

S A N S K R I T

by Cassette

Lesson 1

Vowels

अ आ इ ई उ ऊ
ए ऐ ओ औ
ऋ ॠ लृ अं अः

Consonants

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
य र ल व
श ष स ह

Alphabet Characteristics

Vowels

Simple	Position 1 - Guttural		Position 2 - Palatal		Position 5 - Labial	
	short	long	short	long	short	long
	अ	आ	इ	ई	उ	ऊ
Diphthongs	1-2 Guttural - Palatal			1-5 Guttural - Labial		
	ए			ऐ		
	guṇa			vr̥ddhi		
	ओ			औ		
	guṇa			vr̥ddhi		
Simple	Position 3 - Cerebral		Position 4 - Dental	Anusvāra	Visarga	
	short	long	short	nasal	1-Guttural (hard final breath)	
	ऋ	ॠ	ऌ	ं	ः	

Consonants

	Hard (unvoiced) unaspirated	Hard (unvoiced) aspirated	Soft (voiced) unaspirated	Soft (voiced) aspirated	Soft (voiced) nasal
1 - Guttural (throat)	क	ख	ग	घ	ङ
2 - Palatal (hard palate)	च	छ	ज	झ	ञ
3 - Cerebral (roof)	ट	ठ	ड	ढ	ण
4 - Dental (teeth)	त	थ	द	ध	न
5 - Labial (lips)	प	फ	ब	भ	म

Semivowels (Soft)

2-Palatal	3-Cerebral	4-Dental	5-Labial
य	र	ल	व

Sibilants (Hard)

2-Palatal	3-Cerebral	4-Dental
श	ष	स

Aspirate (Soft)

1- Guttural
ह

Transliteration of the Sanskrit Alphabet

Vowels - Svāra

अ	a	आ	ā	इ	i	ई	ī	उ	u	ऊ	ū
				ए	e	ऐ	ai	ओ	o	औ	au
ऋ	ṛ	ॠ	ṝ	ऌ	ḷ	अं	aṁ / aṅ / aṇ / an / aṁ	अः	aḥ		

Consonants - Vyañjana

	Hard	Hard Aspirate	Soft	Soft Aspirate	Soft Nasal
Guttural	क ka	ख kha	ग ga	घ gha	ङ ṅa
Palatal	च ca	छ cha	ज ja	झ jha	ञ ña
Cerebral	ट ṭa	ठ ṭha	ड ḍa	ढ ḍha	ण ṇa
Dental	त ta	थ tha	द da	ध dha	न na
Labial	प pa	फ pha	ब ba	भ bha	म ma

Semivowels (Consonants derived from Vowels)

य ya र ra ल la व va

Sibilants

श śa

ष ṣa

स sa

Aspirate

ह ha

Compounds

क्ष kṣa

ज्ञ jña



माधव मोहन

- ① Guttural
- ② Palatal
- ③ Cerebral
- ④ Dental
- ⑤ Labial

There are a number of different ways to form compound consonants:

I a. When the first member of the compound has a final vertical stroke, eliminate it and add on the second member. Example: न्त = न्त
as in the word शान्त

I b. Optional form of I a. In some cases of I, the first member of the compound minus its vertical stroke can optionally be placed above the second.

Example: ज्ञ = ज्ञ According to I a. this may also be written ज्ञ
As in the word रञ्ज / रञ्ज

II When the first member of a compound has no vertical stroke:

First member above. Example: ड्ग = ड्ग as in the word गङ्गा

III When the first member of a compound has a central vertical stroke:

First member above. Example: क्ल = क्ल or क्ल as in the word क्लेश

IV When the second member of the compound fits inside the first member:

Example: त्न = त्न as in the word रत्न Optional form as in I a. त्न

V When elements of both are fused into a new character:

Example: द्य = द्य as in the word विद्या

VI Special letters which are compounds: क्ष = क्ष ज्ञ = ज्ञ

VII Special Abbreviations: र as the second member of a compound is represented as the stroke / प्र = प्र as in the word प्रभु

र् as the first member of a compound is represented as the stroke placed above the second member of the compound. Example: र्म = र्म as in the word कर्म
2nd member includes following vowel stroke eg. कर्ता

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1) Words using only the vowel sound अ (in alphabetical order).

