

# Sanskrit Pronunciation

<b><u>Vowels</u></b>	a	cup	dharma, karma
	ā	tar	prajñā, mahā
	i	hit	mitra
	ī	police	śīla
	u	put	guru
	ū	rude	pūja
	ṛ	crib	samskr̥t
	e	prey	deva
	ai	aisle	maitri
	o	go	bodhi
	au	haus (German)	gautama
	(a)ṁ	depends on next letter	
	(a)ḥ	echoes previous vowel	hrīḥ
<b><u>Guttural</u></b>	k	kit	karma
Back of throat	kh	brickhouse	khajit
	g	go	gate
	gh	baghouse	saṅgha
	ṅ	sling	saṅgha
<b><u>Palatal</u></b>	c	chow	citta
Soft palate	ch	beachhouse	gacchāmi
	j	joy	jātaka
	jh	hedgehog	jhāna
	ñ	bunyan	prajñā
<b><u>Retroflex</u></b>	ṭ	tot	dr̥ṣṭi
Tip of tongue to top of mouth	ṭh	hothouse	adhiṣṭāna
	ḍ	dad	garuḍa
	ḍh	bedhead	dr̥ḍho
	ṇ	nun	karuṇā
<b><u>Dental</u></b>	t	tot	citta
Tip of tongue to back of teeth	th	hothouse	tathāgata
	d	dad	dāna
	dh	bedhead	buddha
	n	nun	namo
<b><u>Labial</u></b>	p	pop	dhammapada
	ph	tophat	phala
	b	bob	bodhi
	bh	jobhunter	bhāvanā
	m	mom	mudita
<b><u>Semi-vowels</u></b>	y	yell	yoga
	r	run	ratna
	l	lad	loka
	v	van (w after consonants)	vajra (svāhā)
<b><u>Sibilants</u></b>	ś	show	śānti, śūnyatā
	ṣ	show	nirdeṣa
	s	saw	sattva
	h	hit	hūm