n* [C, U] thlang phiahnak ih hmanmi savun neem.
- wash-out** *n* (infml) minung, lehzuamawknak ah hlawhsam pumhlum: *The new manager is a wash-out*. ○ *The party was a total wash-out*.
- washroom** *n* (US euph) ek-inn. ⇨ Usage at TOILET.
- wash-stand** *n* (esp formerly, in houses without a piped supply of water to a bathroom or bedroom) ihaq khaan sungih kholhawknak tikuang retnak cabuai.
- wash-tub** *n* puan sawpnak zanthing tikuang.
- washer** /ˈwɒʃə(r)/; US ˈwɔː-/ *n* 1 sialriat, thir, plastic ih tuahmi zunhruk pungsan screw dan (thir le thir rawt aw lo dingih siseh tidai tivek zut lo dingih siseh tuahmi a dan). 2 (infml) puan sawpnak cet.
- washing** /ˈwɒʃɪŋ/; US ˈwɔː-/ *n* 1 [C, U] puan sawp: *The sweater had shrunk after repeated washing(s)*. ○ *Washing is a chore*. 2 [U] sawp cia/sawp ding puan: *hang the washing on the line to dry* ○ *put a load of washing in the washing-machine* ○ *Send one's (dirty) washing to the laundry*.
- **washing-machine** *n* puan sawpnak electriq cet.
- washing-powder** *n* [U] puan sawpnak sabuan (satpia) phut.
- washing-soda** *n* [U] = SODIUM CARBONATE (SODIUM).
- washy** /ˈwɒʃɪ/; US ˈwɔː-/ *adj* (derog) 1 (of colours) rau; daal. 2 (of liquids) thlum lo, hang lo, ti tam tuk: *washy coffee*. 3 hmual nei lo; cak lo: *washy encouragement, ideas, plans*. Cf WISHY-WASHY.
- wasp** /wɒsp/ *n* tizu nei lo khuai, vanriang.
- ▷ **waspish** *adj* (derog) ngaimawh um; thinlung ða lo le nuam lo: *waspish remarks*.
- waspishly** *adv*. **waspishness** *n* [U].
- **wasp-waisted** *adj* (dated) (esp of a woman) khuai vekih taai feem; tai fate.
- WASP** (also **Wasp**) /wɒsp/ *abbr* (esp US usu derog) White Anglo-Saxon Protestant: *a typically Wasp attitude*.
- wassail** /ˈwɒseɪl/ *n* [U] (arch) puai tuah tivek ih in-ei lam thawn nomnak.
- ▷ **wassail** *v* [I]: *go wassailing*.
- wastage** /ˈweɪstɪdʒ/ *n* [U] (a) heuteri: *You must allow for five per cent wastage in transit*. (b) paamlakmi: *The retailer has to absorb the cost of wastage*. ○ *natural wastage*, ie loss of employees because they retire or move to other jobs and not through redundancy.
- waste**¹ /ˈweɪst/ *adj* [usu attrib] 1 (of land) thlawh tlak lo ram sia, ram car: *an area of waste ground*. 2 hman tlak nawn lo, hlom lohli ding: *waste matter produced by the manufacturing process*. 3 (idm) **lay sth waste** (fml) lo ih thlai-rawl siatsuah: *fields laid waste by the invading army*.
- **wasteland** *n* (a) thlawh tlak lo ram sia, ram kolh: *an industrial wasteland*, ie an area that has been spoilt by industrial development and is no longer used. (b) (fig) nunphung lam ah le thlarau lam ah hlawhtlinnak nei lo le rah a suah lomi nun, lole dinhmun.
- waste-paper** *n* [U] hman a tlaak nawn lo, duh nawn lomi casia.
- waste-paper basket** (Brit) (US **waste-basket**, **waste-bin**) casia khawlnak bawm, kuang.
- waste product** thil tuahnak cetzung le taksa ihsin a suakmi thil santlai lo le hnawmhne.
- waste**² /ˈweɪst/ *v* 1 (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (on sb/sth) paamlakter, heulakter, tamsawn hmang; a hleifuan ih hmang: *Hurry up, we're wasting time*. ○ *A dripping tap wastes water*. ○ *Don't waste food*. ○ *All our efforts were wasted*. ○ *I'm sorry you've had a wasted* (ie unnecessary, fruitless) *journey*. ○ *I'm not going to waste any more words on the subject*. ○ *She has wasted her money on things she doesn't need*. ○ (fig) *The humour is wasted on them*, ie They do not appreciate it. (b) [Tn usu passive] mi pakhat, asilole, a thil ti theinak hmang ngah lo: *She is wasted in her present job*. 2 [Tn usu passive] derthawm deuh, ðawl deuh ko tuah: *His body was wasted by long illness*. ○ *a wasting disease* ○ *limbs wasted by hunger*. 3 (idm) **lose/waste no time in doing sth** ⇨ TIME¹. **waste one's breath** (on sb/sth) thu sim man um lo; ðahnem lo; baang lak: *They won't listen, so don't waste your breath telling them*. **waste not, want not** (saying) na heu-lakter lo asile, na sambau ve lo ding. 4 (phr v) **waste away** (of a person) natnak ruangih ðawl le cak lo.
- ▷ **waster** *n* (derog) (a) heulaktertu; mi zaangzel. (b) = WASTREL.
- waste**³ /ˈweɪst/ *n* 1 [U, sing] heulaknak; man nei lo ih cemplaknak: *a policy aimed at reducing waste* ○ *The waste of public money on the project was criticized*. ○ *It's a waste of time* (ie

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It's not worth) *doing that*. ○ *In his opinion, holidays are a waste of time and money.* **2** [U] a ʔul nawn lo, hlon dingmi thilri le rawl: *Dustbins are used for household waste.* ○ *regulations controlling the disposal of industrial waste* ○ *radioactive waste from nuclear power stations.* **3** [C] (a) (usu pl) thlawh ding le umnak ah a ʔha lomi ram kau zet; nelrawn ram: *the icy wastes of the Antarctic* ○ *the arid wastes of the Sahara.* (b) riahsia lunglennak hmun: *the derelict waste of disused factories.* **4** (idm) **go/run to waste** heulak: *What a pity to see all that food go to waste.*

▷ **wasteful** /-fl/ *adj* (a) a heulakmi; man nei lo ih hloralmi, cemlakmi: *wasteful habits, methods, processes.* (b) a ʔulnak hnaki tam hman; heulakmen; hman huahho menmi: *wasteful luxury, expenditure, housekeeping.*

wastefully /-fəli/ *adv.* **wastefulness** *n* [U].

□ **waste-basket** (also **waste-bin**) *n* (US) = WASTE-PAPER BASKET (WASTE¹) hnawm bawm; hnawm khawlnak pung, kuang.

waste-pipe *n* tidai hman cia, tisia hlonnak dawng.

wastrel /weɪstrəl/ (also **waster**) *n* (fml) mi zaangzel; zianghman ʔahnnem lo.

watch¹ /wɒtʃ/ *n* **1** [C] (a) (in a ship) lawng sungih ʔuanvo lak tikcu (nazi 4 sung): *the middle watch*, ie midnight to 4 am ○ *the dog watches*, ie 4 pm to 6 pm and 6 pm to 8 pm. (b) lawng ih hnaʔuantu (a hrek) ih nazi 4 sung ʔuanvo laknak. **2** [sing] (a) **the watch** (formerly) minung le an thilri pawl zan ih kilven saktu; zan ih a tawivaktu, kilkhawitu pawl: *the constables of the watch* ○ *call out the watch.* (b) mi/thil kiltu; zohtu: *The police put a watch on the suspect's house.* **3** [C usu pl] (arch or fml) zan ih itthat lo ih ʔhang harh laifang tikcu: *in the long watches of the night.* **4** (idm) **keep watch** (for sb/sth) thil pakhat, mi pakhat kilveng ih meng ringring: *post a guard to keep watch while the others sleep.* **keep a close eye/watch on sb/sth** ⇒ CLOSE¹. **on watch** kilveng, santari kil. (be) **on (the) watch** (for sb/sth) thil pakhat, mi pakhat khat, kilveng (ʔihnung ra thlen thei ruangah): *Be on the watch for a sudden change in the patient's condition.* ○ *The police warned people to be on the watch for intruders.*

▷ **watchful** /-fl/ *adj* hrhohrip; harhvang; ralring ih um: *keep a watchful eye on sth.*

watchfully /-fəli/ *adv.* **watchfulness** *n* [U].

□ **watch-dog** *n* (a) inn le thilri kiltu hrangih zuatmi uico. (b) (fig) minung ih covo kilven saktu minung, asilole, mibur: [attrib] *a watch-dog committee.*

watchman /-mən/ *n* (pl -men/-mən) inn, bank, zung tivek zan ih kilvengtu (hlawh pekmi).

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lai ih tuah ʔheumi Pathian biaknak.

watch-tower *n* khaw thlirnak hrangih sakmi a sang zetmi inn.

watch² /wɒtʃ/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Tn, Tw no passive, Tng, Tni no passive] zoh: *The students watched as the surgeon performed the operation.* ○ *He watched to see* (ie in order to see) *what would happen.* ○ *Watch me carefully.* ○ *Watch what I do and how I do it.* ○ *She had a feeling that she was being watched*, ie spied on. ○ *She watched the children crossing/as they crossed the road*, ie observed them as they did it (but not necessarily from start to finish). ○ *She watched the children cross the road*, ie observed the action from start to finish. (b) [Tn] TV, lehnak zoh: *Are you going to play or will you just watch?* ○ *Do you watch football on television?* ○ *The match was watched by over twenty thousand people.* **2** [Ipr, Tn] ~ (over) **sb/sth** kilveng; kham; ruun: *Could you watch (over) my clothes while I have a swim?* ○ *He felt that God was watching over him.* ○ *We'll have to watch the children in case they get too tired.* **3** [Ipr] ~ **for sth** thil pakhat lunglut zet ih zoh, hngak: *They are watching for further developments.* ○ *You'll have to watch for the right moment.* **4** [Tn] (infml) ralring: *watch one's language, manners, tongue, etc* ○ *Watch yourself!* ie Be careful what you do or say, or you will be punished. ○ *watch every penny*, ie be very careful about what one spends ○ *Watch what you say about the project, they don't like criticism!* **5** [I, Ipr] ~ (at sth) (esp arch) ʔhang — ringring; harh; it loin hngak: *watch all night at the bedside of a sick child.* **6** (idm) **mind/watch one's step** ⇒ STEP². **watch it** (infml) (esp imperative) ralring aw. **watch the clock** (infml derog) a ʔulmi hnaki rei ʔuan lo dingih ralring; a hnaʔuan hnakin a ʔheh ding tikcu ruat sawn. **watch this space** (infml catchphrase) than leh dingmi thuthang dang hngak. **watch the time** tikcu zoh ringring; ziang tikcu a si ti thei aw (tikcu tlai pang lo dingin). **watch the world go by** kiangkak ah ziang a cang ti hminsin, thei tum. **7** (phr v) **watch out** ralring aw!: *Watch out! There's a car coming.* **watch out for sb/sth** mi pakhat, thil pakhat thei dingih ralring, harhvang; hrhohrip: *The staff were asked to watch out for forged banknotes.*

▷ **watcher** *n* zohtu; thlirtu.

□ **watching brief** thukhin (ta-za-cuai) a tuartu ih sihni (lawyer) ih ruahnak pek le kilvennak.

watch³ /wɒtʃ/ *n* nazi: *a pocket-watch* ○ *a wrist-watch* ○ *What time is it by your watch?* *What does your watch say?* Cf CLOCK¹ 1.

□ **watchmaker** *n* nazi tuahtu le remtu.

watch-strap (Brit) (US **watch-band**) *n* kutkhih nazi hri.

watchword /wɒtʃwɜːd/ *n* **1** theihter awknak
tongfang: *Our watchword is: 'Evolution, not
revolution'.* **2** = PASSWORD (PASS¹).

water¹ /wɔːtə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) [U] tidai: *Water is
changed into steam by heat and into ice by cold.*
○ *Fish live in (the) water.* ○ *drinking water* ○
mineral water. (b) [U] inn le cetzung pawl
hnenah tidawng ih pekmi tidai: *The water was
turned off for several hours a day during the
drought.* ○ *The houses in this village are
without water.* ○ *hot and cold running water*, ie
a supply of hot and cold water piped to taps. ○
[attrib] *water rationing, shortages.* (c) [sing]
tili, tiva le tiffinriat ih tidai: *She fell in the water
and drowned.* ○ *The flood water covered the
whole area.* (d) [sing] tili ti, tiva ti, tipi ti: *float
on the water* ○ *swim under the water* ○ *We
could see fishes under the water.* **2** [U] (esp in
compounds) tidai le thildang rawimi ti: *rose-
water* ○ *lavender-water* ○ *soda-water.* **3**
waters [pl] (a) tili, tiva le tiffinriat ih ummi ti:
the (head-)waters of the Nile, ie the lake from
which it flows ○ *The waters of the lake flow out
over a large waterfall.* ○ *the stormy waters of
the Atlantic.* (b) ram pakhat kiang, nai ih ti:
British (territorial) waters ○ *in home/foreign
waters.* **4** [U] ti t̄hang le t̄um dinhmun: (at)
high/low water. **5** (idm) **be in/get into hot
water** ⇒ HOT. **blood is thicker than water** ⇒
BLOOD¹. **bread and water** ⇒ BREAD. **by water**
lawng in: *transported by water* ○ *You can reach
the house by water.* **cast one's bread upon the
waters** ⇒ CAST¹. **hell or high water** ⇒ HELL. **take
the waters** harhdamnak dingin khur sung
suak thil umnak ih tidai in, lole taksa kholh.
fish in troubled waters ⇒ FISH². **a fish out of
water** ⇒ FISH¹. **go through fire and water** ⇒
FIRE¹. **hold water** (infml) (of an argument, an
excuse, a theory, etc) hman, dik, hngetkhoh,
hnksak ngam. **in deep water** ⇒ DEEP¹. **in
smooth water** ⇒ SMOOTH¹. **keep one's head
above water** ⇒ HEAD¹. **like a duck to water** ⇒
DUCK¹. **like water** (infml) tampi; tenren lo zet ih
hman: *spend money like water* ○ *The wine
flowed like water at the party.* **a lot of/much
water has flowed, etc under the bridge** thil a
rung cangmi ruangah atu ahcun thil umdan le
dinhmun a danglam, a thleng-aw. **make water**
(of a ship) a zun; tidai lawng sungah a lut thei:
We're making water (ie Water is coming into
the ship) *fast.* **make/pass water** (fml)
zunhawh. **milk and water** ⇒ MILK¹. **muddy the
waters** ⇒ MUDDY (MUD). **of the first water** ⇒
FIRST¹. **pour/throw cold water on sth** ⇒ COLD¹.
pour oil on troubled waters ⇒ POUR. **still
waters run deep** ⇒ STILL¹. **throw out the baby
with the bath water** ⇒ BABY. **tread water** ⇒
TREAD. **under water** (a) tidai sungah: *swimming
under water.* (b) tilik; tidai ih khuh: *Several*

fields are under water after the heavy rain.
(like) **water off a duck's back** (esp of
criticisms, etc) ziang poisa lo: *Their hints about
his behaviour were (like) water off a duck's
back.* **water under the bridge** a cang zomi le a
liam ciami thil thleng a theih lo, don har lo
ding: *Last year's dispute is (all) water under the
bridge now.* **you can take a horse to water, but
you can't make it drink** ⇒ HORSE.

▷ **waterless** *adj* (esp of an area of land) tidai
um lo: *waterless deserts.*

□ **water-bed** *n* sialriat lole plastick sungih
tidai thunmi ihphah, tangphah.

water-bird *n* tidai sungih a tlangmi vate.

water-biscuit *n* thawphat le cheese thawm
eimi a pa zet le a kuai ol zetmi sang; biskit
(thlum lomi).

water-borne *adj* (a) (of goods) ti ih fenmi; tidai
ih fenmi. (b) (of diseases) tidai baal le hnawm
hman ruangih a karhzaimi natnak (a suan-
awmi).

water-bottle *n* (a) tithawl. (b) (US **canteen**)
ralkap le scout pawlih hmanmi tithawl.

water-buffalo *n* (pl unchanged or ~ **es**) naa.

water-butt *n* = BUTT¹ 2.

water-cannon *n* mi tampi, lole buainak tuahtu
pawl t̄endarhna ih hmanmi tidai kahnak
pukpi.

water-closet *n* (abbr **WC**) (dated) = LAVATORY.

water-colour (US **-color**) *n* **1** **water-colours**
[pl] tidai thawm rawimi rong (sii thuhmi). **2** [C]
rong sii thuh ih suaimi pung.

water-cooled *adj* a kimvel ih tidai um ruangih
daihtermi: *a water-cooled engine, nuclear
reactor.*

watercourse *n* tidai luannak lamzin; tidai
fehnak zin; tiva, lihong fehnak.

watercress *n* [U] a hnah a fate, a bial ih malte
a thakmi tidai parih a khomi an̄am vek
haanghnah (salad ah an rawi t̄heu).

water-diviner *n* = DIVINER (DIVINE²).

waterfall *n* tlaser.

water-fowl *n* (pl unchanged) (usu pl) tileuh
thiam le tidai kiangkap ih a tlanglengmi vate,
ti rampai, mandali tivek.

waterfront *n* tidai thawm a naimi khua, veng (a
hleice in lawng colhnak khua).

water-hammer *n* [U] tidawng ih tidai
hmakkhatte ih phit tik/on tik ih a awnmi
thawm.

water-hole *n* khawsatnak ram ah t̄ilva, ramsa
pawlih tlanmi tidai.

water-ice *n* [C, U] cini, thei ti le vur rawimi ei
t̄ha.

water-jump *n* (in show-jumping, steeplechases,
etc) tlan zuam awknak ah minung, lole rang ih
lan dingih tuahmi tidai umnak hmun.

water-level *n* (a) tikuang tivek sungih tidai
thlennak ri: *below the water-level.* (b) tidai

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thlennak ri, a sanlam: *raise the water-level*.

water-lily *n* tidai lili pangpar.

water-line *n* tangphawlawng sirkap ih tidai thlennak ri: *the load water-line*, ie the water-line when the ship is loaded ○ *the light water-line*, ie the water-line when the ship is empty of cargo.

waterlogged /-lɒgd/; *US* -lɔːgd/ *adj* (a) (of timber) tidai a paimi thing, lole a sung ih tidai lutmi lawng. (b) (of land) tidai ih ciahmi leilung: *The match had to be abandoned because the pitch was waterlogged*.

water-main *n* lei sungih phummi tidawng a thupitnak bik.

waterman /-mən/ *n* (pl **-men** /-mən/) minung le thilri phurtu lawng mawngtu.

watermark *n* 1 ni tleunak lam ih zoh tik lawng ih hmuh theimi thilri tuahtu ih nganmi hminsinnak ca. 2 tidai kai le tum hminsinnak.

water-meadow *n* tiva ihsin tidai a liam theunak hmun le ram tha.

water-melon *n* [C, U] dawnfawh (*pha-ye-ti*): *eating a slice of water-melon*.

water-mill *n* tidai tha hmang thil rialnak.

water-pistol *n* kahcik (lehnak ih hmanmi tidai kahnak meithal); kahzit.

water polo ti sungih bawlung leh zuam-awknak pakhat (kawl sung ih bawhlung den, than tum).

water-power *n* [U] cet lole generator hertertu tidai tha.

waterproof *adj* tikhaan, ruah khaan; tidai lut thei lo ih khamtu; tidai ih pahtlang thei lomi: *waterproof fabric*. — *n* ruahkhaan angki, tvp. — *v* [Tn] ruah a khaan.

water-rat *n* ti a leuh theimi tikap ih um zinghnam phunkhat (duum tivek).

water-rate *n* (Brit) tidai man; tidai siah.

watershed *n* (a) tiva pahnih ih karchemi tlangtluan. (b) (fig) thil feh dan le umdan thleng-awknak: *Her visit to India proved to be a watershed in her life*.

waterside *n* [sing] tikap: *stroll along the waterside* ○ [attrib] *a waterside housing development*.

water-ski *n* (pl **-skis**) (usu *pl*) tidai parih cak zet ih naal tlannak ih thingpheng saupi kebun: *a pair of water-skis*. **water-skiing** *n* [U] tidai parih tlan, naal zuam-awknak.

water-softener *n* [C, U] tidai ih a telmi thil dang (chalk, leivut) thianternak.

waterspout *n* phusing thli ih cawiso mi tipithuanthum tidai (kadawh pian kengin a ding).

water-supply *n* (usu *sing*) (a) tidai pekdan; tidai ngah dan. (b) khua pakhat hrangih khawlm i tidai.

water-table *n* leitang ih tidai umnak ri: *The water-table has been lowered by drought*.

watertight *adj* 1 tidai lut thei lomi: *a watertight compartment, joint, seal*. 2 (fig) (a) (of an excuse or alibi) a hmaan lonak, lole sualnak langter thei lo; soisel thei lo. (b) (of an agreement) theih sual; um thei lomi (lungkimnak).

water-tower *n* tidai peknak hrangah tlunvan tikuangpi dotu innsangpi.

waterway *n* tidai fehnak zin; ti lamzin.

water-wheel *n* tidai tha ih hertermi lengke.

water-wings *n* [pl] ti leuh zirtu ih hrukmi thilthuam.

waterworks *n* 1 [sing or pl *v*] tidai cet thawn an dawh ih an khawlnak inn. 2 [pl] (infml euph) taksa sungih zun fehnak zin: *Are your waterworks all right?* 3 (idm) **turn on the waterworks** (infml derog) khawruah saknak le zaangfahnak ngah dingih au, dil, tap thok.

NOTE ON USAGE: When water is **heated** to 100 degrees Celsius, it **boils** and becomes **steam**. When steam touches a cold surface it **condenses** and becomes water again. When water is **cooled** below 0 degrees Celsius, it **freezes** and becomes **ice**. If the temperature increases, the ice **melts**. When talking about **frozen** food or **icy** weather becoming warmer, we say it **thaws**. Frozen food **thaws** or **defrosts** when we take it out the freezer.

water² /wɔːtə(r)/ *v* 1 [Tn] tidai toih, burh, theh, thlerh: *water a flowerbed, lawn, plant*. 2 [Tn] rannung, tilva in ding tidai pe: *water the horses*. 3 [Tn] cak lo deuh dingih tidai rawi; nemter: *The owner of the pub was accused of watering the beer*. 4 [I] (of the eyes) mit ih mitthli suak; (of mouth) cil suak: *The smoke made my eyes water*. ○ *The delicious smell from the kitchen made our mouths water*. 5 [Tn usu passive] (esp of rivers) (tiva pawl) luangih ram ah tidai pek; ciarter: *a country watered by numerous rivers*. 6 (phr *v*) **water sth down** (a) nemter (zureu, cawhnawi tivek ah tidai rawi ih nemter): *The milk had been watered down*. ○ *You have to water down the medicine before drinking it*. (b) thil pakhat khat ih hmual cak tuk lo dingih nemter (a sinak vek ngaingai langter lo ih thup): *The criticisms had been watered down so as not to offend anybody*. ○ *They gave the press a watered-down version of what really happened*.

□ **watered silk** a naal, a tleumi pu pathri.

watering-can /wɔːtərɪŋ kæn/ *n* hman ti toihnak pung.

watering-place /wɔːtərɪŋ pleɪs/ *n* (a) ramsa le tilva pawlih inmi tili fate. (b) (dated esp Brit) damnak a telmi tidai suahnak tihna, lole tipi kam kiangih colhnak hmun, khua: *one of the favourite watering-places of the Victorians*.

Waterloo /wɔ:tə'lu:/ *n* (idm) **meet one's Waterloo** ⇒ MEET¹.

watery /wɔ:təri/ *adj* **1** (a) tidai vek, a ti a tammi, a timi: *a watery consistency* ○ (fig) *a watery grave*, ie death by drowning. (b) (usu derog) a ti tukmi; tiril, ti zet ih suanmi; a ti kuluk: *watery coffee, soup, cabbage*. **2** (of colours) a raumi. **3** (a) cin, ro lo, ciar: *watery eyes* ○ *a watery* (ie weak and tearful) *smile*. (b) ruah sur ding mawi: *a watery moon, sun, sky*.

watt /wɒt/ *n* electric tha; electric cahnak, thil titheinak: [attrib] *a 60-watt light-bulb*.

▷ **wattage** /wɒtɪdʒ/ *n* [U] electric tha pumhlum: *a heater that runs on a very low wattage*.

wattle¹ /wɒtl/ *n* **1** [U] phar le hruang ih hmanmi zanthing a tung zawng le a phei zawng ih a kalh ih tuahmi. **2** [C, U] aihre, lole a par rang thingkung phun khat.

□ **wattle and daub** inn phar le inn tlun khuhnak ih hmanmi ciarbek thawn zut le erhmi.

wattle² /wɒtl/ *n* (vate lu, lole hrok ih a tlaimi) or tlai.

wave¹ /weɪv/ *v* **1** [I] (of a fixed object) kut zap; tlun lam tanglam, lole keh le vorh ah caang derdo: *a flag waving in the breeze* ○ *branches waving in the wind* ○ *a field of waving corn*. **2** (a) [I, Ipr] ~ (at/to sb) (of a person) kut zap: *He waved (to us) when he saw us*. ○ *They waved at us from across the room*. (b) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Dpr-t] ~ sth (at sb); ~ sth about kut sungih a ummi thil thawn mi biak; pavua ih zap: *wave a magic wand* ○ *wave a hand, a flag, an umbrella* (at sb) ○ *He came out waving the document at the crowd*. ○ *wave one's arms* (about) (in the air) ○ *They waved to us to stay where we were*. (c) [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ sth (to sb) kut zap ih mi biak: *They waved farewell*. ○ *wave sb goodbye/wave goodbye to sb*. **3** [I, Tn] kir (sam); kirter: *Her hair waves beautifully*. ○ *She has had her hair waved*. **4** (idm) **fly/show/wave the flag** ⇒ FLAG¹. **5** (phr v) **wave sb/sth along, away, on, etc** fehnak ding kut ih hmuh: *She waved them away impatiently*. ○ *The policeman waved us on*, ie indicated that we should continue. **wave sth aside** a thupi lo, a dengkhawng lo ti ih hnong, cohlang lo: *Their criticisms were waved aside*. **wave sth/sb down** mawṭawka kha kut ih zap ih cawltar.

wave² /weɪv/ *n* **1** [C] (a) tilet; tifawn: *The storm whipped up huge waves*. (b) tiffinriat tilet; tifawn: *waves crashing onto the beach*. (c) tiffinriat tilet tifawn vek; a thlengmi thil: *the next wave of assault troops* ○ *It was not long before their peace was disturbed by the next wave of visitors*. **2 the waves** [pl] (fml) tiffinriat lole tipithuanthum. **3** [C] kut zapnak: *He greeted them with a wave*. ○ *The magician made the rabbit disappear with a wave of his*

wand. **4** [C] (a) kelkawi: *The child's hair grew in pretty waves*. ○ *Her hair has a natural wave*. (b) kirter; kelkawiternak: *a permanent wave*. **5** [C] ralring man lo ih hmakhatte ih a suakmi, a pawtmi: *a wave of anger, enthusiasm, hysteria, sympathy, etc* ○ *a crime wave* ○ *a heatwave*. **6** [C] (a) tilet tifawn vekih a fehmi electric tha, khawtleu le sik le sa: *radio waves*. (b) a kelkawimi pakhat. **7** [C] (physics) hmanmi electric tha ṭhanter tiki electric cahnak le a tha a thlengawknak. **8** (idm) **in waves** a bur in; a pawl pawl in; a tawkfang in; caan khat le caan khat hmanhman in: *The disturbances seem to occur in waves*. ○ *Invaders entered the country in waves*. **on the crest of a wave** ⇒ CREST.

▷ **wavelet** /weɪvlɪt/ *n* tifawn fate.

wavy *adj* (-ier, -iest) tiffinriat tilet tifawn vekih a kawimi: *a wavy line* ○ *wavy hair*. **wavily** *adv*.

waviness *n* [U].

waveband /weɪvbænd/ *n* = BAND 4.

wavelength /weɪvlɛŋθ/ *n* **1** tilet pahnih karlak a hlat zat. **2** radio ih a ban thei tawka hlatnak.

3 (idm) **on the same wavelength** ⇒ SAME¹.

waver /weɪvə(r)/ *v* **1** [I] a hnin: *His courage never wavered*. ○ *Her steady gaze did not waver*. ○ *They did not waver in their support for him*. **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (between sth and sth) awloksong: *While we were wavering, somebody else bought the house*. ○ *waver between two points of view*. **3** [I] (esp of light) khatlam khatlam ah sawn dualdo.

▷ **waverer** /weɪvərə(r)/ *n* awloksongtu: *The strength of his argument convinced the last few waverers*.

waveringly /weɪvərɪŋli/ *adv*.

wax¹ /wæks/ *n* [U] **1** (also **beeswax**) (a) khuailul. (b) khuailul er cia; sii thawn vartermi. **2** phazawngden le inn si thuhmi tuahnak ih hmanmi, a beek le a neemmi thil: *paraffin wax* ○ *sealing wax* ○ [attrib] *a wax candle* ○ *wax polish*. **3** hna eek, bil beng.

▷ **wax** *v* [Tn] (a) khuailul thawn hnawt ih naalter: *waxed floors, linoleum, wood*. (b) khuailul culh: *waxed paper, thread*.

waxen /wæksn/ *adj* (fml) khuailul vekih naal, rau: *a waxen complexion*.

waxy *adj* a beekmi: *waxy skin* ○ *waxy potatoes*. **waxiness** *n* [U].

□ **waxwork** *n* (a) [C] khuailul ih tuahmi minung ruangpi lem, typ. (b) **waxworks** [sing or pl v] senpi ih zoh thei ding le hmuh dingih khuailul ih tuahmi milem pawl an hmuhnak le tarnak hmun: *take the children to the waxworks*.

wax² /wæks/ *v* **1** [I] (of the moon) thlapi a tum vivo; thla a de. Cf WANE 1. **2** [La] (dated or rhet) cang; ṭhang; kho: *wax eloquent, lyrical, etc on the subject*. **3** (idm) **wax and wane** cahnak,

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thupitnak, santlaihna lam ih thanso hnuah tumsuk sal, niam sal: *Throughout history empires have waxed and waned.*

way¹ /wei/ n **1** [C] (often in compounds) **(a)** lamzin: *a way across the fields* ○ *a covered (ie roofed) way* ○ *a cross/over the way*, ie across/over the road ○ *a highway* ○ *the highways and byways*, ie main and minor roads ○ *a waterway* ○ *a railway*. **(b)** **Way** lamzin, lole zinpi hmin: *The Appian Way*. **2** [C usu sing] **(a)** ~ (**from...**) (**to...**) hmun pakhat thlen theinak dingih thlun dingmi lamzin: *the best, quickest, right, shortest, etc way from A to B* ○ *Which way do you usually go to town?* ○ *find one's way home* ○ *tell sb the way* ○ *He asked me the way (ie the best way) to London.* ○ *the way down, in, out, up, etc* ○ (**fig**) *find a way out of one's difficulty* ○ (**fig**) *fight, force, shoot, etc one's way across, into, etc sth*, ie cross, enter, etc sth by fighting, etc. **(b)** mi pakhat khat, asilole, thil pakhat feh vivonak ding lamzin: *cut a way through the undergrowth* ○ *We had to pick our way along the muddy track.* ○ *There was a lorry blocking the way.* ○ *Get out of my way!* **(c)** (in phrases after which, this, that, etc) (in a specified) khuimi ti ih fiang zet ih simtu (which, this, that) thawn hmanmi lam: *'Which way did he go?'* *'He went that way.'* ○ *Look this way, please.* ○ *Kindly step this way, ladies and gentlemen.* ○ *Look both ways (ie to right and left) before crossing the road.* ○ *They weren't looking our way, ie towards us.* ○ *Make sure that the sign's the right way up.* ○ *The arrow is pointing the wrong way.* ○ *If the tree falls that way, it will destroy the house.* ○ (**fig**) *Which way (ie For which party) will you vote?* **3** [C] **(a)** (usu sing) ti dan; thil pakhat tuah dan: *What is the best way to clean this?* ○ *She showed them the way to do it.* ○ *the best, right, wrong, etc way to do sth* ○ *I like the way you've done your hair.* ○ *There are several ways of doing it.* ○ *a new way of storing information* ○ *You can see the way his mind works when you read his books.* ○ *She spoke in a kindly way.* **(b)** (after my, his, her, etc) mah bulpaak tuah dan: *She'll do it her way whatever you suggest.* ○ *We all have our favourite ways of doing certain things.* ○ *I still think my way is better!* ○ *Try to find your own way to express the idea.* **(c)** mah ih hrilmi, duhzawng, tuahdan le cangdan kel, tidan kel: *He has some rather odd ways.* ○ *Don't be offended, it's only his way*, ie manner of behaving that has no special significance. ○ *It is not her way to be selfish*, ie She is not selfish by nature. ○ *I don't like the way (ie manner in which) he looks at me.* ○ *It's disgraceful the way he treats his mother.* ○ *a fashionable way of dressing* ○ *They admired the way she dealt with the crisis.* **4** [sing] (esp

after long, little, etc) feh dingmi lam: *It's a long way to London.* ○ *We are a long way from the coast.* ○ *There is quite a way still to go.* ○ *The roots go a long way down.* ○ (**fig**) *December is a long way off/away*, ie in the future, from now. ○ *Success is still a long way off.* ○ *better by a long way*, ie much better. **5** [sing] (**infml**) kiangkap: *He lives somewhere Lincoln way.* ○ *The crops are doing well down our way*, ie in our part of the country. ○ *Please visit us next time you're over this way.* **6** [C] thil pakhat langdan; hawizawng; thil pakhat khat, zin pakhat khat ah: *Can I help you in any way?* ○ *She is in no way (ie not at all) to blame.* ○ *The changes are beneficial in some ways but not in others.* ○ *She helped us in every possible way.* **7** (**idm**) **all the way** zintluan in. **be/be born/be made that way** (**infml**) (of a person) suahpi ziaza vekih um: *I'm afraid that's just the way he is.* **be set in one's ways** tidan le ruahdan fek zet, thleng theih lo; rem theih lo ih hnget khoh. **both ways/each way** (of money bet on a horse, race, etc) rang tlan zuam-awknak ih tangka thaapmi, rang in a neh lo ih 2nd nak le 3rd nak a ngah asile, thaapmi tangka ngah ding: *have £5 each way on the favourite* ○ *back the favourite both ways.* **by the way** **(a)** khualtlawnnak lamzin kap: *stopped for a picnic by the way.* **(b)** (used to introduce a comment or question that is only indirectly related, if at all, to the main subject of conversation) thu rel lai ah thu relmi thawn kaihkawhnak zianghman um lo, thudangpi rel zik tikih simmi t'ong: *Oh, by the way, there is a telephone message for you.* ○ *What did you say your name was, by the way?* **by way of** **(a)** (**fml**) cuh zin in: *They are traveling to France by way of London.* **(b)** phunkhat deuh in: *Let's eat out tonight, by way of a change.* ○ *What are you thinking of doing by way of a holiday this year?* ○ *By way of an introduction, I shall explain some of the historical background.* **(c)** tumtahnak thawn: *made enquiries by way of learning the facts of the case.* **change one's ways** ⇒ **CHANGE**. **come one's way** amahte ih ra thlengmi; cangmi: *An opportunity like that doesn't often come my way.* **cut both/two ways** (of an action, argument, etc) khat lam, khat lam veve hrangah hmualnei. **divide, split, etc, sth two, three, etc ways** minung pahni, thum ih thil pakhat tawm-aw, hlawn aw. **each way** ⇒ **BOTH WAYS**. **the error of one's/sb's ways** ⇒ **ERROR**. **feel one's way** ⇒ **FEEL**¹. **find one's way; find its way to...** ⇒ **FIND**¹. **get into/out of the way of (doing) sth** zongsang/dan ih neih zomi bansan; tuah nawn lo. **get/have one's own way** (dodalnak um hman sehla) mah ih duhmi tuah thotho; ngah thotho: *She always gets her own way in the end.* **give way** kiak;

mincim: *The bridge gave way under the weight of the lorry.* ○ *Her legs suddenly gave way and she fell to the floor.* **give way (to sb/sth)** (a) duhsak; kian; lamzin kian: *Give way to traffic coming from the right.* (b) nehter; a sung khaan: *give way to despair.* (c) thum; thlah phoih: *We must not give way to their demands.* **give way to sth** thil pakhat khat in thleng; ai-rawl: *The storm gave way to bright sunshine.* **go far/a long way** ⇒ FAR². **go far/a long way to do sth/towards sth** ⇒ FAR². **go out of one's way (to do sth)** thil pakhat tñan ding le tuah ding lawng ruat; thinlung ih ret: *The shop assistant went out of his way to find what we needed.* **go one's own way** mah thuthu ih nung; thil tuah: *Whatever you suggest, she will always go her own way.* **go one's way (dated)** feh san; taanta; suak. **go sb's way** (a) midang fehnak; tlawnnak lam ah feh ve: *I'm going your way so I can give you a lift.* (b) (of events, etc) thil tuahnak remcang, caan nuam: *Things certainly seem to be going our way.* **go the way of all flesh** (saying) minung sinak dan thlun, midang vekin suak, thi. **the hard way** ⇒ HARD¹. **have come a long way** ⇒ LONG¹. **have/want it/things both ways** ⇒ BOTH¹. **have it/things/everything one's own way** mah duh vekih thil hmuahhmuah umter tum: *All right, have it your own way — I'm tired of arguing.* **have a way with one** midang hip theinak; thinlung thleng theinak. **have a way with sb/sth** midang thawn pawlkom awknak a hleice ih thiamnak nei: *have a way with difficult children* ○ *have a way with motor bikes.* **in a bad way** (a) na; dam lo zet, besia; buai zet. (b) (infml) zuri zet. **in a big/small way** nasa zet/malte; fate: *He's got himself into trouble in a big way.* ○ *She collects antiques in a small way.* **in a fair way to do sth** ⇒ FAIR¹. **in the family way** ⇒ FAMILY. **in more ways than one** (used to draw attention to the fact that the statement made has more than one meaning) thusimmi, thurelmi in tican pakhat hnaki tam a nei: *He's a big man — in more ways than one.* **in a way; in one way; in some ways** kap khat ah: *The changes are an improvement in one way.* **in the ordinary way** ⇒ ORDINARY. **in one's own sweet way** ⇒ SWEET¹. **in the way** remcan lonak suahter: *I'm afraid your car is in the way.* ○ *I left them alone, as I felt I was in the way.* **know one's way around** ⇒ KNOW. **lead they way** ⇒ LEAD³. **a little sth goes a long way** ⇒ LITTLE. **look the other way** khat lam hoi; hmu lo vekih um: *The usherette looked the other way so that the children could get into the cinema without paying.* **lose one's way** ⇒ lose. **make one's way (to/towards sth)** feh: *I'll make my way home now.* ○ *make one's way* (ie succeed) *in life.* **make way (for sb/sth)** feh dingah kian.

mend one's ways ⇒ MEND. **not know where/which way to look** ⇒ KNOW. (there are) **not two ways about it** (saying) tuah ding zin dik le zin remcang pakhat lawng a um lo, a dang a um lo. **no way** (infml) ziangti hman in, ziangti in khal (a cang tengteng ding): *Give up our tea break? No way!* ○ *No way will I go on working for that man.* **one way and another** a kilkim in, a kilkim ih zoh in: *She's been very successful, one way and another.* **one way or another by** ziangti zawng tal in: *We must finish the job this week one way or another.* **on one's/the way** tlun lam, feh lam ah: *I had better be on my way* (ie leave) soon. ○ *I'll buy some bread on the/my way home.* **on the way** (infml) (of a baby) nau von lai; pum sung um lai naute: *She has two children with another one on the way.* **on the way out** (a) fehsuak lam: *I bumped into him on the way out.* (b) (fig) san man nawn lo; dungtun zo. **the other way round** (a) linglet lam in a linglet ih cangmi: *I was accused of stealing money from her but in fact it was the other way round.* **out of harm's way** ⇒ HARM n. **out of the way** (a) a hlatnak hmun; hlapi: [attrib] *a tiny out-of-the-way village in Cornwall.* (b) a letlam zawng in; mi zawng loin: *He has done nothing out of the way yet.* **a/the parting of the ways** ⇒ PARTING. **pave the way for sth** ⇒ PAVE. **pay one's/its way** ⇒ PAY². **point the way** ⇒ POINT². **put sb in the way of (doing) sth** thil tuah thei dingah tuah sak, lole thil tuah ding thei ding in caan tha pek. **rub sb up the wrong way** ⇒ RUB². **see one's way (clear) to doing sth** a cang thei, lole a remcang a si ti thei/hmu: *I can't see my way clear to finishing the work this year.* ○ *Could you see your way to lending me £10 for a couple of days?* **see which way the wind is blowing** ziang a cang pei ti zoh. **show the way** ⇒ SHOW². (not) **stand in sb's way** mi ih thil tuah, tñan ding kham/lo, dal/lo: *If you want to study medicine, we won't stand in your way.* **take the easy way out** ⇒ EASY. **that's the way the cookie crumbles** (infml esp US) cuti cu thil umdan a si ih zianghman ti thei a si lo. **to my way of thinking** ka ruah dan, ka ngai dan ahcun. **under way** thanso lam pan vivo: *The project is now well under way.* ○ *be/get under way*, ie (esp of a ship) feh (tidai parah). **wait for the cat to jump/to see which way the cat jumps** ⇒ WAIT¹. **a/sb's way of life** minung pakhat ih nun dan le tlan dan: *She adapted easily to the French way of life.* **the way of the world** mi tampi ih tuah dan; nun dan le tlan dan. **ways and means** thil tuah dan le a tulmi thilri pawl (eg. sumpai). **Where there's a will, there's a way** ⇒ WILL⁴. **work one's way** (through college, etc) tlawnng kai phah in hnatuannak nei: *She had to work her way through law school.* **work one's way through**

sth a hramthoknak ihsin a cem tiang siar; tuan: *The board are still working their way through the application forms.* **work one's way up** hnaʔuan upa ah kai; dinhmun saang ah kai: *He has worked his way up from junior clerk to managing director.*

□ **way-bill** *n* khualtlawng pawlih fehnak ding hmun le kenmi thilri cazin.

wayfarer /-feərə(r)/ *n* (fml) (a bikin, ke ih) khualtlawngmi.

wayfaring /-feərɪŋ/ *adj* [attrib] (fml) khualtlawng: *a wayfaring man.*

wayside *n* (usu sing) 1 zin sir; zin kap: [attrib] *wayside flowers.* 2 (idm) **fall by the wayside** (euph) nun sung ʔhangso thei lo; rin um lo lam ih feh.

way² /weɪ/ *adv* (infml) 1 (used with a prep or an adv and usu not negatively) hla zet: *She finished the race way ahead of the other runners.* ○ *The shot was way off target.* ○ *The price is way above what we can afford.* ○ *The initial estimate was way out,* ie very inaccurate. 2 (idm) **way back** hlanlaipi ah; rei zet laiah: *I first met him way back in the fifties.*

□ **way-out** *adj* (infml) um dah kel lo; lamdang; hmuh dah lomi: *way-out clothes, fashions, ideas, music, poetry.*

waylay /-weɪˈleɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **waylaid** /-ˈleɪd/) [Tn] lamzin ih mi rak bawh: *The patrol was waylaid by bandits.* ○ *He waylaid me with a request for a loan.*

-ways *suff* (with *ns* forming *adjs* and *advs*) *adj* kha *adv* ih thleng tikah cfang dung lamih bedmi: *lengthways* ○ *sideways.*

wayward /-weɪwəd/ *adj* khawn le hruai har zet; lungruh; thinlung thleng leuhleuh: *a wayward child* ○ *a wayward disposition.*

▷ **waywardness** *n* [U].

