

THE DEVANAGARI ALPHABET**DEVANAGARI PRONUNCIATION : VOWELS**

INDEPENDENT OR INITIAL		AS IN THE		A DIFFERENT SHAPE IS USED WHEN IT IS JOINED BEHIND A CONSONANT (SUCH AS WITH "प" "pa" ...)	
AND	SOUNDS	LIKE...	ENGLISH		
ROMANIZED	LIKE...		WORD		
PHONETIC					
˘ (no vowel)		(no sound)		प	p` ("p")
अ a	short "a"	"along" (inherent a)		पा	pa
आ aa	long "a"	"far"		प्रा	paa
ऐ ă	flat "a"	"apple"		पै	pă
इ i	short "i"	"fill"		पि	pi
ई ii	long "i"	"feel"		पी	pīi
उ u	short "u"	"pull"		पु	pu
ऊ uu	long "oo"	"pool"		पू	puu
ऋ rri	short "ri"	"triple"		प्र	prri
ॠ rrii	long "ri"	"trio"		प्रृ	prrii
ए e	short "e"	"egg"		पे	pe
ऐ ee/ei/ai	long "ei"/"ai"	"feint"/"faint"/"aisle"		पै	pee ("pei"/"pai")
ओ o	short "o"	"on"		पो	po
औ oo/au	long "o"	"owner", "now"		पौ	poo ("pau/pow")
ः hh	abrupt "h"	"Judah"		पः	pahh
ं ^		nasal faintly as in French "non"		पं	p^a ("pa_n")

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		ROMANIZED		SOUNDS	
		AS	LIKE	IN THE ENGLISH WORD	
Guttural	क	k	"k"	in "keen"	
- in the throat	ख	kh	"kh"	in "rockhead"	
	ग	g	"g"	in "get"	
	घ	gh	"gh"	in "slagheap"	
	ङ	n ¹	"n"	in "donkey"	
Palatal	च	c	"ch"	in "chair"	
- on the palate	छ	ch	chh	in "matchhead"	
	ज	j	"j"	in "enjoy"	
	झ	jh	"dgeh"	in "hedgehog"	
	ञ	n ²	"n"	in "pinch"	
Cerebral	ट	t	"t"	in "alter"	
- on the roof	ठ	<u>th</u>	"th"	in "malthouse"	
of the mouth	ड	<u>d</u>	"d"	in "Dad"	
	ड़	r	"rr"	in "barred"	
	ढ	<u>dh</u>	"dh"	in "goldhammer"	
	ढ़	<u>rh</u>	"rrh"	in "myrrh lump"	
	ण	<u>n</u>	"n"	in "inlaid"	
Dental	त	t	"t"	in "ant"	
- on the teeth	थ	th	"th"	in "warthog"	
	द	d	"d"	in "beds"	
	ध	dh	"dh"	in "redheads"	
	न	n	"n"	in "bending"	
Labial	प	p	"p"	in "peace"	
- on the lips	फ	ph	"ph"	in "uphold"	
	ब	b	"b"	in "bob"	
	भ	bh	"bh"	in "nibholder"	
	म	m	"m"	in "meet"	
Forward	य	y	"y"	in "yes"	
semi-vowels	र	r	"r"	in "right"	
	ल	l	"l"	in "love"	
	ळ	l	"l"	in "whirl"	
	व	v,w	"v"	in "love" ("twin")	
Sibillants	श	sh	"sh"	in "ship"	
	ष	ś	"sh"	in "washtub"	
	स	s	"sh"	in "step"	
Guttural semi-vowel	ह	h	"h"	in "heart"	