Color-coded for recognition with original alphabet sheet

<u>Guttural</u>	कमल	खग	गगन	घटः
<u>Palatal</u>	चरण	छदन	जल	झरः
<u>Dental</u>	तपन		दमः	धन नर
<u>Labial</u>	पठन	फल	बल	भय मम
<u>Semivowel</u>	यम	रथः	लयः	वन
<u>Sibilants</u>	शतक		सकल	हर

Words with आ in the first syllable:

काल जाल तारा नारायण
भाषा रामायण हासः

Words with ई in the first syllable:

तिलक दिवस मिलन
लिखित विराम शिव हिमालय

Words with ई in the first syllable:

गीता जीव तीर दीन
पीठ लीला वीर शीतल

Words with उ in the first syllable:

कुसुम गुरु तुरग पुरुष
भुज मुख शुभ सुख

5 - Labials (read down)

प	पा	पि	पी	पु	पू	ब	बा	बि	बी	बु	बू
		पे	पै	पो	पौ			बे	बै	बो	बौ
पृ	पृ			पं	पः	बृ	बृ			बं	बः
फ	फा	फि	फी	फु	फू	भ	भा	भि	भी	भु	भू
		फे	फै	फो	फौ			भे	भै	भो	भौ
फृ	फृ			फं	फः	भृ	भृ			भं	भः
						म	मा	मि	मी	मु	मू
								मे	मै	मो	मौ
						मृ	मृ			मं	मः

Semi-vowels (read across)

य	या	यि	यी	यु	यू	र	रा	रि	री	रु	रू
ये	यै	यो	यौ	यं	यः	रे	रै	रो	रौ	रं	रः
ल	ला	लि	ली	लु	लू	व	वा	वि	वी	वु	वू
		ले	लै	लो	लौ			वे	वै	वो	वौ
				लं	लः	वृ	वृ			वं	वः

Sibilants and Aspirate (read across)

श	शा	शि	शी	शु	शू	ष	षा	षि	षी	षु	षू
		शे	शै	शो	शौ			षे	षै	षो	षौ
शृ	शृ			शं	शः	षृ	षृ			षं	षः
स	सा	सि	सी	सु	सू	ह	हा	हि	ही	हु	हू
		से	सै	सो	सौ			हे	है	हो	हौ
सृ	सृ			सं	सः	हृ	हृ			हं	हः

Single Consonants with all vowel combinations

1 - Gutturals

क का कि की कु कू
के कै को कौ
कृ कृ क्ल कं कः

ख खा खि खी खु खू
खे खै खो खौ
खृ खृ खं खः

ग गा गि गी गु गू
गे गै गो गौ
गृ गृ गं गः

घ घा घि घी घु घू
घे घै घो घौ
घृ घृ घं घः

2 - Palatals

च चा चि ची चु चू
चे चै चो चौ
चृ चृ चं चः

छ छा छि छी छु छू
छे छै छो छौ
छृ छृ छं छः

ज जा जि जी जु जू
जे जै जो जौ
जृ जृ जं जः

झ झा झि झी झु झू
झे झै झो झौ
झृ झृ झं झः

Single Consonants with all vowel combinations

3 - Cerebrals

ट टा टि टी तु तू
 टे टै तो तौ
 टृ टृ ठं ठः

ठ ठा ठि ठी ठु ठू
 ठे ठै ठो ठौ
 ठृ ठृ ठं ठः

ड डा डि डी डु डू
 डे डै डो डौ
 डृ डृ ढं ढः

ढ ढा ढि ढी ढु ढू
 ढे ढै ढो ढौ
 ढृ ढृ ढं ढः

ण णा णि णी णु णू
 णे णै णो णौ
 णृ णृ णं णः

4 - Dentals

त ता ति ती तु तू
 ते तै तो तौ
 तृ तृ तं तः

थ था थि थी थु थू
 थे थै थो थौ
 थृ थृ थं थः

द दा दि दी दु दू
 दे दै दो दौ
 दृ दृ दं दः

ध धा धि धी धु धू
 धे धै धो धौ
 धृ धृ धं धः

न ना नि नी नु नू
 ने नै नो नौ
 नृ नृ नं नः

Single Consonants with all vowel combinations

3 - Cerebrals

ट टा टि टी टु टू
टे टै तो तौ
ट्ट ट्ट टं टः

ठ ठा ठि ठी ठु ठू
ठे ठै ठो ठौ
ठ्ठ ठ्ठ ठं ठः

ड डा डि डी डु डू
डे डै डो डौ
ड्ड ड्ड डं डः

ढ ढा ढि ढी ढु ढू
ढे ढै ढो ढौ
ढ्ढ ढ्ढ ढं ढः

ण णा णि णी णु णू
णे णै णो णौ
ण्ण ण्ण णं णः

4 - Dentals

त ता ति ती तु तू
ते तै तो तौ
त्त त्त तं तः

थ था थि थी थु थू
थे थै थो थौ
थ्थ थ्थ थं थः

द दा दि दी दु दू
दे दै दो दौ
द्व द्व दं दः

ध धा धि धी धु धू
धे धै धो धौ
ध्ध ध्ध धं धः

न ना नि नी नु नू
ने नै नो नौ
न्न् न्न् नं नः

Single Consonants with all vowel combinations

1 - Gutturals

क का कि की कु कू
के कै को कौ
कृ कृ क्ल कं कः
ख खा खि खी खु खू
खे खै खो खौ
खृ खृ खं खः
ग गा गि गी गु गू
गे गै गो गौ
गृ गृ गं गः
घ घा घि घी घु घू
घे घै घो घौ
घृ घृ घं घः

