

Lepcha / ீ Róng

romanization: traditional (based on Mainwaring 1876)

I. Consonant characters

1	𑄠	ka	10	𑄩	nya	19	𑄱	fla	28	𑄷	ra
2	𑄡	kla	11	𑄫	ta	20	𑄲	ba	29	𑄸	la
3	𑄢	kha	12	𑄬	tha	21	𑄳	bla	30	𑄹	ha
4	𑄣	ga	13	𑄭	da	22	𑄴	ma	31	𑄺	hla
5	𑄤	gla	14	𑄮	na	23	𑄵	m̄la	32	𑄻	va
6	𑄥	nga	15	𑄯	pa	24	𑄶	t̄sa	33	𑄼	sa
7	𑄦	cha	16	𑄰	pla	25	𑄷	t̄sha	34	𑄽	sha
8	𑄧	chha	17	𑄱	pha	26	𑄸	d̄za	35	𑄾	wa
9	𑄨	ja	18	𑄲	fa	27	𑄹	ya	36	𑄿	a ^A

^A See Note 3.

II. Vowel characters (𑄠 stands for any consonant character)

1	𑄠̄	â	4	𑄠̇	í	7	𑄠̆	u
2	𑄠̂	á	5	𑄠̈	o	8	𑄠̅	ú
3	𑄠̃	i	6	𑄠̉	ó	9	𑄠̄	e

III. Adscript consonant characters (𑄠 stands for any base character)

1	𑄠̣	kya	2	𑄠̤	kra
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Note. Both diacritics form ligatures with the base character (that are impossible to show in this application).

IV. Syllable-final consonant characters (𑄠 stands for any initial character)

1	𑄠̣̣	-k	3	𑄠̣̤	-l	5	𑄠̣̥	-p	7	𑄠̣̦	-t
2	𑄠̧̣	-m	4	𑄠̨̣	-n	6	𑄠̣̩	-r	8	𑄠̣̪	-ng ^A

^A If followed by any other vowel except the inherent *a*; in the latter case a special sign is used:

ᳵ᳚ → *kang*.

Numbers

᳚ 0, ᳛ 1, ᳜ 2, ᳝ 3, ᳞ 4, ᳟ 5, ᳠ 6, ᳡ 7, ᳢ 8, ᳣ 9.

Notes

1. Lepcha script is written from left to right, spaces are left between words, e.g. ᳵ᳚᳚᳚ ᳵ᳚᳚᳚
ᳵ᳚᳚᳚᳚᳚ → *Thikúng Mensalóng* (creator of the Lepcha script), ᳵ᳚᳚᳚ ᳵ᳚᳚᳚ → *chho-míng ámo* 'consonants'.
2. Adscript consonants may be combined: ᳵ᳚᳚᳚ → *fryóm*.
3. Character No. 36 in Table I is romanized by a vowel word-initially, except if followed by an adscript consonant, e.g. ᳵ᳚᳚᳚ → 'yók.
4. A sub-dot in certain cases changes the value of the consonant: ᳵ᳚᳚᳚ → *tra* (< kra), ᳵ᳚᳚᳚ → *dra* (< gra), ᳵ᳚᳚᳚ → *thra* (< hra).

Pronunciation

a / á [a~a], **â** [ə~ʌ], **dr** [d], **e** [e~ɛ], **i / í** [i~ɪ], **j** [ʒ], **ng** [ŋ], **ny** [ɲ], **o** [o], **ó** [ɔ], **sh** [ʃ], **tr** [t], **u** [ʉ], **ú** [u], **y** [j].

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