

Sanskrit Transliteration Chart

Vowels

अ	a	आ	ā	इ	i	ई	ī	उ	u	ऊ	ū
ऋ	r̥	ॠ	Ṛ	ऌ	ḷ						
ए	e	ऐ	ai	ओ	o	औ	au				

Nasal sound added after a vowel with the following mark:

◌ं m̐

For example:

अं am̐

Aspirate sound added after a vowel with the following mark:

◌ः ḥ

For example:

अः aḥ

Consonants (pronounced along with vowel 'a' for convenience) -

क	ka	च	ca	ट	ṭa	त	ta	प	pa
ख	kha	छ	cha	ठ	ṭha	थ	tha	फ	pha
ग	ga	ज	ja	ड	ḍa	द	da	ब	ba
घ	gha	झ	jha	ढ	ḍha	ध	dha	भ	bha
ङ	ṅa	ञ	ña	ण	ṇa	न	na	म	ma
य	ya	र	ra	ल	la	व	va		
श	śa	ष	ṣa	स	sa	ह	ha		

Pure consonants have a mark (◌्) after them. For example:

क् k

ह् h

The vowels are written as follows after a consonant:

For example:

		क	ka
।	ā	का	kā
ि	i	कि	ki
ी	ī	की	kī
ु	u	कु	ku
ू	ū	कू	kū
ृ	ṛ	कृ	kṛ
े	e	के	ke
ै	ai	कै	kai
ो	o	को	ko
ौ	au	कौ	kau

Nasal sound added after a vowel following a consonant with the following mark:

ं m

For example:

कं kam

Aspirate sound added after a vowel following a consonant with the following mark:

: ḥ

For example:

कः kaḥ

The vowels should be pronounced as follows:

- a like the *a* in organ or *u* in but
- ā like the *a* in far but held twice as long as short *a*
- i like the *i* in pin
- ī like the *i* in pique but held twice as long as short *i*
- u like the *u* in push
- ū like the *u* in rule but held twice as long as short *u*
- ṛ like the *ri* in rim
- । like *l* followed by *ṛ* (*lr*)
- e like the *e* in they
- ai like the *ai* in aisle
- o like the *o* in go
- au like the *ow* in how
- m a resonant nasal like the *n* in the French word *bon*

ḥ *aḥ* is pronounced like *aha*; *iḥ* like *ihi*; *uḥ* like *uhu*

The consonants should be pronounced as follows:

k as in *kite*
kh as in *Eckhart*
g as in *give*
gh as in *dig-hard*
ṅ as in *sing*
c as in *chair*
ch as in *staunch-heart*
j as in *joy*
jh as in *hedgehog*
ñ as in *canyon*
ṭ as in *tub*
ṭh as in *light-heart*
ḍ as in *dove*
ḍh as in *red-hot*
ṇ as in *rna* (say the *r* and say *na*)
t as in *tub* but with tongue against teeth
th as in *light-heart* but with tongue against teeth
d as in *dove* but with the tongue against teeth
dh as in *red-hot* but with tongue against teeth
n as in *nut* but with tongue against teeth
p as in *pine*
ph as in *uphill* (not f)
b as in *bird*
bh as in *rub-hard*
m as in *mother*
y as in *yes*
r as in *run*
l as in *light*
v as in *vine*
ś as the *sh* in *ship*
ṣ as the *sh* in *shine*
s as in *sun*
h as in *home*