

## Sounds

### Sanskrit Alphabet with sounds

Vowels: short and long	अ a*	आ aa	ॐ	का kaa
	इ i	ई ii	ି	ି kii
	उ u	ऊ uu	ୁ	ୁ kuu
	ऋ ri*	ॠ rri*	ୟ	r also shows as a small backwards hook on top when it preceeds a letter (rpa) and a down/left bar when comes after (kra)
	ଲ୍ lri	ଲ୍ lree	ଳ୍	ଳ୍ klri
	ୟ e	ୟ ai	ୟୈ	ୟୈ ke
	ଓ o	ଓ au*	ଓଁ	ଓଁ kau
	ଅଁ am	ଅଁ ah	ଅଁଁ	ଅଁଁ kah
Consonants:	କ ka	ଖ kha	ଗ ga	ଘ gha
	ଚ ca	ଛ cha	ଜ ja	ଝ jha*
	ଟ ta	ଠ tha	ଡ da	ଢ dha
	ତ ta	ଥ tha	ଦ da	ଧ dha
	ପ pa	ଫ pha	ବ ba	ଭ bha
				ମ ma
Semivowels:	ଯ ya	ର ra	ଲ la*	ଵ va
Sibilants:	ଶ sa	ଷ sa	ସ sa	ହ ha
				ଖ୍ ksa**

(\*\*Compound Consonant. See next page)

#### \*Modern/ Hindi Versions

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#### Other

ऋ r      ॠ rr

ଠଠ୍ La, Laa (retro)

ଓଁ au      ॐ aum (stylized)

ୟୁଁ silences the vowel, eg:

କମ୍ kam

ଝ୍ jha

#### Numero:

ଣ୍ na (retro)

୧୨୩୪୫୬୭୮୯୦

ଲ୍ la

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

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### Numero:

0	१	२	३	४	५	६	७	८	९	१०
०	୧	୨	୩	୪	୫	୬	୭	୮	୯	୧୦
variant:	୧			୫			୮		୯	

(shoonya eka- dva- tri- catúr- pancha- sás- saptán- astá- návan- dásan-  
= empty)

works like our Arabic numbers

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### Compound Consanants:

When 2 or more consonants are together, they blend into a compound letter.  
The 12 most common:

tra	tta	jna/ gya	dya	ddhya	ksa	kta	kra	hma	hna	hva
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### examples:

क	क्ख	क्क	क्ण	क्त	क्त्य	क्र	क्र्य	क्त्व	क्न	क्न्य	क्म
kka	kkha	kca	kña	kta	ktya	ktra	krya	ktya	kna	knyia	kma
क्य	क्र	क्र्य	क्ल	क्प	क्व्य	क्ष	क्ष्म	क्ष्य	क्ष्व	ख्य	ख्म
kya	kra	krya	kla	kva	kvya	kṣa	kṣma	kṣya	kṣva	khya	khra
ग्य	ग्र	ग्ग	ग्घ	ग्म	ग्य	ग्प	ग्ष्म	ग्ष्य	ग्ष्व	ग्ख्य	ग्ख्म
gya	gra	grya	ghna	ghnya	ghma	ghya	ghra	ṅka	ṅkta	ṅktya	ṅkya
ङ्क्ष	ङ्ख	ङ्ग	ङ्घ	ङ्म	ঝ্য	ঙ্প	ঙ্ষ্ম	ঙ্ষ্য	ঙ্ষ্঵	ঙ্খ্য	ঙ্খ্ম
ṅkṣa	ṅkṣva	ṅkha	ṅkhyia	ṅga	ṅgya	ṅgha	ṅghya	ṅghra	ṅna	ṅnha	ṅma
ঝ্য	চ্চ	চ্ছ	চ্ছ্র	চ্ম	চ্য	চ্প	চ্ষ্ম	চ্ষ্য	চ্ষ্঵	চ্খ্য	চ্খ্ম
riya	cca	ccha	cchra	cña	cma	cya	chya	chra	jja	jjha	jña
ঝ্ম	জ্ম	জ্য	জ্র	জ্ব	জ্ব	জ্ম	জ্ষ্ম	জ্ষ্য	জ্ষ্঵	জ্খ্য	জ্খ্ম
jñya	jma	jya	jra	jva	ṅca	ṅcma	ṅcyia	ṅcha	ṅja	ṅjya	ঠ্টা

for a whole chart, see:

[http://www.omniglot.com/writing/devanagari\\_conjuncts.php](http://www.omniglot.com/writing/devanagari_conjuncts.php)

that page includes a download link but note the site uses the modern form

## Devanagari Alphabet

अ आ

इ ई

उ ऊ

ऋ ऋू

ल लू

ए ऐ

ओ औ

अं अः

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क ख ग घ ङ

च छ ज झ ञ

ट ठ ड ढ ण

त थ द ध न

प फ ब भ म

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य र ल व

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श ष स ह

क्ष

## Pronounce

Vowels	T	pronounce	Consonants	T	pronounce	Semivowels	T	pronounce
1 अ a	g	Another	17 क ka	v	KiT	42 य ya	p	Yoga
2 आ aa	g	fAther	18 ख kha	v	blockHead	43 र ra	r	Rich
3 इ i	p	Eat	19 ग ga	v	Go	44 ल la	d	Laugh
4 ई ii	p	dEEp	20 घ gha	v	doGHouse	45 व va	l	Vat
5 उ u	l	flUte	21 ङ na	v	siNG			
6 ऊ uu	l	shOOt	22 च ca	p	CHurch	46 श sha	p	SHip
7 ऋ ri	r	macabRE-i	23 छ cha	p	itCH	47 ष sa	r	SHut
8 झ rri	r	rii	24 ज ja	p	Joke	48 स sa	d	Sit
9 ल lri	d	lri	25 झ jha	p	sledGEHammer	49 ह ha	v/g	Hit
10 लू lree	d	lree	26 ञ na	p	caNYon	50 क्ष ksa	v	aCTion
11 ए e	p	cAke	27 ट ta	r	arT			
12 ऐ ai	p	Aisle	28 ठ tha	r	arTHouse			*Do use a good audio sample for correct pronunciation
13 ओ o	l	yOke	29 ड da	r	harD			
14 औ au	l	Out	30 ढ dha	r	harDHat			
15 अं am	--	oM	31 ण na	r	horN			
16 अः ah	--	namaH	32 त ta	d	sTop			
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Add an M to any letter and you have the bija or seed mantras								
eg: aum								
aim								
dham								
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33 थ tha								
34 द da								
35 ध dha								
36 न na								
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37 प pa								
38 फ pha								
39 ब ba								
40 भ bha								
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41 म ma								

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KEY:  
gutteral  
velar  
palatal  
retroflex/cerebral  
dental  
labial

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**Tongue Positions:**

- 1 - **gutteral** - throat
- 2 - **velar** - soft back of roof, back of tongue
- 3 - **palatal** - top of palate (roof of mouth) with tongue tip
- 4 - **retroflex/cerebral** - forward palate with tongue tip
- 5 - **dental** - teeth, with tongue tip
- 6 - **labial** - lips only

