

THE GUJARATI ALPHABET**GUJARATI PRONUNCIATION : VOWELS**

INDEPENDENT OR INITIAL AND ROMANIZED PHONETIC	SOUNDS LIKE...	AS IN THE ENGLISH WORD	A DIFFERENT SHAPE IS USED WHEN IT IS JOINED BEHIND A CONSONANT (SUCH AS WITH “પ” “પા” ...)
ઁ (no vowel)		(no sound)	પ (p)
અ a	short "a"	"along" (inherent a)	પા pa
ઠા aa	long "a"	"far"	પા પા paa
ઞ ā	flat "a"	"apple"	પા પા pā
ઈ i	short "i"	"fill"	પિ pi
ઇ ii	long "i"	"feel"	પિ પિ pii
ઉ u	short "u"	"pull"	પુ pu
ઊ uu	long "oo"	"pool"	પુ પુ puu
ઋ rri	short "ri"	"triple"	પ્રિ pri
ૠ rrii	long "ri"	"trio"	પ્રિ પ્રિ prrii
એ e	short "e"	"egg"	પે pe
ઐ ee/ei/ai	long "ei"/"ai"/"feint"/"faint"/"aisle"		પે પે ("pei"/"pai")
ઔ o	short "o"	"on"	પો po
ઔ oo/au	long "o"	"owner", "now"	પો પો ("pau/pow")
ઃ hh	abrupt "h"	"Judah"	પાહ pahh
ં ^	nasal faintly as in French "non"		પા પા ("pa _n ")

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		ROMANIZED		SOUNDS	
		AS	LIKE	IN THE ENGLISH WORD	
Guttural	ક	k	"k"	in "keen"	
- in the throat	ખ	kh	"kh"	in "rockhead"	
	ગ	g	"g"	in "get"	
	ઘ	gh	"gh"	in "slagheap"	
	ઙ	n ¹	"n"	in "donkey"	
Palatal	ચ	c	"ch"	in "chair"	
- on the palate	છ	ch	chh"	in "matchhead"	
	જ	j	"j"	in "enjoy"	
	ઝ	jh	"dgeh"	in "hedgehog"	
	ઞ	n ²	"n"	in "pinch"	
Cerebral	ટ	t	"t"	in "alter"	
- on the roof	ઠ	<u>th</u>	"th"	in "malthouse"	
of the mouth	ડ	<u>d</u>	"d"	in "Dad"	
	ઢ	r	"rr"	in "barred"	
	ધ	<u>dh</u>	"dh"	in "goldhammer"	
	ઙ	<u>rh</u>	"rrh"	in "myrrh lump"	
	ણ	<u>n</u>	"n"	in "inlaid"	
Dental	ત	t	"t"	in "ant"	
- on the teeth	થ	th	"th"	in "warthog"	
	દ	d	"d"	in "beds"	
	ધ	dh	"dh"	in "redheads"	
	ન	n	"n"	in "bending"	
Labial	પ	p	"p"	in "peace"	
- on the lips	ફ	ph	"ph"	in "uphold"	
	બ	b	"b"	in "bob"	
	ભ	bh	"bh"	in "nibholder"	
	મ	m	"m"	in "meet"	
Forward	ય	y	"y"	in "yes"	
semi-vowels	ર	r	"r"	in "right"	
	લ	l	"l"	in "love"	
	ળ	l	"l"	in "whirl"	
	વ	v, w	"v"	in "love" ("twin")	
Sibillants	શ	sh	"sh"	in "ship"	
	ષ	ś	"sh"	in "washtub"	
	સ	s	"sh"	in "step"	
Guttural semi-vowel	હ	h	"h"	in "heart"	