

Zz

Z, z /zed/ US zi:/ n (pl **Z's, z's** /zedz; US zi:z/) **1** Mirang (*English*) cafang a kulhluan-rukna le a netnak. **2** (idm) **from A To Z**. ⇨ A, A¹.

zany /'zeɪni/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) (*infml*) hnihsuakza; hnihsuak awmtak; maksak: a *zany haircut, lifestyle, personality*.

▷ **zanily** *adv*.

zanimess *n*.

zany *n* hnihsuakza milai; mi maksak; mi lamdang.

zap /zæp/ *v* (**-pp-**) (*infml*) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (**with sth**) (**a**) meithal thawn that. (**b**) mi pakhat khat thawi, thong, tawng ih zianghman thei lo tiang ih umter. **2** [Ipr, Ip] thawn hruak, lole, tlaan: *Have you seen him zapping around town on his new motor bike?*

▷ **zap** *n* [U] (*infml*) thinlung le taksa cahnak, thazaang: *I really admire her – she's so full of zap!* Cf ZIP **2**. **zappy** *adj* (*infml*) aipuang hngin/cakhngin.

zeal /zi:l/ *n* [U] (*infml*) ~ (**for sth**) (usu intense) thin hiarnak/lung thonak/phurnak/thathonak: *show zeal for a cause* ○ *work with great zeal* ○ *revolutionary, religious zeal*.

▷ **zealous** /'zeləs/ *adj* hiarzet, phur, thahnem ngai: *zealous for liberty and freedom* ○ *zealous to succeed at work*.

zealously *adv*.

zealot /'zelət/ *n* (*sometimes derog*) hleice ih a zuammi/a phur zetmi (biaknak le ram-uknak ah).

▷ **zealotry** /-rɪ/ *n* [U] (*fml*) a hleice ih zuamnak lam/a hlei ce ih thahnem ngainak lam umdaan.

zebra /'zebrə, 'zi:brə/ *n* (pl unchanged or ~s) hramlak rang ngaan.

□ **zebra crossing** (*Brit*) ke feh pawl mawṭawka lamzin tannak hmun, lamzin ṭhung raang thawn an hmainsinnak hmun. Cf PEDESTRIAN CROSSING (PEDESTRIAN), PELICAN CROSSING (PELICAN).

zed /zed/ (US **zee** /zi:/) *n* Mirang (*English*) cafang Z: *There are two zeds in 'puzzel'.*

zeitgeist /'zaitgaɪst/ *n* (*German*) a liamcia mi tikcu san pakhat sungih mi thinlung umdaan, zumdaan le ruatdaan.

Zen /zen/ *n* [U] Japan pawl ih Bhuddha biak daan, biaknak lam ca siar hnak in thinlung lam pek-awk an uar sawn: [attrib] *Zen Buddhism*.

zenith /'zenɪθ/ *n* **1** ni, lole, thlapi umnak a sang bik hmun, a zohtu-ih tluun kheeng. Cf NADIR. **2** (*fig*) a sannak bik: *reach the zenith of one's career, power, influence* ○ *At its zenith the Roman empire covered almost the whole of*

Europe.

zephyr /'zefə(r)/ *n* (*dated or fml*) zilthli.

Zeppelin /'zɛpəlɪn/ *n* Ralpi Voikhatnak ih German tuahmi daatkhu thunmi pawpawlang vanzam tumpi.

zero /'ziərəʊ/ *pron, det* **1** lolak: *Five, four, three, two, one, zero...* We have lift-off! **2** zianghman lo, um lo: *Economic growth is at zero*, ie is not increasing. ○ *Prospects of success in the talks were put at zero*. **3** (**a**) (+) le (-) karlak thermometer ah: *The thermometer fell to zero last night*. (**b**) daai leh hlum tahnak ih 0 (*zero*): *It was really cold last night – ten degrees below zero*, ie 10°C, ten degree below the freezing point of water. ⇨ Usage at NOUGHT. **4** (*infml esp US*) zianghman lo pakhat hman: *Politics has zero interest for me*, ie I am not at all interested in it.