WC /ˌdʌbljuː ˈsiː/ *abbr* 1 water-closet: ek-inn. ⇒ Usage at TOILET. 2 West Central: London WC2B 4PH, eg as a postal code.

WCC /ˌdʌbljuː ˈsiː/ *abbr* World Council of Churches.

W/Cdr *abbr* Wing Commander: W/Cdr (Bob) Hunt.

we /wiː/ *pres pron* (used as the subject of a *v*) 1 kanmah: *We've moved to London.* ○ *We'd like to offer you a job.* ○ *Why don't we go and see it?* 2 (fml) (used instead of *I* by a king, queen or pope or by the writer of an editorial article in a newspaper, etc) siangpahrang/nu le Pope pawlin 'keimah' tican ih hmanmi ʔongfang. Cf THE ROYAL WE (ROYAL). 3 (used when speaking to children, sick people, etc to indicate kindly superiority) nauhak le dam lo (mina) pawl biak tikih hmanmi ʔongfang: *Now what are we doing over here?* ○ *And how are we feeling today?* Cf us.

WEA /ˌdʌbljuː ɪː ˈeɪ/ *abbr* (Brit) Workers'

Educational Association.

weak /wiːk/ *adj* (-er, -est) 1 (a) ʔawnʔai; cak lo; thazaang mal, thil ti theinak nei lo: *She was still weak after her illness.* ○ *too weak to walk far* ○ *her legs felt weak/She felt weak in the legs.* ○ *The supports were too weak for the weight of the load.* ○ *a weak barrier, defence, team* ○ *a weak chin/mouth,* ie suggesting or showing weakness of character ○ *identify the weak points in an argument,* ie those which may be attacked most easily. (b) (commerce) sumpai lam ih hlawsam; hlawhtling lo: *a weak currency, economy, market.* 2 ʔhate ih hmang lo; ʔhate ih cangvai thei lo: *weak eyes/sight* ○ *a weak heart* ○ *a weak stomach,* ie one that is easily upset by food. 3 mi thinlung neh thei lo; huham nei lo; hmual naa lo: *weak arguments, evidence.* 4 olte ih thei thiam lo; cak lo; fiang lo; rau: *a weak light, signal, sound* ○ *a weak smile.* 5 (of liquids) tidai tam tuk rawi ruangih thlum lo; haang lo: *weak tea* ○ *a weak solution of salt and water.* 6 ~ (at/in/on sth) a saangah thleng ban lo; thiam deuh lo; tling lo: *Her school report shows that she is weak at/in arithmetic and biology.* ○ *The book is weak on* (ie in its treatment of) *the medieval period.* 7 (grammar) (of verbs) *past tense* ih canter tikah a dunglam ih *ed, d, t* betmi verb pawl (eg *walk, walked* or *waste, wasted*) a laifang ih vowel thleng-awmi a si lo (eg *run, ran* or *come, came*). 8 (idm) **weak at the knees** (infml) thinlung nat, tih, natnak ruangih ding ʔha thei lo: *The shock made me go all weak at the knees.* **the weaker sex** (dated sexist) nunau, numi. **weak in the head** (infml) mi-aa. **a weak moment** leem ol laifang: *In a weak moment, I agreed to pay for her holiday.*

▷ **the weak** *n* [pl v] zianghman ti thei lo; dam lo le mi farah pawl: *He argued that it was the role of governments to protect the weak.* ○ *the struggle of the weak against their oppressors.*

weaken /wiːkən/ *v* 1 [I, Tn] thazaang der; cak lo ih tuah: *They watched her gradually weaken as the disease progressed.* ○ *The dollar has weakened in international currency trading.* ○ *Hunger and disease had weakened his constitution.* 2 [I] tumtahnak fiangfai nei lo; ruahnak fek nei lo ih sawn dualdo: *They have not yet agreed to our requests but they are clearly weakening.*

weakling /ˈwiːklɪŋ/ *n* (derog) a cak lo; thazaang a malmi minung; ramsa: *Don't be such a weakling!*

weakly *adj* cak lo zet in: *smile weakly.*

weakness *n* 1 [U] cah lonak: *the weakness of a country's defences* ○ *weakness of character* ○ *New evidence revealed the weakness of the prosecution's case.* 2 [C] nuncan ziaza kim lonak; sambaunak: *We all have our weaknesses.*

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- 3** [C usu *sing*] ~ **for sth/sb** thil pakhat; mi pakhat a cehlei, lole aat duh ih duh; a luar tuk ih thil duh; aatpi: *have a weakness for peanut butter, fast cars, tall women.*
- **weak form** (phonetics) aw hakter lo ih tɔŋfang hrekhat aw suah dan (eg /ən/ or /n/ for and, as in bread and butter /bred n 'bʌtə(r)/). 'n' khi weak form a si; 'and' strong form (and timi ah d aw a lang lo).
- weak-kneed** *adj* (*fig*) (of a person) tumtahnak ruh zet nei lo; ralhatnak nei lo.
- weak-minded** *adj* (a) tumtahnak khoh lomi, fek lomi. (b) thinlung lam ih daih lo; tlin lo.
- weakmindedly** *adv.* **weak-mindedness** *n* [U].
- weal** /wi:l/ *n* funghreu ih thawinak vual, thling.
- wealth** /wel/ *n* **1** [U] sumsaw; lennak: *a man of great wealth* ○ *Nobody knew how she had acquired her wealth.* ○ *Wealth had not brought them happiness.* ○ *The country's wealth is based on trade.* **2** [*sing*] ~ **of sth** thilri tam ngaipi: *a book with a wealth of illustrations* ○ *a wealth of opportunity.*
- ▷ **wealthy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) milian; mi neinung.
- wealthily** /-li/ *adv.*
- wean** /wi:n/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth (of sth) (on to sth)** naute hnawi phiat; hnawi fawpter nawn lo ih rawl pe. **2** (phr v) **wean sb (away) from sth/doin gsth** nuamte ih baangter; phiatter: *wean sb (away) from drugs, drinking, gambling, etc.*
- weapon** /'wepen/ *n* **1** hriamhre; ralthuam: *They were carrying weapons.* ○ *armed with weapons* ○ *a deadly weapon.* **2** dodalnak, khamnak ih hmanmi thil: *Their ultimate weapon was the threat of an all-out strike.* ○ *Humour was his only weapon against their hostility.*
- ▷ **weaponry** /-ri/ *n* [U] ralthuam, hriamnaam: *an arsenal of sophisticated weaponry.*
- wear¹** /weə(r)/ *n* [U] **1** hruk; hnipuan hruk; ton (arhmul): *a suit for everyday wear* ○ *Cotton is suitable for wear in summer.* **2** (esp in compounds) hruk ding thilri; hnipuan: *children's/ladies' wear* ○ *menswear* ○ *underwear* ○ *footwear* ○ *sportswear.* **3** (damage or loss of quality caused by) hman, hruk ruangih a tət a siatmi: *These shoes are showing (signs of) wear.* ○ *The carpet gets very heavy wear.* **4** hruk theih lai; hruk tlak: *There is still a lot of wear left in that old coat.* **5** (idm) **wear and tear** hman tam tuk, rei tuk hman ruangih tət le siat: *The insurance policy does not cover damage caused by normal wear and tear.* **the worse for wear** ⇒ WORSE.
- wear²** /weə(r)/ *v* (pt **wore** /wɔ:(r)/, pp **worn** /wɔ:n/) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-a] hnipuan hruk: *wear a beard, coat, hat, ring, watch* ○ *Bowler hats are not often worn nowadays* ○ *She was wearing sunglasses.* ○ *She never wears green, ie green clothes.* ○ *He wore a gold chain round his neck.*
- *She wears her hair long, ie has long hair.* ⇒ Usage. **2** [Tn] hmel a keng: *He/His face wore a puzzle frown.* ○ (*fig*) *The house wore a neglected look.* **3** [Tn] (*infml*) (esp in questions and negative sentences) pom; lungkimp: *He wanted to sail the boat alone but his parents wouldn't wear it.* **4** [La, I, Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-a] rei tuk hman ruangih tət/siat, cem: *The sheets have worn thin in the middle.* ○ *The carpets are starting to wear.* ○ *That coat is starting to look worn.* ○ *The lettering on the gravestone was badly worn and almost illegible.* ○ *I have worn my socks into holes.* ○ *The lettering on the gravestone was badly worn and almost illegible.* ○ *I have worn my socks into holes.* ○ *The lettering on the gravestone was badly worn and almost illegible.* ○ *I have worn my socks into holes.* ○ *The stones had been worn smooth by the constant flow of water.* **5** [Tn-pr] hman ringring ruangih tət, ong; pal ringring ih zin thar tuah: *I've worn holes in my socks.* ○ *Look at the holes that have been worn in this rug.* ○ *The children have worn a path across the field where they walk each day to school.* ○ *The water had worn a channel in the rock.* **6** [I] täng; rei daih; siat har: *You should choose a fabric that will wear well, ie last a long time.* ○ (*fig*) *Despite her age she had worn well, ie still looked quite young.* **7** (idm) **wear one's heart on one's sleeve** duhnak langter; hmuh thei ih duhdawtnak langter. **wear thin** cak lo; pom har; tumsuk thok: *My patience is beginning to wear very thin.* ○ *Don't you think that joke's wearing a bit thin (ie because we've heard it so many times)?* **wear the pants/trousers** (often derog) (usu of a woman) thu neitu; uktu lole khawngtu (nunau): *It's quite clear who wears the trousers in that house!* **8** (phr v) **wear (sth) away** hman tam tuk, lole rei tuk ruangah a mal, a cem, a siat, a hloral vivo: *The inscription on the coin had worn away.* ○ *The steps had been worn away by the feet of thousands of visitors.* **wear (sth) down** nuamte ih cem; hloral; siat vivo: *The tread on the tyres has (been) worn down to a dangerous level.* **wear sb/sth down** cawl bang lo ih dodal le hman ringring ruangih cak loter: *She was worn down by overwork.* ○ *The strategy was designed to wear down the enemy's resistance.* **wear (sth) off** nuamte ih cem; tlum, hloral vivo: *The dishwasher has worn the glaze off the china.* ○ *The novelty will soon wear off, ie It is only attractive because it is new.* ○ *The pain is slowly wearing off.* **wear on** (of time) nuamnaite ih cem: *As the evening wore on, she became more and more nervous.* ○ *His life was wearing on towards its close.* **wear (sth) out** siatter; rei tuk le hman tuk ruangih tlektet; tlum, siatter: *I wore out two pairs of boots on the walking*

tour. ○ *Her patience had/was at last worn out.*
wear sb out thabang; tha cemter: *They were worn out after a long day spent working in the fields.* ○ *Just listening to his silly chatter wears me out.*

▷ **wearable** /'weərəbl/ *adj* hruk tlak; hruk theih: *a wardrobe full of clothes that are no longer wearable.*

wearer /'weərə(r)/ *n* hruktu; thil pakhat khat hruktu: *These shoes will damage the wearer's feet.*

wearing /'weəriŋ/ *adj* baang; ning: *I've had a wearing day.* ○ *The old lady finds shopping very wearing.*

NOTE ON USAGE: We **wear** clothes, including gloves and scarves, also belts, spectacles, even perfume on our bodies: *Do you have to wear a suit at work?* ○ *She was wearing her mother's coat.* ○ *Are you wearing aftershave?* We **carry** objects when we take them with us, especially in our hands or arms: *He wasn't wearing his raincoat, he was carrying it over his arm.* ○ *She always carries an umbrella in her briefcase.*

weary /'wiəri/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** (a) baang zet; thazaang le thinlung baang zet: *weary in body and mind* ○ *They felt weary after all their hard work.* (b) ~ **of sth** thinlung lut lo; ning; khop; hne zet: *The people are growing weary of the war.* ○ *I am weary of hearing about your problems.* **2** nin-um; mi cerhza: *a weary journey, wait* ○ *the last weary mile of their climb.* **3** baang zet hmelpu; tha cem zet hmelpu: *a weary sigh, smile.*

▷ **wearily** /'wiəri/ *adv.*

weariness *n* [U].

wearisome /'wiəri:səm/ *adj* nin-um; mi cerhza; baangnak: *wearisome complaints, duties, tasks.*
weary *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (with sth)** buaiter; thin tawiter: *It wearies me to have to explain everything in such detail.* ○ *She was wearied by the constant noise.* ○ *weary sb with requests.* **2** [Ip] ~ **of sb/sth** (fml) thinlung lut lo; phur lo; khop: *She began to weary of her companions.* ○ *You will soon weary of living abroad.*

weasel /'wi:z/ *n* sahriva; sahref meitawi; sa lawnglawng ei, ramsa sava phun, a ke a tawi ih a ruang a sau, a hmul a pawl. Cf **ERMINE**, **FERRET**, **STOAT**.

▷ **weasel** *v* (phr v) **weasel out (of sth)** (infml derog esp US) hrial (thukam vekih tuah dingah hrial).

□ **weasel word** (infml esp US) a hman le a dik vek in sim lo ih hrialnak tongkam.

weather¹ /'weðə(r)/ *n* **1** [U] nikhua; tikcu: *cold, sunny, warm, wet, windy, etc weather* ○ *We had good weather on our holiday.* ○ *The weather is very changeable.* ○ *The success of*

the crop depends on the weather. ○ *if the weather breaks/holds, ie if the present good weather changes/continues* ○ *We shall play the match tomorrow, weather permitting, ie if the weather is fine.* Cf **CLIMATE** **1**. **2** (idm) **in all weathers** ziangvek nikhua khalah. **keep a weather eye open** buainak tong lo dingin thil umdan thate ih zoh. **make heavy weather of sth** ⇒ **HEAVY**. **under the weather** (infml) taksa um nuam lo, na zik: *be/feel/look under the weather* ○ *She's been a bit under the weather recently.*

▷ **weather** *adj* [attrib] thli hrannak lam; thli ratnak lam: *on the weather side.*

□ **weather-beaten** *adj* (esp of sb's skin) ni le thli tuar ruangih vun car; dum: *the weather-beaten face of an old sailor.*

weather-board *n* ruah le thli khamtu (sangka tanglam ih khenmi thingpheng). **weather-boarding** (US **clapboard**) *n* [U] a thuahtuah in cingcong ih khenmi ruahti khamnak, innleng phar kimvel ih khenmi.

weather-bound *adj* nikhua siat ruangih khualtlawn peh thei lomi.

weather-chart, weather-map *ns* nikhua umtu dan langternak ca; simfiangnak.

weathercock *n* thli hrannak lam; thli namnak lam hmuhtu arcang vek lem (a peermi).

weather forecast (radio le television ihsin) tui hnu, hmailam ni hnih thum ih nikhua umdan ding thuthannak, theihternak.

weatherman /-mæn/ *n* (pl **-men** /-men/) (infml) nikhua umdan thantu; theihtertu.

weatherproof *adj* ruah; vur le thli ih siatbal thei lomi: *a weatherproof shelter.*

weather-vane *n* thli hrannak lam hmuhtu inn par ih bunmi, a her reromi thil.

weather² /'weðə(r)/ *v* **1** [Tn] roter. **2** [I, Tn] ni, ruah le thli lak ih pho, um ruangah pianhmang thleng: *Teak weathers to a greyish colour.* ○ *rocks weathered by wind and water.* **3** [Tn] tuarsuak: *weather a crisis, a storm, an upheaval.* **4** [Tn] (in sailing) thli ratnak lam hoi ih feh: *The ship weathered the cape.*

weave /wi:v/ *v* (pt **wove** /wəʊv/ or in sense 4

weaved, pp **woven** /wəʊvn/ or in sense 4 **weaved**) **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (from sth)** thiam tak: *a tightly woven piece of cloth* ○ *cloth woven from silk and wool* ○ *weave a metre of tweed cloth* ○ *weave a basket from strips of willow.* (b) [I] thiam tak: *She had been taught to weave as a child.* ○ *The women earn their living by weaving.* (c) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth (into sth)** puan tah: *weave woolen yarn into cloth* ○ *weave threads together.* **2** (a) [Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth (into sth)** pangpar thi, pang kual tuah. (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (out of/from sth)** pangpar thi kual tuah/thul: *weave a garland out of primroses.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (into sth)**

(fig) phuahkhawm; thil pakhat cang dingin a phunphun in remkhawm; phuah: *weave a plot, a magic spell* ○ *weave one's ideas into a story.* **4** [Ipr, Ip, Tn-pr, Tn-p] fehnak lamzin khamtu hel, pial, hrial: *weave (one's way) through a crowd* ○ *The road weaves through the range of hills.* ○ *weave in and out through the traffic.* **5** (idm) **get weaving (on sth)** (Brit infml) hmanhlap zet, cak zet ih tñan: *The work must be finished this week, so we'd better get weaving!* ▷ **weave** *n* thiam tah dan: *a coarse, fine loose, tight, etc weave* ○ *a diagonal weave.*

weaver *n* 1 thiamtak hnañuan; thiamtaktu. **2** (also **weaver-bird**) thinghnge, hrampi le thinghnah thawn pit zet le tñha zet ih bu saktu vate phun khat.

web /web/ *n* 1 maimom bu/inn/raang: *a spider's web.* Cf COBWEB. **2** (usu fig) a hnok zetmi: *a web of deceit, lies, intrigue, etc.* **3** rampai, mandali, butlak le tidai a tlanglengmi pawl ih ke, ke zung pawl pehtu vun. **4** rial dingmi catlaap tum le kau zet hlom tumpi.

▷ **webbed** *adj* (of the foot of a bird or an animal) vun ih pehmi ke zung neimi vate le ramsa.

□ **web-footed, web-toed** *adjs* (of a bird or an animal) vun paatte ih ke zung a peh thehmi.

webbing /webɪŋ/ *n* [U] pher tlang khulnak le taikap ih hmanmi a tñang zetmi puan.

we'd /wi:d/ *contracted form* **1** we had ⇒ HAVE. **2** we would ⇒ WILL¹, WOULD².

wed /wed/ *v* (pt, pp **wedded** or **wed**) [I, Tn] (*dated or journalism*) (not in the continuous tenses) nupi/pasal nei; nupi tñi: *Rock star to wed top model, eg as a headline.*

▷ **wedded** *adj* [pred] ~ **to sth** (fml) **1** kom-aw; lungual; rem-aw: *beauty wedded to simplicity.* **2** thlah thei lo; then thei lo; hlon thei lo: *He is wedded to his work.* ○ *She is wedded to her opinions and nothing will change her.*

Wed (also **Weds**) *abbr* Wednesday: *Wed 4 May.*

wedding /wedɪŋ/ *n* **1** mopuai: *There will be a wedding in the village church on Saturday.* ○ *We have been invited to their daughter's wedding.* ○ [attrib] *a wedding anniversary, dress, guest, invitation, present.* **2** (idm) **a shotgun wedding** ⇒ SHOTGUN (SHOT¹).

□ **wedding breakfast** mo rawl; monu/moneitu le an sungkhat unau le rualpi pawl thawn rawl ei khawmnak.

wedding-cake *n* [C, U] mopuai ih ei tñeumi sang (khek).

wedding-ring *n* nupi tñit tik ih moneitu in monu a hrukter/a buntermi zunghruk (bunter veve), asilole, innsang nei zo ti theihnak ah an bun ringring: *In Britain, wedding-rings are worn on the third finger of the left hand.*

wedge /wedʒ/ *n* **1** (a) khentio. (b) khentio vek thil: *a wedge of cake, cheese, etc, ie a piece cut*

from a large round cake, cheese, etc. **2** (idm) **drive a wedge between A and B** ⇒ DRIVE¹. **the thin end of the wedge** ⇒ THIN.

▷ **wedge** *v* **1** [Tn, Cn-a] hnget ko tuah khentio thawn kauter, kaakter: *The window doesn't stay closed unless you wedge it.* ○ *wedge a door open.* **2** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] tet zet ih karcep: *wedge packing material into the spaces round the vase.* ○ *I was so tightly wedged between two other passengers, I couldn't get off the bus.*

wedlock /wedlɒk/ *n* [U] (fml or law) tñit-awknak: *born out of wedlock, ie illegitimate.*

Wednesday /wenzdɪ/ *n* [U, C] (*abbrs* **Wed, Weds**) tlawngkai ni thum; Nilai ni.

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

wee¹ /wi:/ *adj* **1** (esp Scot) fate, tuum lo: *the poor wee fellow.* **2** (infml) fate zet; malte: *I'll have a wee drop of cream in my coffee.* ○ *I'm a wee bit worried about him.* ○ *We'll be a wee bit late, I'm afraid.*

wee² /wi:/ (also **wee-wee** /wi:wi:/) *n* [C, U] (infml) (used by or when talking to young children) zun; zunhawh: *do (a) wee-wee.*

▷ **wee** (also **wee-wee**) *v* (pt (**wee-**)**weed**) [I] zun thawh.

weed /wi:d/ *n* (a) [C] belh/hrampi: *The garden is overgrown with weeds.* ○ *She spent the afternoon pulling up the weeds in the flowerbeds.*

(b) [U] a par thei lomi tidai parih khomi hrampi: *The pond is full of weed.* **2** [C] (infml derog) (a) mi tawl le saang. (b) nuncan tñha lo/hman lo: *Don't be such a weed!* **3** (infml) (a) [sing] (usu the weed) (*dated or joc*) kuhsi; sikret — kuak: *I wish I could give up the weed, ie stop smoking.* (b) [U] marijuana, kanza (sii-chauh); rit theinak.

▷ **weed** *v* **1** [I, Tn] belh tuk/hrampi thlo: *I've been busy weeding (in) the garden.* **2** (phr v)

weed sth/sb out tñawn/hloter; um nawn lo dingih tuah: *weed out the weakest saplings* ○ *weed out the herd, ie get rid of inferior animals* ○ *The new conductor started by weeding out the weaker players in the orchestra.*

weedy *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) (a) belh khat; hrampi khat. (b) (infml derog) mi tawl-saang: *a weedy young man.*

□ **weed-killer** *n* [C, U] belh thahnak; hrampi thahnak: *a systematic weed-killer.*

weeds /wi:dz/ *n* [pl] mithi zun ngaitu ih hrukmi hnipuan dum.

week /wi:k/ *n* **1** (a) zarhkar: *last, next, this, etc week* ○ *What day of the week was 2 July last year?* ○ *early next week* ○ *at the end of last week* ○ *Sunday is the first day of the week.* ○ *He comes to see us once a week.* (b) ni sarir rei tikcu: *a six weeks' holiday* ○ *a week ago today, ie seven days ago* ○ *Three weeks ago yesterday, ie twenty-two days ago* ○ *They are going on*

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holiday for two weeks. ○ I shall be away for no more than a week. **2 (a)** zarhpi tel lo in ni ruk sung: During the week, the road is very busy but there is very little traffic on Sundays. **(b)** zarhte ni le zarhpi ni tel loin a dang ni nga: They live in London during the week and go to the country at the weekend. ○ They never have time to go to the cinema during the week. **(c)** zarhkhat sungih hnaŋuan ni pawl: a 35-hour week ○ The government is introducing a shorter working week. ○ How many lessons are there in the school week? **3 (idm) this day week** ⇒ DAY. today, tomorrow, Monday, etc week tui sun, thai sun, tlawngkai nikhat ih a hnu ni sarih, lole zarh khat. **week after week** (infml) zarh khat hnu zarh khat: Week after week the drought continued. **week in, week out** zarh tin in: Every Sunday, week in, week out, she writes to her parents. **a week last Monday, yesterday, etc** kan dung tlawngkai ni khat/mani sun hlan ni sarih sung: It was a week yesterday (that) we heard the news.

▷ **weekly** adj, adv (occurring, payable, published, etc) zarhkhat veikhat, zarhtin tein: weekly payments ○ a weekly wage of £100 ○ a weekly shopping trip ○ Wages are paid weekly. ○ The machine must be checked weekly. — n zarhtin suak thuthangca, mekazin.

□ **weekday** /-dei/ n zarhpi ni siar nidang pohpoh: The library is open on weekdays only. ○ Weekdays are always busy here. ○ [attrib] weekday opening times.

weekend (US **weekend**) n **(a)** Zarhte ni le Zarhpi ni ni hnih sung: The office is closed at the weekend. ○ He has to work (at) weekends. **(b)** Zarhte ni le Zarhpi ni, lole cumi hnaki a rei deuh le sau deuh colh umnak: a weekend in the country ○ spend the weekend at home ○ [attrib] a weekend house, visit. — v [Ipr, Ip] (esp in the continuous tenses) Zarhpi hmang, lole leeng/tlawng: They're weekendng at the seaside.

weekender n cawl um dingih inn ihsin suaktu; weekend hmangtu: Many of the cottages in the village are now owned by weekenders.

weeny /wi:ni/ adj (-ier, -iest) (infml) fate zet. Cf TEENY.

weep /wi:p/ v (pt, pp **wept** /wept/) (fml) **1 (a)** [I, Ipr, It] ~ (for/over sb/sth) ƶap: The sight made me want to weep. ○ weep for joy ○ a mother weeping over the death of her child ○ She wept to see him in such a state. **(b)** [Tn] mitthli tla: weep tears of joy. ⇒ Usage at CRY¹. **2 [I]** (esp of a wound) hmahnai suak: The cut is no longer weeping and is starting to heal.

▷ **weep** n [sing] ƶah; ƶah sung: a good weep would probably make you feel better.

weeping adj [attrib] (of certain trees) thing hnge; theirah tanglam/leilam ih tlai: a weeping

birch, willow, etc.

weepy adj (-ier, -iest) **(a)** ƶah suak: She is still feeling weepy. **(b)** (of a film, story, etc) ƶah suakter: a weepy ending.

weevil /wi:vl/ n thlaici eitu le siatsuahtu nget.

wef /dablju: i: 'ef/ abbr with effect from; (esp commerce) thok ihsin; ihsin: wef 1 May 1986.

weft /weft/ n **the weft** [sing] (in weaving) thiamtah tiki a phe i zawng ih hrolhmi pat, thiamphe i.

weigh /wei/ v **1** [Tn] a rit tah; cuai thlai: He weighed himself on the bathroom scales. ○ The load must be weighed before it is put in the washing-machine. ○ He weighed the stone in his hand, ie estimated how heavy it was by holding it. **2** [Ln] tah; rit: She weighs 60 kilos. ○ How much do you weigh? ie How heavy are you? ○ This piece of meat weighs four pounds.

3 (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (with/against sth) thil pakhat umdan/thupitnak pakhat thawn ƶim/cuai thlai: weigh one plan against another ○ weighing the pros and cons ○ weigh the advantages of the operation against the risks involved. **(b)** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ sth (up) thil pakhat thuhla ƶate le ralring zetih ruat: weigh (up) the consequences of an action ○ weigh up one's chances of success. **4** [Ipr] ~ (with sb) (against sb/sth) minung pakhat; thil pakhat thu ruat tiki khiing a rittertu: His criminal record weighed heavily against him (with the jury). ○ Her past achievements weighed in her favour as a candidate. **5 (idm) weigh anchor** lawng colhtertu thirkawn tlunlam ah khai. **weigh the evidence** thil pakhat/thu pakhat ih a ƶhatnak le ƶat lonak cuaithlai. **weigh a ton** (infml) rit zet, rit ngaingai: These cases weigh a ton — what have you got in them? **weigh one's words** ralring zet ih ƶong: I must weigh my words to avoid any misunderstanding. **6 (phr v) weigh sb/sth down** niamter; kuurter: The porter was weighed down by all the luggage. ○ The branches were weighed down with ripe apples.

weigh sb down mi thinbaangter, thanauter: weighed down by worry and overwork ○ The responsibilities of the job are weighing her down. **weigh in (at sth)** (of a jockey, boxer, etc) boxing; tlanzuamnak, tivek ah lehnak thok hlanih a ritnak tah/cuaikhai: He weighed in at several pounds below the limit. **weigh in (with sth)** (infml) thu relkhawmnak, lole thu elawknak ih a santlaimi le hmualnei zetmi thu suahpi: At that point, the chairman weighed in with a strong defence of company policy. **weigh on sb/sth** thinlung donhar/helhkamter: The responsibilities weigh (heavily) on him. ○ It's been weighing on my mind for days whether to tell her or not. **weigh sth out** cuai khai/tah: weigh out a kilo of tomatoes ○ Weigh out all the ingredients before you start making the cake.

□ **weighbridge** *n* thilrit cuai thlainak cet.
weigh-in (*pl -ins*) (*usu sing*) boxing lehnak ih a teltu ziangtluk a rit ti hminsinnak.
weighing-machine *n* cuai khainak cet (zazu).
weighing-scale *n* cuai khainak phunkhat.
weight¹ /weɪt/ *n* **1** [U] khiing; a rih zat: *Bananas are usually sold by weight.* ○ *That man is twice my weight,* ie is twice as heavy as I am. ○ *Her weight has increased to 70 kilos.* ○ *The two boys are (of) the same weight.* ○ *He has grown both in height and weight.* **2** [U] a rihnak: *Lead is often used because of its weight.* ○ *The weight of the overcoat made it uncomfortable to wear.* **3** [U] (*physics*) tanglam ihsin dirhnak tha. **4** [C, U] a khiing tahnak: *tables of weights and measures* ○ *avoirdupois/troy weight.* **5** [C] (**a**) cuailung: *a 2lb weight.* (**b**) a ritmi thil: *a clock worked by weights* ○ *a paperweight,* ie for keeping papers in place ○ *The dressmaker put small weights in the hem of the dress.* ○ *The doctor said he must not lift heavy weights.* **6** [*sing*] ~ (**of sth**) (**a**) thuam vekih domi thilrit: *The pillars have to support the weight of the roof.* ○ *The weight of the water from the burst pipe caused the ceiling to collapse.* (**b**) (*fig*) tuan/tuah ding tuanvo/tavuan: *The full weight of decision-making falls on her.* ○ *The news that he was safe was a weight off her mind.* **7** [U] thupitnak, thungai thlknak: *arguments of great weight* ○ *Recent events give added weight to their campaign.* ○ *The jury were convinced by the weight of the evidence against her.* **8** (*idm*) **be/take a load/weight off sb's mind** ⇒ MIND. **carry weight** ⇒ CARRY. **lose/take off weight** (*of a person*) zaang, lole rit lo. **over/under weight** rit tuk; rit taw lo. **pull one's weight** ⇒ PULL¹. **put on weight** (*of a person*) rit tuk deuh; thau deuhdeuh: *He's put on a lot of weight since he gave up smoking.* **take the weight off one's feet** (*infml*) to. **throw one's weight about/around** (*infml*) mah ih duhnak tuahsuak dingah thuneihnak a mawi lo zawngih hmang ciamco. **weight of numbers** tamsawn si ruangih neh/tam neh: *They won the argument by sheer weight of numbers.* **worth one's/its weight in gold** ⇒ WORTH.
▷ **weightless** *adj* khiing nei lo. **weightlessness** *n* [U]: *become accustomed to weightlessness in a spacecraft.*
weighty *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) **1** (**a**) rit zetmi. (**b**) rit. **2** nasa zetih ruah tulmi/thupi: *weighty arguments, decisions, matters.* **weightily** /-ɪli-/ *adv.* **weightiness** *n* [U].
□ **weight-lifting** *n* [U] thirrit thlir (cawi) zuam-awknak, asilole, thapatnak hrangah. **weight-lifter** *n* thirrit cawitu.
weight² /weɪt/ *v* **1** (**a**) [Tn] thilrit thawn nencih; thlah. (**b**) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth (down) (with sth)** a ritmi ah a tanglam thlai, sur tivek: *The*

net is weighted to keep it below the surface of the water. (**c**) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (with sth)** ritter; khiing neihter: *The stick had been weighted with lead.* **2** [Tn] rit deuh dingin pathri thil dang thawn rawi: *weighted silk.* **3** [Tn-pr esp passive] thleidang, duhbul nei; thinlung ding lo, thinlung kelkawi: *a law weighted against/towards/in favour of those owning land.* **4** (*phr v*) **weight sb down (with sth)** dirthla; a ritmi thil in nen: *She was weighted down with parcels.*
▷ **weighting** *n* [U] (*esp Brit*) nuncan har ruang ih hnaʔuantu bomnak: [*attrib*] *a London weighting allowance.*

weir /wɪə(r)/ *n* **1** tiluang khamnak cangdawl; khawkkham. **2** ngate feh thei lo dingih khamnak/ngate lutnak dingih tuahmi ngawi.

weird /wɪəd/ *adj* (**-er, -est**) **1** dankel a si lomi; rapthlak; a phundang: *Weird shrieks were heard in the darkness.* **2** (*infml often derog*) tidan kel a si lomi; tidan kel thlun lo: *weird clothes, hairstyles, taste* ○ *I found some of her poems a bit weird.*

▷ **weirdly** *adv.*

weirdness *n* [U].

weirdo /ˈwɪədəʊ/ (*pl* ~ **s** /-əʊz/) (also **weirdie** /ˈwɪədɪ/) *n* (*infml usu derog*) mi lamdang, mi phundang, mi umdan kel vekih um lo, mi maksak.

welcome /ˈwelkəm/ *adj* **1** lungawi in hmuak, cohlang, lawm: *a welcome change, relief, rest, sight, visitor* ○ *welcome news* ○ *Your offer of a loan is extremely welcome just now.* ○ *We had the feeling that we were not welcome at the meeting.* **2** [*pred*] ~ **to sth/to do sth** (**a**) siang: *You are welcome to use/to the use of my car any time.* ○ *She's welcome to stay here whenever she likes.* ○ *You are welcome to any books you would like to borrow.* (**b**) (*ironic*) siang lo nan, phirsit deuh ih siang: *If anyone thinks he can do this job any better, he's welcome to it/to try!* ie I'll gladly let him do it. ○ *As far as I'm concerned, if it's my desk she wants, she's welcome to it!* **3** (*idm*) **make sb welcome** lungawi in hmuak, lole cohlang; lungawi hnangamter: **you're welcome** (used as a polite reply to thanks) lungawi thusim hnu ih sim theumi tongkam, lungawi thu sim a tul lo tican a si.

▷ **welcome** *interj* (greeting used by a person who is already in a place to one who is arriving) hmunkhat ih a um cia in a ra neta pawl hmuaknak tongkam cibaibuknak: *Welcome! come in and meet my parents.* ○ *Welcome back/home!* ○ *Welcome on board!* ○ *Welcome to England!*

welcome *n* **1** mi hmuaknak/tonnak/lomnak tongkam: *an enthusiastic, a hearty, a warm, etc welcome* ○ *The victorious team were given a tumultuous welcome when they arrived home.* ○

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She was touched by the warmth of their welcome.
2 (idm) **outstay/overstay one's welcome** thlennak/leennak innteeke hnenih rei tuk caam, lole leeng.

welcome *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] mikhual/inn leeng rak hmuak/lawm: *a welcoming smile* ○ *We were welcomed at the door by the children.* ○ *She welcomed the visitors warmly.* ○ *It is a pleasure to welcome you (back) on the show.* **2** [Tn] (a) lawm/thil a thlengmi, lole a cangmi lungkim: *The changes were welcomed by everybody.* ○ *We welcome the opportunity to express our gratitude.* (b) let; rul: *welcome the news with amazement, indifference, enthusiasm, etc* ○ *welcome a suggestion coldly, enthusiastically, warmly, etc.*

weld /weld/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **A and B (together)**; ~ **A (on)to B** thir le thir peh/erh: *weld the pieces of a broken axle* ○ *weld parts together* ○ *The car has had a new wing welded on.* (b) [Tn] thir dangdang pehzom. (c) [I] (of iron, etc) peh ol: *some metals weld better than others.* **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth into sth** (fig) thilri, lole minung hmunkhat/burkhat ih tuah: *weld a bunch of untrained recruits into an efficient fighting force.* Cf **FORGE**² 1.

