

Transliteration Scheme Guide - for Tamil

The following phonetic scheme is used to transliterate Tamil into English. Some Tamil letters can be written in English using one of several ways. This is to help in preserving the original Tamil pronunciation when read in English by a reader who is not familiar with Tamil pronunciation rules.

a	அ	அ	ka	க	க	va	வ	வ	ga	க	ங
A	ஆ	ଆ	~nga	ங	ங	zha	ழ	unique (like ங)	~njja	ஞ்ச	ஞ்ஜ
i	இ	ଇ	ca	ச	ଚ	La	ଳ	ଳ	sa	ସ	ସ
I	ஈ	ଈ	~nja	ஞ	ଜ	Ra	ର	hard ର	da	ତ	ଡ
u	உ	ଉ	ta	ଟ	ଟ	na	ନ	ନ	dha	ତୁ	ଦ
U	ஊ	ऊ	Na	ଣ	ଣ				ba	ବ	ବ
e	எ	short ଏ	tha	ଥ	ତ	ja	ଜ	ଜ			
E	ஏ	ए	~na	ந	as in 'n' in ந	sha	ஷ	ஷ	tRa	ற	ட
ai	ஐ	ऐ	pa	ପ	ପ	ha	ହ	ହ	ndRa	ங்ற	ந்த
o	ஓ	short ଓ	ma	ମ	ମ	ksha	କ୍ଷ	କ୍ଷ			
O	ଓ	ଓ	ya	ଯ	ଯ						
au	ଉ	ଓ	ra	ର	ର						
::	ஃ	like 'h' :	la	ଲ	ଲ						

Transliteration Scheme Guide - for Sanskrit

The following phonetic scheme is used to transliterate Sanskrit into English. (Note: Letters in pink are not in Sanskrit but occur in Tamil and shown here for completeness of the scheme. Sanskrit has only one 'na' but Tamil has 2 (~na and na). Therefore both are shown here. When Sanskrit is transliterated into Tamil, depending on context one or the other is to be used).

a	அ	அ	:	:	like 'h'	ta	த	ட	ya	ய	ய
A	ஆ	ଆ	::	ஃ	like 'h'	Ta	த ²	஠	ra	ர	ர
i	இ	ଇ				da	த ³	ଡ	la	ல	ଲ
I	ଈ	ଈ				Da	த ⁴	ଢ	va	ବ	ବ
u	ୁ	ଉ				Na	ନ୍ତା	ଣ	zha	ଘୁ	unique (like ଙ୍କ)
U	ୟା	ଓ	ka	କ	କ	tha	ତ	ତ	La	ଳ	ଳ
ru\	ଗୁ\	ଗୁ	Ka	କ ²	ଖୁ	THa	ତ ²	ଥ	Ra	ରୁ	hard ର
rU\	ଗୁ\	ଗୁ	ga	କ ³	ଗ	dha	ତ ³	ଦ	na	ନ୍ତା	ନ
lu\	ଲୁ\	ଲୁ	Ga	କ ⁴	ଘ	DH a	ତ ⁴	ଧ			
e	ଏ	short ଏ	~nga	ନ୍ତ	ଙ୍କା	~na	ନ୍ତ	ନ			
E	ଏ	ଏ	ca	ଚ	ଚ	pa	ପ	ପ	sa	ଶ	ଶ
ai	ଐ	ଐ	Ca	ଚ ²	ଛ	Pa	ପ ²	ଫ	Sa	ଃଚ	ଫା
o	ଓ	short ଓ	ja	ଜ	ଜ	ba	ପ ³	ବ	sha	ଷ	ଷ
O	ଓ	ଓ	Ja	ଜ ²	ଝ	Ba	ପ ⁴	ଭ	ha	ହୁ	ହ
au	ଉଳା	ଓଁ	~nja	ଙ୍କ	ଙ୍କ	ma	ମ	ମ	ksha	କଷ	କଷ