▷ **zero** *n* (pl ~ s) nambat 0.

zero /'ziərəʊ/ *v* (phr v) **zero in on sb/sth** **1** methal bih/bihmi hmui hlaat zet hawl. **2** (*fig*) thinlung hngat/tumnak hngat: *zero in on the key issues for discussion*.

□ **zero growth** zianghman thawn lo, karh lo: *zero growth in industrial output, the economy, population*.

zero-hour *n* raal do/raal kah-awknak thok dingih tikcu khiahmi: *Zero-hour is 3.30 am*.

zero-rated *adj* (of goods, services, etc) siah laak lomi thilri.

zest /zest/ *n* [U, sing] **1** ~ (**for sth**) nuamnak nasa; thinlung thawhnak: *Her zest for life is as great as ever*. ○ *He entered into our plans with terrific zest*. **2** zuamnak, thawtnak, mi hiip theinak: *The element of risk gave (an) added zest to the adventure*. **3** serthlum, tanphaza hawng. Cf PEEL *n*, RIND, SKIN **4**.

▷ **zestful** /-fʊl/ *adj*. **zestfully** /-fʊli/ *adv*.

zig-zag /'zɪgzæg/ *adj* (of a line, path, etc) Z vekih a kawimi: a *zigzag road, course, flash of lightning*.

▷ **zig-zag** *n* Z vekih a ummi lamzin, thilriin.

zig-zag *v* (**-gg-**) [I, Ipr, Ip] Z vekih a kawi: *The narrow path zigzags up the cliff*.

zillion /'zɪljən/ *n* (*infml esp US*) tam zet: [attrib] *She's a zillion times brainier than I am*.

zinc /zɪŋk/ *n* [U] a pawl var deuh nawn thir phunkhat, thil dang thawn rawi tikah sihnih ah hman a theih; caanphio sii.

zing /zɪŋ/ *n* [U] (*infml*) harhnak, thoṭhang thhatnak/caknak, thazaang: *You need to put more zing into your playing*.

Zion /'ziəɪn/ *n* **1** Judah pawlih biaknak. **2** Khristian Kawhhran. **3** vancung ram.

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Zionism

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Zionism /ˈzaɪənɪzəm/ *n* [U] Judah pawlin an ram hlun neih kir saal tumnak.

▷ **zionist** /ˈzaɪənɪst/ *n* ram rgah kir saal tumtu Judah, lole, tanpitu.

zip /zɪp/ *n* **1** (also esp Brit **zip-fastener**, esp US **zipper**) [C] pawhzih; zip: *She zipped her bag open.* **2** [U] (*infml*) caknak/thazaang. Cf ZAP *n*. **3** [sing] cerek zam awn.

▷ **zip v (-pp-)** **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Cn-a] pawhzih thawn zaal, lole, angki hren/phoih: *She zipped her bag open.* **2** (phr v) **zip across, along, through, etc** zawn nei ih khulrang zet in thawn, feh: *She's just zipped into town to buy some food.* ○ *After a slow beginning, the play fairly zips along in the second act.* ⇒ Usage at WHIZ. **zip (sb/sth) up** pawhzih thawn hren/pit: *Will you zip me up, please?* ○ *The dress zips up at the back.*

zippy *adj* (-ier, -iest) (*infml*) pawhzih ih khat/pawhzih tam.

Zip code /ˈzɪp kəʊd/ (US) = POST CODE (POST²); cerek zung hmainsinnak nambat.

zircon /ˈzɜːkɒn/ *n* (a) [C] lungmankhung phunkhat, khuatleu a sungih lut thei mi, a pawl var, lungmankhung. (b) [U] cuvek lungmankhung laihnak khur thawn a pehparmi.

zither /ˈzɪðə(r)/ *n* awnmawi tingtang phun khat, thingkuang vek a si ih hri tampi a nei; kut zung ih bunmi thir, lole, plastic thawn tummi.

zodiac /ˈzəʊdiæk/ (a) **the zodiac** [sing] ni, thla le arsi pawl umnak hmun vanhmun ram a si; hih hmunram cu then hleihnih (the **signs of the zodiac**) ah then a si ih hmin le hmainsinnak an nei cio (thinlung ruahnak ih tuahmi a si). (b) [C] (usu circular) arsi thu zirnak ah riin bial a si ih hmailam ih a thleng ding mi simnak. Cf HOROSCOPE.