▷ **weld** *n* erh ih pehnak.

welder *n* cetzung ih thir pawl pehtu (eg in a car factory).

welfare /welfeə(r)/ *n* [U] **1** harhdamnak, lungawi thansonak: *Parents are responsible for the welfare of their children.* ○ *the welfare of the nation* ○ *We are concerned about his welfare.* **2** harhdamnak lam ruat/thupi ih ruat: *child/infant welfare* ○ [attrib] *a child welfare clinic.* **3** (US) (Brit **social security**) tar pawl le hnaṭuan thei lo, hnaṭuan nei lo pawl cawmnak ih cozah bomnak tangka/sumpai. Cf **SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT** (**SUPPLEMENTARY**).

□ **welfare state** (often the Welfare State) nunkhuasaknak dingah cozah in sii, paisa, le tar cawmnak tivek a neihmi ram.

welfare work (a) senpi finkhawinak lam hnaṭuan. (b) (US) senpi thatnak hnaṭuan. **welfare worker.**

well¹ /wel/ *n* **1** (a) tikhur, lole ticawm: *dig/drive/sink a well* ○ *The villagers get their water from a well.* ○ [attrib] *well water.* (b) = **OIL WELL** (**OIL**). **2** inn tlun ihsin inn tang ih fehnak tikhur vek kulhmi kailawn. **3** (a) (dated except in place-names) cerh/ti putnak cerh: *Tunbridge Wells.* (b) ~ **of sth** (dated fml fig) thil suahnak hram/suah thoknak bulpi: *a well of information.* **4** (Brit) (in a lawcourt) thuthentu hmai ih daanthiam pawl (*lawyers*) tonak hmun.

▷ **well** *v* **1** [Ipr, Ip] ~ (**out/up**) tikhur ihsin tidai a suak/a put vekih suak/put: *Blood was welling (out) from the wound.* ○ *Tears welled up in her eyes.* ○ *Anger was welling up in him.* **2** (phr *v*)

well over liam/luangliam.

□ **well-head** (also **well-spring**) *n* dawhhna; tihna.

well² /wel/ *adj* (compare **better** /betə(r)/, **superl best** /best/) **1** [usu pred] harhdam: *be, feel, get, look, etc well* ○ *Are you quite well?* ○ *Is she well enough to travel?* ○ *I'm better now, thank you.* ○ *He's not a well man.* ⇒ Usage at **HEALTHY**. **2** [pred] a tha: (saying) *All's well that ends well.* ○ *We're very well where we are.* ○ *It seems that all is not well at home.* **3** [pred] duh um: *It would be well to start early.* **4** (idm) **all very well (for sb)...** (infml ironic) mi pakhat ih thu sim le thil tuah lungkim lo hnu theihternak phirsit tɔŋ a si: *It's all very well (for you) to suggest a skiing holiday, but I'm the one who will have to pay for it.* **all well and good** (infml) lungkim, hnata: *The job's done — that's all well and good — but what about the bonus we were promised?* (**just**) **as well (to do sth)** fimkhur; rem/remcang: *It would be (just) as well to phone and say we will be late.*

well³ /wel/ *adv* (compare **better** /betə(r)/, **superl best** /best/) **1** (usu placed after the *v*, and after the direct object if the *v* is transitive) (a) a tha; tha tein: *The children behaved well/were well-behaved.* ○ *She speaks English very well.* ○ *The conference was organized very well.* ○ *I can read well enough without glasses.* ○ *Well done, played, run, etc!* ie cries expressing admiration, congratulations, etc ○ *I hope everything is going well* (ie is satisfactory) *with you.* ○ *Things didn't go well for us at first, but everything is fine now.* ○ *Do these colours go well together* (ie harmonize with each other)? ○ *The plan didn't work out very well.* ○ *Investing in industry is money well spent.* Cf **ILL**¹ 1. (b) thinlung lamih tha — zaangfah: *They treated me very well.* Cf **ILL**¹ 2. (c) kim zet in/pumhlum in; ralring zet in: *Shake the mixture well.* ○ *Read the document well before you sign it.* ○ *The pan must be dried well before you put it away.* ○ *His shoes were always well polished.* ○ *She doesn't know him very well.* ○ *I'm well* (ie fully) *able to manage on my own.* **2** lungkimpinak: *speak/think well of sb.* **3** (after can, could, may, might) a cang theimi, a si theimi: *You may well be right.* ○ *I might well consider it later.* ○ *I can't very well leave now.* ○ *I couldn't very well refuse to help them, could I?* ○ *'They've split up, you know.'* *'I can well believe it.'* ○ *It may well be that the train is delayed.* **4** zet/ngaingai: *I don't know how old he is, but he looks well over/past forty.* ○ *She was driving at well over the speed limit.* ○ *lean well forward/back in one's chair* ○ *It was well worth waiting for.* ○ *Temperatures are well up in the forties.* **5** (idm) **as well (as sb/sth)** hlei ah/lawng si loin/khal: *Are they coming as well?*

○ *He grows flowers as well as vegetables.* ○ *She is a talented musician as well as being a photographer.* ⇒ Usage at ALSO. **augur well/ill for sb/sth** ⇒ AUGUR. **be well out of sth** (infml) thil pakhat ah telve lo ih um cu a vanṭha. **be well up in sth** thuhla ṭhate ih thei: *He's well up in all the latest developments in the industry.* **blood well** ⇒ BLOODY². **bode well/ill** ⇒ BODE. **deserve well/ill of sb** ⇒ DESERVE. **do oneself well** lungawi le nuam zet ih um. **do well** (a) hlawhtling, ṭhangso, lian: *Simon is doing very well at school.* ○ *The business is doing well.* (b) (only in the continuous tenses) dam vivo; cak deuh vivo; ṭha vivo: *The patient is doing well.* ○ *Mother and baby are doing well.* **do well by sb** mi ṭhate ih zoh/duhsak zet ih zoh. **do well for oneself** hlawhtling, ṭhangso, lian. **do well out of sb/sth** thil pakhat, lole mi pakhat hnen ihsin a hlawk ngah/sum ngah. **do well to do sth** (esp as a warning) khua ruat zet le ralring zet ih tuah: *You would do well to remember who is paying the bill.* ○ *They would do well to concentrate more on their work.* ○ *You did well to sell when the price was high.* **fucking well** ⇒ FUCK. **jolly well** ⇒ JOLLY. **leave/let well alone** a ṭha cia le a tawkmi thil cu tham sal lo ding: *Any changes would be very difficult to make so it's better to leave well along.* **may/might (just) as well do sth** thil umdan vek zoh ah, tuah khalle a poi lo ding: *Since nobody else wants the job, we might as well let him have it.* **one may/might as well be hanged/hung for a sheep as a lamb** ⇒ HANG¹. **mean well** ⇒ MEAN¹. **mean well by sb** ⇒ MEAN¹. **pretty much/nearly/well** ⇒ PRETTY. **promise well** ⇒ PROMISE². **speak well for sb/sth** ⇒ SPEAK. **stand well with sb** duhsaknak co. **very well** lungkim; thin kim: *Very well, doctor, I'll try to take more exercise.* ○ *Oh, very well, if you insist.* **well and truly** (infml) fiang zetin, kim zetin, pum hlumin: *By that time we were well and truly lost.* **well aware of sth/that...** kim zet ih thei; thei: *I'm well aware of the risks.* **well away** (a) ṭhangso zet: *By the end of the month, we'll be well away.* (b) (infml) zuri, lole nuam-aw celcel. **well in (with sb)** (infml) rualpi ṭha zet ih ruat; pom: *She seems to be well in with the right people.* **well off** dinhmun ṭha milian/sumpai nei: *His family is not very well off.* ○ *You don't need to look for another job — you're well off where you are.* **well off for sth** tam zet nei: *We're well off for storage space in the new flat.* **wish sb/sth well/ill** ⇒ WISH. □ (compound *adjs* formed from *well-* + past participles are usu hyphenated when attributive but not hyphenated when predicative, except when the *adj* has acquired a restricted sense.) bettu a si. **well-advised** *adj* khawruat thiam, fimkhur: *you would be well advised to* (ie You ought to)

reconsider your decision. ○ *a well-advised move.*

well-appointed *adj* a ṭulmi thuamhnaw, lole thilri a kimte ih nei: *a well-appointed apartment, hotel, office, etc.*

well-balanced *adj* (of a person) khawruat thiam le thinlung fek/hngetkhoh: *healthy, well-balanced children* ○ *You need to be very well-balanced to cope with the stress of a job like that.*

well-being *n* [U] ṭhatnak, harhdamnak, lungawinak: *have a sense of (physical/spiritual) well-being.*

well-born *adj* miphun saang, phun u, milian sung.

well-bred *adj* umtlan dan mawi, nuncan ṭha: *She was too well bred to show her disappointment.* Cf ILL-BRED (ILL¹).

well-built *adj* cak le tisa ṭha.

well-connected *adj* milian le thilti thei unau le rualpi ṭha nei.

well-disposed *adj* ~ (towards sb/sth) (a) zaangfah thiam, lainat thiam: *She seems well-disposed to us.* (b) bawm dingah lungkim, hnata: *The committee are well-disposed towards the idea.* Cf ILL-BRED (ILL¹).

well-done *adj* (of food, esp meat) rawl/sa ṭhate ih a hminmi: *He prefers his steak well-done.*

well-established *adj* rei zet, hlawhtling in um; hram a khohmi: *a well-established firm* ○ *well-established procedures.*

well-fed *adj* rawl cawm ṭha, rawl ṭha pek: *The cat looked very sleek and well-fed.*

well-founded *adj* rinsan ding le nhoghshan ding thuhla tetti ṭha zet nei: *well-founded suspicions.*

well-heeled *adj* (infml) lian, sumpai tampi nei: *a restaurant with many well-heeled customers.*

well-informed *adj* theihnak kau zet nei; theihnak ṭha nei: *well-informed opinion, quarters, sources.*

well-intentioned *adj* ṭhahnem le santlai si ding tum: *She reacted angrily to my well-intentioned remarks.* ○ *He's well-intentioned but not very good at getting things done.*

well-known *adj* mi tampi ih theihmi; mi hminthang, mi langsar.

well-meaning *adj* ṭhatter duh ih tuahmi (asinain hlawhtling theu lo).

well-meant *adj* ṭhatter duhsaknak tel ih tuahmi, lole simmi asinain cang suak lo.

well-oiled *adj* (sl) ri/zu ri.

well-preserved *adj* (a) (of an old person) tar hmel keng lo; kum no hmel pu. (b) (of old things) a ṭang zet, a ṭha zet laimi thilri hlun/hlan thilri: *a well-preserved Greek temple.*

well-read *adj* cabu tampi siar ruangih fimnak tampi ngahtu.

well-rounded *adj* (a) (of a person's body) minung niam le taksa tummi bial/mi hlum. (b) [usu attrib] fimnak/thiamnak a phunphun a

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neitu: a well-rounded education.

well-spoken *adj* duhnungza le hmaante ih ðong thiam.

well-thought-of *adj* (of a person) ðihzah mi: *He is well-thought-of in government circles.*

well-thumbed *adj* (of a book, etc) vei tam zet siarmi cabu a si ti cahmai ihsin theih theimi.

well-timed *adj* a cut laifang le a remcan laifangih tuah, sim: *Your remarks were certainly well-timed.* ○ a well-timed intervention. Cf ILL-TIMED (ILL¹).

well-to-do *adj* milian; ðangso.

well-tried *adj* ziangtluk a ða ti voi tam zet hnksakmi: a well-tried method, remedy, etc.

well-turned *adj* (fml) duhnungza/thinlung hip zawngih simmi: a well-turned compliment, phrase, etc.

well-versed *adj* [pred] ~ (in sth) thil tam zet thei; hmuhton tam nei: well-versed in the art of flattery.

well-wisher *n* ðhatnak le ðansonak duhsaktu: *They received many letters of sympathy from well-wishers.*

well-worn *adj* (a) (of a phrase, etc) hman tamtuk ruangih sia, tlek. (b) hman tuk ruangih ðet: a well-worn old coat.

well⁴ /wel/ *interj* (esp in spoken English) **1** mangbang thu sim tikih hmanmi ðongfang: *Well, who would have thought it?* ○ *Well, well* (— *I should never have guessed it*)! ○ *Well, you do surprise me!* **2** thin daai ruangih hmanmi ðongfang: *Well, thank goodness that's over!* ○ *Well, here we are at last!* **3** (also **oh well**) ziangti thei lo tikih hmanmi ðongfang: *Oh well, there's nothing we can do about it.* ○ *Well, it can't be helped.* **4** (also **very well**) lungkimnak le theihthiamnak simnak ðongfang; a ða tuk!: *Very well, then, I'll accept your offer.* **5** thu el-awknak khatlam simmi a hmaan a si ti ih pom, cohlan saknak tong: *Well, you may be right.* **6** thu rel thoksal tikih ðongfang: *Well, as I was saying...* ○ *Well, the next day...* ○ *Well, lets move on to the next item.* **7** awloksongnak, zum lonak simnak ðongfang: *'Do you want to come?'* *'Well — I'm not sure.'* **8** (idm) **well I never (did)!** (infml) lungawinak / thinhengnak; mangbangnak sim tikih hmanmi ðong.

we'll /wi:l/ *contracted form* **1** we shall ⇨ SHALL. **2** we will ⇨ WILL¹.

wellington /ˈelɪŋtən/ *n* (also **wellington boot**, infml **welly**) (esp Brit) tidai lut thei lo — khuk tiang ih hrukmi sialriat kedan: a pair of Wellingtons/Wellington boots.

wellnigh /ˈwelˈnaɪ/ *adv* (fml or rhet) zikte, leuleu: *The task is wellnigh impossible.* ○ *The party was wellnigh over by the time we arrived.*

welly /ˈwelɪ/ *n* (Brit infml) = WELLINGTON: a new pair of green wellies.

Welsh /welʃ/ *adj* Wales thawn a pehparmi: the

Welsh coastline ○ Welsh poetry.

▷ **Welsh** *n* [U] Wales ram ih Celtic miphun ðong. **2 the Welsh** [pl] Wales miphun.

□ **Welsh dresser** bizu phun khat.

Welshman /ˈwelʃmən/ (pl **-men** /-mən/, fem **Welshwoman** /-wʊmən/, pl **-women** /-wɪmɪn/) *n* Wales pacang/nu.

Welsh rarebit (also **rarebit**, **Welsh rabbit**) Welsh sangper phunkhat.

welsh /welʃ/ *v* (derog) **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (on sth) pheleknak ih batmi leiba pe loih hrial: *welsh on one's debts.* **2** [Ipr] ~ on sb/sth thu-tiamkam thlun lo: *She welshed on (the bargain she made with) us.*

▷ **welsher** *n*.

welt /welt/ *n* **1** kedan hri. **2** funghreu, lole thirthlaihmi hridai thawn thawi ruangih a thlingmi/a vualmi/a pemmi.

welter /ˈweltə(r)/ *n* [sing] ~ of sth/sb minung, thilri rawi ruri; hnaihok zetih um: a welter of unrelated facts ○ carried forward by the welter of surging bodies.

welterweight /ˈweltəweɪt/ *n* kilogram 61 le 66.6 karlak a ritmi boxing lektu : *Throughout his career, he fought as a welterweight/at welterweight.* ○ [attrib] a welterweight contest.

wen /wen/ *n* lu vun le taksa dangih a ummi taksa bo (ðihnung a si lomi).

wench /wentʃ/ *n* (arch or joc) nunau kum tling, nunau no.

wend /wend/ *v* (idm) **wend one's way** (arch or joc) feh a cu: *It's time we were wending our way*, ie We must go.

went *pt* of GO¹.

wept *pt, pp* of WEEP.

were ⇨ BE.

we're /wiə(r)/ *contracted form* we are ⇨ BE.

werewolf /ˈwɪəwʊlf/ *n* (pl **-wolves** /-wʊlvz/) (in stories) thla thul laifangih cinghnia ih a cang theimi minung.

Wesleyan /ˈwezliən/ *n, adj* John Wesley ih dinmi Methodist kawhhran (member).

west /west/ *n* [sing] (abbr **W**) **1 the west** nitlaknak lam: *The rain is coming from the west.* ○ *Bristol is in the west of England.* ○ *She lives to the west of* (ie further west than) *Glasgow.* Cf EAST, NORTH, SOUTH. **2 the West** (a) Europe le America leilung ðen sungih communist ram a si lomi ram pawl. (b) Europe - nisuahnak lam ram pawl ðim tikah. **3 the West** USA nitlaknak lam ram: *She's lived in the West* (eg California) *for ten years now.* **4** (idm) **go west** (dated sl) siatbal; hmang ðeh, sia: *There was a fire, and five years of research work went west.*

▷ **west** *adj* [attrib] **1** nitlaknaklam: *the west side of London.* **2** (of winds) nitlaknaklam ihsin a hrangmi thli. Cf WESTERLY.

west *adv* nitlaknak lamah: *travel west* ○ three

miles west of here ○ *The building faces west.*

westward /westwəd/ *adj* nitlaknaklam ah: *a westward journey.*

westwards (also **westward**) *adv*: *travel westward(s).* ⇒ Usage at FORWARD².

□ **westbound** /westbaund/ *adj* nitlaknaklam panih khualtlawng: *westbound traffic* ○ *the westbound carriageway of the motorway.*

the West Country (Brit) Britain ram ih nitlaknak lam thlanglam ram: [attrib] *a West-Country village.*

the West End (Brit) thuanthucawn, santhar thilri le thilri mankhung zet pawl zuarnak hmun pawl a huapmi London khawsung: [attrib] *a West-End cinema.* Cf THE EAST END (EAST).

westerly /westəli/ *adj* 1 [attrib] nitlaknak lam ih: *westerly shores* ○ *in a westerly direction.* 2 [usu attrib] (of winds) nitlaknak lam ihsin in a hrangmi.

▷ **westerly** *n* nitlaknak lam ihsin a hrangmi thli: *a gale-force westerly.* — *adv* nitlaknak lamah: *travel westerly.*

western /westən/ *adj* 1 [attrib] nintlaknak lam um: *western regions of the British Isles* ○ *the western United States.* 2 (also **Western**) [usu attrib] nitlaknak lam milai pawl umdan: *the Western way of life* ○ *western attitudes, clothes, nations, philosophy.*

▷ **western** *n* a bikin Red Indians pawl an do lai ih US nitlaknak lam ih cawkhaal (*cowboy*) pawl ih umdan le nundan hmuhtu baisakup le cabu.

westerner *n* (a) nitlaknak lam ram ih um minung pawl: *a country in Asia visited by few westerners.* (b) USA nitlaknak lam ih um minung pawl.

westernize, -ise /-aɪz/ *v* [Tn] nitlaknak lam minung vekih um/nungcang: *The island became fully westernized after the war.*

westernization, -isation /westənə'zeɪʃn; US -nɪ'z-/ *n* [U].

westernmost /-məʊst/ *adj* nitlaknaklam a deng: *the westernmost tip of the island.*

wet /wet/ *adj* (-tter, -ttest) 1 a ciin, a ciar: *wet clothes, grass, roads* ○ *Her cheeks were wet with tears.* ○ *Did you get wet* (eg in the rain)? ○ *dripping/soaking/wringing* (ie thoroughly) *wet.* 2 (of weather, etc) nikhua ceen: *a wet day* ○ *the wet season* ○ *It was the wettest October for many years.* 3 (of ink, paint, plaster, etc) a reihlante ih thuhmi/hnihmi — ro hrih lo: *Be careful — the paint is still wet.* ○ *Don't walk on the wet cement.* 4 (Brit infml derog) (of a person) tumtah mumal nei lo: *It was rather wet of you to say nothing when you had the chance.* 5 (idm) **like a wet rag** baang hnuanghni. **soaked/wet to the skin** ⇒ SKIN. (still) **wet behind the ears** (infml derog) pitling hrih lo;

theih le ton nei hrih lo; mawh nei lo. **a wet blanket** (infml) mah nunnak ah phurnak, thathawhnak ruahsannak neih lo ruangih midang nuam zet ih um thei lo ih kham; dawn; midang pawl thatho le nuam loih umter: *He was such a wet blanket at the party that they never invited him again.* **wet through** pumhlum ih ciar, ciar nekeke: *We got wet through.* ○ *My overcoat is wet through.*

▷ **wet** *n* 1 **the wet** [sing] nikhua ciar; ruah: *Come in out of the wet.* 2 [U] hnawng; ciin. 3 [C] (Brit derog) (a) mi aan-cinghar le mi cak lo; mi ʔawnʔai; ti diardi te. (b) ram-uknak le hruainak ah natuk le hleihluan tukih caang duh lo in, a mawi tawh le a tawkfang ih caang duhtu: *Tory wets.*

wet *v* (pt, pp **wet** or **wetted**) 1 [Tn] ciarter, cinter: *Wet the clay a bit more before you start to mould it.* 2 (idm) **wet the/one's bed** (not passive; past tense usu *wet*) ihkhun parih zun thlau. **wet one's whistle** (dated infml) thil pakhat in, a bikin zu. **wetting** *n* (usu sing) ciar, cin ʔeh: *get a wetting in the heavy rain.*

wetly *adv*: *The leaves glistened wetly in the rain.*

wetness *n* [U].

□ **wet dock** tangphawlawng colh theinak hmun; lawng colhter theinak hmun.

wet dream nunau thawn pawl-aw ih bua suakmi mang.

wet fish dawh ih zuarmi ngahring.

wetlands *n* [pl] leilung hnawnnak hmun; a ciar le nemmi hmunram: *birds of the wetlands* ○ [attrib] *wetland birds.*

wet-nurse *n* (esp formerly) midang naute mah hnawi a fawhtu.

wet suit tising luttu ih hrukmi sialriat thawn tuahmi hnipuan.

wether /weðə(r)/ *n* tilpermi tuu-pa/cang.

we've /wi:v/ *contracted form* we have ⇒ HAVE.

whack /wæk; US hwæk/ *v* [Tn] (infml) mi pakhat/thil pakhat nazet ih thawi.

▷ **whack** *n* 1 thawi tiki funghreu aw-thawm: *heard a sudden whack* ○ *I'll give you such a whack!* 2 (infml) ~ (at sth) tuah ding zuam; tuah tum: *I'm prepared to have a whack at it.* 3 (infml) covo/vo/co dingmi thil: *Have you all had a fair whack?* ○ *Some people are not doing their whack.*

whacked *adj* [usu pred] (infml) (of a person) baang ngaingai; tha cem: *I'm absolutely whacked!*

whacking *n* (infml) thawi: *That child deserves a whacking.* — *adj* (infml) tum zet: *a whacking lie.* — *adv* (infml) zet, ngaingai: *a whacking great bruise.*

whale /weɪl; US hweɪl/ *n* 1 whale ngapi, tipi thuanthum sungih a ummi nga tumpi. 2 (idm) **have a whale of a time** (infml) mahte ih nuam-

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aw: *The children had a whale of a time at the funfair.*

▷ **whale** *v* [I] (usu in the continuous tenses) whale ngapi dawi/kai.

whaler *n* (a) whale ngapi dawi tiki hmanmi lawng. (b) whale nga dawitu. **whaling** *n* [U] whale nga dawi: [attrib] *the whaling fleet*.

□ **whalebone** *n* [U] hlan laiah hnipuan khohternak ih hmanmi whale nga ih kha tlunta ruh paate.

wham /wæm/; US hwæm/ *interj*, *n* (infml) na zet ih thil thawi thawm thangmi aw (cawng): *Wham! The car hit the wall.* ○ *The door struck him in the face with a terrific wham.*

▷ **wham** *v* (-mm-) (infml) (a) [Ipr, Ip] na zet ih thawi: *It whammed into the wall.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] thil pakhat; mi pakhat na zet ih thawi; awn ruiro in zamrang zet ih thawn, thin: *He whammed the ball into the back of the net.*

wharf /wɔːf/; US hwɔːrf/ *n* (pl ~ **s** or **-ves** /wɔːvz/; US hwɔːrvz/) tangphawlawng phurhmi thilri thlaknak le lawng parih thumnak hmun (tifinriat, lole tiva kapih lungto/thing dawlm).

what¹ /wɒt/; US hwɒt/ *interrog det* ziang: *What books have you got to read on the subject?* ○ *What time/date is it?* (Cf Tell me what time it is.) ○ *What experience has she had?* (Cf Ask her what experience she has had.) ○ *What woman are you thinking of?* ○ *Guess what famous person said this?* ⇒ Usage at **which**.

▷ **what** *interrog pron* **1** ziang a si, ziang maw: *What did you say?* ○ *What (ie What job) does he do?* ○ *What are you reading, sewing, thinking, etc?* ○ *What's the time/date?* ○ *What does it mean?* **2** (idm) **and what not** (infml) hi tivek a dang pawl: *tools, machines and what not.* **get/give sb what for** (infml) cawh, nazet ih hrem: *I'll give her what for if she does that again.* **what** for ziangnak ah, ziang ruangah: *What is this tool for?* ○ (infml) *What did you do that for?* ie Why did you do that? **what if?** siseh la, ziangtiin a si pei: *What if it rains when we can't get under shelter?* ○ *What if the rumour is true?* **what of it?**; **so what?** (infml) cu ti sisehla, cu ti asile, ziang ti in a si pei: *Yes, I wrote it. What of it?* **what's what** (infml) ziang a thupi; ziang a santlai; ziang a poimawh: *She certainly knows what's what.* **what with sth** himi hi ziang tin a si, ziang tin a cang: *What with the weather and my bad leg, I haven't been out for weeks.*

□ **what-d'you-call-him/-her/-it/-them** (also **what's-his/-her/its/-their-name**) *n* cinken, theih nawn lo hmin ai-awh ih hmanmi (zo a si ta kha?): *She's just gone out with old what-d'you-call-him.*

whatnot *n* **1** thupi lomi; thil tuktak: *She'd put these whatnots in her hair as decoration.* **2** cabu le thil nepnawi retnak bawm.

what² /wɒt/; US hwɒt/ *det* thilri le minung simnak tongfang: *What money I have will be yours when I die.* ○ *I spent what little time I had with my family.* ○ *What family and friends I still have live abroad.*

▷ **What** *pron* cumi cu; kha mi kha: *What you say may well be true.* ○ *No one knows what will happen next.*

what³ /wɒt/; US hwɒt/ *det*, *adv* mangbang tiki hmanmi (ziangvek!): *What (awful) weather we're having!* ○ *What big feet you've got!*

▷ **what** *interj* **1** zum lonak neih tik le mangbang tuk tiki hmanmi (ziangee!): *'I've won a holiday in New York.'* 'What?' ○ *'It will cost £500.'* 'What?' **2** (infml) thu sim thei fiang lo tiki sutnak: *What? Can you say that again?*

whatever /wɒt'evə(r)/ *det*, *pron* **1** ziang, ziangkhal: *We will be grateful for whatever amount you can afford.* ○ *You can eat whatever you like.* ○ *Whatever I have is yours.* **2** hmuahhmuah, ziangkhal: *Whatever nonsense the papers print, some people always believe it.* ○ *You are right, whatever opinions may be held by others.* ○ *Keep calm, whatever happens.* **3** (idm) **or whatever** (infml) a dang ziangkhal: *Take any sport — basketball, ice hockey, swimming or whatever.*

▷ **whatever** *interrog pron* mangbang le thinlung buai tiki hmanmi: *Whatever do you mean?* ○ *Whatever can it be?* ○ *You're going to keep snakes! Whatever next?*

whatever (also **whatsoever**) *adv* (used after *no* + *n*, *nothing*, *none*, etc for emphasis) ziangkhal: *There can be no doubt whatever about it.* ○ *'Are there any signs of improvement?'* 'None whatsoever.'

wheat /wiːt/; US hwiːt/ *n* [U] **1** (a) sangvut vui: *a tonne of wheat* ○ [attrib] *wheat loaves.* (b) sangvut kung: *a field of wheat* ○ [attrib] *wheat farming.* **2** (idm) **separate the wheat from the chaff** ⇒ **SEPARATE**².

▷ **wheaten** /wiːtɪn/; US 'hwiː-/ *adj* [usu attrib] sangvut ihsin tuahmi: *wheaten bread, cakes, flour.*

□ **wheatcake** *n* (US) arti, cini le cawhnawi tel lo ih sangvut lawng kiomi sang.

wheat germ vitamin tamzet umnak sangvut fang ih a laimu; a sungmu.

wheatmeal *n* [U] thil dang zianghman rawi lo sangvut rawl.

wheedle /'wiːdl/; US 'hwiː-/ *v* (derog) (a) [I, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (out of sb) tong nem le thlum zet ih leem in thilri ngah: *a wheedling tone of voice* ○ *She wheedled the money out of her father.* ○ *He wheedled his way into the building, ie got into it by wheedling.* (b) [Tn-pr] ~ **sb into doing sth** tong neem le thlum zet in leem tahrat ih mah ih duhmi tuahter: *The children wheedled me into letting them go to the film.*

wheel /wi:l/; US hwil/ *n* **1** (a) leengke bial. (b) (esp in compounds) mawṭawka, lawng, tivek mawnnak ih hmanmi leengke vek pawl: *a potter's wheel* ○ *a spinning-wheel*. **2** (usu *sing*) = STEERING-WHEEL (STEER): *The driver sat patiently behind the wheel.* ○ *He took (ie grasped) the wheel and steered the ship into port.* **3** a bial in feh, cangvai: *a left/right wheel*. **4** (idm) **at/behind the wheel (of sth)** (a) leeng, lole lawng mawng: *Who was at the wheel when the car crashed?* (b) (fig) thil pakhat khat uk; khawng: *With her at the wheel, the company began to prosper.* **oil the wheels** ⇒ OIL *v*. **put a spoke in sb's wheel** ⇒ SPOKE¹. **wheels within wheels** a umdan theih thiam har zetmi thu hnaihnok; buainak hnaihnoknak a suahnak hrampi bik ziang a si ti theithiam a har zetmi buainak.
 ▷ **wheel** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] (a) leeng dir, lole nor; tul: *wheel a barrow (along the street)*. (b) leeng in thilri, minung phur: *wheel sb to the operating theatre on a trolley*. **2** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] a bial ih her, thawn: *birds wheeling (about) in the sky above us*. (b) [I, Ip] ~ (round/around) her ih khuadang hoi: *Left/Right wheel!* ie as an order given to soldiers ○ *They wheeled round in amazement*. **3** (idm) **wheel and deal** (infml esp US) fim zet le a ding lo zawngih biak-awknak le neep-awknak: *There will be a lot of wheeling and dealing before an agreement is reached*.
-wheeled (forming compound adjs) leengke (zat) a neimi: *a sixteen-wheeled lorry*.
-wheeler (forming compound ns) leengke (zat) nei: *a three-wheeler*.
wheelie *n* (sl) baisikal hmailam ke thli lak ah (leilung dai loin) umter ih dunglam leengke lawng to ih fehtu: *do a wheelie*.
 □ **wheelbarrow** (also **barrow**) *n* kutkaih pahnih le ke pahnih nei thil rit nor/phurhnak leeng.
wheelbase *n* (usu *sing*) mawṭawka hmailam axle le dunglam axle pahnih karlak.
wheelchair *n* feh thei lo pawl hmanmi leengke nei tokheng; mahte ih thawn theimi: *She had polio as a child and spent the rest of her life in a wheelchair*.
wheel-house *n* tangphawlawng mawngtu tonak khaan fate.
wheelwright *n* (thing) leengke tuahtu.
wheeler-dealer /wi:lə 'di:lə(r)/ *n* (infml esp US) brokhrwl zawngih mi thil neep thiam; biak thiamtu.
wheeze /wi:z/; US hwiz/ *v* **1** [I] (a) awm sungin awn ciamco ih thawhawt. (b) cet awn ruri. **2** [Tn] aw bawr/raibur aw zet ih thusim/hlasa: *'I've got a sore throat,' he wheezed*.
 ▷ **wheeze** *n* **1** aw bawr; aw ser: *He has a slight wheeze in his chest*. **2** (dated Brit infml) thiam

zet ih bum-awknak.

wheezy *adj* (-ier, -iest) thaw awn burbo; awn hrumhro: *a wheezy old man, pump* ○ *My cold's a lot better but I'm still a bit wheezy*. **wheezily** /-li/ *adv*.

wheeziness *n* [U].

whelk /welk/; US hwelk/ *n* cengkol.

whelp /welp/; US hwelp/ *n* **1** uico/tlavang/pawpi faa. **2** (dated derog) ṭha lo zet ih nungcang/khawsa mi nauhak/tlangval no.

▷ **whelp** *v* [I] (fml) (of a female dog, wolf, etc) uico/cinghnia fa hring.

when /wen/; US hwen/ *interrog adv* ziangtikah: *When can you come?* ○ *When did he die?* ○ *I don't know when he died.* ○ *When were you living in Spain?* ○ *Since when has he been missing?*

▷ **when** *rel adv* **1** (used after time, day, month, etc) tik/laifang: *Sunday is the day when very few people go to work.* ○ *There are times when I wonder why I do this job.* ○ *It was the sort of morning when everything goes wrong.* **2** laifang/lai: *The Queen's last visit was in May, when she opened the new hospital.*

when *conj* **1** laiah/laifangah: *It was raining when we arrived.* ○ *When he saw her, he waved.* ○ *When visiting London I like to travel by bus.* **2** ruangah; ruat tikah: *How can they learn anything when they spend all their spare time watching television?*

whence /wens/; US hwens/ *adv* (arch or fml) nak ihsin; nak in: *They have returned whence they came.*

whenever /wen'evə(r)/; US hwen-/ *conj* **1** ziang tik khalah/ziangtik laiah khal: *I'll discuss it with you whenever you like.* **2** kip in/tintin: *Whenever she comes, she brings a friend.* ○ *The roof leaks whenever it rains.* **3** (idm) **or whenever** (infml) ziang tik khal ah: *It's not urgent — we can do it next week or whenever.*

▷ **whenever** *interrog adv* (expressing surprise) ziang tik lai ah: *Whenever did you find time to do all that cooking?*

where /weə(r)/; US hweə(r)/ *interrog adv* khuitawk ah: *Where does he live?* ○ *Where does she come from?* ○ *I wonder where she comes from.* ○ *Where (ie At what point) did I go wrong in my calculation?* ○ *Where are you going for your holidays?* ○ *Where is all this leading?* ie What is the conclusion of what you are saying?

▷ **where** *rel adv* **1** (used after words or phrases that refer to a place) hmun; ram: *the place where you last saw it* ○ *one of the few countries where people drive on the left*. **2** cu hmunah; cutawk ah: *We then moved to Paris, where we lived for six years.*

where *conj* nak hmun ah: *Put it where we can all see it.* ○ *Where food is hard to find, few birds remain throughout the year.* ○ (fig) *That's*

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where you're wrong.

□ **whereabouts** *interrog adv* khui ah/khui tawkah: *Whereabouts did you find it?* ○ *She won't tell me whereabouts she put it.* — *n* [sing or pl *v*] umhmun: *a person whose whereabouts is/are unknown.*

whereby *rel adv* (fml) cu mi thawn; cuh ruangah: *She devised a plan whereby they might escape.*

where in *rel adv* (fml) ziangti zawngin, cutawk ah: *a dark forest wherein dangers lurk.*

whereupon *conj* cuti cun, cule, cumi ruangah: *She laughed at him, whereupon he walked out.*

whereas /weə'reɪz; US ˌhweər'eɪz/ *conj* **1** (esp *law*) cuti ih a thu ruatsak in. **2** (fml) a khat lam ahcun; laiah: *He earns £8000 a year whereas she gets at least £20000.*

wherever /ˌweə'revə(r); US ˌhweər-/ *conj* **1** khuitawk ah khal: *Sit wherever you like.* ○ *I'll find him, wherever he is.* ○ *He comes from Boula, wherever that may be, ie and I don't know where that is.* **2** hmunkip ah: *Wherever she goes, there are crowds of people waiting to see her.* ○ *Wherever there is injustice, we try to help.* **3** (idm) **or wherever** (infml) hmunkip ah: *many foreign tourists from Spain, France or wherever.*

▷ **wherever** *interrog adv* (expressing surprise) khuitawk ah: *Wherever did you get that funny hat?*

wherewithal /ˌweəwɪðəl; US ˈhweər-/ *n* **the wherewithal** [sing] (infml) a ʔul zat tangka: *I'd like a new stereo, but I haven't got the wherewithal (to buy it).*

whet /wet; US hwet/ *v* (-tt-) [Tn] **1** (fml) naam, hreitlung, tivek lungto parih taat. **2** hiarnak duhnak thinlung thoter: *Reading travel brochures whets one's appetite for a holiday.*

□ **whetstone** *n* lungtaat.

whether /ˌweðə(r); US ˈhweðər/ *conj* **1** (used before a clause or an infinitive expressing or implying alternatives) (**a**) (used as the object of *vs* like *know*, *doubt*, *wonder*, etc) pei maw, maw: *I don't know whether I will be able to come.* ○ *We'll be told tomorrow whether we should take the exam or not.* ○ *I asked him whether he had done all the work himself or whether he had had any assistance.* (Note that when there are two alternative clauses separated by *or*, *whether* is repeated.) ○ *We were wondering whether to go today or tomorrow.* Cf IF. (**b**) (after *adjs* and *preps*) ding maw, pei maw: *She was undecided (about) whether she should accept his offer.* ○ *He hesitated about whether to drive or take the train.* ○ *It all depends on whether she likes the boss or not.* (**c**) (used as the subject or complement of a sentence) ding maw, ding lo: *It's doubtful whether there'll be any seats left.* ○

The question is whether to go to Munich or Vienna. **2** (idm) **whether or not** (used to introduce two alternative possibilities) pei maw/lo; khalle, khal lole: *Whether or not it rains/Whether it rains or not, we're playing football on Saturday.* ○ *Tell me whether or not you're interested.* ○ *They'll find out who did it, whether you tell them or not.* ⇒ Usage at IF.

whew (also **phew**) /fju:/ *interj* minung pawl an mangbang, thil a si hmang ding ti ih an zum tik, le an thaw a sa tikh mangbang ʔong: *Whew! That car was going fast!* ○ *Whew! That was a lucky escape!*

whew /weɪ; US hwei/ *n* [U] cawhnawi thur tuah dingah a ha lak ʔeh hnuh a tanglai a ʔha lomi a tii.

which /wɪtʃ; US hwɪtʃ/ *interrog det* khuimi, khuimi bik/khuimi sawn: *Which way is quicker — by bus or by train? Which Mr. Smith do you mean — the one who teaches history or the one who teaches music?* ○ *Which languages did you study at school?* ○ *Ask him which platform the London train leaves from.* Cf WHAT¹. ⇒ Usage.