2 - Palatals

च चा चि ची चु चू
चे चै चो चौ
चृ चृ चं चः
छ छा छि छी छु छू
छे छै छो छौ
छृ छृ छं छः
ज जा जि जी जु जू
जे जै जो जौ
जृ जृ जं जः
झ झा झि झी झु झू
झे झै झो झौ
झृ झृ झं झः

5 - Labials (read down)

प पा पि पी पु पू

पे पै पो पौ

पृ पृ

पं पः

फ फा फि फी फु फू

फे फे फो फौ

फृ फृ

फं फः

ब बा बि बी बु बू

बे बै बो बौ

बृ बृ

बं बः

भ भा भि भी भु भू

भे भै भो भौ

भृ भृ

भं भः

म मा मि मी मु मू

मे मै मो मौ

मृ मृ

मं मः

Semi-vowels (read across)

य या यि यी यु यू

ये यै यो यौ यं यः

ल ला लि ली लु लू

ले लै लो लौ

लं लः

र रा रि री रु रू

रे रै रो रौ रं रः

व वा वि वी वु वू

वे वै वो वौ

वृ वृ

वं वः

Sibilants and Aspirate (read across)

श शा शि शी शु शू

शे शै शो शौ

शृ शृ

शं शः

स सा सि सी सु सू

से सै सो सौ

सृ सृ

सं सः

ष षा षि षी षु षू

षे षै षो षौ

षृ षृ

षं षः

ह हा हि ही हु हू

हे है हो हौ

हृ हृ

हं हः

5 - Labials (read down)

प	पा	पि	पी	पु	पू	ब	बा	बि	बी	बु	बू
		पे	पै	पो	पौ			बे	बै	बो	बौ
पृ	पृ			पं	पः	बृ	बृ			बं	बः
फ	फा	फि	फी	फु	फू	भ	भा	भि	भी	भु	भू
		फे	फै	फो	फौ			भे	भै	भो	भौ
फृ	फृ			फं	फः	भृ	भृ			भं	भः
						म	मा	मि	मी	मु	मू
								मे	मै	मो	मौ
						मृ	मृ			मं	मः

Semi-vowels (read across)

य	या	यि	यी	यु	यू	र	रा	रि	री	रु	रू
ये	यै	यो	यौ	यं	यः	रे	रै	रो	रौ	रं	रः
ल	ला	लि	ली	लु	लू	व	वा	वि	वी	वु	वू
		ले	लै	लो	लौ			वे	वै	वो	वौ
				लं	लः	वृ	वृ			वं	वः

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श	शा	शि	शी	शु	शू	ष	षा	षि	षी	षु	षू
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स	सा	सि	सी	सु	सू	ह	हा	हि	ही	हु	हू
		से	सै	सो	सौ			हे	है	हो	हौ
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ग गा गि गी गु गू
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जृ जृ जं जः
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झे झै झो झौ
झृ झृ झं झः

Single Consonants with all vowel combinations

3 - Cerebrals

ट टा टि टी टु टू
टे टै तो तौ
ट्ट ट्ट टं टः

ठ ठा ठि ठी ठु ठू
ठे ठै ठो ठौ
ठ्ठ ठ्ठ ठं ठः

ड डा डि डी डु डू
डे डै डो डौ
ड्ड ड्ड डं डः

ढ ढा ढि ढी ढु ढू
ढे ढै ढो ढौ
ढ्ढ ढ्ढ ढं ढः

ण णा णि णी णु णू
णे णै णो णौ
ण्ण ण्ण णं णः

4 - Dentals

त ता ति ती तु तू
ते तै तो तौ
त्त त्त तं तः

थ था थि थी थु थू
थे थै थो थौ
थ्थ थ्थ थं थः

द दा दि दी दु दू
दे दै दो दौ
द्व द्व दं दः

ध धा धि धी धु धू
धे धै धो धौ
ध्ध ध्ध धं धः

न ना नि नी नु नू
ने नै नो नौ
न्न् न्न् नं नः

All vowels and anusvāra combined

अं आं इं ईं उं ऊं
एं ऐं ओं औं
ऋं ॠं

Single consonant with all vowels and anusvāra combined

कं कां किं कीं कुं कूं
कें कैं कों कौं
कृं कृ

Anusvāra operates like the English letter "n", which is pronounced differently according to the letter which follows:
e.g. ink inch india

Anusvāra followed by a guttural consonant is pronounced ङ्
example: गंगा

Anusvāra followed by a palatal consonant is pronounced ञ्
example: मुञ्च

Anusvāra followed by a cerebral consonant is pronounced ण्
example: कण्ठ

Anusvāra followed by a dental consonant is pronounced न्
example: शान्त

Anusvāra followed by a labial consonant is pronounced म्
example: रंभा

The most common use of anusvāra

Anusvāra is a replacement for final म्
when the following word begins with a consonant.

Example: किम् भवति becomes किं भवति

All vowels and anusvāra combined

अं आं इं ईं उं ऊं
एं ऐं ओं औं
ऋं ॠं

Single consonant with all vowels and anusvāra combined

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