▷ **zodiacal** /zəʊˈdiækəl/ *adj*.

NOTE ON USAGE: The **signs of the zodiac** are used in astrology and horoscopes (often called 'The Stars') in newspapers and magazines. People often refer to the signs and to the influence they are supposed to have on somebody's personality and fate: *She was born under Gemini.* ○ *His birthday's on 19 October. He's (a) Libra/a Libran.* ○ *She is a typical Cancer/Cancerian/has a typical Cancerian personality.*

zombie /ˈzɒmbi/ *n* **1** (in various African and Caribbean religions) a thizo mi dawi thawn nunter saalnak. **2** (*infml*) kiangkap thu thei lo, ruat lemlo ih tuantu, khuaruah neilo.

zone /zəʊn/ *n* **1** kiangkap hmun leh ram thawn dang-aw ramthen bial. **2** leilung le thingkung hramkung umdaan a ce ih ummi: *the erogenous zones of the body* ○ *a nuclear-free, parking, war, time zone* ○ *industrial, residential, etc zones* ○ *smokeless zones*, ie urban areas in which only smokeless fuels may be used in houses, factories, etc. ○ *Danger zone – keep out!* **3** leilung pumpi hmun 5 then hmun khat (the **torrid zone, North and South temperate zones** and **North and South frigid zones**). **4** (esp US) tlaangleng, cakuat le telephone man peek tulanak zone.

▷ **zonal** /zəʊnl/ *adj* ramri, asilole, bial thennak lam.

zone v [Tn] **1** bial then, hmainsin. **2** bial ah then.

zoning *n* [U].

zonked /zɒŋkt/ *adj* [pred] ~ (out) (sl) **1** ri, zuri. **2** baang zet, tha cem: *I feel utterly zonked.*

zoo /zuː/ *n* (pl ~s) (also *fml zoological gardens*) ramsa zuatnak hmun (eg a garden, park, etc): *The children enjoy going to the zoo.*

▷ **zoo-keeper** *n* ramsa zuatnak ih ramsa pawl kilkhawitu.

zoo- *comb form* ramsa, lole, rannung pawl ih nunnak thawn a pehparmi: *Zoology.*

zoology /zəʊˈblɒdʒi/ *n* [U] ramsa thuhla zirnak.

▷ **zoological** /zəʊˈblɒdʒɪkəl/ *adj* ramsa thu zirnak lam. **zoologically** /-klɪ/ *adv*. **zoological gardens** (*fml*) ⇒ zoo.

zoologist /zəʊˈblɒdʒɪst/ *n* ramsa thu hla thiamtu. Cf BIOLOGY, BOTANY.

zoom /zuːm/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] (of aircraft, cars, etc) awn durdo ih zamrang zet in thawn hlo: *zooming along the motorway* ○ *The jet zoomed low over our heads.* ⇒ Usage at WHIZ. **2** [I, Ip] (*fig infml*) (of prices, costs, etc) hmakhat te-ih kai (thil man): *Overnight trading caused share prices to zoom (up).* **3** (phr v) **zoom in (on sb/sth)/ out** (of cameras) durbin hmaning zuk mi thil tumter, lole, fateter.

▷ **zoom** *n* [sing] vanzamleng zam awn (zoom 1).

□ **zoomlens** zuknak camera durbing a siih hla zet ih ummi thil khi tum zet in a zuk thei, a naih zet mi thil khi a fate zet in a zuk thei.

zo-ophyte /zəʊəˈfaɪt/ *n* tiffinriat sungih a ummi thingkung vek rannung phun khat, eg a sea anemone, coral, etc.

zuc-chini /zuˈkiːni/ *n* (pl unchanged or ~s) (esp US) = COURGERRE.

Zulu /zuːluː/ *n* **1** [C] Africa thlang lam ih um Bantu miphun. **2** [U] Bantu miphun tong.

▷ **Zulu** *adj* Zulu miphun, lole, Zulu miphun tong.

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