▷ **which** *interrog pron* zo bik, zo sawn, khuimi sawn: *Which is your favourite subject?* ○ *Which of the boys is tallest?* ○ *Here are the chairs. Tell me which are worth buying.* ○ *The twins are so much alike that I can't tell which is which, ie can't distinguish one from the other.*

which *rel det* (fml) a hmaisa ih sim ciami sawh ih sim salnak: *The questions were all on opera, about which subject I know nothing.* ○ *The postman comes at 6.30 in the morning, at which time (ie when) I am usually fast asleep.*

which *rel pron* a um ciami khiihmuh ih sim salnak: *Take the book which is lying on the table.* ○ *A house which overlooks the park will cost more.* ○ *Read the passage to which I referred in my talk.* ○ *His best film, which won several awards, was about the life of Gandhi.* ○ *His new car, for which he paid £7000, has already had to be repaired.*

NOTE ON USAGE: Compare the use of **which** and **what** as determiners and pronouns in questions. **Which** refers to one or more members of a limited group: *Which car is yours/Which is your car? The Ford or the Volvo?* **What** is used when the group is not so limited: *What are your favourite books?* When we are referring to people, we often use **which** even if the choice is not restricted: *Which/What actors do you admire most?*

whichever /ˌwɪtʃɪvə(r); US hwɪtʃ-/ *det, pron* **1** a ziangkhal: *Take whichever hat suits you best.* ○ *We'll eat at whichever restaurant has a free table.* ○ *Whichever of you comes first will receive a prize.* **2** a khuimi khal: *Whichever you*

buy, there is a six-month guarantee. ○ It takes three hours, whichever route you take.

▷ **whichever** interrog det, interrog pron (expressing surprise) khuimi, khuimi bik: *Whichever of these children is yours?*

whiff /wɪf; & hwɪf/ *n* ~ (of sth) (a) thil rim malte: *catch a whiff of perfume, of cigar smoke* ○ *have a whiff of fresh air* ○ (fig) a whiff (ie a trace or hint) of danger, scandal, suspicion. (b) thil rim dawk malte: a whiff of anaesthetic ○ *He took a few whiffs, ie of a cigar, pipe, etc.* (c) (infml euph) rimsia: *There is an awful whiff coming from the dustbin.*

while¹ /waɪl; US hwail/ *n* [sing] 1 rei lote sung: *She worked in a bank for a while before studying law.* ○ *For a long while we had no news of him.* ○ *I'll be back in a little while, ie soon.* ○ *It took quite a while (ie a long time) to find a hotel.* ○ *We waited for three hours, all the while hoping that someone would come and fetch us.* 2 (idm) **once in a while** ⇒ ONCE. **worth sb's while** ⇒ WORTH.

▷ **while** *v* (phr *v*) **while sth away** a thupi lo tuahnak ih tikcu caan hman: *We whiled away the time at the airport reading magazines.* ○ *It's easy to while a few hours away in a museum.*

while² /waɪl; US hwail/ (also **whilst** /waɪlst; US hwailst/) conj 1 (a) laiah, laifangah: *He fell asleep while (he was) doing his homework.* ○ *While I was in Madrid there was a carnival.* ○ *While (locked up) in prison, she wrote her first novel.* (b) rero laiah, laiah: *While Mary was writing a letter, the children were playing outside.* ○ *He listens to the radio while driving to work.* ○ *I lived in a hostel while I was a student.* 2 (used to show a contrast) (dan-awknak, bang-awknak lonak simnak) laiah: *I drink black coffee while he prefers it with cream.* ○ *English is understood all over the world while Turkish is spoken by only a few people outside Turkey itself.* 3 (fml) nan, nain: *While I admit that there are problems, I don't agree that they cannot be solved.*

whim /wɪm; US hwɪm/ *n* a suak hruakmi ruahnak, duhnak: *It's only a passing whim, ie one that will soon be forgotten.* ○ *They seem ready to indulge (ie satisfy) his every whim.*

whimper /wɪmpər; US 'hwɪ-/ *v* 1 [I] (of a dog, person, etc) nat tik le ðih tikih hrum; dimte ih ðap. 2 [Tn] dimte ih ðong/biak: *'Please don't leave me alone,' he whimpered.* ⇒ Usage at CRY¹. ▷ **whimper** *n* ai/dimte ih ðong.

whimsy /wɪmzɪ; US 'hwɪ-/ *n* 1 [U] mi danglam, lole capo duhmi: *His speech was full of whimsy.* ○ *'Why did you do it?' 'I don't know, pure whimsy.'* 2 [C] khuaruahdan, lole duhnak: *one of her bizarre whimsies.*

▷ **whimsical** /wɪmzɪkl; US 'hwɪ-/ *adj* capo hnihsuahnak lam, thinlung fek lo, a tu le tu

thleng leuhlo: a whimsical sense of humour ○ a whimsical story for children.

whimsicality /wɪmzɪ'kæləti; US 'hwɪ-/ *n* [U].

whimsically /-klɪ/ *adv*.

whin /wɪn; US hwɪn/ *n* [U] = GORSE.

whine /waɪn; US hwain/ *n* (usu sing) (a) ai ruangro — uico thawi tikih a ai vek. (b) aw saang ring zet — engine awn vek: *the steady whine of a mechanical saw.*

▷ **whine** *v* 1 [I, It] au ruangro: a whining voice ○ *The dog sat outside the door whining (to be let in).* 2 (a) [I, Ipr] (derog) phunzai, a thupi lo thil ruangih phunzai: *Do stop whining!* ○ *What is that child whining about now?* (b) [Tn] (derog) thil dil phah — phunzai phah: *'I want to go home,' he whined.*

whiner *n* aitu/autu.

whinny /'wɪni; US 'hwɪ-/ *n* (rang) dimte ih ai hngurhngomi.

▷ **whinny** *v* (pt, pp whinnied) [I, Ipr] rang vekih dimte ih ai hngurhngo: *The horse whinnied with pleasure.*

whip¹ /wɪp; US hwɪp/ *n* 1 [C] savun hridai — rang le minung thawinak ih hmanmi. Cf HORSEWHIP (HORSE). 2 [C] (a) (in Britain and the US) party sungtel pawl ih ziaza le nun ding kilvengtu pawl. (b) party hruaitu le kilvengtu pawl ih suahmi thlun ding daan pawl: *a three-line (ie very urgent) whip.* 3 [C] = WHIPPER-IN. 4 [U] cok ciamcomi malaing, arti, cini, le thingrah tivek ei ðha; thei: *caramel, chocolate, strawberry, etc whip.* 5 (idm) **a fair crack of the whip** ⇒ FAIR¹. **get, have, hold, etc the whip hand (over sb)** mi dangih duhduh ih khawng thei, uk thei dinhmunih um: *Their opponents had the whip hand and it was useless to resist.*

▷ **whippy** *adj* a kul theimi, a nel, a kiak harmi: *a whippy cane.*

□ **whipcord** *n* [U] 1 mi thawinak le hremnak hrihrual. 2 a khoh zetmi puan.

whiplash *n* mi thawinak hridai hrual. **whiplash injury** hrihrual ih thawinak hma.

whip² /wɪp; US hwɪp/ *v* (-pp-) 1 [Tn] hrihrual in thawi: *The culprit will be whipped when he is found.* 2 [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ sth (up) (into sth) nawi ko darhai in cok: *coffee with whipped cream* ○ *Whip the ingredients (up) into a smooth paste.* 3 [Tn] (Brit infml) thilfir, ru: *Who's whipped my umbrella?* 4 [Ipr, Ip, Tn-pr, Tn-p] cakzet ih tlan vukvi: *The thief whipped round the corner and out of sight.* ○ *She whipped round just as he was about to attack her from behind.* ○ *The branch whipped back and hit me in the face.* ○ *The intruder whipped out a knife (from his pocket).* ○ *The wind whipped several slates off (the roof).* ○ *The star was whipped into a fast car and driven off.* 5 [Tn] (a) puan tlang, tlek lo dingin thit. (b) pathri, lole hridai a khatlamah sih/bil. 6 (phr

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v) **whip sb/sth on** cak deuh le khulrang deuh ih tuanter; tilva a feh rang deuh dingih thawi. **whip sth/sb up (a)** mi thinlung luter, phurter, thinlung thoter: *They're trying to whip up support for their candidate.* ○ *The people were whipped up into a frenzy by the speaker.* (b) (infml) rawl zamrang zetih suang: *I can easily whip you up some scrambled eggs.*

▷ **whipping** n [C, U] hrihrual ih mi thawi, vuaknak, hremnak. **whipping-boy** n midang sual ruangih thawi a tuartu, midang sual phurtu, tuar saktu: *I am tired of being used as the whipping-boy for all the mistakes that are made in the office.* **whipping cream** zamrang zet in cok dingih a hnun tawkmi.

□ **whip-round** n (Brit infml) a hlu dil, thilpek dilnak: *a whip-round for (a Christmas present for) the office cleaners.*

whipper-in /wɪpər ˈɪn US hw-/ n (pl ~ **s-in**) (also **whip**) ram tawih tiki sadawitu uico rual pawl uktu, khawngtu minung.

whipper-snapper /wɪpə snæpə(r); US ˈhwi-/ n (dated infml derog) mah le mah zum-aw tuk le mi hngal tukih ruahmi mino (mi thupi lo).

whippet /wɪpɪt; US ˈhw-/ n tlanzuam-awknak ih hmanmi uico ruangfem phunkhat.

whirl /wɜːl; US hw-/ v 1 [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] her, verh: *the whirling blades of the fan* ○ *The leaves whirled (round) as they fell.* ○ *She whirled the rope round and round (her head).* ○ *He whirled his partner round the dance floor.* 2 [Ipr, Ip, Tn-pr, Tn-p] cak, her vurvo: *The house whirled past us as the train gathered speed.* ○ *He whirled them away/off in his new sports car.* 3 [I] (of the brain, senses, etc) khuaruah tam rero: *I couldn't sleep: my mind was still whirling from all I had seen and heard.*

▷ **whirl** n [sing] 1 thil her reronak: *the whirl of the propeller blades.* 2 pakhat hnu pakhat a sangsang ih thil cangmi: *an endless whirl of parties* ○ *the social whirl.* 3 buai, hnaihnok: *My mind is in a whirl.* 4 (idm) **give sth a whirl** (infml) ziangvek a si ti thei dingih thil hniksak: *The job doesn't sound very exciting but I'll give it a whirl.*

□ **whirlpool** n tiherh.

whirlwind n 1 phusing, thli her: [attrib] (fig) *a whirlwind* (ie very rapid) *affair/courtship/romance.* 2 (idm) **reap the whirlwind** ⇒ REAP n.

whirligig /wɜːlɪɡɪɡ; US ˈhw-/ n herphun lehnak thilri phunkhat, kaihbui. 2 = ROUNABOUT 1.

whirr (also esp US **whir**) /wɜː(r); US ˈhw-/ n (usu sing) vuvuvu! ti in catbaang lo ih a ringmi awn: *the whirr of a fan, motor, propeller.*

▷ **whirr** (also esp US **whir**) v [I] catbaang lo ih awn: *The bird flew past, its wings whirring.*

whisk /wɪsk; US hw-/ n 1 thil (arti) cknak thirhri kual. 2 brush fate, angki le hnipuan

hnawmkop phiatnak ih hmanmi: *a fly-whisk.* 3 zamrang zet in seep (eg of a horse's tail).

▷ **whisk** v 1 [Tn] thilak ah rang mei vekih zamrang ih cang, seep, her: *The horse whisked its tail angrily.* 2 [Tn] (arti) zaam ko cok, lole thawi. 3 (phr v) **whisk sth away/off** thaipet; hnawt hlo: *whisk the flies away.* **whisk (sb/sth) away, off, etc** hmakhatte le zamrang zetih thil pakhat, lole mi pakhat fehpi hlo; hmundang ah thiar, la hlo: *The waiter whisked away the food before we had finished.* ○ *She (was) whisked up to the top floor in the lift.*

whisker /ˈwɪskə(r); US ˈhwi-/ n 1 **whiskers** [pl] hmurhmul, bianghmul sau. Cf BEARD¹ a, MOUSTACHE 1. 2 [C] pawpi, zawhte, zinghnam pawl ih hmurhmul. 3 (idm) **be the cat's whiskers/pyjamas** ⇒ CAT¹. **by a whisker** malte in, fate in, zikte/leuleu: *She missed the first prize by a whisker.*

▷ **whiskered** /ˈwɪskəd; US ˈhw-/ **whiskery** /ˈwɪskəri; US ˈhw-/ *adjs* bianghmul, hmurhmul nei.

whisky (Brit) (US or Irish **whiskey**) /ˈwɪski; US ˈhwi-/ n 1 (a) [U] a cak zetmi zu phunkhat, whisky zu: *a bottle of whisky.* (b) [C] hivek zu phun: *This is a very good whisky.* (c) [C] hi tivek zu hai khat, khuat khat: *Two whiskies, please.*

whisper /ˈwɪspər; US ˈhwi-/ v 1 (a) [I] midang theih thei lo dingih a thupte le dimte ih biak: *Why are you whispering?* (b) [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Tf, Dn-pr, Dpr-f, Dpr-t] ~ (about sb/sth); ~ **sth (to sb)** a thupte le dimte ih thuthup sim-aw: *Don't you know it's rude to whisper?* ○ *He whispered a word in my ear.* ○ *'I feel very afraid,' she whispered.* ○ *She whispered (to me) that she felt very afraid.* ○ *It is whispered (ie There is a rumour) that he is heavily in debt.* 2 [I] (of leaves, the wind, etc) thlihraang thawmthang: *The wind was whispering in the trees.*

▷ **whisper** n 1 thuthup; midang thei lo dingih simnak: *He spoke in a whisper.* 2 titii thuthang: *I've heard whispers that the firm is likely to go bankrupt.*

□ **whispering campaign** thangsia seh ti ih rel ciamco.

whist /wɪst; US hwɪst/ n [U] pali phe lehnak phunkhat.

□ **whist drive** whist phe lehnak ah reipi a to ih cabuai pakhat in pakhat a thaw-aw vivo pawl.

whistle /ˈwɪsl; US ˈhwi-/ n 1 (a) hurhuk: (fig) *the whistle of a steam engine.* (b) hurhuk vek vate ai: *the blackbird's whistle.* 2 phirit: *The referee blew his whistle.* 3 (idm) **blow the whistle on sb/sth** ⇒ BLOW¹. **clean as a whistle** ⇒ CLEAN¹. **wet one's whistle** ⇒ WET v.

▷ **whistle** v 1 (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] hurhuk tum: *The*

boy was whistling (away) cheerfully. ○ *A train whistled in the distance.* ○ *The wind whistled through a crack in the door.* (b) [Tn] phirit tum, lole hurhuk tum: *He whistled a happy tune as he walked along.* (c) [Ipr, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Dn-pr] phirit asilole hurhuk in midang ko, bia: *She whistled her dog back.* ○ *She whistled for her dog.* ○ *He whistled to his friend to keep hidden.* 2 [I, Ipr, Ip] phirit awn vekih cakzet le rang zet in fehlan, eg cerek awn vek: *A bullet whistled past his head.* 3 (idm) **whistle in the dark** ðihnunnak neh tum. 4 (phr v) **whistle for sth** (infml) duhnak ngah lo, hlawhsam: *If he wants his money now he'll have to whistle for it, I'm afraid.*

□ **whistle-stop** *n* (a) (US) tlaangleng reilote sung colhnak hmun. (b) (fig) hril-awknak thu ah hmun tam zet tlawnnak le colh phahnak: [attrib] *on a whistle-stop tour of the country.*

whit /wit/; US hwit/ *n* [sing] (usu in negative sentences) a mal bik: *I don't care a whit* (ie in the least) *whether she stays or not.* ○ *I've read the report but I'm no whit the wiser*, ie I don't understand it at all.

Whit /wit/; US hwit/ *n* [U, often attrib] = WHITSUN: *the Whit weekend.*

□ **Whit Sunday** Easter Sunday hnu a zarhsarihnak Pentecost Ni.

white¹ /wait/; US hwait/ *adj* (-r, -st) 1 a raang: *walls painted white* ○ *strong white teeth* ○ *Her hair has turned white*, eg with age. ○ *I like my coffee white*, ie with milk or cream in it. Cf BLACK¹. 2 miraang, vunngo, vunraang. 3 ~ (with sth) (of a person) thil pakhat ruangah taksa raang, eg natnak, thinheng tuk ruangah: *He was white with fury.* 4 (idm) (in) **black and white** ⇒ BLACK². **bleed sb white** ⇒ BLEED. **show the white feather** ⇒ SHOW². (as) **white as a sheet** ðih tuk ruangih hmle rau, thisen um lo; hmairaam: *She went as white as a sheet when she heard the news.* (as) **white as snow** a raang zet: *an old man with hair as white as snow.* a **white elephant** hlawknak le santlaihna um lomi thil neih.

▷ **white** *v* [Tn] (idm) a **whited sepulcher** (fml) a soal zet, asinan miþha zet vekih umter-aw minung; a þater-aw mi.

whiten /waɪtn/; US 'hwaɪ-/ *v* [I, Tn] raangter, waarter, ngoter: *whiten one's tennis shoes.*

whiteness *n* [U].

whitish *adj* a rang, a vaar: *a whitish blue* ○ *a whitish dress.*

□ **white ant** = TERMITE; leikha, sunhrul.

whitebait *n* [U] tiffinriat ngate phun.

white cell, **white corpuscle** thiihri sungih a lutmi natnak rak dotu thilnung fate. Cf RED CORPUSCLE (RED¹).

white coffee cawhnaawi rawimi coffee (a pawl).

white-collar *adj* [usu attrib] (of a job, worker,

etc) hnaþuannak ih thazaang hman lomi, eg zung cazi, etc. Cf BLUE-COLLAR (BLUE¹).

white dwarf a tleu tuk lomi arsi fate. Cf RED GIANT (RED¹).

white ensign British ralkap lawng ih thantar (aa-lan). Cf RED ENSIGN (RED¹).

white heat thir vaam ko a sattertu meitha.

white horses tiffinriat tisuar, a raang ih a langnak hmun, tilet.

white hope (infml) mibur khat hrangih hlawhtlinnak þuan/tuahsuak dingih zummi milai: *He was once the great white hope of the Labour Party.*

white-hot *adj* sa tuk, sa ngaingai.

the White House (a) Washington khawpi sungih America President umnak innpi. (b) US President le a tlaangsuak upa pawl: *The White House has denied the report.*

white lead inn sii thuh ih hmanmi suan raang.

white lie a poi lomi thuphan, a thiangmi thuphan (mi pakhat na hlah seh ti duhnak thawn simmi thuphan).

white man (fem **white woman**) mirang, mingo phun: *remote areas where no white man had ever been.*

white meat (a) arsa, caw note sa, voksa. (b) ar awmtiit, thialtiit. Cf RED MEAT (RED²).

white noise radio le TV ring zet ih ong.

White Paper (Brit) parliament ih rel ding thuhla coza ih rak than ciami. Cf GREEN PAPER (GREEN¹).

white pepper a hawng tel lo ih a muril dip hmakphek.

white sauce thawphat, sangvut le cawhnaui ih tuahmi sawh bawl: *Add cheese to the white sauce.*

white slave duh lo na cingin ramdang ih taksa an zuartermi nunau: [attrib] *the white-slave trade/traffic.* **white slavery.**

white spirit (esp Brit) thuhii le thil dang baal kholhnak ih hmanmi datsi var: *remove paint from the brushes with white spirit.*

white tie zan, lole simlam ah pacang pawl ih hmanmi a rangmi hngawngsih (bow-tie): [attrib] *Is it a white-tie affair?*

whitewash *n* 1 [U] phar ih thuhmi þung. 2 [C, U] (fig) mi pakhat ih sualnak le fel lonak thupsak: *The opposition dismissed the report as a whitewash.* — *v* [Tn] 1 phar sii thuh/þung thuh: *whitewash the outside of the cottage.* 2 mi pakhat ih sualnak le tlinlonak thup ih, mi þa le sualnak nei lo vekih langter.

white wedding monu puanrang thawn thuam-aw in biakinn ih þhit-awknak.

white wine a daang, a aire, asilole sui rong neimi zu. Cf RED WINE (RED¹), ROSE.

white² /wait/; US hwait/ *n* 1 [U] sii raang: *Mix some more white in to make the paint paler.* 2 (a) [U] hnipuan raang: *dressed all in white.* (b)

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whites [pl] lehnak ih hrukmi hnipuan raang: *tennis whites* ○ *It's unwise to wash whites with coloureds*, ie coloured clothes. **3** [C, U] arti sungmu tuamtu a (varmi): *Use the whites of two eggs/two egg whites*. **4** [C] vun var; a ngomi. **5** [C] mitmu var/raang: *The whites of her eyes are bloodshot*. **6** (idm) **black and white** ⇨ BLACK n.

Whitehall /'waɪthɔ:l/; US 'hwaɪ-/ n (a) [U] London khawsung ih cozah zung tampi umnak London khawlak lamzin pi: *Rumours are circulating in Whitehall*. (b) [Gp] British cozah: *Whitehall is/are refusing to confirm the reports*.

whither /'wɪðə(r)/; US 'hwi-/ adv (arch or rhet) khui ah, khuitaw lam ah: *Whither goest thou?* ○ *Whither* (ie What is the likely future of) *the shipping industry?*

whiting¹ /'waɪtɪŋ/; US 'hwaɪ-/ n (pl unchanged) a sa a vaar zetmi tiffinriat nga phunkhat.

whiting² /'waɪtɪŋ/; US 'hwaɪ-/ (also **whitening** /'waɪtɪŋ/; US 'hwaɪ-/ n [U] a phutmi thuhsii raang.

whitlow /'wɪtləʊ/; US 'hwi-/ n kuttin, ketin naih ih meihma.

Whitsun /'wɪtsn/; US 'hwi-/ (also **Whit** /wɪt/; US hwɪt/) n Whit Sunday le, cuih ni thawn a naihmi ni pawl.

□ **Whitsuntide** /-taɪd/ n = WHITSUN.

whittle /'wɪtl/; US 'hwi-/ v **1** (a) [Ipr, Tn] ~ (at) **sth** paatte in aat. (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **A (from B)**; ~ **B (into A)** thil pakhat khi thil dang pakhat cang suak ko tuah, eg zanthing ihsin talhkuang tuah: *whittling a tent-peg from a branch/a branch into a tent-peg*. **2** (phr v) **whittle sth away** nuamte in hloralter, lole mal vivoter: *Inflation has whittled away their savings*. **Whittle sth down** (a) naamte in aat ruangih paat vivo. (b) thil pakhat nuamte ih paater/ malter vivo: *The number of employees is being whittled down in order to reduce costs*.

whiz /wɪz/; US hwɪz/ v (-zz-) [I, Ipr, Ip] (a) thli lakih cerek feh vekih pu vurvo: *A bullet whizzed past my ear*. (b) (infml) cak zet ih thawn: *whizzing along (the motorway)*.

NOTE ON USAGE: Compare **zoom**, **whiz**, **zip**, **shoot**, **dart**, and **nip**. **Zoom** and **whiz** are both informal and indicate the rapid noisy movement of a vehicle. **Zoom** suggests a low engine noise; **whiz** suggests a high whistling sound: *The jet zoomed low over the houses, frightening everyone*. ○ *A bullet whizzed past my ear*. **Zip** also describes a vehicle moving fast but does not suggest noise. It can refer to people getting through a task or a process quickly: *These new trains really zip along*. ○ *We were lucky — we just zipped through customs*. **Shoot** and **dart** indicate the sudden rapid movement of a person, an animal or a

thing: *A car suddenly shot out of a side road and nearly hit me*. ○ *The boy suddenly darted across the road in front of the bus*. **Nip** is informal, indicating someone hurrying somewhere for a short time and for a particular purpose: *I must nip round to the shops for some milk*.

whiz-kid /'wɪzki:d/; US 'hwɪz-/ n (infml sometimes derog) rang zet ih hlawhtlinnak neitu: *The new manager is a real whiz-kid*.

who /hu:/ interrog pron **1** zo/zo so: *Who is the woman in the black hat?* ○ *I wonder who phoned this morning*. ○ *Who are the men in white coats?* ○ *Do you know who broke the window?* **2** (infml) zo kha, zo bik: *Who did you see at church?* ○ *Who are you phoning?* ○ *Who shall I give it to?* ○ *Who is the money for?* **3** (idm) **who am I, are you, is she, etc, to do sth?** ziang ti theinak thuneihnak (aa-na) ka nei? an nei?: *Who are you to tell me I can't leave my bicycle here? It's not your house*. (**know, learn, etc**) **who's who** minung ziangvek a si ti thei: *You'll soon find out who's who in this department*.

▷ **who rel pron 1** (a) noun simfiangtu: *the man/men who wanted to meet you* ○ *The people who called yesterday want to buy the house*. (b) noun ai-awh ih hmanmi: *My wife, who is out at the moment, will phone you when she gets back*. ○ *Mrs Smith, who has a lot of teaching experience, will be joining us in the spring*. **2** (used as the object of a v or prep) (a) noun simfiangtu hrangah: *The couple (who) we met on holiday have sent us a card*. ○ *The boy (who) I spoke to a moment ago is the son of my employer*. (b) noun ai-awh: *Mary, who we were talking about earlier, has just walked in*. ⇨ Usage at WHOM.

WHO /ˈdʌbljuː eɪtʃ 'əʊ/ abbr World Health Organization.

whoa /wəʊ/ interj rang khi cawl dingih thupeknak tongfang.

who'd /hu:d/ contracted form **1** who had ⇨ HAVE. **2** who would ⇨ WILL¹, WOULD².

whodunit (also **whodunnit**) /'hu:dənɪt/ n (infml) thuanthu a neetnak ih, misual langtermi; misual le miṭha lo pawl zingzoi dan thuanthu: *her latest whodunit*.

whoever /hu:'evə(r)/ pron **1** zokhal: *Whoever says that is a liar*. ○ *You're responsible to whoever is in charge of sales*. **2** zokhal sisehla: *Whoever wants to speak to me on the phone, tell them I'm busy*. ○ *Tell whoever you like — it makes no difference to me*.

▷ **whoever** interrog pron (expressing surprise) zo: *Whoever heard of such a thing!*

whole /həʊl/ adj **1** [attrib] a zate, a pumpuluk, kim, harhdam: *three whole days* ○ *We drank a whole bottle each*. ○ *The whole town was*

destroyed by the earthquake. ○ (infml) *The whole country* (ie All the people in it) *mourned the death of the queen.* ○ *I've sold the whole lot*, ie everything. ○ *Let's forget the whole affair/matter/thing.* ○ *Tell me the whole truth.* ⇒ Usage at HALF¹. **2** him, himdam, siat lo: *After the party, there wasn't a glass left whole.* ○ *cook sth whole*, ie without cutting it up ○ *swallow sth whole*, ie without chewing it ○ (fml) *make sb whole*, ie well again (after injury or illness). **3** (idm) **got the whole hog** (infml) a famkim in tuah; a pumpuluk in tuah: *They painted the kitchen and then decided to go the whole hog and redecorate the other rooms as well.* **the whole bag of tricks/caboodle/shebang/shooting match** (infml) thilri/thu khawmmi: *I just threw the whole caboodle in the back of the car.* ○ *They bought the house, the land, the stables — the whole shooting match.* **a whole lot (of sth)** (infml) tampi, tamzet: *a whole lot of reasons for not doing it* ○ *a whole lot of trouble.* **with all one's heart/one's whole heart** ⇒ HEART.

▷ **whole** *n* **1** [C] a kim: *Four quarters make a whole.* ○ *A whole is greater than any of its parts.* ⇒ Usage at HALF¹. **2** [sing] ~ **of sth** a zaten, a pumpuluk in: *She spent the whole of the year in hospital.* **3** (idm) **as a whole** (a) a pumhlum in, a zate in: *Is the collection going to be divided up or sold as a whole?* (b) a tlangpithu in: *The population as a whole is/are in favour of the reform.* **on the whole** thu hmuahhmuah ruat hnuah: *On the whole, I'm in favour of the proposal.*

wholeness *n* [U].

wholly /həʊli/ *adv* famkim zet in, a pumpuluk in; takngai in: *not a wholly successful book* ○ *I'm not wholly convinced by your argument.*

□ **whole food, whole foods** harhdamnak thawn kaih-aw dingih tuahmi rawl: [attrib] *a whole-food restaurant.*

whole-hearted *adj* thinlung hmuahhmuah: *give wholehearted support.* **wholeheartedly** *adv*: *wholeheartedly in favour of the scheme.*

whole holiday ni khat sung colhnak.

wholemeal *n* [U] sangvut lawng ih tuahmi rawl: [attrib] *wholemeal bread.*

whole note (US) = SEMIBREVE.

whole number (mathematics) nambat kim, then lomi nambat.

wholesale /həʊlseɪl/ *n* [U, usu attrib] mipi hnenih zuarsin dingah a hlomhlom ih zuarmi thilri: *the wholesale trade* ○ *wholesale prices.* Cf RETAIL.

▷ **wholesale** *adj, adv* (a) a tomtom ih lei le zuar: *We buy our supplies wholesale.* (b) (often derog) veikhat ah tampi pi ih lei le zuar: *the wholesale slaughter of innocent people.*

wholesale *v* [Tn] thilri a tomtom in zuar.

wholesaler *n.*

wholesome /həʊlsəm/ *adj* (a) harhdamnak hrangih tha: *plain but wholesome meals* ○ (fig) *wholesome advice.* (b) harhdam: *have a wholesome appearance.*

▷ **wholesomeness** *n* [U].

who'll /hu:l/ *contracted form* who will ⇒ WILL¹.

wholly ⇒ WHOLE.

whom /hu:m/ *interrog pron* (fml) (used as the object of a *v* or *prep*) zo khi, zo kha, zo ha: *Whom did they invite?* ○ *To whom should I refer the matter?* ○ *By whom was the order executed?*

▷ **whom** *rel pron* (fml) **1** cu nu/cu pa kha, minung kha: *The author whom you criticized in your review has written a letter in reply.* ○ *The person to whom this letter was addressed died three years ago.* **2** khami kha, cumi cu: *My parents, whom I'm sure you remember, passed away within a week of one another.* ○ *Her elder daughter, in whom she placed the greatest trust, failed to match her expectations.*

NOTE ON USAGE: **Whom** is rarely used in everyday language. **Who** is more common as the object form, especially in questions: *Who did you see at the party?* **Whom** is necessary after prepositions: *With whom did you go?* This use of preposition + **whom** is very formal and occurs especially in a writing. In informal language we say: *Who did you go with?* In defining relative clauses **whom** is also unusual. The object pronoun is often omitted or replaced by **who** or **that**: *The students (whom/who/that) we examined last week were excellent.* In non-defining relative clauses **whom** or **who** (not **that**) is used and the pronoun cannot be omitted: *Our doctor, whom/who we all like very much, is leaving.* This construction is uncommon in spoken English.

whoop /hu:p, wu:p; US hwu:p/ *n* **1** ring zet ih aunak: *They opened the parcel with whoops of delight.* **2** khuh tikih hrokih awn.

▷ **whoop** *v* [I] **1** lungawi zet in au: *whoop with joy.* **2** khuhip tikih khuhi. **3** (idm) **whoop it up** /wu:p; US hwup/ (infml) awn celcel ih minung tampi umnak: *After their victory they were whooping it up all night long.*

□ **whooping cough** khuhip natnak.

whooping crane saklam Ameria ih a um vate phunkhat — ke, hmuur le hngawng sau zet nei ih tidai parih tlangmi.

whoopie /wupi; US 'hwu-/ *interj* lungawi langternak ih au-aw.

▷ **whoopie** *n* (idm) **make whoopie** (dated infml) lungawi aipuang ih thawm ruri.

whoops /wups/ *interj* (infml) (a) rinloparal ih cangsual zikte ih tong: *Whoops! I nearly*

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dropped the tray. (b) mawi lo zet ih òng pang — thuthup sim pang ruangih ngaithiam dilnak.

whop /wɒp/; US hwɒp/ *v* (-pp-) [Tn] (*infml esp US*) thawi ciamco, neh.

▷ **whopper** *n* (*infml*) (a) amah phun ah a tum zet pawl: *The fisherman had caught a whopper.* (b) thuphanpi: *If she said that, she was telling a real whopper.*

whopping (*infml*) tum zet, rauh zet, nasa zet: *a whopping lie.* — *adv* (*infml*) tuk; zet: *a whopping big hole in the ground.*

whore /hɔ:(r)/ *n* (*dated or derog*) (a) taksa zuar, suzuar. (b) a hurmi nunau.

□ **whore-house** *n* (*dated or derog*) suzuar pawl umnak inn.

who're /hu:(r)/ *contracted form* who are ⇒ BE.

whorl /wɔ:l/; US hw-/ *n* 1 ngerh khat. 2 bial, hlum khat. 3 pangpar kim velih a hnah le a parmum pawl.

whortleberry /wɔ:tlberi/; US 'hwɜ:rtlberi/ *n* = BILBERRY.

who's /hu:z/ *contracted form* 1 who is ⇒ BE. who has ⇒ HAVE.

whose /hu:z/ *interrog pron, interrog det* zo ih, zo ih ta: *Whose (house) is that?* ○ *I wonder whose (book) this is.*

▷ **whose** *rel det* cumi, khami ih: *the boy whose father is in prison* ○ *the people whose house was broken into last week* ○ *the house whose door has a glass panel, ie instead of the house with a door with a glass panel.*

who've /hu:v/ *contracted form* who have ⇒ HAVE.

why /waɪ/; US hwaɪ/ *interrog adv* 1 ziangah, ziangruangah: *Why were you late?* ○ *Why did you buy a spade?* ○ *Tell me why you did it.* ○ *Do you know why the door is locked?* 2 thil pakhat khat cu pom thei a si lo, lole a òul to tiih simnak: *Why get upset just because you got a bad mark?* ○ *Why bother to write? We'll see him tomorrow.* 3 (idm) **why ever** (used to express surprise) mangbang vansan tiki hmanmi òngkam: *Why ever didn't you tell us before?* **why not** thu suahpimi lungkimpinak òngfang: *Why not go now?* ○ *'Let's go to the cinema.'* 'Why not?'

▷ **why** *rel adv* (used esp after reason) cumi ruangah, ti duhnak sullam: *the reason why he left her* ○ *That is (the reason) why I came early.* **why** *interj* (expressing surprise, impatience, etc) a maksak zia langtirnak: *Why, it's you!* ○ *Why, it's easy — a child could do it!*

why *n* (idm) **the whys and (the) wherefores** tican, a sullam; a ruang: *I don't need to hear all the whys and the wherefores, I just want to know what happened.*

WI abbr 1 (*esp in addresses*) West Indies. 2 /dʌblju: 'aɪ/ (*Brit infml*) Women's Institute.

wick /wɪk/ *n* 1 (a) phazawngden lai fangih a

ummi pathri; meihri, meirawl. (b) mei inn, lole laltin meihri, meirawl, meica: *trim the wick of a lamp.* 2 (idm) **get on sb's wick** (*Brit infml*) mi aithokter ringring.

wicked /'wɪkɪd/ *adj* (-er, -est) 1 (of a person or his action) hrokhrawl, sual, òa lo: *That was very wicked of you.* ○ *a wicked deed, lie, plot* ○ (fig) *wicked* (ie very high) prices ○ *wicked* (ie very bad or unpleasant) weather. 2 midang siatsuah tum, lole siatsuah thei: *a wicked blow* ○ *a wicked-looking knife.* 3 huatsuak: *a wicked sense of humour.*

▷ **the wicked** *n* [pl v] 1 misual, miòha lo pawl.

2 (idm) **(there's) no peace, rest, etc for the wicked** (*saying usu joc*) thilsual tuahtu pawl hrangah hnangamnak le colhdamnak a um lo. **wickedly** *adv*: *The knife gleamed wickedly in the moonlight.*

wickedness *n* [U].

wicker /'wɪkə(r)/ *n* [U] bawm le tokheng tuahnak ah thinghng le nuanghri sak khawmmi: [attrib] *a wicker chair.*

□ **wickerwork** *n* [U] thinghng le nuanghri ih tuahmi thilri pawl — bawm, tokhng, etc: [attrib] *wickerwork chairs.*

wicket /'wɪkɪt/ *n* 1 sangkapi kiangih sangkate. 2 (a) (*in cricket*) bawhlung thawn pet ko an thawi dingmi "bail" an timi thingtan pathum artlang ih retmi: *take a wicket, ie dismiss a batsman* ○ *Surrey are four wickets down/have lost four wickets, ie Four of their batsmen are out.* ○ *We won by six wickets, ie won with seven of our batsman not out.* (b) wicket pahni karlak hmun: *a fast/slow wicket, ie one on which the ball bounces at a quick/slow pace when bowled* ○ (fig *infml*) *be on an easy, good, soft, sticky, etc wicket, ie be in circumstances, a job, etc of the type specified.* 3 (idm) **keep wicket** thingtan pathum "bails" bawhlung ih dai lo dingih kil vengtu. **leg before wicket** ⇒ LEG. **pitch wickets** ⇒ PITCH².

□ **wicket-keeper** *n* (*in cricket*) wicket kiltu.

wide /waɪd/ *adj* (-r, -st) 1 (a) kau: *a wide river* ○ *The gap in the fence was just wide enough for the sheep to get through.* ○ (fig) *a wide* (ie large) selection. Cf BROAD¹ 1. (b) kauh lam: *The garden is thirty feet wide.* ○ *a two-inch-wide ribbon.* 2 kau: *the whole wide world* ○ *a manager with wide experience of industry* ○ *The affair raises wider issues of national interest.* 3 kim, hmuahhmuah: *She stared at him with eyes wide.* 4 òelh, tampi òelh: *Her shot was wide (of the target).* 5 (idm) **be/fall wide of the mark** hmaan lo, dik lo, lole òelh, batmi hmuì òelh: *His guesses were all very wide of the mark.* **give sb/sth a wide berth** kom/pawl duh loih hrial; naih duh lo; kian: *He's so boring that I always try to give him a wide berth at parties.*

▷ **wide** *adv* 1 kau zet in: *wide awake* ○ *with*

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legs wide apart ○ *Open your mouth wide.* **2** (idm) **cast one's net wide** ⇒ CAST¹. **far and near/wide** ⇒ FAR. **wide open** (of a contest) a nehtu ding theih lomi hmuahhmuah zuam-awknak. **3 wide open (to sth)** midang ih tawng le do dingih pho-aw/tarh-aw: *wide open to criticism.* **wideawake** *adj* (infml *approv*) ralring, ralring ih um: *a wideawake young woman*, ie one who realizes what is going on, etc and is not easily deceived.

widespread *adj* kaup; hmun kaup; ah um; nasa zetih darh-aw: *widespread damage, confusion.*

wide *n* (in cricket) bawhlung thawitu ih thlen ban lonak ihsin bawhlung thawi.

