

THE GURUMUKHI ALPHABET**PUNJABI GURUMUKHI 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 "ਧ" "pa" ...)
(no vowel)		(no sound)	ਧ p` ("p")
ਅ a	short "a"	"along" (inherent a)	ਧ pa
ਆ aa	long "a"	"far"	ਧ paa
ਇ i	short "i"	"fill"	ਧ pi
ਈ ii	long "i"	"feel"	ਧ pii
ਉ u	short "u"	"pull"	ਧ pu
ਊ uu	long "oo"	"pool"	ਧ puu
ਏ e	short "e"	"egg"	ਧ pe
ਐ ee/ei/ai	long "ei"/"ai""feint"/"faint"/"aisle"		ਧ pee ("pei"/"pai")
ਓ o	short "o"	"on"	ਧ po
ਔ oo/au	long "o"	"owner", "now"	ਧ poo ("pau/pow")
ੰ ^		nasal faintly as in French "non"	ਧ pa^/p^a ("pa_n")

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(-)	(a)	(flat "a")	("apple")	(-)	(pa)
(-)	(rri)	(short "ri")	("triple")	(-)	(prri)
(-)	(rrii)	(long "ri")	("trio")	(-)	(prrii)
(-)	(hh)	(abrupt "h")	("Judah")	(-)	(pahh)

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		ROMANIZED		SOUNDS	
		AS	LIKE	IN THE ENGLISH WORD	
Guttural	ਕ	k	"k"	in "keen"	
- in the throat	ਖ	kh	"kh"	in "rockhead"	
	ਗ	g	"g"	in "get"	
	ਘ	gh	"gh"	in "slagheap"	
	ਨ	n ¹	"n"	in "donkey"	
Palatal	ਚ	c	"ch"	in "chair"	
- on the palate	ਛ	ch	chh"	in "matchhead"	
	ਜ	j	"j"	in "enjoy"	
	ਝ	jh	"dgeh"	in "hedgehog"	
	ਞ	n ²	"n"	in "pinch"	
Cerebral	ਟ	t	"t"	in "alter"	
- on the roof	ਠ	<u>th</u>	"th"	in "malthouse"	
of the mouth	ਡ	<u>d</u>	"d"	in "Dad"	
	ੲ	r	"rr"	in "barred"	
	ੳ	<u>dh</u>	"dh"	in "goldhammer"	
	ੴ	<u>rh</u>	"rrh"	in "myrrh lump"	
	ਲ	<u>n</u>	"n"	in "inlaid"	
Dental	ਤ	t	"t"	in "ant"	
- on the teeth	ਥ	th	"th"	in "warthog"	
	ਦ	d	"d"	in "beds"	
	ੲ	dh	"dh"	in "redheads"	
	ਨ	n	"n"	in "bending"	
Labial	ਪ	p	"p"	in "peace"	
- on the lips	ਫ	ph	"ph"	in "uphold"	
	ਬ	b	"b"	in "bob"	
	ਭ	bh	"bh"	in "nibholder"	
	ਮ	m	"m"	in "meet"	
Forward	ਯ	y	"y"	in "yes"	
semi-vowels	ਰ	r	"r"	in "right"	
	ਲ	l	"l"	in "love"	
	ਲ਼	l	"l"	in "whirl"	
	ਵ	v,w	"v"	in "love" ("twin")	
Sibillants	ਸ਼	sh	"sh"	in "ship"	
	ਸ	s	"s"	in "step"	
Guttural semi-vowel	ਹ	h	"h"	in "heart"	

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(-) (ṣ) ("sh") (in "washtub")