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Amphur	a district
Anatta	soulless, non-soul, egolessness non-self, non-ego
Anicca	impermanence, transscieny, change
Ariyasacca	the Noble Truths, the Four Noble Truths (Chattari Ariyasaccani)
Arunyasi	hermit, forest-dwelling monk, the forest Order
Atthangikamagga	the Eightfold Noble Path
Auk Pansa	the end of Buddhist Lent or three-month rains-retreat
Bab	demerit, sin, wrong action, evil
Bhikkhu	a monk, clergyman, a minister a Buddhist monk, a priest
Bhikkhuni	Buddhist nun
Bindabat	alms-gathering, the morning round for alms—collecting, go for alms, receive food-offerings
Brahmavihara	the Four Sentiments, Four Virtues for Excellent Abiding
Buad	Ordination to either novicehood or monkhood, joining a monastic order, adapting an ascetic life, renouncing the world.
Bun	merit, meritorious action, virtue, righteousness.

Cham	spirit intermediary
Changwat	a province
Chao Avas	an Abbot, a temple headmonk
Chao Gana Tambon	the Commune Ecclesiastical Chief
Chao Gana Amphur	the District Ecclesiastical Officer
Chao Gana Changwat	the Provincial Ecclesiastical Governor
Chao Gana Gana Bhag	the Regional Ecclesiastical Governor
Chao Phap	Sponsors
Chao Pho Lakmuang	city guardian spirit
Chee	a shaven-headed female devotee who wears white robes and observes five or eight precepts; a white-robed female lay follower.
Choei Choei	attitude with multitude forms : simply being quiet, but expressing nothing; attitude of indifference or non-involvement
Dasa Sila	ten precepts or codes of morality - conduct observed by a novice or samanera.
Devaraja	divine kingship, demi-god king
Dhamma	the doctrine, the teachings of the Buddha, the norm, the universal law, the ultimate reality.
Dhukkha	conflict, suffering, sorrow, discomfort, misery, a cause of problem.
Gana Sangha	the Buddhist Order
Kamma	ethical action, volitional action, deed, good and bad volition.
Kamavasi	a town or village monk
Kamavaca	the proclamation of the proposed act

Kamnun	a commune chief
Karuna	compassion, pity, sympathy
Kathin	the annual ceremony of presenting robes and other gifts to the monks.
Khao Pansa	Buddhist Lent, the three-month rains-retreat
King Amphur	a subdistrict
Krengchai	a feeling of effacement and humbleness involving the desire to avoid embarrassing others
Krom	a department
Khwan	soul-elements believed to reside in the human body but no more exist after death.
Lasikkhabot	leaving monkhood, becoming a civilian, de-robing
Mei Pen Rei	never mind, it does not matter, an expression of Thai politeness, an apathetic response to please others
Metta	loving-kindness, good-will, benevolence
Mau Dham	spirit exorcist
Mau Du	seer, astrologer, fortune-teller
Maung	town, principality, city
Mau Song	diviner
Mutita	sympathetic joy
Nag	an applicant or candidate for ordination, ordinant
Narok	hells, woeful state, abiss, purgatory
Nakorn	a city, metropolis, the municipality
Nirvana	salvation, the complete extinction of all the defilements and suffering, the summum bonum

Pancha Sila	Five Precepts or Code of morality common to all the lay Buddhists.
Pansa	the Buddhist Lent, rains-retreat of a three-month period
Paticcasamuppada	the dependent origination, the Law of Causation, the chain of causation, Twelve-links of conditioned co-production, conditioned Genesis.
Patimokkha	the 227 disciplinary rules binding on a Bhikkhu, the rules of the Order, the fundamental precepts.
Pavarana	the Ecclesiastical ceremony at the conclusion of the three-month rainy Buddhist Lent in which monks invite one another to speak of any offenses they have seen, heard or suspected to have been committed during the rains.
Phi	spirits
Phra	title used when speaking of a Buddhist monk, venerable, a Bhikkhu; Buddhist monk, monk, priest, minister, clergyman etc.
Phra Gru	the title or rank of a monastic dignity lower than Phra Rajagana.
Phra Rajagana	the title or rank of a monastic dignity conferred on a Buddhist monk by a king. It consists of Phra Rajagana of Somdej, Rong Somdej, Dham, Dev, Raj and Saman dignities.
Phu choi	an assistant, deputy
Phu yai Ban	a village headman, or chief paternal grandfather
Phu Warajakarn Changwat	Provincial governor

Pien	a friend
Putā	guardian spirits
Rat	ordinary or common people-wat rat = temple supported by commoners.
Sal Chao	spirit house
Samanera or neen	a Buddhist novice, one who is ordained by taking the Three Refuges and observes the Ten precepts.
Sanghakamma	transaction of collective acts performed by a chapter of monks on the basis of which the acts are valid.
Sawan Sawan	heavens, heavenly abode, a place of happiness.
Sisyawat or Dekwat	a templeboy
Somdej Pra Sangharaj or Phra Sangharaj	a Supreme Patriarch, a supreme Head Monk of the Thai Buddhist Order.
Sukhwan	the soul-tying ritual
Sumsara	the cycle of multiple rebirth, the life process, the round of existence.
Tambon	a commune
Tambun	merit-making, performing meritorious action.
Tambun Udit	dedication or transference of merit, radiation of merit.
Therasamagama	the Council of Elders, the Supreme Council of Sangha administration
Tid	scholar, pundit
Tipitaka	the Pali Canon, the three divisions of the Buddhist Canon viz. Vinaya, Sutta and Abhidhamma, the three Baskets, or three collections of books.

Upasaka	a lay devotee, a faithful layman, lay Buddhist
Upasika	a female devotee, a lay woman disciple
Upasampada	full or higher ordination, full admission to the community, ordination ceremony, to be ordained, enter the monkhood; join the Order.
Upajjhaya	a spiritual teacher, preceptor.
Uposatha Sila	Eight Precepts or Code of morality observed by a lay devotee.
Upekkha	Neutrality, neutral feelings, equanimity, indifference.
Vinaya	the disciplinary rules of the Order, the monastic regulations, the code of conducts.
Vinyan	life-essence believed to reside in the human body and persist after death of a man unless it achieves salvation
Visakha Puja	worship on the Full Moon Day of the sixth month in commemoration of the Buddha's Birth, Enlightenment and Passing; the Festival of the May Full Moon.
Visungamasima	a monastery which has a state-granted and consecrated rectangular portion of land - the site of an Uposatha - within the monastery precinct.
Wai	to do obeisance, to greet by bringing the hands together to the face, to pay respect to.
Wat	a temple, a monastery.
Wat Luang	a monastery of royal status.
Wat rat	a public monastery (built and maintained by the public)
Yim	a simile