-wide (forming *adjs* and *advs*) a pumhlum pi, a zate: *a nationwide search* ○ *traveled worldwide.*

widely *adv* **1** *tampi*, tam ngaipi, lole nasa zetin: *differing widely in their opinions.* **2** huapkau zet in: *widely scattered* ○ *It is widely known that....*

widen /waɪdn/ *v* [I, Tn] kauter: *The road is being widened.* ○ *He wants to widen his knowledge of the industry.*

□ **wide-angle lens** kau pi ih hmuh theinak durbung (hman-bi-lu).

wide boy (dated *Brit infml derog*) a ding lo, a tluangtiam lo zawng ih sumtuah.

wide-eyed *adj* mangbang aanhai.

wide-ranging *adj* kau zet le thuhla phunkim huap: *wide-ranging investigations.*

widgeon /wɪdʒən/ *n* (pl unchanged or ~ **s**) hramlak rampai phunkhat.

widow /waɪdʊ/ *n* nuhmei: *She has been a widow for ten year.* ○ *He married his brother's widow.*

▷ **widow** *v* [Tn esp passive] hmei; nuhmei ah canter: *She was widowed at an early age.* ○ *Many people were widowed by the war.*

widowhood *n* [U] nuhmei lai, nuhmeih caan.

widower /waɪdʊə(r)/ *n* nupi ih thihsan mi pahmei.

width /wɪð/, wɪθ/ *n* **1** (a) [U, C] kauh lam: *10 metres in width* ○ *measure the width of the floor.* ○ *The carpet is available in various widths.* (b) [C] thil fiakte (puanthan fate tivec): *Two widths of cloth were joined to make the curtain.* **2** [U] a kauhnak: *The river can be used by many ships because of its width.* ○ (fig) *width of experience, knowledge, mind.* **3** [C] tileuhnak tili khatlam tlang ihsin a dang khatlam tlang tiang sau: *She can swim two widths now.*

□ **widthways** *adv* a kau zawngin, a kau lam: *The fabric was folded widthways.*

wield /wiːld/ *v* [Tn] kutkhat in kai ih hman: *wield an axe, a sword, a tennis racket* ○ (fig) *wield authority, control, power, etc.*

wiener /wiːnə(r)/ *n* (US) = FRANKFURTER.

wife /waɪf/ *n* (pl **wives** /waɪvz/) **1** nupi; thainu: *the doctor's wife* ○ *She was a good wife and mother.*

2 (idm) **husband and wife** ⇒ HUSBAND. **an old wives' tale** ⇒ OLD. **all the world and his wife** ⇒ WORLD.

▷ **wifely** *adj* nupi vek, nupi ih tʉanvo: *wifely duties, support, virtues.*

wig /wɪɡ/ *n* sam lukhuh, tuahcopmi sam: *She disguised herself with a blonde wig and dark glasses.* Cf TOUPEE.

wiggling /ˈwɪɡɪŋ/ *n* (usu *sing*) (dated *Brit infml*) reipi mawthlunak, kaw kiamconak: *get/give sb a good wiggling.*

wiggle /ˈwɪɡl/ *v* [I, Tn] (infml) caangter rero, khatlam le khatlam ih caang; thawn rero: *Stop wiggling and sit still!* ○ *The baby was wiggling its toes.* Cf WAG, WAGGLE.

▷ **wiggle** *n* (infml) caang, thawnter rero.

wiggly /ˈwɪɡli/ *adj* (infml) (a) khatlam ihsin khatlam thawnmi: *a wiggly worm.* (b) ding lo; a cawnormi; a kawi: *a wiggly line.*

wigwam /ˈwɪɡwæm/; US -wɑːm/ *n* pher, lole savun ih khuhmi thlaam fate (America Red Indian pawlih hmanmi). Cf TEPEE.

wilco /ˈwɪlkəʊ/ *interj* thirhri ih kuatmi thu, lole cahmi thu ngah ti nemhnghehnak/fekternak.

wild /waɪld/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** [usu attrib] (a) (of animals, birds, etc) hrem lomi hramlak ta — a hraangmi, fim lo; a ngam hrih lomi: *a wild cat, giraffe, duck* ○ *filming wild animals.* (b) (of plants) cinmi si lo, hramlak ih a mahte ih khomi: *wild flowers* ○ *wild roses, strawberries.*

2 [usu attrib] (of a person, tribe, etc) fim hrih lo, aa, hraang. **3** (of scenery, an area of land, etc) minung um lonak ram le thlawh lo ram: *a wild mountain region.* **4** thli hraang ciamco mi: *a wild night.* **5** khawngghar, uk har, thu thlun duh lo: *wild disorder* ○ *He led a wild life in his youth.* **6** thinlung ngaingai, thungai thlakin: *wild laughter* ○ *The crowd went wild with delight.* ○ *It makes me wild* (ie very angry) *to see such cruelty.* ○ *She had a wild look on her face.* **7** [pred] ~ (about sth/sb) (infml) phuur zet, thatho zet: *The children are wild about the new computer.* ○ *I can't say I'm wild about her new husband.* **8** ralring zetih ruat cia lo, timtuah lo, aat hna: *a wild aim, guess, shot* ○ *a wild scheme.* **9** (idm) **beyond one's wildest dreams** ruatnak le beiseinak/rin hnakihi nasa deuh. **run wild** (of an animal, plant, person, etc) zohman ih uk lo le nunsim lo ih nung le tlang: *Those boys have been allowed to run wild.* **sow one's wild oats** ⇒ sow².

▷ **wild** *n* (a) **the wild** [sing] umnak hmun; pianphung innpi (ramhual): *animals living in the wild.* (b) **the wilds** [pl] (sometimes *derog*) minung malte lawng umnak thlawh lo ram: *the wilds of Australia* ○ *live out in the wilds*, ie far from towns, etc.

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wildly *adv* (a) khawng thei lo buai ruri in: *rushing wildly from room to room* ○ talk wildly, ie in an exaggerated or a very emotional way. (b) lawmmam, tuk: a wildly exaggerated account.

wildness *n* [U].

□ **wild card** (in card-games) pheleknak ah hrilmi rawng.

wildcat *adj* [attrib] (esp in business and finance) sum tuahnak ah ralring lo, thate le ralring ih ruat lo: a wildcat scheme. **wildcat strike** hnañuan pawl hnañuan ngolnak (zunglam in theihpi lo).

wildfire *n* (idm) **spread like wildfire** ⇒ SPREAD; ramkaang.

wildfowl *n* (pl unchanged) rampai, utawng le a dang ram ar.

wild-goose chase a cang thei lomi le ton ngah thei lomi thil hawl, lole thil um lomi hawl ih caan tikcu hlön: *The hoaxter had sent the police on a wild-goose chase.*

wildlife *n* [U] hramlak um a ngam hrih lomi ramsa le vate: *the conservation of wildlife* ○ [attrib] a wildlife sanctuary.

the Wild West Europe ihsin minung tampi US nitlaknak lam ramthen pawl ih um, daan mumal nei lo pawl: *films about the Wild West.*

wildebeest /wɪldɪbi:st/ *n* (pl unchanged or ~ s) = GNU.

wilderness /wɪldənɪs/ *n* (usu sing) **1** thlawh tlak lo ram kau zet; thlaler, nelrawn: *the Arctic wilderness.* **2** ~ (of sth) thingkung le hramkung tam zet khonak ram: *The garden is turning into a wilderness.* ○ (fig) a wilderness of old abandoned cars. **3** (idm) **in the wilderness** midang neh, hruai thei nawn lo, mithupi lo dinhmun: *After a few years in the wilderness he was reappointed to the Cabinet.*

wiles /waɪlz/ *n* [pl] mi hipnak le bumnak: *All her wiles were not enough to persuade them to sell the property.*

wilful (US also **willful**) /wɪfl/ *adj* [usu attrib] (derog) **1** (of sth bad) tuah hrim, tumtah hrim: *wilful disobedience, negligence, murder, waste.* **2** (of a person) tumruh zet, mah thu lawng duh: a wilful child.

▷ **wilfully** /-fəli/ *adv.* **wilfulness** *n* [U].

will' /wɪl/ modal *v* (contracted form 'll /l/; neg will not, contracted form **won't** /wəʊnt/; pt **would** /wəʊd/; strong form wud/, contracted form **wouldn't** /wəʊdn't/) **1** (a) pei, ding (si pei, ding a si): *Next year will be the centenary of this firm.* ○ *He'll start school soon, won't he?* ○ *You'll be in time if you hurry.* ○ *How long will you be staying in Paris?* ○ *Fred said he'd soon be leaving.* ○ *If you phoned my secretary she'd give you an appointment.* ⇒ Usage at SHALL. (b) "atu" laifang tikcu simnak: *That'll be the postman now!* ○ *They'll be home by this time.* **2**

(a) duhnak, lole duh lonak; zuamnak/paihnak, lole zuam lonak/paih lonak: *He'll take you home — you only have to ask.* ○ *I'll check this letter for you, if you want.* ○ *We won't lend you any more money.* ○ *She wouldn't come to the zoo — she was frightened of the animals.* ○ *We said we would keep them.* ⇒ Usage **2** at SHALL. (b) dil, ngen (pei maw? ding maw?): *Will you post this letter for me, please?* ○ *Will you (please) come in?* ○ *You'll water the plants while I'm away, won't you?* ○ *I asked him if he wouldn't mind calling later.* **3** fial: *You will carry out these instructions and report back this afternoon.* ○ *Will you be quiet!* ⇒ Usage **3** at SHALL. **4** (a) thil umdan kel simnak, thil a dikmi simnak: *Oil will float on water.* ○ *Engines won't run without lubricants.* (b) umdan le ziaza sim: *She will listen to records, alone in her room, for hours.* ○ *He would spend hours in the bathroom or on the telephone.* **5** kham thei lo ih tuah thotho simnak: *He will comb his hair at the table, even though he knows I don't like it.* ○ *He would keep telling those dreadful stories.*

will² /wɪl/ *v* [I] (only used in the simple present tense; 3rd pers sing **will**) **1** (dated or fml) duh: *Call it what you will, it's still a problem.* ○ *you're free to travel where you will in the country.* **2** (idm) **if you will** (fml) hi tivec ih sim na duh asile: *He became her senior adviser — her deputy, if you will.*

will³ /wɪl/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tnt] thil pakhat tuah suak, lole mah ih thinlung duhnak vek midang thil titer, ðuanter, caangter: *As a child he thought that his grandmother's death had happened because he had willed it.* ○ *The crowd were cheering their favourite on, willing her to win.* **2** [Tn, Tf] (fml) tum, duh; duhsak: *This happened because God willed it.* ○ *God wills that man should be happy.* **3** [Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ sth (to sb) (fml) thilri roh, ro siah: *Father willed me the house and my sister the income from the investments.* ○ *He willed most of his money to charities.*

will⁴ /wɪl/ *n* **1** [U, sing] duhnak, tuah duhnak thinlung: *the freedom of the will* ○ *man has (a) free will.* **2** (a) [U, sing] (also **will-power** [U]) mah le mah uk-awkw theinak: *have a strong/weak will* ○ *He has no will of his own.* ○ *She shows great strength of will.* (b) [U, C] duhnak khoh, cak: *Despite her injuries, she hasn't lost the will to live.* ○ *There was a clash of wills among committee members.* **3** [U] midang ih duhnak: *try to do God's will* ○ *It is the will of Allah.* **4** (also testament) [C] ro le thilri zemnak thucah: *one's last will and testament.* **5** (idm) **against one's will** mah duhnak vek si lo, duhnak thawn kalh-aw: *I was forced to sign the agreement against my will.* **at one's own sweet will** ⇒ SWEET. **at will** duh vekin: *The animals*

are allowed to wander at will in the park. **of one's own free will** ⇒ FREE. **where there's a will there's a way** (saying) tumtahnak a um phot ahcun lamzin a um. **with the best will in the world** ⇒ BEST¹. **with a will** paih zet le lungtho zetin: *She started digging the garden with a will.*

▷ **-willed** (forming compound adjs) duhnak pakhat thawn: *strong-willed* ○ *weak-willed*.

□ **will-power** *n* [U] = WILL 2a; thinlung cahnak thazaang.

willies /ˈwɪliːz/ *n* **the willies** [pl] (infml) ruahnak nuam lo tihnung: *Being alone in that gloomy house gave me the willies.*

willing /ˈwɪlɪŋ/ *adj* **1** (a) bom zuamnak nei; duhsak; bawm duh: *willing assistants*. (b) [prep] ~ (to do sth) tñan/tuah dingih duhnak nei: *Are you willing to accept responsibility?* **2** [attrib] lungawi hnatla zet: *willing co-operation, help, support, etc.* **3** (idm) **God willing** ⇒ GOD. **show willing** ⇒ SHOW². **the spirit is willing** ⇒ SPIRIT. **a willing horse** zuam, paih, tawzaang zet ih tñan/tuah theitu: *She's the willing horse in the office and so gets given most of the work to do.*

▷ **willingly** *adv*.

willingness *n* [U, sing]: *show (a) willingness to please.*

will-o'-the-wisp /ˈwɪl ə ðə ˈwɪsp/ *n* **1** khawsia mei van, khawsia far van; cerh lak ramtlun ih a zammi meitleu (a pawl rong a nei). **2** kaihngah theih lo, ton theih lo milai, thil: *You shouldn't hope to find perfect happiness — it's just a will-o'-the-wisp.*

willow /ˈwɪləʊ/ *n* (a) (also **willow-tree**) [C] a hnah a feem ih a hnge pawl leilam ah a tlaimi thingkung: *a weeping willow*. (b) [U] willow thing; cricket thawinak fung tuahnak.

▷ **willowy** *adj* (of a person) saang/neem/paat derdi; nel, khoh lo: *a willowy young actress*.

□ **willow-pattern** *n* [U] a pawl le a raang rong hmangih hlanlai Tuluk pawl ih suaimi willow thing le tiva zuk: [attrib] *a willow-pattern dinner service*.

willy /ˈwɪli/ *n* (Brit infml) (used esp by or when speaking to young children) zang, mipa zahmawh.

willy-nilly /ˈwɪli ˈnɪli/ *adv* duh maw, duh lo; paih maw, paih lo; zuam khalle zuam lo khalle: *They all had to take part, willy-nilly.*

wilt /ˈwɪlt/ *v* (a) [I] (of a plant of flower) kuun, thlep, vuai, uai: *The leaves are beginning to wilt.* ○ (fig) *spectators wilting* (ie becoming tired and weak) *in the heat*. (b) [Tn] kuun, thlep, uai, vuai, uaiter: *The plants were wilted by the heat.*

wily /ˈwaɪli/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) hrokhrawl, zer: *as wily as a fox* ○ (infml) *a wily old bird*, ie a cunning person.

▷ **wiliness** *n* [U].

wimp /wɪmp/ *n* (infml derog) cak lo ralhrut (mipa): *Don't be such a wimp!*

▷ **wimpish** *adj* (infml derog) tihhruatpa.

wimple /ˈwɪmpl/ *n* (a) lupawng le hngawng ngerh ih hmanmi pu puan. (b) metilah pawl ih hmanmi lupawng le hngawngngerh.

win /wɪn/ *v* (-nn-; pt, pp **won** /wɒn/) **1** [I, Tn] (ral do) neh, (zuam-awknak) neh: *Which team won?* ○ *She was determined to win (the race).* ○ *win a bet/wager*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (from sb)** ngah; tñan ruangih, zuam ruangih laksawng ngah: *She won first prize (in the raffle).* ○ *The Conservatives won the seat (ie in Parliament) from Labour at the last election*. **3** (a) [Tn] catbaang lo ih tñan.zuam tonto ruangih ngah: *They are trying to win support for their proposal*. (b) [Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth (for sb/sth)** ngahter; hlawhtlingter: *Her performance won her much critical acclaim*. **4** (idm) **carry/win the day** ⇒ DAY. **gain/win sb's hand** ⇒ HAND. **gain/win one's laurels** ⇒ LAUREL. **heads I win, tails you lose** ⇒ HEAD¹. **lose/win by a neck** ⇒ NECK. **nothing venture, nothing gain/win** ⇒ VENTURE *v*. **win free** dinhmun harsa ihsin mah le mah luatter. **win (sth) hands down** (fml) olte ih neh/ngah: *The local team won (the match) hands down*. **win one's spurs** (fml) hleicetnak le hminthannak ngah. **win or lose** neh khalle sung khalle: *Win or lose, it should be a very good match*. **win/lose the toss** ⇒ TOSS *n*. **you, one, etc can't win** (infml) hlawhtlinnak tuahsuaknak le minung pawl lungawiternak zin dang a um lo. **5** (phr v) **win sth/sb back** tawng/caang ciamco hnuah ngah sal: *The party must try to win back the support it has lost.* ○ *He hoped to win her love back*. **win sb over/round (to sth)** mi pakhat ih duhsaknak le bomnak co/ngah: *She's against the idea, but I'm sure I can win her over*. **win out/through** (infml) harsatnak lakin hlawhtlinnak ngah/tuah suak: *We are faced with a lot of problems but we'll win through in the end*.

▷ **win** *n* lehnak le zuam-awknak ih nehnak: *Our team has had five wins and no losses this season*.

winner *n* **1** nehtu: *The winner was presented with a trophy*. **2** (infml) thil/ruahnak (hlawhtlingmi): *Their latest model is certain to be a winner*. **3** (idm) **pick a winner** ⇒ PICK³.

winning *adj* **1** [attrib] nehtu, rak nehtu: *the winning horse, number, ticket*. **2** [usu attrib] hip thei le leem thiam: *a winning smile* ○ *She has a winning way with her*. **winning-post** *n* tlanzuam-awknak ih a cemnak hmainsinnak thuam: *Her horse was first past the winning-post*.

winnings /ˈwɪnɪŋz/ *n* [pl] thapnak le pheleknak ihsin ngahmi tangka: *collect one's winnings*.

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wince /wins/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (at sth) natfahnak, riahasiatnak, ningzahnak tuah mithmai ah langter: *He winced as she stood on his injured foot.* ○ *I still wince at the memory of the stupid things I did.*

▷ **wince** *n* (us using).

winceyette /wins'ret/ *n* [U] zan it hnipuan tuahnak ih hmanmi patpuan neem.

winch /wmtf/ *n* thil rit zet khainak/dirhnak cet.

▷ **winch** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] winch cet hmangih thil khai/dir: *winch a glider off the ground*, ie pull it along by means of a winch until it rises into the air ○ *The helicopter winched the survivor up* (eg out of the sea) *to safety.*

wind¹ /wɪnd/ *n* **1** [C, U] (also **the wind**) (used with a or in the plural when referring to the type of wind or its direction, etc; used with *much*, *little*, etc when referring to its strength, etc) thli: *A gust of wind blew my hat off.* ○ *The day was very still, without a breath of wind.* ○ *a north wind*, ie one that blows from the north ○ *warm southerly winds* ○ *The wind has dropped* (ie is less strong) *now.* **2** [U] thli ih fehpi, fenmi rim: *The deer have got our wind.* **3** [U] taksa harhdammak cangvaihnaak tuah tik le ring theimi thil tum tiki h a ʔulmi thli (thaw): *The runner had to stop and regain her wind*, ie wait until she could breathe more easily. **4** [U] rawl le tidai, tivek kan dolh tiki h a telmi thli — kan pumpi le ril ah nom lonak in petu: *get a baby's wind up*, ie cause it to belch by stroking or patting its back. **5** [U] santlai lo le porh-awknak ʔong: *He's just full of wind, the pompous fool!* **6 the wind** [Gp, sing] thlungdaar tumtu sungih phirivau, tawtawrawt, tivek seemtu/phawtu pawl: [attrib] *the wind section.* **7** (idm) **break wind** (euph) voih thawh. **the eye of the wind/wind's eye** ⇒ EYE¹. **get one's second wind** baang zet hnu ih tha cak sal; thabaang reh hnu ah cak sal: *I often feel sleepy after supper and then I get my second wind later in the evening.* **get wind of sth** thuleeng vaak thawmvang thei, thuthup thei: *Our competitors must not be allowed to get wind of our plans.* **get/have the wind up (about sth)** (infml) ʔih. **in the wind** a thleng zik, a cang zik: *They sensed that there was something in the wind.* **it's an ill wind** ⇒ ILL². **like the wind** zamrang zet: *She goes like the wind on her new bicycle.* **put the wind up sb** (infml) lauter, ʔih. **run/sail before the wind** (nautical) dunglam ihsin a rami thli tha thawm lawng ih feh. **sail close/near to the wind** ⇒ SAIL². **see which way the wind is blowing** ⇒ WAY¹. **sound in wind and limb** ⇒ SOUND¹. **a straw in the wind** ⇒ STRAW. **take the wind out of sb's sails** (infml) rinsan-awknak le porh-awknak hloter: *Being beaten by a newcomer has really taken the wind out of his sails.* **throw, etc caution to the wind** ⇒ CAUTION.

to the four winds (rhet) ramkip ah, darhdai. **a wind of change** thlengtertu; thil umtudan thleng-aw: *There is a wind of change in the attitude of voters.*

▷ **windless** *adj* thli daai, thli tel loin; thli hraang lo: *a windless day.*

windward /-wəd/ *adj, adv* thlihrannak lam: *the windward side of the boat.* Cf LEE, LEEWARD. — *n* [U] thli ratnak lam: *sail to windward* ○ *get to windward of sth*, ie place oneself on the windward side of sth, eg in order to avoid a bad smell.

windy *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** (a) thli tam, thli hraang: *a windy day.* (b) thlihrannak lak ah: *a windy hillside.* **2** (dated Brit infml) lauter; ʔih: *a bit windy about staying alone in the house.* **windily** /-ɪli/ *adv.* **windiness** *n* [U].

□ **windbag** *n* (infml derog) thupi le ngainuam sim fawn lo ih tongtam; thlihawli.

wind-break *n* thli khamtu le phentu hrangih artlaang ih phunmi thingkung, lole hruang.

wind-cheater (US **wind-breaker**) *n* thlikhamtu kor, jacket.

windfall *n* **1** thli sem ruangih a ʔil, a tlami thingthei rah; a bikin apple rah. **2** (fig) rin lo paral ih a rung thlengmi vanʔatnak, eg roco.

wind-gauge *n* = ANEMOMETER.

wind instrument thli hman ih tummi awnmawi thilri, eg phirivau, tawtawrawt, tvp.

windmill *n* **1** thli tha hmangih vainim le sangvut rialnak cet. **2** (idm) **tilt at windmills** ⇒ TILT.

windpipe *n* hrok ihsin cuap tiangih thli fehnak zin.

windscreen (Brit) (US **windshield**) *n* mawʔawka hmailam ih bunmi thlalang.

windscreen wiper (Brit) (US **windshield wiper**) mawʔawka hmailam thlalang hnawttu (mawʔawka a cet ih hnawt).

windshield *n* (a) (US) = WINDSCREEN. (b) mawʔawsaikal hmai tivek ih benmi thli khamtu plastic, lole thlalang.

wind-sock (also **wind-sleeve**) *n* vanzam ʔumnak hmuni thlihrandan tahnak thil.

windsurfer *n* (propr) **1** tiffinriat parih tlaan zuam-awknak ih hmanmi puanzar lawng phungkhat. **2** hi vek *windsurfer* thawm fehtu.

windsurf *v* [I] (usu **go windsurfing**) tiffinriat parih puanzar lawng thawm feh. **windsurfing** *n* [U] windsurfer lawng thawm tiffinriat parih tlaan zuam-awknak.

wind-swept *adj* (a) (of a place) thli tonkaa, thli lamzin ih um: *a wind-swept hillside.* (b) (of a person's appearance) thli tuar, thli tawng, thli ih nammi: *wind-swept hair.*

wind² /wɪnd/ *v* [Tn] **1** thawmsam: *We were winded by the steep climb.* ○ *The punch in the stomach completely winded me.* **2** naute pum ihsin thli suahter dingin a zaangih beng. **3** thilri um le

um lo rim hnim in zingzoi, hawl: *The hounds had winded the fox.*

wind³ /wind/ *v* (pt, pp **wound** /waʊnd/) **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn-pr, Tn-p] kual, kelkhawi: *a winding road* ○ *The river winds down to the sea.* ○ *The staircase winds upwards round a central pillar.* ○ *She wound her way through the crowds.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] hlum/pathri hlum: *wind wool (up) into a ball* ○ *wind sewing thread onto a reel.* **3** [Tn-pr] (a) ~ **sth round sb/sth**; ~ **sb/sth in sth** ngerh, tuam, fun: *wind a bandage round one's finger* ○ *wind a shawl round the baby/the baby in a shawl.* (b) ~ **itself round sb/sth** a hnok/ a awk-aw: *The film flew off the spool and wound itself round the projector.* **4** [Tn] merh, her: *You operate the mechanism by winding this handle.* **5** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth (up)** nazi tawh pek: *Have you wound your watch?* **6** (phr *v*) **wind sth back, down, forward, in, off, on, up, etc** her, merh, ngerh: *wind a tape back/forward/on* ○ *wind a car window down/up* ○ *wind a fishing line in.* **wind down** (a) (of a clock or watch) khulfung vivo ih cawl. (b) (of a person) buai hnu ih thinlung nuam sal: *This year has been frantically busy for us — I need a holiday just to wind down.* **wind up** (infml) (of a person) a netnak ah hmun pakhat ah thleng: *We eventually wound up (staying) in a super little hotel by the sea.* ○ *I always said he would wind up in jail.* **wind (sth) up** thu sim theh: *Before I wind up, there are two more things to be said.* ○ *If we all agree, let's wind up the discussion.* **wind sb/sth up** nasa zet ih thinlung thoter, lole thinhengter: *He gets so wound up when he's arguing.* ○ (infml) *Are you deliberately winding me up (ie annoying me)?* **wind sth up** thuhla daiter, fiangter, felfaiter hnuah hnaʔuannak cemter; dawr, company, tivek phit: *wind up one's affairs.*

▷ **wind** *n* (a) a kawinak, a kelnak. (b) merhkhat, ngerhkhat: *Give the clock another couple of winds.*

winder *n* thil pakhat khat merhnak, hernak, ngerhnak ih tuahmi thilri (esp a clock, watch, etc).

□ **winding-sheet** *n* = SHROUD; mithi puan.

wind-up *n* (infml) mi thinheng seh ti ih tuah tumhrim: [attrib] *a wind-up artist/merchant*, ie sb who does this.

windlass /ˈwindləs/ *n* thilrit khainak hrangah tuahmi cet parih ngerhmi hridai, lole thirhri dirtu cet.

window /ˈwindəʊ/ *n* **1** (a) tukvirh; sangkate: *Please open the window.* ○ *I saw them through the window.* ○ *He prefers to travel in a seat near the window.* (b) sangkate vekih a ongmi: *There is a little window in the cassette case so that you can see the tape.* ○ *the window of an envelope*, ie the transparent part in which an

address can be read. (c) sangkate ih benmi thalang: *The ball smashed a window.* (d) sangkate dunglam ih zuarmi thilri an retnak hmun: *I saw the vase in the window of an antique shop.* ○ [attrib] *a window display.* **2** (computing) computer sungih thunlutmi langtertu. **3** (idm) **fly/go out of the window** (infml) ruat nawn lo, hloral, um nawn lo: *With the failure of the peace talks all hopes of a swift end to the war have flown out of the window.* **a window on the world** leitlun ram dangih um minung pawl ih thu zirnak le zohnak hmun: *International news broadcasts provide a window on the world.*

□ **window-box** *n* tukvirh lenglam ih pangpar cinnak hrangih tuahmi kuang.

window-dressing *n* [U] (a) dawr thilri mawi zet le mi thinlung hip thei dingih retndan. (b) (usu derog) a ʔalam, lole a ʔa lo lam khal ih thinlung neh zet ih thu suaupinak: *The company's support of scientific research is just window-dressing.*

window-pane *n* tukvirh ih bunmi thalang.

window shade (US) = BLIND³.

window-shopping *n* [U] zuarmi thilri pawl lei tum lemlo ih zoh menmen: *go window-shopping.*

window-sill (also **window-ledge**) *n* tukvirh tanglam, lole lenglam ih donmi thil retnak.

windy ⇒ WIND¹.

wine /waɪn/ *n* **1** [U, C] cabitti (wine): *red/rosé/white wine* ○ *dry/sweet wine* ○ *a barrel/bottle/carafe/glass of wine* ○ *a wine from a famous vineyard.* **2** [U, C] cabit si lo, thei phundang ihsin tuahmi (wine) zu phunkhat: *apple, cowslip, parsnip wine.* **3** [U] cabit tisen thawn a bangmi sendup (wine) zu phunkhat: [attrib] *a wine velvet evening dress.* **4** (idm) **wine, women and song** zu in, laam le nom-awknak. ▷ **wine** *v* (idm) **wine and dine** (sb) in le ei thawn mi rawl daar: *Our hosts wined and dined us very well.* ○ *Too much wining and dining is making him fat.*

□ **wine bar** zu (wine) phunphun zuarnak le in nak dawr (rawl telnak khal a um).

wine-cellar *n* (a) leitang ih (wine) zu retnak hmun. (b) (also **cellar**) leitang ih (wine) zu retmi/bilhmi: *He has an excellent wine-cellar.*

wineglass *n* zu (wine) innak thalang khuathai.

winepress *n* cabit thei surnak (rialnak).

wing /wɪŋ/ *n* **1** [C] (a) thla, vate thla. (b) cucikkharbok le palap pawl ih thlako. (c) thingthei thingrah parih thla vek. **2** [C] vanzamleng thla. **3** [C] inn peeng: *the east/west wing of a house* ○ *build a new wing of a hospital.* **4** [C] (Brit) (US **fender**) mawʔaw ke tlun khuhtu thir phaw: *The nearside wing was damaged in the collision.* ○ [attrib] *a wing mirror.* **5** [C] ral dotu ralkap pawl umnak ih

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vorhlam le kehlam. **6** [C usu *sing*] ram-uk-awnak lam (*naing-ngan-zi*) party pawl then, lole ho khat: *the radical wing of the Labour Party*. Cf *LEFT-WING* (*LEFT*²), *RIGHT-WING* (*RIGHT*⁵). **7** [C] (**a**) bawhlung le hokey lehnak bualrawn ih kehlam bik le vorhlam bik hmun: *playing on the wing* ○ *kick the ball out to the wing*. (**b**) (also **winger**) a kapta bik (*wing*) ih lektu: *the team's new left wing*. **8** (Brit) (**a**) [C] (in the Royal Air Force) 240 hnak ih tam ralkap vanzam hokhat. (**b**) **wings** [pl] vanzam mawngtu ih benmi hminsinnak: *get one's wings*. **9** **the wings** [pl] (in a theatre) stage par kehlam le vorhlam ih a thup-awmi hmun fate: *She stood watching the performance from the wings*. **10** (idm) **clip sb's wings** ⇨ *CLIP*², (**wait, etc**) **in the wings** thil pakhat tuah ding, lole tuan dingih timtuah cia, lole mi pakhat hnen ihsin cohlang dingin tiar-aw cia: *He retires as chairman next year; his successor is already waiting in the wings*. **on the wing** zam laifang: *photograph a bird on the wing*. **spread one's wings** ⇨ *SPREAD*. **take wing** zam hlo. **under sb's/one's wing** mi pakhat khat ih kilven, humhimnak tangah: *She immediately took the new arrivals under her wing*, ie looked after them.

▷ **wing** *v* **1** [Ipr, Ip, Tn-pr, Tn-p] vanzam in khualtlawng, zam: *planes winging (their way) across the sky*. **2** [Tn] (**a**) vate thla natter, hliam. (**b**) mi pakhat khat ih baan hliam/natter: **winged** *adj* (often forming compound *adjs*) thla neitu, thla a neimi: *winged insects* ○ *delta-winged aircraft*.

winger *n* **1** (in football, hockey, etc) kehlam, lole vorhlam sir; a kap ih lektu. **2** **-winger** (forming compound *ns*) (**a**) kehlam/vorhlam sir ih lektu: *a left-/right-winger*. (**b**) ram-uk-awnak (*politics*) keh le vorh party pakhat khat ih a teltu: *She was active as a left-winger in the party*.

wingless *adj* (esp of insects) thla nei lo.

□ **wing-chair** *n* dunglam a saang zetmi le baan a neimi tohkheng.

wing commander vanzam ralbawi, minung 240 hnak ih mal uktu.

wing-nut *n* kut thawn ol-ai teih merh thei dingih tuahmi screw kaitu thirper. **w i n g - span** *n* thla pahnih pharh tikah a khatlam zim ihsin a khatlam thla zim tiang a sau zat: *a bird with a two-foot wing-span*.

wingding /ˈwɪŋdɪŋ/ *n* (US *infml*) a nuam celcelmi puai.

wink /wɪŋk/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (**at sb**) mit mi theh; mit ih mi biak: *He winked at me to show that he was playing a joke on the others*. **2** [I] (of a light, star, etc) a thep, lole a tur depdomi khawtleu/arsi: *We could see the lighthouse winking in the distance*. ○ *The car in front is winking — it's*

going to turn right. **3** (idm) **easy as winking** ⇨ *EASY*. **4** (phr *v*) **wink at sth** (*dated*) thei nain thei lo vekih um: *His wife has winked at his infidelity for years*.

▷ **wink** *n* **1** mit thehnak: *give sb a meaningful wink*. **2** (idm) (**have/take**) **forty winks** sunih rei lote sung itthat. **a nod is as good as a wink** ⇨ *NOD* *n*. **not get/have a wink of sleep; not sleep a wink** itthat hrimhrim lo: *The neighbours were having a party and we didn't get a wink of sleep all night*. **tip sb the wink** ⇨ *TIP*³.

winker *n* (Brit) a fehnak lamzin a thleng zik a si ti theihertu mawtaw parih meitleu; khiihmuhtu.

winkle /ˈwɪŋkl/ *n* = *PERIWINKLE* **2**.

▷ **winkle** *v* (phr *v*) **winkle sb/sth out (of sth)** (*infml*) hmun pakhat ih minung, lole thil pakhat nuamnaite le harsa zet in la suak: *The children were finally all winkled out of their hiding places*. **winkle sth out (of sb)** (*infml*) mi pakhat hnen ihsin thuhla harsa zet thei ngah: *She's very clever at winking secrets out of people*.

□ **winkle-picker** *n* (usu *pl*) (*dated sl*) a zim lam a zum sau zetmi kedan: *a pair of winkle-pickers*.

winner, winning ⇨ *WIN*.

winnow /ˈwɪnəʊ/ *v* (**a**) [Tn] fang zaap fai/thap fai. (**b**) [Tn-p, Tn-pr] ~ **sth away/out; ~ sth from sth** fang seep/seep fai: *winnow the husks from the corn* ○ (*fig*) *winnow the truth from the mass of conflicting evidence*.

wino /ˈwaɪnəʊ/ *n* (*pl* ~ **s**) (*infml*) zu in zongsangtu, zucuaitu (a bikin, zu man ol tete).

winsome /ˈwɪnsəm/ *adj* (*fml*) mi hip thei zohmawi: *a winsome smile* ○ *She was a winsome creature*.

▷ **winsomely** *adv*. **winsomeness** *n* [U].

winter /ˈwɪntə(r)/ *n* [U, C] **1** thlatang, khawsik tikcu: *Many trees lose their leaves in winter*. ○ *The plants have survived the winter*. ○ *They worked on the building all through the winter*. ○ *They spend the winter(s) in a warmer climate*. ○ *She lived alone in the house for a whole winter*. ○ *He is going to retire next winter*. ○ *on a dark winter's night* ○ [attrib] *winter quarters*, ie (esp formerly) place where an army spends the winter during a campaign. **2** (idm) **in the dead of winter** ⇨ *DEAD* *n*.

▷ **winter** *v* [I] (*fml*) thlatang caan hman: *It became fashionable for the rich to winter in the sun*. ○ *birds wintering in the south*.

winterize, -ise /ˈwɪntəraɪz/ *v* [Tn] (esp US) thlatang hrang umnak inn, mawtawka tivek timtuah.

wintry /ˈwɪntri/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) thlatang vek; a daai; tikhal: *a wintry landscape* ○ *wintry light, weather* ○ (*fig*) *a wintry smile*, ie lacking warmth, unfriendly. *wintriness* *n* [U]k.

□ **winter sports** vur, lole tikhal parih leh zuam-awknak.

winter-time *n* [U] thlatang sung: *The days are shorter in (the) winter-time.*

wipe /waɪp/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Cn-a] ~ **sth** (on sth); ~ **sth** (down/over) hnawtfai: *wipe the dishes*, ie dry them after they have been washed ○ *wipe the table* ○ *Please wipe your feet*, ie remove the dirt from your shoes by wiping them on the doormat. ○ *wipe one's eyes*, ie to remove the tears ○ *wipe one's nose*, ie with a handkerchief ○ *wipe* (ie remove what has been recorded on) a magnetic tape ○ *wipe one's hands on a towel* ○ *wipe down the kitchen cupboards*, ie clean them with a cloth, etc from top to bottom ○ *wipe sth clean/dry*. (b) [Tn-pr] hnawt: *wipe a damp sponge across one's face*. (c) [Tn-pr] culh/hnul: *Wipe the lotion onto your face*. **2** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** from/off sth; ~ **sth** away/off/up hnul; hlo ko hnawt: *wipe (away) the tears from one's eyes* ○ *wipe the writing from the blackboard* ○ *wipe (up) the spilt milk off the floor* ○ *wipe a recording off (a tape)* ○ (fig infml) *Wipe that smile/grin/expression of your face!* ie Stop smiling, etc. **3** (idm) **wipe the floor with sb** (infml) thu el-awknak, lole zuam-awknak ah felfai in neh. **wipe sth off the face of the earth/off the map** a pumhlum ih siatsuah. **wipe the slate clean** a cem/a liam cia tikcu ih sualnak ngaithiam, hngilhsak; a tharthok sal. **4** (phr v) **wipe sth out** (a) puansia thawn kheng sunglam hnawtfai: *This vase wasn't wiped out properly before it was put away*. (b) siatbal/hloralter: *wipe out one's debts*, ie by repaying them ○ *This year's losses have wiped out* (ie reduced to nothing) *last year's profits*. (c) a pumpuluk ih siat: *Whole villages were wiped out in the bombing raids*. ○ *The government is trying to wipe out drug trafficking*.

▷ **wipe** *n* hnawt, hnul: *Please give the table mats a quick wipe*.

wiper *n* (a) hnawttu/hnawtnak. (b) = WINDSCREEN WIPER (WIND¹).

wire /waɪə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) [C, U] thirhri: a (coil of) copper wire ○ *barbed wire*. (b) [C, U] electrikt meisa laknak; hmanmi thirhri tluan: *fuse wire* ○ *telephone wires*. (c) [U, sing] hruangkulhnak ih hmanmi thirsur: *The hamster had got through the wire at the front of its cage*. **2** [C] (infml esp US) thirhri ca: *send sb a wire*. **3** (idm) **get one's wires crossed** (infml) thu simmi thei sual pang, theihawi: *We seem to have got our wires crossed. I thought you were coming yesterday*. **alive wire** ⇒ LIVE¹. **pull (the) strings/wires** ⇒ PULL².

▷ **wire** *v* **1** (a) [Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **A** (on) to **B**; ~ **A** and **B** together thil pahnih thirhri ih tem/peh:

A handle had been wired (on) to the box. ○ *The two pieces of wood were wired together*. (b) [Tn esp passive] a sung (lole) a lengah thirhri ret (fekter dingah): *The fabric was displayed on a wired stand*. **2** [Tn, Tn-p, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (up); ~ **sth** (for sth) electrikt mei hmun pakhat khat ah thirhri in pek: *The house is not wired for electricity yet*. ○ *The studio is being wired for sound*. ○ *As soon as the equipment is wired up, you can use it*. **3** (a) [Tn, Tf, Dn-f, Dpr-f, Dn-t, Dpr-t] (infml esp US) thoih: *He wired (to) his brother to send some money*. ○ *She wired (us) that she would be delayed*. (b) [Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth** to sb (infml esp US) mi pakhat hnenah thil pakhat thirhri ca thawn kuat: *wire money to sb*, ie instruct a bank by telegram to give money to sb. **wiring** /ˈwaɪərɪŋ/ *n* [U] thirhri thawn inn pakhat ah meisa pekdan: *The wiring is faulty and needs to be replaced*.

wiry /ˈwaɪəri/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (a) (of a person) ruang fem nain a cakmi. (b) thirhri vekin a hak ih a nem fawnmi: *wiry* (ie coarse and curly) hair. **wiriness** *n* [U].

