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| Surplus, 剩頭, zung deu. |
| Surprised, 吃驚, k’iuh kiung. |
| Surprising, 奇怪, gí kwá’. |
| Surrender, 投降, deu hong. |
| Surround, 圍著, wé’ zah, 四面圍著, sz’ mien’ wé’ záh. |
| Surtout, 外套, ngá’ t’au’. |
| Survey, 觀看, kwén k’ön’, (land) 量田地, liang’ dien dí’. |
| Survive, 還活拉個, wan weh lé kú’. |
| Susceptible, 容易感動, yung í’ ‘kén dúng’. |
| Suspect, 疑惑, ní wóh, (a suspected person) 可以疑惑個人, ‘kó ‘í ní wóh kóh kó niun. |
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| Suspend, (hang up) 掛, kwó’, 懸, yuen, (stop work) 停工, ding kung, (for a time) 暫停, dzan’ ding, (arms) 停止干戈, ding ‘tsz kûn kú’. |
| Suspense, (he was in) 掛念, kwó’ nian’, 掛慮, kwó lü’. |
| Suspicion, 疑心, ní sing. |
| Suspicious, (do not be too) 勿要多疑心, veh yau’ tú ní sing. |
| Sustain, 扶, vú, 擔當, tan tong, (the universe) 包持萬物, pau dzz van’ veh. |
| Sustenance, 所用之量, ‘sú yung’ tsz liang’, 飯量, van’ liang’. |
| Swaddling, (clothes) 包小囝個長衣裳, pau ‘siau nôn kú’ dzang í zong. |
| Swallow, 燕子, yien’ ‘tsz. |
| Swallow, (to) 吞, t'un, 咽, yien’. |
| Sway, (have imperial) 掌皇帝個權柄, ‘tsang wong tí kó’ giön ‘ping. |
| Swear, 发誓, fah zz’, 起誓, k’í’ zz’. |
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| Sweat, 汗, hön’, (to sweat) 出汗, t’sehe hön’. |
| Sweep, 掃, ‘sau, 打掃, ‘tang ‘sau. |
| Sweet, 甜, dien, (words) 甘言, kén yien, (in disposition) 温和, wun hú, (as honey) 甜如蜜, dien zû mih. |
| Sweet, (briar) 月季花, yueh kí’ hwó. |
| Swell, 腫, ‘tsúng, 脹, tsang’, (mitigate a swelling) 消脹, siau tsang’. |
| Swift, 快, k’wá’, (as if flying) 快如飛, k’wá’ zû fí. |
| Swim, 游水, yeu ‘sz. |
| Swindle, 拐騙, ‘kwá p’ien’. |
| Swindler, 拐子, ‘kwá’ ‘tsz. |
| Swine, 豬魯, tsz ‘hú. |
| Swing, (the arms) 摇肩膀, yau pí’ ‘pong. |
| Swoon, 心裏发惛咾跌倒下来, sing ‘lí fah hwun lau tih ‘tau ‘au lé. |
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| Sword, 刀, tau, (ornamented) 寳劍, ‘pau kien’ |
| Sycamore, 楓樹, fúng zû. |
| Sycee silver, 碎銀, sûe’ niun. |
| Sycophant, (flatterer) 諂媚别人個人, t’sen mé’ bih niun kó’ niun. |
| Syllabic, (spelling) 反切, fan t’sih. |
| Syllogism, 連意三句, lien í’ san kü’. |
| Symbol, 記號, kí’ hau’, 表樣, ‘piau yang’. |
| Symmetrical, 相稱, siang t’sung’, 相對, siang té’. |
| Sympathize, 體恤, ‘t’í sih, 體諒, ‘t’í liang’, (sharing in sorrow and joy) 同苦同樂, dúng ‘k’ú dúng lóh. |
| Symptoms, (of disease) 病個形状, bing’ kú’ yung zong’ . |
| Synagogue, 會堂, wé’ dong. |
| Synonym, 意思相同個話頭, í’ sz siang dúng kú’ wó’ deu, (different characters but synonymous) 字勿同意同, zz’ veh dúng í’ dúng. |
| Syntax, 句法, kü’ fah. |
| Syrup, 糖水, dong ‘sz. |
| System, 法度, fah dú’ , 次序, t’sz’ zû’. |