

# ALPHABET

The letters of the alphabet adopted and the method of their transliteration.

	Kannada	Roman	Nearest English equivalent in pronunciation wherever available
<b>Vowels:</b>	ಉ	u	
	ಊ	uu	
	ಅ	a	u of cut
	ಆ	aa	a of calm
	ಐ	i	i of bit
	ಈ	ii	ee of keep
	ಉ	u	u of put
	ಊ	uu	oo of shoot
	ಋ	r	
	ೠ	rr	
	ಋ	ε	a of man
	ೠ	εε	a of mat
	ಋ	e	e of bet
	ೠ	ee	a of mate
	ಋ	o	o of obedience
ೠ	oo	oa of coat	
<b>Diphthongs:</b>	ಐ	ai/ ei	i of like ai of main
	ಐಯ್	ayü/ ay	
	ಐಯಿ	ayi	
	ಐಯಿ	eyi	
	ಐಔ	au/ ou	ov of love ov of stove
	ಐವ್	avü/ av	
	ಐವು	avu	
<b>Stops unaspirated:</b>	ಕ	ka <sup>h</sup>	k of skin
	ಗ	ga	g of get
	ಚ	ca	ch of church
	ಜ	ja	j of jet
	ತ	ta	t of heat (with the tip of the tongue curled back)
	ಡ	da	d of curd (with the tip of the tongue curled back)

	ತಾ	ta	
	ದಾ	da	
	ಪಾ	pa	p of copy
	ಬಾ	ba	b of big
<b>Stops aspirated:</b>	ಕಾ	kha	
	ಗಾ	gha	
	ಚಾ	cha	
	ಜಾ	jha	
	ತಾ	ṭha	
	ಧಾ	ḍha	
	ಥಾ	ṥha	
	ಢಾ	dha	
	ಫಾ	pha	
	ಭಾ	bha	
<b>Alveolar stop:</b>	ಸಾ	sṭ	treated as a cluster of s and ṭ
<b>Nasals :</b>	ನಾ	ṅa	ng of sing
	ನಾ	ṇa	n of bench
	ನಾ	ṇa	n of name
	ಮಾ	ma	m of man
	ಮ	m	ṅ before k,kh,g,gh n before c, ch,j,jh ṇ before ṭ,ṭh,ḍ,ḍh n before t,th,d,dh m before p,ph,b,bh Also before non-stop consonants and finally
<b>Semi-vowels trills, laterals and fricatives:</b>	ಯಾ	ya	y of yard
	ರಾ	ra	r of tree
	ಲಾ	la	l of light
	ವಾ	va	v of very
	ಷಾ	ṣa	sh of sheep
	ಷಾ	ṣa	
	ಸಾ	ṣa	s of see
	ಹಾ	ha	h of head
	ಲಾ	la	
	ಲಾ	ḷa	
	ಫ	ḥ	
<b>Also note</b>			stands for ṁ after consonants
			stands for ḥ after consonants
			stands for deleted vowel in texts

# Alphabetical order followed

ಆ	ಆಃ	ಅ	ಆ	ಇ	ಈ	ಉ	ಊ	ಋ	ೠ
u	uu	a	aa	i	ii	u	uu	r	rr

ವ್	ವ್ಃ	ಎ	ಏ	ಐ	ಒ	ಓ	ಔ
e	ee	e	ee	ai	o	oo	ov

ಂ  
ಮ

ಃ  
ಹ

ಕ	ಖ	ಗ	ಘ	ಙ	ಚ	ಛ	ಜ	ಝ	ಞ
k	kh	g	gh	ñ	c	ch	j	jh	ñ

ಟ	ಠ	ಡ	ಢ	ಣ	ತ	ಥ	ದ	ಧ	ನ
t	th	d	dh	ṇ	t	th	d	dh	n

ಪ	ಫ	ಬ	ಭ	ಮ
p	ph	b	bh	m

ಯ	ರ	ಲ	ವ	ಶ	ಷ	ಸ	ಹ	ಳ	ಱ
y	r	l	v	ś	ṣ	s	h	!	ṭ

## Example:

ಆ	ಆಂದ	ಆಜ್	ಅ	ಅಂದ್	ಅಃ
u	unda	ujy	a	andṭ	aḥ

ಅಕಡ್	ಅಜ್ಜ	ಅಜ	ಅಜಂ	ಅಜಕಲ್
akudṭ	añña	aja	ajam	ajakulṭ

ಅಜಕಾಯಿ	ಅಣ್ಣ	ಅಳ್	ಅಱ್
ajakaayi	añña	aḷṭ	aḷṭ