□ **wire-cutter** *n* (esp pl) thirhri tannak: a pair of wire-cutters.

wire-haired *adj* (esp of a dog) hmul khoh nei (uico): a wire-haired terrier.

wire netting [U] hman kulhnak ih hmanmi thirsur.

wire-tapping *n* [U] telephone hri peh tahrat ih telephone ih biak-awknak rak ngaithup.

wire wool thil hnawtnak le tleuternak ih hmanmi thirhri feemte tom. Cf STEEL WOOL (STEEL).

wire-worm *n* thingkung hramkung siatsuahtu pangang vek cucik kharbaw.

wireless /ˈwaɪəlis/ *n* (dated) **1** [U] radio ih peh-awknak: *broadcast by wireless*. **2** [C] (a) radio rak kaitu, lole radio kuattu. (b) [C] = RADIO 2b.

wisdom /ˈwɪzdəm/ *n* [U] **1** (a) fimnak, thinlung fimnak: *She had acquired much wisdom during her long life*. (b) theihnak le thiamnak a dik zawngih hman thiamnak: *I question the wisdom of giving the child so much money*. ○ *Events were to prove the wisdom of their decision*. **2** (fml) ruahnak fim, thufim: *the wisdom of the ancients* ○ *the conventional/received wisdom*, ie the generally accepted view. **3** (idm) **wit and wisdom** ⇒ WIT.

□ **wisdom tooth** habawi.

wise /waɪz/ *adj* (-r, -st) **1** (a) fim: a wise choice, decision, precaution, friend ○ *It was not very wise of you to sell the property*. ○ *I'm sure you're wise to wait a few days*. ○ *a wise nod of the head*, ie suggesting that one is wise. (b) theihnak kau nei: a wise old man. **2** (idm) **be wise after the event** thil a can hlan le a thlen hlanah zianghman hmuahcia le theihcia um lo ih a can hnu le a thlen hnu lawngah theithiam:

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We don't pay our financial analysts to be wise after the event! **be/get wise to sth/sb** (infml esp US) thil pakhat, lole mi pakhat ih thatnak, nuncan, ziaza thei thiam: *He thought he could fool me but I got wise to him.* **no/none the/not any the wiser** a hlan hnakihi thei tam cuang lo: *Even after listening to his explanation I'm none the wiser.* **penny wise pound foolish** ⇒ PENNY. **put sb wise (to sth)** (infml esp US) thu theiter. **sadder but wiser** ⇒ SAD. **(as) wise as an owl** fim zet. **a word to the wise** ⇒ WORD.

▷ **wise v** (phr v) **wise (sb) up (to sth)** (infml esp US) thu theihter, thei dingih sim: *It's about time he wised up to the fact that people think his behaviour is ridiculous.*

wisely adv.

□ **wisecre n** (dated) fim zet vekih um-awter, ziang hmuahhmuah thei theh vekih um-awtertu.

wisecrack n (infml) piang vurvo, lole thiam. — v [I] mawiter, thiamter.

wise guy (infml derog) midang hnaki ih a thei tamsawn vekih ðong le nungcangtu.

-wise suff (with ns forming adjs and advs) **1** ðongfang dunglam ih bettu: *likewise* ○ *clockwise* ○ *anti-clockwise* ○ *lengthwise*. **2** (infml) vekin, lole lam ah: *businesswise* ○ *weatherwise* ○ *profitwise*.

wish /wiʃ/ v 1 (a) [Ipr] ~ **for sth/sb** duh: *It's no use wishing for things you can't have.* ○ *His wife is everything a man could wish for.* ○ *What more could one wish for?* ie Everything is perfect. **(b)** [Tf, Cn-a] (with *that* often omitted and the *that*-clause usu in the past tense) thil cang thei lomi cang ding le si thei sehla ti ih duh: *I wish you hadn't told me all this.* ○ *She wished she had* (ie was sorry she had not) *stayed at home.* ○ *I wish I know what was going to happen.* ○ *I wish he wouldn't go out every night.* ○ *I wish I were rich.* ○ *She began to wish the whole business finished.* ○ *He's dead and it's no use wishing him alive again.* **(c)** [Tn, Tt, Cn-t] (fml) duh, dil: *I'll do it if that's what you wish.* ○ *I wish to leave my property to my children.* ○ *She wishes to be alone.* ○ *I wish it to be clear that the decision is final.* ○ *Do you wish me to serve dinner now?* ⇒ Usage at HOPE.

2 [Dn-n] **(a)** thil pakhat khat co, ngah, nei dingih duh sak: *They wished us a pleasant journey.* ○ *His colleagues wished him happiness on his retirement.* ○ *Wish me luck!* **(b)** dusaknak neih tik, mi ton tik, thlah tikih hmanmi ðong: *wish sb good morning, goodbye, happy birthday, welcome, etc.* **3** [I] dik le fiang zet ih langter: *Do you wish when you see a shooting star?* **4** (idm) **(just) as you wish** na duh vek/na duh zawngin: *We can meet at my house or yours just as you wish.* **wish sb/sth well/ill** vanthatnak/vansiatnak ngah/co dingah

duhsak: *I wish him well in his new job.* ○ *She said she wished nobody ill.* **5** (phr v) **wish sth away** thil um lo dingih duh: *These problems can't be wished away, you know.* **wish sb/sth on sb** (infml) mi pek sin (thil nuam lo, tha lo): *It's not a job I'd wish on anybody.* ○ *I don't think we can wish the children on your parents while we're away.*

▷ **wish n 1 (a)** [C] ~ **(to do sth)**; ~ **(for sth)** thleng seh, cang seh ti duhnak: *She expressed a wish to be alone.* ○ *He had no wish to intrude on their privacy.* ○ *If you had three wishes what would you choose?* ○ *Her wish came true,* ie She got what she wished for. ○ *You have deliberately acted against my wishes.* **(b)** **wishes** [pl] ~ **es (for sth)** lungawinak le ðhansonak duhsaknak; ruahsannak: *with best wishes*, eg at the end of a letter ○ *We all send our best wishes (for your recovery).* **2** [U] duhnak/thiltha thleng seh ti ih duhnak: *You will get your wish.* **3** (idm) **the wish is father to the thought** (saying fml) siseh tiih duh tuk ruangah a hman, a dik a si ti ih ruat. **your wish is my command** (fml or joc) na duhmi pohpoh ka tuah ding.

wishful /-fl/ adj (fml) beisei, ngai, hiar: *wishful statements.* **wishful thinking** thuhla parah si loin duhnak parih a hngauhsan-awmi zumnak/saduhthah: *I think her condition is improving but it may just be wishful thinking on my part.*

□ **wishbone n** ar awm-ruh.

wishy-washy /'wiʃi wɒʃi/; US wɒʃi/ adj (usu derog) a dal/a raumi (rong); a tak tam lo: a *wish-washy blue* ○ a *wishy-washy liberal*, ie one whose ideas are not clearly defined.

wisp /wisp/ n ~ (of sth) 1 (a) (sam/hrampi etc) a teel: a *wisp of hair/hay/straw/grass.* **(b)** lamzin nei ih meikhu suakmi: a *wisp of smoke.* **2** mi ðawl derdi: a *wisp of a girl.*

▷ **wispy adj (-ier, -iest)** a tom; a teel ih ummi: *wispy hair; clouds* ○ a *wispy white beard.*

wistaria (also **wisteria**) /wɪ'stɪəriə/ n [U] sendup, lole a raang ih a parmi thingkung vek thingkung parih a zaamm pangpar pawl.

wistful /'wɪstfl/ adj (tikcu liam cia ih thil duh zetmi nei zik zuakzo ih nei thei sal lo ruangih) rehshia/ngai: *wistful eyes* ○ a *wistful mood.*

▷ **wistfully** /-fəli/ adv: *sighing wistfully* ○ *'If only I had known you then,' he said wistfully.*

wistfulness n [U].

wit /wɪt/ n 1 (a) [U] hnihsuak tha, mi hniter thiam: *have a ready wit* ○ a *journalist much admired for her wit* ○ a *literary style full of elegance and wit.* **(b)** [C] hivek theihnaki le fimnak neitu: a *well-known wit and raconteur.* **2** [U] (also **wits** [pl]) zamrang/khulrang zetih theithe zetmi: *He hadn't the wits/wit enough to realize the danger.* **3** (idm) **at one's wits' end** thinphan le beidong ruangih ziang tuah ding/

ziang sim ding ti thei lo: *I'm at my wits' end worrying about how to pay the bills.* **a battle of wits** ⇒ BATTLE. **collect/gather one's wits** rin lo paral ih thinlaunak tuar hnu ah tha sal/dam sal/kel-awh sal: *I needed time to gather my wits before seeing him again.* **frighten/scare sb out of his wits** ⇒ FRIGHTEN. **have/keep one's wits about one** ralring ih um; timtuah-aw cia: *You need to keep your wits about you when yhou're dealing with a man like that.* **live by one's wits** ⇒ LIVE². **sharpen sb's wits** ⇒ SHARPEN (SHARP). **to wit** (dated fml) cumi cu: *He will leave at the end of term, to wit 30 July.* **wit and wisdom** zamrang ih theih theinak, a tham thu thennak le zirnak komkhawmmi (a bikin, cangan le thusinnak ah).

▷ **witless** *adj* theihtheinak nei lo, mi aa: *scare sb witless*, ie out of his wits.

-witted (forming compound *adjs*) theihtheinak a tawkfang nei: *dim-witted* ○ *quick-witted* ○ *slow-witted*.

witty *adj* (-ier, -iest) fim telmi hnihsuahnak: *a witty speaker* ○ *witty comments*.

witticism /wɪtɪsɪzəm/ *n* hnihsuahnak.

wittily /-ɪli/ *adv.* **wittiness** *n* [U].

witch /wɪtʃ/ *n* (a) (esp formerly) hnam nei ti ih ruahmi (puhmi) nupinu. (b) (*fig*) mi hip theitu nupinu/nunau. (c) (*derog*) nutar hmelsia (*hag*).

▷ **witchery** /wɪtʃəri/ *n* [U] (*fml*) 1 dawwi thiamnak/dawwi. 2 hmeltthat/mawinak, lole ʔongkam thiamnak ih mi hip/bum aa nak.

witching *adj* [attrib] (dated fml) hnam ih ei/ai-kaih: *the witching hour*, ie midnight, the time when witches are active.

□ **witchcraft** *n* [U] dawwithiamnak/dawwi dam thiam; hnamnei.

witch-doctor (also **medicine-man**) *n* (esp formerly in Africa) pol; hnam eimi thawidam theitu/hnam dawwi hlo theitu ramsung suak sibawi.

witch-hazel (also **wych-hazel**) *n* 1 [C] Asia le N America ram ih thingkung phunkhat (a paar aihre mi). 2 [U] himi pangpar kung hawng ihsin lakmi thinghnai, hma le taksa dup ko khawn tiki hnihmi sii.

witch-hunt *n* (a) hnam nei ti ih ruah mi pawl hmu ding le hloter dingih hawlnak. (b) (*fig usu derog*) mi zawng lo, mi duh lo ruahnak nei pawl hawlnak (hrem le cawh duh ah): *The crusade for sexual morality is turning into a witch-hunt.*

with /wɪð, wɪθ/ *prep* 1 (a) thawn/hnen ah: *live with one's parents* ○ *go on holiday with a friend* ○ *spend time with the children* ○ *discuss the plans with an expert* ○ *I've got a client with me at the moment.* ○ *Put the dolls away with your other toys.* ○ *If you mix blue with yellow you get green.* ○ *Can I wear this tie with my blue shirt?* ○ *The money is on the table with the shopping-*

list. (b) zohkhen dingah: *I leave the baby with my mother every day.* ○ *I left a message for you with your secretary.* ○ *The keys are with reception.* 2 nei/keng: *a girl with* (ie who has) *red hair* ○ *the man with the scar* ○ *a person with a knowledge of European markets* ○ *a coat with a belt* ○ *a house with a swimming-pool* ○ *the man with a wooden leg* ○ *the boy with a camera* ○ *He looked at her with a hurt expression.* 3 (a) thawn/hnen: *cut it with a knife* ○ *You can see it with a microscope.* ○ *He hit it with a hammer.* ○ *feed the baby with a spoon* ○ *sew with cotton thread* ○ *hold the door open with a stone* ○ *I can only move it with your help.* ○ *It was easy to translate with a dictionary.* (b) thawn/in: *fill the bowl with water* ○ *sprinkle the dish with salt* ○ *The lorry was loaded with timber.* ○ *The bag was stuffed with dirty clothes.* 4 (a) lungkimp/bawm/ʔanpi: *We've got all the nurses with us in our fight to stop closures.* ○ *She's going along with management on this issue.* ○ *I'm with you all the way!* (b) dodal/el: *fight, argue, quarrel, etc with sb* ○ *I had a row with Jane.* ○ *in competition with our rivals* ○ *play tennis with sb* ○ *at war with a neighbouring country.* 5 thil pakhat khat ruangah: *blush with embarrassment* ○ *tremble with fear* ○ *shaking with laughter* ○ *Her fingers were numb with cold.* 6 (ziang ti in thil a cang, ziang ti in thil tuah a si ti simnak): *I'll do it with pleasure.* ○ *I can lift 50 kilos with an effort.* ○ *She performed a somersault with ease, ie easily.* ○ *He acted with discretion, ie discreetly.* ○ *She sleeps with the light on.* ○ *He welcomed her with open arms.* ○ *Don't stand with your hands in your pockets.* ○ *With your permission, sir, I'd like to speak.* 7 lam hoi in, thlun in: *sail with the wind* ○ *swim with the tide* ○ *drift with the current* ○ *The shadow moves with the sun.* 8 ruangah, thil pakhat thawn a bangrep in: *The shadows lengthened with the approach of sunset.* ○ *Skill comes with experience.* ○ *Good wine will improve with age.* 9 thawn peh-aw in, parah, lamah: *careful with the glasses* ○ *patient with your aunt* ○ *angry with my children* ○ *pleased with the result* ○ *inconsistent with an earlier statement* ○ *a problem with accommodation* ○ *What can he want with me?* ○ *What can one do with half a chess set?* 10 thawn pehpar in: *With Italian sit's pronunciation that's the problem.* ○ *It's a very busy time with us at the moment.* 11 tel in, huap in, khal: *The meal with wine came to £12 each.* ○ *With preparation and marking a teacher works 12 hours a day.* *The week cost us over £500 but that was with skiing lessons.* 12 pawl ho pakhat hrangih ʔuantu: *I hear he's with ICI now.* ○ *She acted with a repertory company for three years.* ○ *We're with the same*

bank. **13** (thil pakhat, lole mi pakhat thawn then-aw): *I could never part with this ring.* ○ *Can we dispense with the formalities?* **14** ruat in: *With only two days to go we can't afford to relax.* ○ *With no hope of a holiday life's very depressing.* ○ *She won't be able to help us, with all her family commitments.* **15** nacing in: *With all her faults he still liked her.* **16** (idm) **be with sb** (infml) thlun thei: *I'm afraid I'm not quite with you.* **with it** (dated sl) (a) santhar cei-awkdan le umtlandan theithiam, santhar thil man thei: *come on — get with it!* ○ *He's not very with it today.* (b) (of clothes and their wearers) san man: *She's more with it now than she was 20 years ago.* **with that** cu theh vete in: *He muttered a few words of apology and with that he left.*

withdraw /wɪð'drɔː/, also wɪð'd- / v (pt **withdrew** /-druː/, pp **withdrawn** /-drɔːn/) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth (from sth)** (a) laakkir, dungsip: *The general refused to withdraw his troops.* ○ *The old coins have been withdrawn from circulation.* ○ *The workers have threatened to withdraw their labour, ie go on strike.* (b) bank ihsin paisa suah theh: *She withdrew all her savings and left the country.* **2** [Tn] (fml) thu tiamkam cia le sim cia lakir, pahbal: *Unless the contract is signed immediately, I shall withdraw my offer.* ○ *I insist that you withdraw your offensive remarks immediately.* **3** [I, Ipr] ~ **(from sth)** hmundang ah fehsan/taan: *He talked to us for an hour and then withdrew.* ○ *withdraw into oneself*, ie become unresponsive or unsociable ○ *The troops had to withdraw to a less exposed position.*

▷ **withdrawal** /-drɔːəl/ n **1** (a) [U] dungsipnak; lakirnak: *the withdrawal of a product from the market* ○ (psychology) *She is showing signs of withdrawal (ie not wanting to communicate with other people) and depression.* (b) [C] bank ihsin tangka suahnak: *You are allowed to make two withdrawals a month from the account.* **2** [U] rittheinak sii le vai (drugs) hmang nawn loih kham-awknak tikcu: [attrib] *withdrawal symptoms.*

withdrawn adj (of a person) midang thawn pawl-aw lo ih mahlawng ih um: *He's become increasingly withdrawn since his wife's death.*

wither /wɪðə(r)/ v **1** [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ **(away); ~ (sth) (up)** ro, thi, caar: *The flowers will wither if you don't put them in water.* ○ (fig) *Their hopes gradually withered away.* ○ *limbs withered by disease and starvation.* **2** [Tn] ziang siar loih neh neknek; khuh theh: *She withered him with a glance.*

▷ **withering** /wɪðərɪŋ/ adj (of a look, remark, etc) hmuhsuam; nautat: *withering sarcasm.*

witheringly adv.

withers /wɪðə(r)/ n [pl] rang zaangpar a saan

biknak (a liang pahnih karlak tlun).

withhold /wɪð'həʊld/, also wɪð'h-/ v (pt, pp **withheld** /-həld/) (fml) (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (from sb/sth)** (fml) pe duh lo; pe siang lo; hrengsak: *withhold one's consent/permission* ○ *withhold information* ○ *The board has decided to withhold part of their grant money from certain students.* (b) [Tn] hreng; suup: *We couldn't withhold our laughter.*

within /wɪðɪn/ prep **1** (a) sung; sungah: *She returned within an hour.* ○ *If you don't hear anything within seven days, phone again.* (b) ~ **sth (of sth)** theih ciami hmun hnakihi hla lo: *a house within a mile of the station* ○ *The village has three pubs within a hundred metres (of each other).* **2** sungah: *We are now within sight of (ie able to see) the shore.* ○ *There is a bell within the patient's reach, ie which the patient can reach.* ○ *He finds it hard to live within his income, ie without spending more than he earns.* ○ *I'd prefer you to keep this information within the family, ie known only by members of the family.* ○ *within the limits of my modest talents.* **3** (fml) thil pakhat sungah: *within the medieval walls of the city* ○ *Interview everyone living within the area shown on the map.*

▷ **within** adv (fml) sungah: *Shop assistant required. Apply within.*

without /wɪðaʊt/ prep **1** loin: *two days without food* ○ *three nights without sleep* ○ *You can't leave the country without a passport.* ○ *The letter had been posted without a stamp.* ○ *I've come out without any money.* ○ *a bedroom without a private bath* ○ *a skirt without pockets* ○ *He acted without thought for himself.* ○ *She spoke without enthusiasm.* **2** tel loin: *He said he couldn't live without her.* ○ *I feel very lonely without my dog.* ○ *We can't reach a decision without our chairman.* ○ *Don't leave without me.* ○ *They were received without ceremony, ie informally.* **3** hmang loin: *How did you open the bottle without a bottle-opener?* ○ *She can't see to read without her glasses.* **4** (used with the -ing form to mean 'not') loin: *Try and do it without making any mistakes.* ○ *The party was organized without her knowing anything about it.* ○ *He walked past me without speaking.* ○ *I've often cheated in exams without being caught.* ○ *She entered the room without knocking.* **5** (arch) lenglam ah: *without the city walls.* **6** (idm) **without so much as** ⇒ so¹.

▷ **without** adv part tel lo in: *We'll have one room with a bathroom and one room without.* ○ *If there's no sugar we'll have to manage without.*

withstand /wɪð'stænd/, also wɪð's-/ v (pt, pp **withstood** /-stʊd/) [Tn] (often fml) rak tuar; do, kham; dodal: *withstand attacks, pressure, wind* ○ *shoes that will withstand hard wear.*

withy /wɪði/ n a țang zetmi thingtek (a cat har

zet willow thinghne thil temnak ih tha).

witless ⇒ WIT.

witness /wɪtnɪs/ *n* **1** [C] **(a)** (also **eye-witness**) mit ih a hmutu; theih pitu/tetti: *witnesses (at the scene) of the accident* ○ *I was a witness to their quarrel.* **(b)** thubuai relnak zungih thu theihpitu/dinpitu: a *defence/prosecution witness* ○ *a witness for the defence/prosecution* ○ *The witness was cross-examined by the defending counsel.* **(c)** thu tiamkam-awknak theihpitu: *Will you act as witness to the agreement between us?* **2** [U, C usu sing] (fml) thuθentu hmai ih simmi thu (theihpinak ih a tūlmi) thilri: *give witness on behalf of an accused person* ○ *His ragged clothes were (a) witness to his poverty.* **3** (idm) **bear witness** ⇒ BEAR².

▷ **witness v 1** [Tn] theihpi; thil pakhat a cang tikih rak um ve, rak hmu ve; rak thei ve: *witness an accident, a murder, a quarrel* ○ *We were witnessing the most important scientific development of the century.* ○ (fml) *Weather forecasters are not always right: witness (ie look at the example of) their recent mistakes.* **2** [Tn] thu tiamkam-awknak theihpi: *witness the signing of a contract* ○ *witness a signature, treaty, will.* **3** [Ipr] ~ **to sth** (law or fml) zungah tetti khaan; theihpinak sim: *witness (ie testify) to the truth of a statement.*

□ **witness-box** (Brit) (US **witness-stand**) *n* thuθentu zung ih tetti tonak hmun.

witter /wɪtə(r)/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ **(on)** **(about sth)** (infml usu derog) thu a buai zawng le a sau zawng ih sim: *What are you wittering (on) about?*

witticism ⇒ WIT.

wittingly /wɪtɪŋli/ *adv* (esp in negative sentences) thei na cingin; tumhrim: *I would never wittingly offend him.*

witty ⇒ WIT.

wives *pl* of WIFE.

wizard /wɪzəd/ *n* **1** dawithiam (mipa); hnamnei. **2** a hleice ih thil ti theinak le thil tuah thiam: *a financial wizard*, ie sb who is able to make money amazingly easily ○ *She's a wizard with computers.*

▷ **wizardry** /-dri/ *n* [U] **(a)** hnam le dawi lam thil. **(b)** hleice thiamnak.

wizened /wɪznd/ *adj* tar vun; hmelro/hnum lo: *a wizened old woman* ○ *a face wizened with age* ○ *wizened apples.*

wk abbr **1** (*pl* **wks**) week. **2** work.

WO /dʌbljuː 'əʊ/ abbr Warrant Officer.

woad /wəʊd/ *n* [U] **(a)** ʔing rong, ʔing piazia anʔam phun khat ihsin ngahmi, culhmi sii hnih (pawl = blue). **(b)** ʔingkung.

wobble /wɒbl/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **(sth)** **(about/around)** khatlam ihsin khatlam thle dualdo; sawn dualdo; fek lo: *This table*

wobbles. ○ *I was so terrified my legs were wobbling.* ○ *wobbling along the pavement in high-heeled boots* ○ (fig) *Her voice sometimes wobbles (ie quivers, wavers) on high notes.* ○ *Please don't wobble the desk (about) when I'm trying to write.*

▷ **wobble** *n* (usu sing) sawn dualdo; hnin dualdo.

wobbly /wɒbli/ *adj* (infml) fel lo, hnget lo, khatlam khatlam ah sawn: *a wobbly tooth* ○ *a wobbly line*, ie not drawn straight ○ *wobbly jelly* ○ (fig) *He is still a bit wobbly (on his legs) after his illness.* **wobbliness** *n* [U].

wodge /wɒdʒ/ *n* ~ **(of sth)** (Brit infml) a tum zetmi phel, vo: *a thick wodge of cake* ○ *wedges of old newspapers.*

woe /wəʊ/ *n* (dated or fml or joc) **1** [U] riahsiatnak, lole vansannak; mangbangnak; harsatnak: *a cry of woe* ○ *She needed someone to listen to her tale of woe*, ie the story of her misfortune. **2** **woes** [pl] mangbangnak; harsatnak; buainak le vansiatnak thlentertu/umturtu/cangturtu: *She told him all her woes.* **3** (idm) **woe betide sb** (fml or joc) (mi pakhat khat) hnenah buainak um seh!: *Woe betide anyone who arrives late!* **woe is me!** interj (arch or joc) ka cem a si!

woebegone /wəʊbɪɡən; US -ɡɔːn/ *adj* (fml) lungawi lo/aipuung lo hmel pumi: *a woebegone child, expression, face.*

woeful /wəʊfl/ *adj* (fml) **1** riahsiatnak ih khat: *a woeful cry, look, sight.* **2** [usu attrib] duh um lo, tha lo zet; sia zet: *woeful ignorance.*

▷ **woefully** *adv* /-fəli/: *The preparations were woefully inadequate.*

wok /wɒk/ *n* thirbeel tum zet.

woke *pt* of WAKE¹.

woken *pp* of WAKE¹.

wolf /wʊlf/ *n* (*pl* **wolves** /wʊlvz/) **1** cinghnia. **2** (idm) **cry wolf** ⇒ CRY¹. **keep the wolf from the door** rilrawnnak le sambaunak tong lo dingin tangka tawkfang nei: *Their wages are barely enough to keep the wolf from the door.* **a lone wolf** ⇒ LONE. **a wolf in sheep's clothing** lenglam ah tha zet vekih lang, thinlung sual zetmi; tuuphaw hrukmi cinghnia; sungthu-lengnaal. **throw sb to the wolves** lawmtu le runtu um lo, har zet le zonai zet ih um ding dinhmun ah taan.

▷ **wolf v** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** **(down)** (infml) zamrang zet le duhham zet in ei: *I thought there would be some biscuits left but they've wolfed the lot!* ○ *Don't wolf down your food.*

wolfish *adj* cinghnia vek: *a wolfish appetite, grin.*

□ **wolf-cub** *n* cinghnia faate — pitling hrih lo. **wolfhound** *n* cinghnia dawitu ih hmanmi uico: *an Irish wolfhound.*

wolf-whistle *n* sualpi dingih hiar um zet nunau

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hmuh tikih hurhuk. — *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (at sb) cu tikih hurhuk.

wolfram /wʊlfrəm/ *n* [U] (a) = TUNGSTEN. (b) kahpathir le electrick bulb tuahnak ih hmanmi thir (sam tuak pian zia nei).

woman /wʊmən/ *n* (pl **women** /wɪmɪn/) **1** [C] (a) nunau (kum tling): *men, women and children* ○ *a single* (ie unmarried) *woman* ○ *It's more than a woman* (ie any woman) *can tolerate*. ○ [attrib] (preferred to *lady* which is also used) *a woman driver* ○ *women drivers* ○ *I'd prefer a woman doctor to examine me*. ○ *a woman friend* ○ *a French woman*. (b) a huatsuak zawngih mi biaknak: *Shut up, woman!* **2** [sing] nunau hmuahhmuah huap ih kawhnak: *Woman has been portrayed by artists in many ways*. **3** **the woman** [sing] nunau nuncan ziaza lam ih a nu sinak: *Newborn babies bring out the woman in her*. **4** (idm) **be twice the man/woman** ⇒ TWICE. **make an honest woman of sb** ⇒ HONEST. **a man/woman of parts** ⇒ PART¹. **a man/woman of his/her word** ⇒ WORD. **a man/woman of the world** ⇒ WORLD. **wine, women and song** ⇒ WINE. **a woman of easy virtue** (euph) su zuar, taksa zuar.

▷ **-woman** (with *ns* forming compound *ns*) tongfang bettu - nu tican: *chairwoman* ○ *horsewoman* ○ *sportswoman*. Cf **-MAN** (MAN¹).

womanhood [U] nunau sinak: *grow to/reach womanhood*.

womanish *adj* (derog) (of a man) nunau vek, nunau thawn a remmi — pacang hrangih rem lo, mawi lo: *He has a rather womanish manner*.

womanize, -ise /-aɪz/ *v* [I] (usu derog) (of a man) nunau tam zet ihpi, luk.

womanizer, -iser *n* nunau tam zet ihpitu; nunau phaamtu.

womanly *adj* (approv) nunau vek/nu: *a womanly figure* ○ *womanly qualities, virtues*.

womanliness *n* [U].

□ **womankind** *n* [U] (fml) nunau zate huap ih kawhnak: *the sufferings of womankind*.

Women's Liberation (also *infml* **Women's Lib** /lɪb/) nunau zalonnak, mipa vekih covo ngahnak. **Women's Libber** (*infml*) nunau zalonnak le voco ngah thei dingih zuamtu/tuantu.

the women's movement daan le minung ruahnak in nunau zalonnak ngah thei dingih cangvaihnak.

womb /wu:m/ *n* (anatomy) sul.

wombat /wɒmbæt/ *n* vom faate thawn a bangrepmi Australia ram ih ramsa phunkhat, a pi in a faate kha a pum dipte ah a zawi.

womenfolk /wɪmɪnfəʊk/ *n* [pl] nunau rual/ho/pawl: *The dead soldiers were mourned by their womenfolk*. Cf **MENFOLK**.

won *pt, pp* of WIN.

wonder /ˈwʌndə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) [U] mangbangnak;

khawruahharnak: *The children watched the conjuror in silent wonder*. ○ *They were filled with wonder at the sight*. (b) [C] mangbangza; khawruahhar thil: *the wonders of modern medicine* ○ *the seven wonders of the world* ○ [attrib] *a wonder drug*, ie one that has extremely good, almost miraculous, effects. **2** (idm) **a chinless wonder** ⇒ CHINLESS (CHIN). **do/work miracles/wonders (for sth)** ⇒ MIRACLE. **it's a wonder (that)...** a mak/mangbangza a si: *It's a wonder (that) he continues to gamble when he always loses!* **a nine days' wonder** ⇒ DAY. **no/little/small wonder (that...)** a mak lo; mangbangza a si lo; si awm reng a si: *No wonder you were late!* ○ *Small wonder (that) he was so tired!* **wonders will never cease** (saying esp ironic) tong elsen; mangbang le lungawi thu sinnak: *'I've washed the car for you.'* *'Wonders will never cease!'*

▷ **wonder** *v* **1** [I, Ipr, It, Tf] ~ (at sth) (fml) mangbang: *He could do nothing but stand and wonder*. ○ *We wondered at the speed with which it arrived*. ○ *I wonder* (ie am amazed) (at the fact) *that you weren't killed*. ○ *I wondered* (ie was surprised) *to hear her voice in the next room*. **2** (a) [I, Ipr] ~ (about sth) thei duh; khawruahhar: *There has been no news for a week and he is beginning to wonder*. ○ *I was just wondering about that myself*. (b) [Tw] mah le mah sut-aw: *I wonder who he is*. ○ *I wonder whether they will arrive on time*. ○ *wondered what time it was, where to go, how long it would last, why he had left*. (c) [Tw] tong mawi zet ih thu sutnak: *I wonder if/whether you could...* **3** (idm) **I shouldn't wonder** (*infml*) ka mang a bang lo: *It's paid for with stolen money, I shouldn't wonder*.

wonderful /-fʊl/ *adj* (a) mangbangza: *It's wonderful that they managed to escape*. ○ *The child's skill is wonderful for his age*. (b) tha zet, lole duh um zet: *The weather is wonderful*. ○ *She is a wonderful mother*. ○ *a wonderful opportunity*. **wonderfully** /-fəli/ *adv* (a) mangbang thlaak zet in: *She is wonderfully active for her age*. (b) ngaingai; taktak: *Their life together has been wonderfully happy*.

wonderingly /ˈwʌndərɪŋli/ *adv*: *'Where did this come from?' she said wonderingly*.

wonderment *n* [U] lungawi mangbangnak: *She gasped in wonderment at her good luck*.

wondrous /ˈwʌndrəs/ *adj* (arch or fml) mangbangza: *a wondrous sight*. **wondrously** *adv*.

□ **wonderland** /-lənd/ *n* (usu sing) mangbangza thil ih a khatmi hmun le ram.

wonky /ˈwɒŋki/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (Brit *infml*) hngetkhoh lo; a hninmi; tawntai: *a wonky chair* ○ *She still feels a bit wonky after her accident*.

wont /wəʊnt/; US wɒnt/ *adj* [pred] ~ **to do sth** (dated or rhet) zongsang: *He was wont to give lengthy speeches.*

▷ **wont** *n* [sing] (fml or rhet) dan; tidan, zongsang, tikeel: *She went for a walk after breakfast, as was her wont.*

won't /wəʊnt/ *contracted form of WILL NOT (WILL¹).*

woo /wu:/ *v* (pt, pp **wooed**) [Tn] **1** (a) bomnak/ʔanpinak dil: *woo the voters.* (b) thil pakhat tuah suak tum; hlawhtlin tum; ngah tum: *woo fame, fortune, success, etc.* **2** (dated) ʔhi dingah nunau leem; fala leeng/dap.

wood /wud/ *n* **1** (a) [U] thingkung, thing: *There are many kinds of wood growing in this forest.* (b) innsaknak; tohkheng, cabuai; tuahnak thing; rawl suannak zanthing: *Tables are usually made of wood.* ○ *Put some more wood on the fire.* ○ [attrib] *a wood floor*, ie made of wood. (c) [C] thingkung phunkhat: *Pine is a soft wood and teak is a hard wood.* ○ *Oak is a good type of wood for making furniture.* **2** [C often pl] thingkung tampi umnak hmunram, forest hnakh fate: *a house in the middle of a wood* ○ *go for a walk in the wood(s).* **3** [C] (sport) = BOWL **2.** **4** [C] golf bawhlung thawinak ih hmanmi funghreu (a lu thing ih tuahmi). Cf IRON¹ **4.** **5** (idm) **dead wood** ⇒ DEAD. **from the wood** thingih tuah mi (barrel) pungih ta: *beer from the wood.* **neck of the woods** ⇒ NECK. **not see the wood for the trees** a poimawh sawn le a thupi sawn thei lo le hmu lo, (a nepnawi pawl ruat tuk ruangah): *If you add too many notes to the text, the reader won't be able to see the wood for the trees.* **out of the wood(s)** (infml) buainak le harsatnak ihsin luat/buainak leh harsatnak tong lo: *She's regained consciousness, but she's not out of the woods* (ie sure to recover) yet. **touch wood** ⇒ TOUCH².

▷ **wooded** *adj* (of land) thingkung a khatmi hmun/ram: *a wooded valley.*

wooden /wudn/ *adj* **1** [esp attrib] thing ih tuahmi: *wooden furniture, houses, toys.* **2** a khoh (neem lo); dan mawi lo/khulfung;ti hnuaihni: *She has a rather wooden manner.* ○ *a wooden smile, performance.*

woodenly *adv* khoh zet le cangdan mawi lo.

woodiness *n* [U] **wooden spoon** = BOOBY PRIZE (BOOBY).

woody *adj* (a) thingkung a khatmi ram: *a woody hillside.* (b) thingkung kho vek: *a plant with woody stems* ○ *a woody smell.*

□ **woodbine** *n* [U] (a) a zaam theimi pangpar phunkhat. (b) (US) = VIRGINIA CREEPER.

wood-block *n* (a) tacik tuah tiki hmanmi thingtum. (b) zial ih donmi thingtan fate at ciami: [attrib] *a wood-block floor.*

woodchuck *n* (US) N America ram ih a ummi thiahlei phunkhat.

woodcock *n* (pl unchanged) (a) [C] a hmur a

ding ih a sau, a ke tawi, a mei tawi, a pawlmi vate phunkhat. (b) [U] cuih vate sa.

woodcraft *n* [U] hramlak; tu ram theih thiamnak; tu sungih lamzin hawl thiamnak.

woodcut *n* thing tacik ih nammi.

woodcutter *n* zanthing zuar ih pumcawm-awtu.

woodland /-lənd/ *n* [U] thingrul umnak ram/tupi: [attrib] *woodland scenery.*

wood lot (US) thing khonak ding hrangih retmi ram, thinghual.

wood-louse *n* (pl **-lice**) thing nget pangang; thing muat sungih um rannung.

woodman /-mən/ (also esp US **woodsman** /-zmən/) *n* (pl **-men**) thingram kilkhawi hnaʔuantu (*taw-khawng*); zanthing hau le zuartu.

woodpecker *n* thingcuk vate; vacek.

wood-pigeon *n* hramlak laileng.

wood-pulp *n* [U] caku tuahnak ding hrangih rialmi/thingmuat.

wood-shed *n* tihthing retnak inn, thing inn.

woodwind /-wind/ *n* [Gp] thing ih tuahmi awnmawi thilri pawl; thli thawn semmi/phawtmi pawl, eg lemlawi, tawtawrawt, phirivau: [attrib] *a woodwind instrument* ○ *the woodwind section.*

woodwork *n* [U] **1** thing thawn tuahmi: *The woodwork is painted white.* **2** lettama hnaʔuan/thilri tuah thiamnak.

woodworm *n* (a) [C] thingnget pangang. (b) [U] thingnget ih eimi kua: *This ladder is riddled with woodworm.*

woof¹ /wʊf/ *n* = WEFT.

woof² /wʊf/ *interj, n* (infml) uico bo cawng.

▷ **woof** *v* [I] (infml) bo.

woofer /wʊfə(r)/ *n* aw-thum zet le hmaan zet ih suak dingih tuahmi aw rintarnak. Cf TWEETER.

wool /wʊl/ *n* **1** (a) [U] sahmul: *These goats are specially bred for their wool.* (b) [U] sahmul ih tuahmi pat, hnipuan, puanthan: *a ball of knitting wool* ○ *a (type of) fine/heavy wool* ○ [attrib] *the wool trade* ○ *a wool* (ie woolen) coat, blanket, etc. **2** [U] tuuhmul vekih a neemmi: *cotton wool* ○ *wire wool.* **3** (idm) **pull the wool over sb's eyes** ⇒ PULL².

▷ **woollen** (US **woolen**) /wʊlən/ *adj* [usu attrib] (a) sahmul hlir (lawnglawng), lole a hrek sahmul tel ih tuahmi: *woollen cloth, blankets, socks, etc.* (b) sahmul puanthan: *woollen manufacturers, merchants, etc.* **woollens** (US **woolens**) *n* [pl] (esp knitted) sahmul ih phiarmi hnipuan/sinfen: *a special wash programme for woollens.*

woolly (US also **wooly**) /wʊli/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) **1** (a) sahmul, lole sahmul vek sam nei: *woolly sheep* ○ *the dog's woolly coat.* (b) sahmul, lole sahmul vekih tuahmi: *a woolly cotton fabric* ○ *a woolly hat.* **2** (also **woolly-headed**) (of a

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person or his mind, arguments, ideas, etc) fiangfai zet ih ruat lo, fiang zet ih sim lo. — *n* (infml) sahmul hnipuan, lole sinfen: *wear one's winter woollies*. **woolliness** *n* [U].

