

Key to Transliteration and Pronunciation

S	I	Sounds like	Key	S	I	Sounds like	Key
अ	a	o in <i>son</i>	a	ड	ḍ	d in <i>do</i>	d
आ	ā	a in <i>master</i>	â	ढ	ḍh	dh in <i>godhood</i>	d
इ	i	i in <i>if</i>	i	ण	ṇ	n in <i>under</i>	n
ई	ī	ee in <i>feel</i>	î	त	t	French t	th
उ	u	u in <i>full</i>	u	थ	th	th in <i>thumb</i>	th
ऊ	ū	oo in <i>boot</i>	û	द	d	th in <i>then</i>	dh
ऋ	r̄	between r and ri	r	ध	dh	theh in <i>breathe here</i>	dh
ए	e	a in <i>evade</i>	e	न	n	n in <i>nose</i>	n
ऐ	ai	y in <i>my</i>	ai	प	p	p in <i>put</i>	p
ओ	o	o in <i>over</i>	o	फ	ph	ph in <i>loop-hole</i>	ph
औ	au	ow in <i>now</i>	au	ब	b	b in <i>book</i>	b
क	k	k in <i>kite</i>	k	भ	bh	bh in <i>abhor</i>	bh
ख	kh	ckh in <i>blockhead</i>	kh	म	m	m in <i>man</i>	m
ग	g	g in <i>good</i>	g	य	y	y in <i>yak</i>	y
घ	gh	gh in <i>log-hut</i>	gh	र	r	r in <i>run</i>	r
ङ	ṅ	n in <i>monkey</i>	n	ल	l	l in <i>lord</i>	l
च	c	ch (not k) in <i>check</i>	c	व	v	v in <i>avert</i>	v
छ	ch	chh in <i>catch him</i>	ch	श	ś	sh in <i>shut</i>	sh
ज	j	j in <i>jar</i>	j	ष	ṣ	sh in <i>show</i>	sh
झ	jh	dgeh in <i>hedgehog</i>	jh	स	s	s in <i>sit</i>	s
ञ	ñ	n in <i>lunch</i>	ñ	ह	h	h in <i>hard</i>	h
ट	ṭ	t in <i>touch</i>	t	ॠ	ṛ	m in <i>hum</i>	m
ठ	ṭh	th in <i>ant-hill</i>	t	ः	ḥ	half h in <i>oh!</i>	h

S=Sanskrit. I=International transliteration with diacritical marks.