□ **wool-gathering** *n* [U] (infml) thil hngilh hman.

woozy /wuzi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml) (a) luzing; luri; luaksuak. (b) thinlung, ruahnak buai/ fianglo.

wop /wop/ *n* (Δ *sl* offensive) Europe thlanglam ram minung (esp Italian).

word /wɜ:d/ *n* 1 [C] (a) **ʔongkam**: *The story is told in words and pictures.* ○ *The Latin word for 'table' is 'mensa'.* ○ *He couldn't put his feelings into words, ie express them verbally.* ○ *I have no words to (ie cannot adequately) express my gratitude.* (b) **ʔongfang** (nganmi): *That word is not spelled correctly.* ○ *The words in the dictionary are arranged in alphabetical order.* 2 (a) [C] **simmi**, **thuhla um nei**: *He didn't say a word about it.* ○ *I don't believe a word of his story.* ○ *a word/a few words of advice, sympathy, warning.* (b) **words** [pl] kaa ih ʔongmi, **simmi**; **relmi**: *You must show your support by deeds, not words.* 3 [sing] (a) (without a or the) **thuthang**; **thucah**: *Please send (me)/leave word of your safe arrival/that you have arrived safely.* ○ *Word came that I was needed at home.* (b) **the word** **thuvakvai**, **titi**: *That word is that he's left the country.* 4 (usu **the word**) [sing] kaa ih **simmi** **thu**, **lole** **theihternak**: *Stay hidden until I give the word.* ○ *Their word is law, ie their commands must be obeyed.* 5 **the Word** [sing] (also **the word of God**) (Bible) **Baibal Ca Thianghlim** a **bik** in **Thuthangtha pali**: *preach the Word* ○ *Hear the Word of God.* 6 (idm) **actions speak louder than words** ⇒ **ACTION**. **at the word of command** **ralkap order** **pek a si tikah**. **bandy words** ⇒ **BANDY**¹. **be as good as one's word** **tiamkam** **cia** **vekih** **tuah**: *You'll find that she's as good as her word.* **be better than one's word** ⇒ **BETTER**¹. **be not the word for sth/sb** (infml) **thil** **pakhat**; **mi** **pakhat** **thuhla** **famkim** **lo**: *Unkind isn't the word for it! He treats the animals appallingly!* **breathe a word** ⇒ **BREATHE**. **by word of mouth** **ca ih ngan si lo ʔong in/thu in**: *He received the news by word of mouth.* **a dirty word** ⇒ **DIRTY**¹. **eat one's words** ⇒ **EAT**. **exchange words** ⇒ **EXCHANGE**². **famous last words** ⇒ **FAMOUS**. **fighting talk/words** ⇒ **FIGHT**¹. **(right) from the word go** (infml) a **hramthok** **ihsin**: *She knew (right) from the word go that it was going to be difficult.* (not) **get a word in edgeways** **ʔong** **duh** **zet** **le ʔong tam** **zet** **kha ʔong** **thlak** **thei**. **give sb one's word (that...)/have sb's word for it (that...)** **tiamkam**: *You have my word for it that the goods will arrive on time.* **go back on one's word** **mah** **ih** **thu** **tiamkam** **thlun** **loih**

siatbal. hang on sb's lips/words/every word ⇒ **HANG**¹. (not) **have a good word to say for sb/sth** (infml) **pakhat** **khat** **thu a ʔha** **zawng** **le a** **mawi** **zawng** **ih** **sim** **dah** **lo**: *He doesn't have/seldom has a good word to say for Britain.* **have, etc the last word** ⇒ **LAST**¹. **have a word in sb's ear** a **thupte** **in** **sim**. **have a word (with sb)** (about sth) **midang** **hnenah** a **thup** **tein** **sim**: *Could we have a word before you go to the meeting?* **have words (with sb)** (about sth) **thil** **pakhat** **khat** **ruangah** **hau-aw/kawk-aw**. **a household name/word** ⇒ **HOUSEHOLD**. **in a word** **tawite** **in**: *In a word, I think he's a fool.* **in other words** **thudang** **ih** **sim** **le**; **ti** **duhmi** **cu**. (not) **in so many words** **an** **sim** **vek** **cekci** **si** **loin**. **in words of one syllable** **theih** **olmi** **ʔong** **hman**. **keep/break one's word** **mah** **ih** **thu** **tiam** **thlun**; **thlun** **lo**. **one's last word** ⇒ **LAST**¹. **the last word** ⇒ **LAST**¹. **a man/woman of his/her word** **ʔuan/** **tuah** **dingih** **tiamkam** **vekih** **ʔuan/tuah**. **mum's the word!** ⇒ **MUM**¹. (upon) **my word!** (dated or fml) **mangbang** **helhkam** **ih** **hmanmi** **ʔong** **kam**: *My word, you're back early!* **not a word (to sb)** (about sth) **zianghman** **sim** **lah**; **daiten** **um** **aw**: *Not a word (to Mary) (about what I said)!* **not to mince matters/words** ⇒ **MINCE**. **a play on words** ⇒ **PLAY**¹. **put in/say a (good) word for sb** **duhsak** **le** **bom** **ding** **lam** **hoizawng** **ih** **sim**. **put words in sb's mouth** **ʔong** **lomi** **ʔongih** **puh**: *She accused the journalist of putting words in her mouth.* **say the word** (infml) **fial**; **theihter**: *If you want me to leave, you only have to say the word.* **swallow one's words** ⇒ **SWALLOW**². **take sb at his word** **sim** **vek** **le** **tiamkam** **vek** **cekci** **ih** **zum/ring**. **take sb's word for it (that...)** **pakhat** **khat** **sim** **ruangih** **lung**: *I'll take your word for it that it won't happen again.* **take the words (right) out of sb's mouth** **mi** **pakhat** **ih** **sim** **dingmi** **cekci** **rak** **sim**. **too funny, outrageous, sad, shocking, etc for words** a **maksak** **dan** **sim** **theih** **a** **si** **lo**; a **mak** **tukih** **ʔong** **ih** **sim** **theih** **a** **si** **lo**. **a war of words** ⇒ **WAR**. **weigh one's words** ⇒ **WEIGH**. **without a word** **zianghman** **sim** **loin**: *He left without a word.* **word for word** a **bangrep** **cekci** **in** (ʔong **let** **tikah**): *He repeated what you said word for word.* ○ [attrib] **a word-for-word** **account**, **repetition**, **translation**. **sb's word is as good as his bond** **pakhat** **ih** **thutiam** **cu** a **pumhlum** **ih** **rin** **ding** **a** **si**. **one's word of honour** **thupi** **zetih** **tiamkam-aw**. **a word to the wise** **mifim** **cun** **sim** **ciamco** **ʔul** **loin** a **theithiam** **lohli**; **amahte** **in** **khua** a **ruat**, **lole** **thu** a **ʔhencat** **thei**.

▷ **word** *v* [Tn esp passive] **thil** **pakhat**, **thu** **pakhat** **ngan/sim**: *The advice wasn't very tactfully worded.* ○ *a carefully worded reminder* ○ *Be careful how you word your answer.*

wording *n* [sing] **thu** **pakhat** **simnak** **ih** **hmanmi**

ṭongfang/thu simdan: A different wording might make the meaning clearer.

wordless *adj* (fml) ṭongfang/ṭongkam in sim lo: *wordless grief, sympathy*.

wordy *adj* (-ier, -iest) (derog) ṭongfang tampi hman: a wordy expression of apology. **wordily** /-li/ *adv*. **wordiness** *n* [U].

□ **word-blindness** *n* [U] = DYSLEXIA.

word-perfect (US **letter-perfect**) *adj* ca zoh loin, sual lo ih sim thei (a luat ih sim thei).

word processor thir cafang ih ngan cia le pungsuai cia tivek rak khumtu le hmuh dingih langter sal theitu thil (ngan ciami remsalnak a olter). Cf TYPEWRITER (TYPE²). **word processing** cafang pung, etc zoh leh sal dingih khumnak lam hnaṭuan: [attrib] *word-processing skills*.

wore *pt* of WEAR².

work¹ /wɜ:k/ *n* **1** [U] (a) hnaṭuan: *His success was achieved by hard work.* ○ *The work of building the bridge took six months.* ○ *Years of research work have failed to produce a cure for the disease.* ○ *He never does a stroke of (ie any) work.* ○ *She was worn out with work.* (b) thil tuahnak ah electrick le tikhu: *Work done by machines has replaced manual labour.* ○ *The work of calculating wages can be done by a computer.* **2** [U] (a) hnaṭuan ding phunphun: *There is plenty of work to be done in the garden.* ○ *I have some work for you to do.* ○ *You've done a good job of work.* (b) hnaṭuannak thilri pawl: *She took her work (eg papers or sewing materials) with her into the garden.* ○ *She often brings work (eg files, documents) home with her from the office.* ○ *His work was spread all over the floor.* **3** [U] (a) ṭuan suah/tuah suakmi thil: *an exhibition of the work of young sculptors* ○ *He was very proud of his work.* ○ *Is this all your own work?* ie Did you do it without help from others? ○ *The craftsmen sell their work to visitors.* ○ *She produced an excellent piece of work in the final examination.* (b) hnaṭuannak ih rahsuahmi: *The damage to the painting is the work of vandals.* ○ (ironic) *I hope you are pleased with your work — you've ruined everything!* **4** [U] (a) pumcawmnak hnaṭuan: *It is difficult to find work in the present economic situation.* ○ *Many people are looking for work.* ○ *The accountant described his work to the sales staff.* ○ *unpaid/voluntary work* ○ [attrib] *work experience* ○ *work clothes.* (b) (not used with the) hnaṭuannak hmun: *He has to leave work early today.* ○ *She goes to/leaves for work at 8 o'clock.* ○ *What time do you arrive at/get to work in the morning?* ○ *Her friends from work came to see her in hospital.* ⇒ Usage. **5** (a) [C] calai, awnmawi, hla le zukuai lam thil: *Have you read her latest work?* ○ *a new work on (ie book about) Elizabethan poetry.* ○ *a new work by the*

composer of 'Cats' ○ *He recognized the painting as an early work by Degas.* (b) **works** [pl] mi pakhat ih nganmi cabu hmuahhmuah, lole hla phuahtu ih phuahmi hla hmuahhmuah: *the collected/complete works of Shakespeare* ○ *the works of Beethoven.* Cf OPUS 1. **6** [U] (physics) *cangvaiter dingih suahmi tha (hmual).* Cf JOULE. **7** [U] (in or forming compounds) (a) thil tuahmi, lole thil tuah thiamnak: *wickerwork* ○ *woodwork* ○ *metalwork.* (b) tuahmi thil, lole thiamnak ih tuah suakmi: *needlework* ○ *brushwork.* (c) thuan mawinak dingih a cehlei ih tuahmi: *latticework* ○ *paintwork* ○ *filigree work.* (d) a cehlei ih tuahmi thil pian: *framework* ○ *network* ○ *bodywork.* **8 the works** [pl] cet ih a cangvaitu pawl; hnaṭuan: *the works of a clock* ○ *There's something wrong with the works.* **9 works** [pl] (esp in compounds) sak le rem hnaṭuan: *road-works* ○ *public works.* **10 works** [sing or pl v] (esp in compounds) thilri tuahnak cetzung umnak hmun: *the engineering works* ○ *a brick-works* ○ *The steel works is/are closed for the holidays.* ○ *There has been an accident at the works.* ⇒ Usage at FACTORY. **11 the works** [pl] (infml) ziang hmuahhmuah; ziangtinkim: *She was wearing a tiara, a diamond necklace and a gold bracelet — the works!* **12** (idm) **all in a day's work** ⇒ DAY. **at work** (a) mah ih hnaṭuannak hmun: *Please don't ring me at work.* ○ *I've left my bag at work.* (b) buai pi, hnaihok: *She suspected that secret influences were at work.* **at work (on sth)** thil pakhat ṭuan ih buai rero: *He is still at work on the restoration.* ○ *They were watching the artist at work.* **the devil makes work for idle hands** ⇒ DEVIL¹. **dirty work** ⇒ DIRTY¹. **get (down) to/go to/set to work (on sth/to do sth)** thok. **give sb/sth the works** (infml) (a) ziangkim pe/sim. (b) a ṭha bik ih tuahsak: *They gave the car the works and it looks like new.* (c) siava zet in mi tuah. **go/set about one's work** mah ih hnaṭuan thok: *She went cheerfully about her work.* **good works** mi bomnak hnaṭuan: *do good works.* **gum up the works** ⇒ GUM². **have one's work cut out (doing sth)** (infml) tuah dingih harsami tong: *You'll have your work cut out getting there by nine o'clock.* **in work/out of work** hnaṭuan nei/ hnaṭuan nei lo: *She had been out of work for a year.* ○ *He was looking forward to being in work again.* ○ [attrib] *an out-of-work actor.* **make hard work of sth** ⇒ HARD¹. **make light work of sth** ⇒ LIGHT³. **make short work of sth/sb** ⇒ SHORT¹. **many hands make light work** ⇒ HAND¹. **a nasty piece of work** ⇒ NASTY. **nice work if you can get it** ⇒ NICE. **put/set sb to work** hnaṭuan thokter/hnaṭuan thok dingih fial. **shoot the works** ⇒ SHOOT¹. **a spanner in the works** ⇒ SPANNER. **the work of a moment,**

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second, etc a cehlei ih tikcu rei lote tuah a tulmi hnaŋuan: *It was the work of a few moments to hide the damage.*

□ **work-basket** *n* puan ʔitnak hmuni hmanmi thilri pawl retnak bawm.

work-bench *n* thing nalhnak — rangke/kutthiam, zungthiam pawl hnaŋuannak cabuai.

workbook *n* tlawngta pawl ih theih tulmi pawl an ngan hnuah tuah ding pawl an nganih tuah cihnak ding cabu.

workday *n* (also working day) (a) hnaŋuan ni: Saturday is a workday for him. (b) Zarhpi ni a si lomi ni, lole colh ni a si lomi ni.

work-force *n* [CGp] cetzung, lole thil tuahnak cet hmuni hnaŋuantu pawl: *Ten per cent of the work-force will be made redundant.*

work-horse *n* (a) hnaŋuantu rang — thilrit dirtu. (b) (fig) hnaŋuan har ʔuantu ih rinsanmi, minung: *He's a willing work-horse.*

work-load *n* ʔuan dingmi hna: *have a heavy work-load* ○ *reduce/increase sb's work-load.*

workman /-mən/ *n* (pl -men) (a) kut, lole cet thawn hnaŋuan dingih kawhmi hnaŋuantu (kuli). (b) a cehlei ih ruat le tumtah vekih ʔuantu: *a good, neat, conscientious, etc workman* ○ *skilled/unskilled workmen* ○ (saying) *A bad workman blames his tools.*

workmanlike *adj* hnaŋuantu ʔha vek, ʔha zet ih ʔuanmi: *He did a very workmanlike job on it.* ○ *The team produced a very workmanlike performance.* **workmanship** *n* [U] (a) hnaŋuannak ih thiamnak: *They admired her workmanship.* (b) thil pakhat khat ah ʔuan thiamnak: *Our new washing-machine keeps breaking down — it's entirely due to shoddy workmanship.*

work of art zuk, hla, innsak, thing parih zuklem ker/ngan: (fig) *The decoration on the cake was a work of art.*

workpeople *n* [pl] sumtuah hnaŋuan, cetzung hnaŋuan pawl.

workpiece *n* cet/thuamhnaw thawn tuah dingmi thil.

work-room *n* hnaŋuannak khaan/pindan: *The watchmaker has a work-room at the back of his shop.*

worksheet *n* hnaŋuan zo le ʔuan laifangmi ngan khumnak catlap.

workshop *n* (a) cet pawl tuahnak le remnak khaan/inn. (b) thu pakhat theihnak, thiamnak burkhawm ih relkhawmnak tikcu caan: *a poetry workshop* ○ *a theatre workshop.*

work-shy *adj* (derog) hnaŋuan zuam lo, zaangzel.

work study hnaŋuan umtudan zingzoinak, zohfelnak.

work-table *n* hnaŋuannak cabuai.

work top (also **work surface**) coka sungih um

cabuai vek rawl tuahnak ih hmanmi thirleple, thingtleple.

NOTE ON USAGE: **Job** and **task** are countable nouns indicating a piece of work that a person does. **Job** is general and may be hard or easy, pleasant or unpleasant: *Some people tackle the difficult jobs first.* ○ *I've been given the enjoyable job of presenting the prizes.* It can also refer to a long-term occupation. **A task** is usually short-term and requires effort. It may not be voluntary: *The teacher gave the children holiday tasks.* It can also refer to long-term objectives: *the important tasks facing the new government.* **Work, labour** and **toil** are uncountable nouns indicating the activity needed to perform a job. **Work** is the most general: *This job will require a lot of hard work.* ○ *He's got a lot more work to do on the book.* **Labour** suggests physical effort: *He was sentenced to 10 years' hard labour.* ○ *Manual labour has become unpopular with young people.* **Toil** is formal and is used of hard, lengthy work: *workers exhausted by years of toil.*

work² /wɜ:k/ *v* (pt, pp **worked** or, in archaic use, esp in sense 7, **wrought** /rɔ:t/) **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (away) (at/on sth); ~ (for sb/sth); ~ (under sb) ʔuan; taksa le thinlung cangvaihna ah ʔuan: *Most people have to work in order to live, ie to earn a living.* ○ *She isn't working now, eg because she is unemployed or retired.* ○ *I've been working (away) (at my essay) all day.* ○ *The miners work (for) 38 hours per week.* ○ *He is working on a new novel.* ○ *She works for an engineering company.* ○ *I've worked under her (ie with her as my boss) for two years.* ○ *This craftsman works in leather, ie makes leather goods, etc.* **2** [Ipr, It] ~ **against/for sth** thil pakhat khat neh ding, lole tuahsuak thei dingih thasuah; zuam: *work against reform* ○ *a statesman who works for peace* ○ *The committee is working to get the prisoners freed.* **3** (a) [I] (of a machine, device, etc) ʔuan/cangvai: *a lift, bell, switch that doesn't work* ○ *The gears work smoothly.* ○ *This machine works by electricity.* (b) [I, Ipr] ~ (on sb/sth) duh vekih hmualnei/saduhthah vekih ʔuansuak/tuahsuak thei: *Did the cleaning fluid work (on that stain)?* ie *Did it remove it?* ○ *My plan worked, and I got them to agree.* ○ *His charm doesn't work on me, ie doesn't affect or impress me.* **4** [Tn, Tn-pr] ʔuanter/cangvaiter: *She works herself too hard.* ○ *Do you know how to work a lathe?* ○ *This machine is worked by electricity.* ○ *Don't work your employees to death.* **5** [Tn] a ʔhang/a hlawk ngah dingih tawrel: *work a mine, an oil well* ○ *he works in*

the North Wales area, eg as a salesman. **6** [Tn] tuah suakmi/tuan suahmi: *work harm, mischief, havoc* ○ *work a cure, change, miracle*. **7** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (into sth)** thil pakhat khat pungsan pakhat nei dingih sersiam: *work gold, iron, etc* ○ *work clay*, ie knead it with water ○ *work dough*, ie when making bread ○ *work the mixture into a paste* ○ *iron worked into ingots*. Cf WROUGHT. **8** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (on sth)** thil pakhat cang dingih thi/puantlang tial coih: *work (a design on) a cushion-cover* ○ *work one's initials on a handkerchief*. **9** [I] (of yeast) (thilnu) tho (umzia thleng). **10** [I] (of sb's features) taksa hnin: *His lips worked as he tried to swallow the food*. ○ *Her face worked as she stared at him in terror*. **11** [Ipr, Ip, Tn-pr, Tn-p] thil pakhat a dang thil pakhat sungah nuamtein lut: *Rain has worked in through the roof*. ○ *The back of your shirt has worked out of your trousers*. ○ *Work the stick into the hole*. ○ *The story is too serious — can't you work a few jokes in?* **12** [La, Cn-a] phoi/luatter/zalongter: *I was tied up, but managed to work (myself) free*. ○ *The screw worked (itself) loose*. ○ *There's a piece of wood jammed under the door — can you work it clear?* **13** (idm) **work it, things, etc** (infml) thuhla remruat/thuhla tawlrrel: *Can you work it so that we get free tickets?* ○ *How did you work that?* (For other idioms containing **work** see entries for *ns*, etc, eg **work to rule** ⇒ **RULE**; **work one's way** ⇒ **WAY**.)

14 (phr v) **work around/round to sth/sb** nuamnai ih pan/sim duhmi sim lohli lo ih hel/vel rero: *It was a long time before he worked around to what he really wanted to say*.

work sth off tuan le cangvaihnak in hloter/cemter/baangter: *work off a large bank loan* ○ *work off one's anger on sb* ○ *work off excess weight by regular exercise*.

work out (a) hlawhtling/cangsuak: *How will things work out?* ○ *Things worked out quiet well*. (b) taksa cangvaiter/harhdamnak dingih taksa caangter: *I work out regularly to keep fit*. (c) thuhar/thil harsa/kanaan har tuah suak thei; daiter; thubuai daiter: *a sum, problem etc that won't work out*. **work sth out** (a) tuat: *I've worked out your share of the expenses at £10*. (b) thu harsa, thil harsa daiter/cemter: *work out a problem, puzzle, coded message, etc* ○ *can you work out what these squiggles mean?* (c) thil thar siam, ser, ruat suak: *a well worked-out scheme* ○ *The general worked out a new plan of attack*. (d) (usu passive) khursung suak thilri cem ko lak theh: *a worked-out silver mine*. **work sb out** midang ih ziaza — nuncan le lungput thei: *I've never been able to work her out*.

work out at sth suak/kimter: *The total works out a £10*. ○ *What does your share of the bonus*

work out at?

work sb over (sl) thuthup sim hlan lo napi ih thawi: *He's been worked over by the gang for giving information to the police*.

work round to sth/sb ⇒ **WORK AROUND/ROUND TO** **STH/SB**.

work to sth remruat cia thlun: *Be careful with the money and work to a budget*. ○ *Journalists have to work to tight deadlines*, ie have little time in which to do their work.

work towards sth thil pakhat tuah suak ding le thleng dingih thazaang suah/hehlaw maw ti ih zuam: *We're working towards common objectives*.

work up to sth a saannak bik/a vawrtawp tiang thang: *The music worked up to a rousing finale*. **work sth up** (a) nuamnaite ih thangso: *work up a business* ○ *working up custom for our products*. (b) a tamlam ah le cahnak ah thangso: *working up support for the party*.

work sb/oneself up (into sth) midang/mah le mah thin thoter/phuurter: *work sb into a rage, frenzy, etc* ○ *Don't work yourself up/get worked up about something so trivial*. **work sth up into sth** famkim le lungkimza deuh ah cangter/siter: *I'm working my notes up into a dissertation*.

□ **work-in** *n* (usu *sing*) cetzung a pit zik ruangah lungkim lonak le eelnak langternak phun deuh in, cetzung ih hnațuantu hmuahhmuah in cetzung hnațuan uk theh.

working-over *n* (usu *sing*) (sl) funghreu ih taksa thawi: *give sb a thorough working-over*.

work-out *n* taksa harhdamnak dingih nasa zetih taksa cangvaihnak: *a boxer who has a work-out in the gym every day*.

work-to-rule *n* cetzung ih hnațuantu pawl in eelnak le dodalnak thinlung thawn thutiamkam ih telmi lawng tuan ih, tiamkamnak ih a tel lomi cu tuan duh lonak.

workable /wɜ:kəbl/ *adj* **1** tuah theimi, a taktak ih cang theimi: *a workable compromise, plan, scheme*. **2** tuah theimi/tuah a tlak/a phumi: *The silver mine is no longer workable*, eg because it is flooded or because the ore is exhausted.

workaday /wɜ:kədl/ *adj* [attrib] zaraan, ce hlei lomi, menmen: *workaday concerns*.

workaholic /wɜ:kə'hɒlɪk/ *n* (derog or approv infml) catbang lo ih hnațuantu, banhna thiam lo ih hnațuantu.

worker /wɜ:kə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) (often in compounds) hna pakhat tuantu: *car, factory, office, rescue workers* ○ *The company provides houses for some of its workers*. (b) ziangmaw tite ih tuantu: *a good, hard, quick, slow, etc worker*. (c) (inmf) thazaang thawn napi in hna a tuantu: *That girl is certainly a worker!* **2** (a) thazaang hmangih hnațuan tuantu/kuli

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tuantu: *The workers in the factory are paid by the hour and the clerical staff are paid a monthly salary.* ○ *Workers are in dispute with management about the redundancies.* ○ [attrib] *worker participation in decision-making.* (b) hnaʔuantu pawl/ho sungtel (member): *a workers' revolution.* 3 hnaʔuantu khuai — faa a hring lomi khuainu: [attrib] *a worker bee.* Cf DRONE¹ 1.

working /wɜ:kɪŋ/ adj [attrib] 1 (a) hlawhman phal ih hnaʔuan neimi: *the working man, ie manual workers in general* ○ *The meeting must be held at a time convenient for working mothers.* ○ *The working population of the country (ie The proportion of the population that works or is available for work) is growing smaller.* (b) hnaʔuannak thilthuam; hnaʔuan thawn a kaih-awmi: *my working hours are (from) 9 to 5.* ○ *She was still dressed in her working clothes.* ○ *The union has negotiated a 35-hour working week.* ○ *She had spent all her working life in the factory.* ○ *Working conditions in the industry have improved greatly.* ○ *a working breakfast/lunch, ie one during which business is discussed* ○ *He has a good working relationship with his boss.* 2 ʔuan thei/cangvai thei: *a working model of a steam engine* ○ *The government has a working majority, ie one that is sufficient to allow it to govern.* 3 hna ʔuan theinak, thurel theinak ih a tawk mi: *a working definition, hypotheses, theory* ○ *She has a working knowledge of French.* 4 (idm) in (full) working order (esp of a machine) ʔhate ih ʔuan thei/caang thei.

▷ **working** n 1 [C] khursung suak/lungto an laak ʔheh zonak hmun: *The boys went exploring in some disused workings, eg the shafts of an old tin mine.* 2 **workings** [pl] ~ s (of sth) cet, pawl ho, taksa ʔhen hrekkhat hnaʔuandan/cangan: *the workings of the human mind* ○ *It was impossible to understand the workings of such a huge bureaucracy.*

□ **working capital** hna pakhat ʔuannak ih hmanmi sumlu, lole tangka hram (a-yin).

the working class (also **the working classes**) kuli ʔuan pawl, tangka hlawh ih hnaʔuan pawl: *His duty as a politician was to represent the interests of the working class.* ○ [attrib] *working-class attitudes, families, origins.*

working day (a) = WORKDAY (WORK¹). (b) ni khat sungih hnaʔuan tikcu: *The unions are campaigning for a shorter working day.*

working party thu/thil pakhat zingzoitu dingih cozah ih ʔuanvo a pekmi pawl hokhat: *set up a working party to look into the matter.*

world /wɜ:ld/ n 1 **the world** [sing] (a) thil um hmuahhmuah, lei le van: *the creation of the world.* (b) leilung le a tlun um ram le minung zate: *a journey round the world* ○ *travel (all*

over) the world ○ *The whole world would be affected by a nuclear war.* ○ *the rivers and oceans of the world* ○ *Pollution is one of the most important issues in the world today.* ○ *Which is the biggest city in the world?* ○ [attrib] *English is now a world language, ie is used everywhere in the world.* (c) leilung pumpi ih ʔhen: *the eastern/western world* ○ *the ancient world* ○ *the Roman world, ie the part of the earth that the Romans knew* ○ *the New World, ie America* ○ *The Old World, ie Europe, Asia and Africa* ○ *the English-speaking world, ie those parts where English is spoken as the first language.* 2 [C] leilung vek van ih a um leilung dang: *other worlds unknown to us beyond the stars.* 3 [C] tikcu le minung umnak hmun le ram; milai nunram: *this world and the next, ie life on earth and existence after death* ○ *the world to come, ie existence after death* ○ *It's a sad world where there is such suffering.* ○ *bring a child into/come into the world, ie give birth to a child/be born.* 4 **the world** [sing] (a) minung cangvaihnak le nunnak thuhla: *He showed no interest in the world around him.* ○ *know/see the world, ie have experience of life* ○ (rhet) *How goes the world with you?* ie *How are your affairs going?* (b) leilung tlun thilri, lole hnaʔuan: *the temptations of the world* ○ *She decided to renounce the world and enter a convent.* 5 **the world** [sing] (a) minung hmuahhmuah (le thil hmuahmuah): *He wanted to tell the news to the world.* ○ *The whole world seemed to be at the party.* ○ *She felt that the whole world was against her.* (b) santiluan man, sanman/upat tla

ak minung pawl ho: *I don't care what the world thinks.* 6 [C] (often in compounds) minung pawl khat, ho khat, phun bang-awmi thilri; duhdan a bang/a rem-awmi pawl: *the world of art, politics, sport* ○ *the animal/insect world* ○ *the racing, scientific, theatre world* ○ *The medical world is divided on this issue.* 7 (idm) **be all the world to sb** duat tukmi, pakhat hrangih a thupi zetmi. **be not long for this world** ⇒ LONG³. **the best of both worlds** ⇒ BEST³. **a brave new world** ⇒ BRAVE. **come/go down/up in the world** ʔumsuk/ʔhangso: *They've come up in the world since I last met them.* **dead to the world** ⇒ DEAD. **the end of the world** ⇒ END. **for all the world like sb/sth/as if ...** (usu expressing surprise) thil pakhat/mi pakhat vek cekci, veki si bang sehla tinak: *She carried on with her work for all the world as if nothing had happened!* (not) **for (all) the world** ziang ti hman in: *I wouldn't sell that picture for all the world.* **how, what, where, who, etc on earth/in the world** ⇒ EARTH. **in the eyes of the world** ⇒ EYE¹. **(be/live) in a world of one's own** midang thawn peh-awknak le pawl-awknak nei loi

mah ih ruahnak thawn nungcang. **it's a small world** ⇒ SMALL. **the John Smiths, etc of this world** (infml) hmin kan pek vekin an si vivo (hmin an zon): 'I hear Peter Brown's doing very well.' *The Peter Browns of this world always do well.* **a man/woman of the world** olte ih mangbang le vansang lo — hmuh tonmi, tuarmi le theihnak tampi a neimi. **the next world** ⇒ NEXT. **on top of the world** ⇒ TOP¹. **out of this world** (infml) mangbangza; ngaingai, mawi ngaingai: *The meal was out of this world.* ○ *The scenery and costumes for the opera are out of this world.* **the outside world** khuasung thil si lo, khua lenglam thil: *working in a remote village cut off from the outside world.* **set the world on fire** (inmf) hlawhtlin zet ruangah thinlung thoter, thinlung cangter: *She does the job adequately but she's not going to set the world on fire!* **think the world of sb/sth** ⇒ THINK¹. **watch the world go by** ⇒ WATCH². **the way of the world** ⇒ WAY¹. **what is the world coming to?** leitlun umdan le lungput a nasa zet ih a thleng-awk ruangah lungkim lo ðong, "leilung hi ziang a cang leh pei aw!": *When I read the news these days I sometimes wonder what the world is coming to.* **a window on the world** ⇒ WINDOW. **with the best will in the world** ⇒ BEST¹. **(all) the world and his wife** (infml) hmun pakhat ah a bur ih a ummi minung tampi: *The world and his wife were in Brighton that day!* **the world, the flesh and the devil** (fml or rhet) a thianghlim theh lomi hmuahhmuah. **the world is one's oyster** ngahmi nomnak le tikcu caan ða hmuahhmuah nuam zet ih hman thei: *She left school feeling that the world was her oyster.* **a/the world of difference, good, meaning, etc** (infml) hleih-awknak/bang-awk lonak/danlamnak; nasa/tumpi: *There's a world of difference in the performance of the two cars.* ○ *That holiday did him the world of good.* **the (whole) world over** leilung tlun hmuahhmuah ah/ram kipah: *People are basically the same the world over.* **(think) the world owes one a living** minung cu a nun ruangah a hrangih ðulmi le sambau mi cu a ngah a ðul tiih ruahnak: *It's no use thinking the world owes you a living, you know.* **(be) worlds apart** pumpuluk in a dang-aw: *We're worlds apart in our political views.* ▷ **worldly** adj (-ier, -iest) (a) [attrib] thlarau lam si lo taksa lam le leilung thil le nomnak duhmi: *one's worldly goods*, ie property ○ *worldly concerns, distractions, preoccupations, etc.* (b) nun sungah thil tampi tong/thei/tuar: *a worldly person* ○ *a few words of worldly wisdom.* **worldliness** n [U]. **worldly-wise** adj [U] hmuhton tam ruangah olte ih buai lo. □ **world-beater** n a dang pawl hnaki a ða sawn minung/thilri: *She has enough talent as a*

player to be a world-beater.

world-class adj leitlun ih a ða bik tluk: *a world-class author; footballer* ○ *world-class tennis.*

world-famous adj leilung tlun huapih hminthang: *a world-famous film star.*

world power n leilung tlun ram pawl parih thuneihnak neitu, khuhnehtu ram.

world war leitlun huap do-awknak ralpi: *a treaty designed to prevent a world war* ○ *the First/Second World War* ○ *World War One/Two.*

world-weary adj nunning, nun zuam lo.

world-wide adj leilung pumpi huap mi: *world-wide economic trends* ○ *a world-wide market.* — adv leitlun hmuahhmuah ah: *Our product is sold world-wide.*

worm /wɜ:m/ n **1** (a) [C] cangcel: *There are a lot of worms in the soil.* ○ *an earthworm.* (b) [pl] minung le ramsa pumpi/rilpi ih a ummi khukrul: *The dog has worms.* (c) (esp in compounds) thing le thingthei rah ih a ummi nget: *The apples are full of worms.* ○ *woodworm* ○ *silkworm.* **2** (usu sing) (derog) mi dang ih nautatmi le mi cak lo/thupi lo ih ruatmi. **3** screw ih a ðial. **4** (idm) **a can of worms** ⇒ CAN¹. **the early bird catches the worm** ⇒ EARLY. **the worm will turn** midai zet le vuihram dah lo hman thil tuar thei lo dinhmun ahcun a dodal ve.

▷ **worm** v **1** [Tn] zawhte le uico ril sungih khukrul pawl tlakter — khukrul sii pekih thlakter: *we'll have to worm the dog*, ie by giving it medicine. **2** (phr v) **worm one's way/oneself along, through, etc** fehnak dingih tawrel cia lamzin ah bokvak in harsa zet ih feh/ðawn: *They had to worm their way through the narrow tunnel.* **worm one's way/oneself into sth** (usu derog) bum duh ruangah mi pakhat ih zumtlak le duhdawtnak ah mah le mah ðum-aw: *She used flattery to worm her way/herself into his confidence.* **worm sth out (of sb)** mi pakhat hnen ihsin nuamte le hrokhrawl zet ih thu thei ngah: *Eventually they wormed the truth out of her.*

wormy adj **1** cangcel tam: *wormy soil.* **2** a nget (pangang) ih siat suah: *a wormy apple.*

□ **worm-cast** n cangcel eek, cangcel in leilung sungih lei ða lengih a suahmi.

wormeaten adj a ngetmi; a nget kua a khatmi.

worm-hole n zanthing le thei a nget ih eimi a kua.

wormwood /wɜ:mwud/ n [U] **1** zu le sii tuahnak ih hmanmi a kha zetmi thingkung. **2** huatnak, mualphonak le ningzahnak nasa zet ih thlentertu.

worn¹ pp of WEAR².

worn² /wɔ:n/ adj **1** siat, a hlun, a ðet: *These shoes are looking rather worn.* **2** (of a person) thacem; baang tuk, cau: *She came back worn*

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and worried. **3** (idm) **worn, etc to a frazzle** ⇒ FRAZZLE.

□ **worn-out** *adj* **1** hruk tam tuk ruangah țetsiat ih hruk tlak nawn lo: a worn-out coat. **2** [usu pred] (of a person) baang tuk; thacem; cau: You look worn-out after your long journey.

worrisome /ˈwɒrɪsəm/ *adj* (dated) thinlung mangbang thlenter thei le buaiter thei.

worry /ˈwɒri/ *v* (pt, pp **worried**) **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (about sb/sth) donhar, mangbang; helhkam: 'Don't worry,' she said, putting an arm round his shoulder. ○ Don't worry if you can't finish it. ○ Your parents are worrying about you: do write to them. ○ There's nothing to worry about. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb/oneself (about sb/sth) midang, lole mah le mah donhar; mangbangter: What worries me is how he will manage now his wife's died. ○ I don't want to worry you, but... ○ She worried herself sick/she was worried sick about her missing son. ○ Many people are worried by the possibility of a nuclear accident. ○ It worries me that they haven't answered my letters. **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (with sth) thinhengter/hnaihok: Don't worry her now; she's busy. ○ The noise doesn't seem to worry them. **4** [Tn] (esp of a dog) ha thawn keu ih thing ciamco: The dog was worrying a rat. **5** (idm) **not to worry** (infml) donhar/helhkam lo ding: We've missed the train, but not to worry, there's another one in ten minutes.

▷ **worried** *adj* ~ (about sb/sth); ~ (that...) mangbang donharmi; helhkammi: be worried about one's weight, one's job, one's husband ○ I was worried that you wouldn't come back. ○ There's no need to look so worried! ○ Worried relatives waited at the airport. **worriedly** *adv*. **worrier** *n* donhartu; thinbangu: Don't be such a worrier!

worry *n* **1** [U] donhar mangbangnak: Worry and illness had made him prematurely old. **2** [C] mangbangnak; donharnak; thin nomlonak: He has a lot of financial worries at the moment. ○ Forget your worries and enjoy yourself! **3** [C usu sing] mi pakhat ih ʔuanvo: Transport? That's your worry!

worrying *adj* **1** buaiter thei/mangbangter thei: worrying problems. **2** donharnak le buainak ih a khatmi: It was a very worrying time for them.

worse /wɜːs/ *adj* (comparative of BAD¹) **1** ~ (than sth/doing sth) a sia deuh; besia deuh: The weather got worse during the day. ○ The interview was far/much worse than he had expected. ○ prevent an even worse tragedy ○ The economic crisis is getting worse and worse. ○ You are only making things worse. Cf WORST. **2** [pred] besia sawn; natnak a roh sawn: If he gets any worse, we must phone for an ambulance. Cf BETTER¹. **3** (idm) **sb's bark is worse than his bite** ⇒ BARK². **be none the worse** (for sth)

zianghman ih siatsuah lo; mal cuanglo; fate cuang lo: The children were none the worse for their adventure. **better/worse still** ⇒ STILL². **be the worse for drink** zuri. **a fate worse than death** ⇒ FATE. **make matters/things worse** țihnung cia le a harsa ciami bet, eg harter sinsin: To make matters worse, he refused to apologize. **so much the better/worse** ⇒ BETTER³. **the worse for wear** (infml) tleak, sia; baang: Your copy of the dictionary is looking a bit the worse for wear. ○ Bill came home from the pub considerably the worse for wear, ie drunk. **worse luck!** (infml) hnabedong țongkam a si; poi tinak a si: I shall have to miss the party, worse luck!

▷ **worse** *adv* **1** sia sinsin in; besia sinsin in: He is behaving worse than ever. Cf WORST *adv*. **2** na sinsin in, roh sinsin in; tam sinsin in: It's raining worse than ever. **3** (idm) **be worse off** farah sinsin, lung-awi lo sinsin; harhdam lo sinsin: The increase in taxes means that we'll be £30 a month worse off. ○ I've only broken my arm; other patients are far worse off than me.

worse *n* **1** [U] a țha lo thil: I'm afraid there is worse to come. **2** (idm) **can/could do worse than do sth** hman, lole thil tuah tikah khawruat thiam: If you want a safe investment, you could do a lot worse than put your money in the building society. **a change for the better/worse** ⇒ CHANGE². **for better or worse** ⇒ BETTER³. **go from bad to worse** (of unsatisfactory conditions, etc) siat deuhdeuh; siat sinsin: Under the new management things have gone from bad to worse.

worsen /ˈwɜːsn/ *v* [I, Tn] a sia vivo siatter: The patient's condition worsened during the night. ○ the worsening economic situation ○ The drought had worsened their chances of survival.

worship /ˈwɜːʃɪp/ *n* **1** [U] (a) Pathian biaknak; țihzah/upatnak: an act of worship ○ a place of worship, eg a church, mosque or synagogue. (b) Pathian biak: Morning worship begins at 11 o'clock. ○ a service of divine worship. **2** [U] mi pakhat khat sunlawihnak/duhnak: hero-worship. **3** his, your, etc **Worship** [C] (esp Brit) upat peknak țongkam: His Worship the Mayor of Chester ○ No, your Worship.

▷ **worship** *v* (-pp-; US -p-) **1** (a) [Tn] biatu. (b) [I] biakinn ah khawm: the church where they had worshipped for years. **2** [Tn] uar tuk: She worshipped him and refused to listen to his critics. ○ worship success ○ He worships the ground she walks on, ie feels intense love for her.

worshipper (US **worshiper**) *n* Pathian biaktu (betu).

worshipful /-fl/ *adj* **1** [attrib] țihzahnak, upatnak le duhdawtnak langter. **2** **Worshipful** (fml esp Brit) bawi tum, upa le milian kawhnak

ṭongkam: the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths.

worst /wɜːst/ *adj* (superlative of **BAD**¹) **1** a sia bik; a ṭha lo bik; a duhum lo bik: *It was the worst storm for years.* ○ *one of the worst cases of child abuse he'd ever seen* ○ *This is the worst essay I've read.* ○ *What you've told me confirms my worst fears,* ie proves they were right. Cf **WORSE**. **2** (idm) **one's own worst enemy** thildang ṭha lo a hnenih thleng hnakin amah ih sualmi a sia sawn: *With her indecisiveness, she is her own worst enemy.*

▷ **worst** *adv* a sia bik; a ṭha lo bik: *Bill played badly, James played worse, and I played worst of all!* ○ *Manufacturing industry was worst affected by the fuel shortage.* ○ *He is one of the worst dressed men I know.* Cf **WORSE** *adv*.

worst *n* **1 the worst** [sing] a siat biknak; a ṭhat lo biknak: *The worst of the storm is now over.* ○ *When they did not hear from her, they feared the worst.* ○ *I was prepared for the worst when I saw the wrecked car.* ○ *She was always optimistic, even when things were at their worst.* ○ *The worst of it is that I can't even be sure if they received my cheque.* **2** (idm) **at (the) worst** a ṭha lo bik/ a sia bik a thleng/ a cang a si le: *At worst we'll have to sell the house so as to settle our debts. bring out the best/worst in sb* ⇒ **BEST**³. **do one's worst** a har thei tawp; a nuam lo thei tawp; a sia thei tawp: *We'll carry on as arranged and they can do their worst.* **get the worst of it** domi neh lo, ral tawngmi neh lo: *The dog had been fighting and had obviously got the worst of it.* **if the worst comes to the worst** thil umdan harsa tuk le ṭihnung tuk a si ahcun: *If the worst comes to the worst, we'll have to cancel our holiday plans.*

worst *v* [Tn] sual-awknak ah le zuam-awknak ah sung: *England were worsted in the replay.*

worsted /ˈwɜːstɪd/ *n* [U] **(a)** a hnokmi sahmul pat. **(b)** sahmul pat ih tuahmi/tahmi puan: [attrib] **a worsted suit**.

worth /wɜːθ/ *adj* [pred] **1** a man, a phu: *Our house is worth about £60000.* ○ *I paid only £3000 for this used car but it's worth a lot more.* ○ *What's the old man worth?* ie What is the value of his possessions? ○ *This contract isn't worth the paper it's written on,* ie It is worthless. **2** (sometimes followed by the *-ing* for of a *v*) man, phu: *The book is worth reading/It's worth reading the book.* ○ *He felt that his life was no longer worth living.* ○ *It's an idea that's worth considering.* ○ *It's such a small point that it's hardly worth troubling about.* ○ *It's not worth the effort/the trouble.* ○ *The scheme is well worth a try.* **3** (idm) **a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush** ⇒ **BIRD**. **for all one is worth** (infml) tha neih tawp le zuam thei tawp in: *The thief ran off down the road, so I chased him for*

all I was worth. **for what it's worth** a thupi/a thupi lo, a man/a man lo khalle: *And that's my opinion, for what it's worth.* **the game is not worth the candle** ⇒ **GAME**¹. **not worth a damn, a straw, a red cent, a tinker's cuss, etc** (infml) tlak lo/man nei lo/sunlawinak nei lo: *Their promises are not worth a damn.* **worth it** a man; rulsal thei tengteng: *The new car cost a lot of money, but it's certainly worth it.* ○ *I don't bother to iron handkerchiefs — it's not worth it.* **worth one's salt** co phu/ngah phu a si/mah ih hna thiam zet ih ṭuan: *Any teacher worth his salt knows that.* **worth one's/its weight in gold** ṭhahnem, santlai le man nei zetmi: *a reliable car is worth its weight in gold.* **worth sb's while** mi pakhat hrangah/hlawk/miat: *It would be (well) worth your while/You would find it (well) worth your while to come to the meeting.* ○ *They promised to make it worth her while* (ie pay or reward her) *if she would take part.*

▷ **worth** *n* [U] **1 ~ of sth** (preceded by a *n* indicating amount, duration, etc) **(a)** tangka zat man thil: *The thieves stole £1 million worth of jewellery.* ○ *ten pounds' worth of petrol.* **(b)** tikcu caan tawkfang a daihmi thil: *a day's worth of fuel* ○ *two weeks' worth of supplies.* **2** a man le santlaihnak: *items of great, little, not much, etc worth* ○ *people of worth in the community.* **worthless** *adj* **1** man nei lo/santlai lo: *worthless old rubbish* ○ *This contract is now worthless.* **2** (of a person) ṭha lo, siava: *a worthless character.* **worthlessness** *n* [U].

□ **worthwhile** /wɜːθˈwaɪl/ *adj* a tlak, a phu; thupi/ngainuam/nuam/nomnak pe thei — tikcu, tangka le thazaang hmanna tlak: *It's worthwhile taking the trouble to explain a job fully to new employees.* ○ *Nursing is a very worthwhile career.*

worthy /wɜːði/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) **1** [pred] **~ of sth/to do sth** a man, a tlak, a phu: *Their efforts are worthy of your support.* ○ *a statement worthy of contempt* ○ *Her achievements are worthy of the highest praise.* ○ *She said she was not worthy to accept the honour they had offered her.* **2** [usu attrib] **(a)** (approv) upat ṭihzah le ruah tlak/ phu: *a worthy cause* ○ *a worthy record of achievements.* **(b)** (usu joc) (esp of a person) upat tlak, lole theih tlak: *the worthy citizens of the town.* **3** [pred] **~ of sb/sth** (usu approv) **(a)** rem/mawi: *it was difficult to find words worthy of the occasion.* **(b)** a dang pawl ai-awh, thil phunkhat ih a sidan le umdan langtertut: *It was a performance worthy of a master.*

▷ **worthily** /-ɪli/ *adv*.

worthiness *n* [U].

worthy *n* (esp joc) milian, milangsar, le mi hminthang: *One of the local worthies has been invited to the ceremony.*

-worthy (forming compounds *adjs*) ṭongfang

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bettu ih hman a si (a tlak, a phu tican): noteworthy ○ readworthy.

would¹ /wəd; strong form wud/; modal *v* (contracted form 'd /d/; neg **would not**, contracted form **wouldn't** /wudnt/) **1** (a) pei, ... ding: *If he shaved his beard he would look much younger.* ○ *If you went to see him, he would be delighted.* ○ *I would think about it very carefully, if I were you.* (b) ding nain: *If I had seen the advertisement I would have applied for the job.* ○ *If she hadn't gone back for the letter, she wouldn't have missed the bus.* (c) a si ding: *She'd be a fool to accept, ie if she accepted.* ○ *Don't call her now — it would make us late.* ○ *It would be difficult to make an accurate forecast.* ○ *It would be a pity to miss the main film.* ○ *I would start from this end.* ○ *Would I be able to help?* **2** (a) upat tihzahnak thawn thil dil/ngen tikih hmanmi tɔŋg: pei maw? ding maw?: *Would you pay me in cash, please?* ○ *You wouldn't have the time to phone him now, would you?* (b) a taktak si lo, a langte hrangih ruahdan pek tikih hman ih tur tinak: *I would imagine the operation will take about an hour.* **3** (a) thil pek, lole mi sawm tikah hmanmi tɔŋg; (duh) ... pei maw? (na) zuam maw?: *Would you like a sandwich?* ○ *Would they like to sit down?* ○ *Would she like to borrow my bicycle?* (b) (like, love, hate, prefer, be glad, happy, etc) thawn hman a si — duhmi hril tikah hman a si ding: *I'd love a coffee.* ○ *I'd hate you to think I was criticizing you.* ○ *I'd be only too glad to help.* **4** nundan ziaza sim tikah hmanmi, a si tho ding tinak: *That's just what he would say, ie what he might be expected to say.* ○ *It would rain* (ie How typical it is of our weather that it should rain) *on the day we chose for a picnic!* **5** tumtahmi sim tikah hman a si (so that, in order that) pawl hi a thlun t̃heu; dingah, thei dingah: *She burned the letters so that her husband would never read them.* ⇒ Usage 3 at MAY.

□ **would-be** *adj* [attrib] pakhat khat cang leh ding; a si leh dingmi: *a would-be artist, model, bride, etc.*

would² *pt* of WILL¹.

wound¹ /wu:nd/ *n* **1** (a) hliamhma: *He died after receiving two bullet wounds in the head.* ○ *The wound was healing slowly.* (b) zanthing hawng tan, hawk. **2** ~ (to sth) ningnatnak, lole thinlung hliamnak; hminsiat; thangsia: *deep psychological wounds* ○ *The defeat was a wound to his pride.* **3** (idm) **lick one's wound** ⇒ LICK. **rub salt into the wound/sb's wounds** ⇒ RUB².

▷ **wound** *v* [Tn esp passive] **1** hliam/natter/hliamhma putter: *Ten soldiers were killed and thirty seriously wounded.* ○ *The guard was wounded in the leg.* **2** ningnatter thinlung/

taksa hliam — natter: *He was/felt deeply wounded by their disloyalty.* ○ *wounding criticism.* **the wounded** *n* [pl v] hliamhma tuartu/putu pawl: *The hospital was full of the sick and wounded.* ○ *Many of the wounded died on their way to hospital.*

NOTE ON USAGE: **Wound** and **injure** both indicate physical damage to the body. A person is **wounded** by a sharp instrument or bullet tearing the flesh. It is a deliberate action, often connected with battles and war. People are usually **injured** in an accident, eg with a machine or in sport. Compare *In a war there are many more wounded than killed* and *In the coach crash 10 people died and 18 were seriously injured.* **Hurt** may be as serious as injure or it may relate to a minor pain: *They were badly hurt in the accident.* ○ *I hurt my back lifting that box.*

wound² *pt*, *pp* of WIND³.

wove *pt* of WEAVE.

woven *pp* of WEAVE.

wow¹ /wau/ *interj* (infml) mangbangnak le ngaisannak tɔŋgfang: *Wow! That car certainly goes fast!*

▷ **wow** *n* [sing] (sl) hlawhtlinnak nasa zet/tumpi: *The new play at the National Theatre's a wow.*

wow *v* [Tn] (sl esp US) ngaisannak thinlung nei/thinlung thoter: *The new musical wowed them on Broadway.*

wow² /wau/ *n* [U] mawtawka fehda (cak le cak lo) thleng ruangih awkhum suahmi a ring zetmi aw siing le saang. Cf FLUTTER *n* 3.

WP /dʌblju: 'pi:/ *abbr* word processing; word processor: *typing a letter on the WP.*

wpb /dʌblju: 'pi:/ *abbr* (Brit infml) waste-paper basket.

WPC /dʌblju: 'pi:/ *abbr* (Brit) woman police constable: *WPC (Linda) Green.* Cf PC 1, PW.

wpm /dʌblju: 'pi:/ *abbr* words per minute: 60 wpm, eg typing, taking shorthand, etc.

WPS /dvblju: 'pi:/ *abbr* (Brit) woman police sergeant: *WPS (Jane) Bell.* Cf PS 1.

WRAC /dʌblju: 'aɪ 'eɪ 'si:/ *or, in informal use, ræk/abbr* (Brit) Women's Royal Army Corps: *join the WRACs.*

wrack /ræk/ *n* [U] tiffinriat tilet in tikap ih a taanmi hrampi; dawm hrangah t̃ha.

WRAF /dʌblju: 'aɪ 'eɪ 'ef/ *in informal use, ræf/abbr* (Brit) Women's Royal Air Force: *joint eh WRAF.*

wraith /reɪθ/ *n* minung thla, a thih hlan, lole a thih hnu rei lote ih hmuhmi, muthla: *a wraith-like figure*, ie a very thin pale person.

wrangle /ræŋgl/ *n* ~ (with sb) (about/over sth) thu el-awk, buainak: *They were involved in a*

long legal wrangle (with the company) (over payment).

▷ **wrangle** *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb) (about/over sth) thu el-awknak, lole tawh-awknak ah tel: The children were wrangling (with each other) over the new toy.

wrap /ræp/ *v* (-pp-) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) (in sth) tuam, fun: I have wrapped (up) the parcels and they're ready to be posted. ○ The Christmas presents were wrapped (up) in tissue paper. **2** (a) [Tn-pr] ~ **sth round/around sb/sth** tuam, ngerh; khuh; fun: Wrap a scarf round your neck. ○ He wrapped a clean rag around his ankle. (b) [Tn-pr, Tn-p, esp passive] ~ **sb/sth in sth** fun, tuam: The nurse carried in a baby wrapped (up) in a warm blanket. **3** (idm) **be wrapped in sth** hmuh thei lo ih khuh/tuam: The hills were wrapped in mist. ○ (fig) The events are wrapped in mystery. **be wrapped up in sb/sth** thinlung hmuahhmuah pe: They are completely wrapped up in their children. ○ She was so wrapped up in her work that she didn't realize how late it was. **wrap sb up in cotton wool** (infml) tihnak ihsin ruun/kham: She keeps all her children wrapped up in cotton wool. **5** (phr *v*) **wrap (it) up** dai tein um aw, tɔŋ hlah. **warp (sb/oneself) up** hnipuan hlum hruk; hrukter: Wrap up warm(ly)! It's very cold outside. **wrap sth up** (infml) t̃heh/tuah t̃heh/ t̃uan t̃heh: The salesman had already wrapped up a couple of deals by lunch-time. **wrap sth up (in sth)** hmuh thei lo le theithiam lo dingih phen/khuh: Why does he have to wrap it all up in such complicated language?

▷ **wrap** *n* **1** a lenglam ih hrukmi hnipuan, eg korfualpi/puanbah/liangbah puante. **2** (idm) **under wraps** (infml) thuthup/thupmi: The documents will stay/be kept under wraps for ten more years.

wrapper *n* thil tuamnak/funnak: Please put all your sweet wrappers in the bin.

wrapping *n* (a) [C] tuamnak; funnak le khuhnak ih hmanmi thil: the wrappings round a mummy. (b) [U] tuamnak thil: Put plenty of wrapping round the china when you pack it. **wrapping paper** laksawng le thilri tuamnak/funnak ih hmanmi caku sah le mawi.

wrath /rɒθ; US ræθ/ *n* [U] (fml or dated) thinhennak: the wrath of God ○ The children's unruly behaviour incurred the headteacher's wrath.

▷ **wrathful** /-fl/ *adj.* **wrathfully** /-fəli/ *adv.*

wreak /ri:k/ *v* (fml) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (on sb) phuhlam, leh-rul: wreak vengeance on one's enemy ○ wreak one's fury on sb. **2** (idm) **play/wreak havoc with sth** ⇒ HAVOC.

wreath /ri:θ/ *n* (pl ~ s /ri:ðz/) **1** (a) zunpaar: to lay wreaths at the war memorial. (b) meikhu; mero bial/hlum: a laurel wreath. **2** thil pakhat khat

ngerh/vel: wreaths of mist.

wreathe /ri:ð/ *v* **1** [usu passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (in/with sth) ngerh/kimvel ih kulh/tuam: The display was wreathed in/with laurel. ○ The hills were wreathed in mist. ○ (fig) Her face was wreathed in smiles, ie she was smiling a lot. **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **oneself/sth round sb/sth** thil pakhat khat ngerh/vel: The snake wreathed itself round the branch. **3** [Ipr, Ip] (of smoke, mist, etc) zunghruk vek a kual zawngih a t̃hawn: Smoke wreathed slowly upwards.

wreck /rek/ *n* [C] **1** (a) siatnak: The collision reduced the car to a useless wreck. (b) thlipi ruangih lawng siatnak: Two wrecks block the entrance to the harbour. **2** (usu sing) (infml) taksa le thinlung nasa zetih siatnak: The stroke left him a helpless wreck. ○ Worry about the business has turned her into a nervous wreck.

▷ **wreck** *v* [Tn] siatbal, siat: The road was littered with wrecked cars. ○ Vandals completely wrecked the train. ○ They had been wrecked (ie shipwrecked) off the coast of Africa. ○ (fig) The weather wrecked all our plans. **wrecker** *n* **1** thil siattertu; siat suahtu. **2** (US) mawtaw le thil rit zetmi dirtu/caitu.

wreckage /rekɪdʒ/ *n* [U] mawtaw, vanzam, le lawng pawl siat tiki a darhzammi thil nepnawi: Wreckage of the aircraft was scattered over a wide area. ○ (fig) attempts to save something from the wreckage of his political career.

wren /ren/ *n* thla tawite a nei vate phunkhat.

wrench /rentʃ/ *v* **1** [Tn-pr, Tn-p, Cn-a] ~ **sth** off (sth); ~ **sb/sth away** thil pakhat khat nazet ih merh, lole dir, phong: to wrench a door off its hinges ○ He wrenched his arm away. ○ He managed to wrench himself free. **2** [Tn] (ke, liang) merh/ilh: She must have wrenched her ankle when she fell.

▷ **wrench** *n* **1** [C usu sing] hmakhatte le nazet ih merh ih dirhnak: He pulled the handle off with a wrench. ○ She stumbled and gave her ankle a painful wrench, ie twisted it by accident. **2** [sing] a na zetmi t̃hen-awknak: Leaving home was a terrible wrench for him. **3** [C] (esp US) = SPANNER.

wrest /rest/ *v* **1** [Tn-pr] ~ **sth from sb** kut ihsin long hlo: wrest the gun from his grasp. **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **sth from sb/sth** nangaipi in tha suah ih thil pakhat mi hnen ihsin ngah: wrest a confession from sb ○ Foreign investors are trying to wrest control of the firm from the family.

wrestle /resl/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb) buan; suak: Can you wrestle? ○ The guards wrestled with the intruders. (b) [Tn-pr] buan-awknakah leilung parih hlum/hril: He wrestled his opponent to the floor/ground. **2** [Ipr] ~ **with sth** tawng ding, le neh dingih nangaipi ih tha suah/zuam: wrestle with a problem, a difficulty, one's

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conscience ○ *The pilot was wrestling with the controls.*

▷ **wrestle** *n* **1** buan zuam-awknak. **2** ~ (with sth) napi ih tha suah ih zuam: a *wrestle with one's conscience.*

wrestler /reslə(r)/ *n* buan-zuamtu.

wrestling /reslɪŋ/ *n* [U] buan zuam-awknak: *watch (the) wrestling on television.*

wretch /retʃ/ *n* **1** zaangfahza mizonzai le rethei: a *poor half-starved wretch.* **2** misual: *the despicable wretch who stole the old woman's money.* **3** (infml derog esp joc) mihrokhrawl, misual, mibumhmag: *You wretch! You've taken the book I wanted.*

wretched /retʃɪd/ *adj* **1** (a) lungawi lo zet, mifarah le zaangfahza: *the wretched survivors of the earthquake* ○ *His stomach-ache made him feel wretched (ie ill) all day.* (b) lungawi lonak le retheih zonzaihnak a cangtertu/a umtertu: *lead a wretched existence in the slums.* **2** a tha lo zet, sia zet: *wretched weather* ○ *The hotel food was absolutely wretched.* **3** [attrib] (infml) (used to express annoyance) tha lo, sia: *The wretched car won't start!* ○ *It's that wretched cat again!*

▷ **wretchedly** *adv.* **wretchedness** *n* [U].

wriggle /rɪɡl/ *v* **1** [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] caang rero, taal rero, khatlam khatlam ah her rero: *Stop wriggling (about) and sit still!* ○ *I can't brush your hair if you keep wriggling all the time.* ○ *The baby was wriggling its toes.* **2** [La, Ipr, Ip, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Cn-a] tumtahnak nei ih mi tampi lakih fehnak lam hawl rero, caang rero: *The thieves left her tied up with rope but she wriggled (herself) free.* ○ *The eel wriggled out of my fingers.* ○ *They managed to wriggle (their way) through the thick hedge.* ○ *He had to wriggle his way out.* **3** (phr v) **wriggle out of sth/doing sth** (infml) hnaṭuan nuam lo, ṭuan lo dingih hrial/ṭuan lonak ding zin hawl: *It's your turn to take the dog for a walk — don't try to wriggle out of it.* ○ *She managed to wriggle out of answering all the questions.*

▷ **wriggle** *n* (usu sing) caang rero, taal reronak. **wriggly** /rɪɡli/ *adj.*

wring /rɪŋ/ *v* (pt, pp **wrung** /rʌŋ/) **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-p] ~ sth (out) merh phah ih sur, lole, sawr/puan sawpmi sawr: *He wrung the clothes (out) before putting them on the line to dry.* (b) [Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ sth out (of sth) a ti sawr theh: *Wring the water out of your wet bathing costume.* **2** [Tn-pr] ~ sth out of/from sb pakhat khat hnen ihsin thil pakhat khat sawr suak ngah: *wring a confession from sb* ○ *They managed to wring a promise out of her.* **3** [Tn] ton-awk tikah kut napi ih kaai. **4** [Tn] vate hngawng merh ih that. **5** [Tn] nasa zet ih riahsiater: *The plight of the refugees really wrung my heart.* **6** (idm) **wring one's hands** donhar, mangbang hna

beidong ruangih kut pahnih merh rero: *It's no use just wringing our hands — we must do something to help.* **wring sb's neck** (infml) rek that; thi ko rek, merh that, ring merhkiak: *If I find the person who did this, I'll wring his neck!* ▷ **wring** *n* (usu sing) hnipuan sur/sawr: *Give the towels another wring.*

wringer /rɪŋə(r)/ *n* puansurtu/sawrtu cet phunkhat. Cf MANGLE².

wringing /rɪŋɪŋ/ *adj* (also **wringing wet**) (of clothes, etc) a cin/a ciar tuk ruangah tidai tam zet sur/sawr suak thei.

wrinkle /rɪŋkl/ *n* **1** (usu pl) tar hmai ih a rintete ih a ummi vun, vunsawng: *She's beginning to get wrinkles around her eyes.* **2** hnipuan/caku kor — a maam lo, a kir, a sawng, a cuar: *She pressed her skirt to try to remove all the wrinkles.* **3** (infml) san a tlaimi theihternak, lole ruahnak.

▷ **wrinkle** *v* **1** [I, Tn] sawng; kor/cuar: *The paper has wrinkled where it got wet.* ○ *Too much sunbathing will wrinkle your skin.* **2** [Tn] hnar, calvun rin suahter: *He wrinkled his brow, confused and worried by the strange events.* **wrinkled** /rɪŋkld/ *adj* a riinmi, a kirmi: *his old wrinkled face* ○ *wrinkled socks.*

wrinkly /rɪŋkli/ *adv* a riin, a cuar ummi: *an old apple with a wrinkly skin.*

wrist /rɪst/ *n* (a) ngel. (b) ngel a khuhtu korban.

□ **wrist-watch** *n* kutkhih/kutbun nazi.

wristlet /rɪstlɪt/ *n* fau.

writ /rɪt/ *n* tuah lo dingin thuṭhentu ih suahmi thupek (order): *serve sb with a writ* (ie deliver a writ to sb officially) *for lible.*

▷ **writ** **1** (arch) pp of WRITE. **2** (idm) **writ large** (fml or rhet) (a) olte le fiangte ih theithiam: *disappointment was writ large on the face of the loser.* (b) thupitter: *This policy is liberalism writ large.*

write /raɪt/ *v* (pt **wrote** /rəʊt/, pp **written** /rɪtn/) **1** [I, Ipr] ngan — cangan: *the children are learning to read and write.* ○ *By the age of seven he could write beautifully.* ○ *Please write on both sides of the paper, and don't write in the margin.* ○ *You may write in biro or pencil.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] cahnah parih ca ngan: *write capitals, Chinese characters, shorthand, etc* ○ *write one's name* ○ *write the answers in a book, on the blackboard, etc.* **3** [I] (of a pen, pencil, etc) cangannak ih hman theih: *This pen won't write.* ○ *My new pen writes well.* **4** (a) [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ sth (for sb/sth) thil pakhat khat ih thuhla ngan cia — ih ret: *write a book, film script, poem, symphony, etc* ○ *Can you write me a story about your holiday?* ○ *He writes a weekly column for the local newspaper.* (b) [I, Ipr] ~ (about/on sth) thil pakhat ih thu cabu ih suah dingin si maw, thuthangca ih suah dingin si maw, cangan: *He gave up his job in the*

factory in order to write, ie earn a living by writing. ○ *She writes (about/on politics) for a weekly journal.* (c) [Tf, Tw] cabu/magazine ah ngankhum: *In his latest book, he writes that the theory has been disproved.* 5 (a) [I, Ipr, Tf, Tt, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ (sth) (to sb) mi pakhat hnenah ca ngan in kuat: *Please write (to me) often while you're away.* ○ *He wrote that he would be coming home soon.* ○ *They wrote to thank us/he wrote thanking us for the present.* ○ *She wrote him a long letter/wrote a long letter to him.* (b) [Tn, Dn-f, Dn-w] (esp US) mi pakhat khat ca kuat: *Write me when you get home.* ○ *He wrote me that he would be arriving on Wednesday.* 6 [Tn, Tnp, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ sth (out) (for sb) cahnah parih ngan a ʔulmi hmuahhmuah ʔheh ko ngan, (eg form — khatter): *She usually writes several pages when she makes her report.* ○ *He has written (out) 50 job applications.* ○ *I haven't any cash, I'll have to write you (out) a cheque.* ○ *In a day, a doctor may write (out) 30 prescriptions for patients.* 7 [Tn] computer ah thuhla khum. 8 (idm) be written all over sb's face (usu of a quality of emotion) mithmai ah a lang: *Guilt was written all over his face.* have sb written all over it (infml) ʔuanvo neitu in fiang zet in a ngan/a tuah zo. nothing (much) to write home about (infml) zaraan, hleice lo; a menmen, langsar lo: *The play was nothing (much) to write home about.* 9 (phr v) write away (to sb/sth) (for sth) ⇒ WRITE OFF/AWAY (TO SB/STH) (FOR STH).

write back (to sb) cakuat let: *I wrote back (to him) immediately to thank them for the invitation.*

write sth down (a) cahnah parah ngan: *Write down the address before you forget it.* (b) (in accounting) thilri man ʔhum/malter: *the written-down value of the unsold stock.*

write in (to sb/sth) (for sth) ca in thilri cah: *Thousands of people have written in to us for a free sample.* **write sth/sb in (US politics)** hril dingmi hmin cazin ah ngan bet. **write sth into sth** thu tiamkam-awknak ah telh: *a penalty clause was written into the contract.*

write off/away (to sb/sth) (for sth) pawl ho, lole company pakhat ah thu sut, asilole thilri cah: *They wrote off (to the BBC) for the special booklet.* **write sth off (a)** thil pakhat khat a sung/hlawhsam a si ti theihpi; leiba olh, phiat: *write off debt, loss, etc* ○ *write off £5000 for depreciation of machinery.* (b) a siat tuk ruangah remsal a tlak nawn lo, hlon hlo: *The driver escaped with minor injuries but the car was completely written off.* Cf WRITE-OFF. **write sb/sth off** santlai lo ih ret, sungih ret: *He lost this match, but don't write him off as a future champion.* ○ *It seemed that everyone had written off their marriage even before it had*

been given a proper chance. **write sb/sth off as sth** a thupi lo, ngai a tlak lo ih ruat: *It's easy to write him off as just an eccentric old bore.*

write sth out (a) thil pakhat a khat/a famkim ih ngan: *write out a report, cheque, prescription, etc.* (b) ngan (ku): *Write out this word ten times so that you learn how to spell it.* **write sb out (of sth)** radio le television ih tel vivo nawn lo dingin cawltar, tel siang nawn lo: *After playing the part for over 20 years, she was eventually written out (of the series).*

write sth up (a) a famkim ih ngankhum: *write up one's lecture notes, the minutes of a meeting, etc* ○ *write up one's diary, ie bring it up to date.* (b) thuanthu cawnnak, thil a cangmi thu, thuthangca ih suah dingmi zohsal in ngan: *I'm writing up the film for the local paper.* Cf WRITE-UP.

▷ **written** adj ca ih nganmi: *a written examination, request, message* ○ *a written confirmation, agreement, evidence.* **the written word** nganmi ʔongfang.

□ **write-off** n a siat tuk ruangih remsal a tlak nawn lomi thil, hnonmi thil (a bikin mawʔawka le cet thilri): *After the accident, the car was a complete write-off.*

write-up n thuanthu thar, cabu thar tivek thawn peh-aw in mi hmuhdan le ngaidan thuthang ca le magazine ih nganmi thu: *His latest play got/was given an enthusiastic write-up in the local press.*

writer /raitə(r)/ n 1 (a) ngantu, cangantu: *the writer of this letter.* (b) (with an adj) cangan tikih cafang retu: *a neat, messy, etc writer.* 2 thuanthu, cabu, etc ngantu: *a short-story writer* ○ *a writer of poetry.*

□ **writer's cramp** ca rei tuk ngan ruangih kut ʔhop; kut hit.

writhe /raið/ v 1 [I, Ip] (of sb or sb's body) natnak tuar ruangih let rero, taal rero: *the writhing coils of a snake* ○ *The patient was writhing (about) on the bed in agony.* 2 [I, Ipr] ~ (at/under sth); ~ (with sth) thil pakhat khat ruangih thinlung natnak tuar: *writhe under sb's insults* ○ *Her remarks made him writhe with shame.*

writing /raitɪŋ/ n 1 [U] cangan hnaʔuan: *She doesn't earn much from her writing.* ○ *Writing is a solitary pastime.* ○ [attrib] *writing materials*, eg pens, paper, ink. 2 [U] cafang ngan, lole khen: *There is some writing on the other side of the page.* ○ *The writing on the stone was very faint.* 3 [U] ngandan pianzia: *He is admired for the elegance of his writing.* 4 [U] kut ngan: *I can never read your writing.* 5 **writings** [pl] cabu tuah le ca ngan lam hnaʔuan: *the writings of Dickens* ○ *It is frequently mentioned in the poetic writings of the period.* 6 (idm) **in writing** ca in, cangan in: *You must get*

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his agreement in writing. **the writing (is) on the wall** rin lopi ih vansiatnak le hlawhsamnak ra thleng dingmi theihternak: *The writing is on the wall for the local football club: bankruptcy seems certain.*

□ **writing-desk** *n* cangannak khung/dawhkan (ca-buai).

writing-paper *n* [U] (usu good-quality) cakuat ngannak cahnah.

written ⇒ WRITE.

WRNS /ˈdʌbljuː ɑːr en ˈes, also renz/ abbr (Brit) Women's Royal Naval Service: *join the WRNS.*

wrong /rɒŋ; US rɔːŋ/ *adj* 1 ~ (to do sth) dik lo, ðelh, sual: *It is wrong to steal.* ○ *You were wrong to take the car without permission.* ○ *He told me he had done nothing wrong.* Cf **RIGHT** 1. 2 (a) hmaan lo; dik lo, ðelh: *He did the sum but got the wrong answer/got the answer wrong.* ○ *Her estimate of the cost was completely wrong.* (b) [pred] (of a person) palh, ðelh, sual: *Am I wrong in thinking (ie Do you agree) that it is getting colder?* ○ *Can you prove that I am wrong?* ○ *That's where you're wrong.* ○ *Thousands of satisfied customers can't be wrong, so why don't you try our new washing-power?* 3 [usu attrib] ðul lo, si lolam, rem lo, duh lomi: *You're doing it the wrong way.* ○ *We discovered that we were on the wrong train.* ○ *The police arrested the wrong man.* ○ *We came the wrong way/took a wrong turning.* ○ *I'm afraid you've got the wrong number, ie on the telephone.* ○ *You're wearing your jumper the wrong way round, ie The part that should be at the front is at the back.* ○ *He's the wrong man for the job.* ○ *They live on the wrong side of town, ie the part that is socially less desirable.* ○ *I realized that I had said the wrong thing when I saw her reaction.* ○ *Their decision proved to be wrong.* 4 [pred] ~ (with sb/sth) (a) dinhmun sia, a ða lo: *What's wrong (ie What is the problem) with the engine? It's making an awful noise.* ○ *There's something wrong with my eyes — I can't see properly.* (b) a si ding vek ih si lo, a um dan ding vekih um lo: *Is anything wrong? You look ill.* ○ *What's wrong with you?* ○ *What's wrong with telling the truth?* ie How can it be criticized? 5 (idm) **back the wrong horse** ⇒ **BACK** 4. **bark up the wrong tree** ⇒ **BARK** 2. **be born on the wrong side of the blanket** ⇒ **BORN**. **catch sb on the wrong foot** ⇒ **CATCH** 1. **do the right/wrong thing** ⇒ **THING**. **from/ on the wrong side of the tracks (US)** farah le zonzai pawl umnak veng ih um. **get on the right/wrong side of sb** ⇒ **SIDE** 1. **get (hold of) the wrong end of the stick (infml)** thu simmi a pumhlum ih thei sual/ngai sual: *You've got the wrong end of the stick; he doesn't owe me money, I owe him!* **have got out of bed on the wrong side** ⇒ **BED** 1. **bit/strike the right/wrong note** ⇒

NOTE 1. **not far off/out/wrong** ⇒ **FAR** 2. **on the right/wrong side of forty, fifty, etc** ⇒ **SIDE** 1. **rub sb up the wrong way** ⇒ **RUB** 2. **start off on the right/wrong foot** ⇒ **START** 2. **wrong side out** linglet (a lenglam a sunglam ah, a sunglam a lenglam ah): *You've got your sweater on wrong side out.*

▷ **wrong** *adv* (used after *vs*) 1 a sual zawngin, a hman lo zawngin: *You guessed wrong.* ○ *You've spelt my name wrong.* ○ *He played the tune all wrong.* Cf **WRONGLY**. 2 (idm) **get sb wrong (infml)** thei sual: *Please don't get me wrong, I'm not criticizing you.* **go wrong (a)** tuah/ti sual pang: *If you read the instructions, you'll see where you went wrong.* ○ *You can't go wrong (ie You will surely succeed) with our new carpet cleaner.* (b) (of a machine) ðate ih ðuan lo, cawl/caang thei lo: *The television has gone wrong again.* (c) buainak; harsatnak tong: *Their marriage started to go wrong when he got a job abroad.* ○ *The experiment went disastrously wrong, ie progressed in an unexpected way with very unpleasant results.* **put a foot wrong** ⇒ **FOOT** 1.

wrong *n* 1 [U] ðat lonak, dik lonak: *He doesn't know the difference between right and wrong.* ○ *She could do no wrong (ie do nothing wrong) in the opinion of her devoted followers.* 2 [C] (fml) a mawi lo tuahnak; dik lo tuahnak: *They have done us a great wrong.* ○ *She complained of the wrongs she had suffered.* 3 (idm) **in the wrong** a mawhtu; a ðelhthu, hman lotu dinhmun ah um: *He admitted that he was in the wrong, ie that the fault was his.* ○ *They tried to put me in the wrong, ie to make it seem that the fault, error, etc was mine.* **the rights and wrongs of sth** ⇒ **RIGHT** 3. **two wrongs don't make a right (saying)** phuhamnak in ðatnak a suak lo.

wrong *v* (fml) 1 [Tn usu passive] mi tuahsia; mawi lo le sia zet ih mi tuah: *a wronged wife.* 2 [Tn] sual ih ruat pang: *You wrong me if you think I only did it for selfish reasons.*

wrongful /-fl/ *adj* [attrib] a mawi lo/a taza lo, awm-ang lotuk: *He sued his employer for wrongful dismissal.*

wrongfully /-fəli/ *adv*: *wrongfully arrested.*

wrongly *adv* (used esp before a past participle or a *v*) a sual zawngin; a si lo zawngin: *wrongly accused, addressed, informed* ○ *He imagines, wrongly, that she loves him.* ○ *Rightly or wrongly, she refused to accept the offer, ie I don't know whether she was right or wrong to do so.*

□ **wrongdoer** /rɒŋduːə(r)/ *n* thil ti sualtu. **wrongdoing** /rɒŋduːŋ/ *n* [U, C] nundan ða lo, thil sual tuahnak: *such wrongdoing(s) should be punished.*

wrong-foot *v* [Tn] (esp in sport) khatta lam timtuah hlanah rak ti man: *Her cleverly*

disguised lob completely wrong-footed her opponent.

wrong-headed *adj* (of a person) a hman lomi le ngaidan tha lo khoh zetih neitu, lungruh.

wrote *pt* of WRITE.

wrought /rɔ:t/ *pt, pp* of WORK².

▷ **wrought** *adj* [attrib] **1** mawitermi, ceimawihmi: *elaborately wrought carvings*. **2** (of metal) suk thatmi (sobul in).

□ **wrought iron** thir zual: [attrib] *a wrought-iron bedstead, gate, railing*. Cf CAST IRON (CAST¹).

wrung *pt, pp* of WRING.

wry /rai/ *adj* (**wryer**, **wryest**) **1** [usu attrib] (of a person's face, features, etc) hmel thur/hmai thur: *pull a wry face* ○ *a wry glance, grin, smile, etc*. **2** erhsen nautat: *She watched their*

fumbling efforts with wry amusement.

▷ **wryly** *adv*. **wryness** *n* [U].

wt *abbr* weight: *net wt 454 gm*, eg on a jar of jam.

WWF *abbr* World Wildlife Fund.

WWW /ˌdʌbljuː dʌbljuː ˈdʌbljuː/ *abbr* World Wide Web; several useful WWW addresses.

WX /ˌdʌbljuː ˈeks/ *abbr* (esp on clothing) women's extra large (size).

wych-elm /ˈwɪtʃ ˈelm/ *n* a hnah a kau ih a hnge a zaammi thingkung phunkhat.

wych-hazel = WITCH-HAZEL (WITCH).

WYSIWYG /ˈwɪziwɪɡ/ *abbr* (*computing*) what you see is what you get (printer thawn ca na suah (*printout*) tikah computer screen parih na hmuhmi vek cekci in na ngah ding, lole a suak ding, tinak).