

Punjabi / ਪੰਜਾਬੀ Pañjābī

romanization: UN 1972/77 + KNAB modifications

I. Base characters

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|---|--------------------|----|-------------------|----|--------------------|----|-------|
| 1 | ੳ (u) ^A | 10 | ਙ ṅa | 19 | ੲ ḍha | 28 | ਬ ba |
| 2 | ਅ a ^A | 11 | ਚ cha | 20 | ਣ ṇa | 29 | ਭ bha |
| 3 | ੲ (i) ^A | 12 | ਛ chha | 21 | ਤ ta | 30 | ਮ ma |
| 4 | ਸ s ^B | 13 | ਜ ja ^B | 22 | ਥ tha | 31 | ਯ ya |
| 5 | ਹ h | 14 | ਝ jha | 23 | ਦ da | 32 | ਰ ra |
| 6 | ਕ ka | 15 | ਞ ṅa | 24 | ਧ dha | 33 | ਲ la |
| 7 | ਖ kha ^B | 16 | ਟ ṭa | 25 | ਨ na | 34 | ਵ va |
| 8 | ਗ ga ^B | 17 | ਠ ṭha | 26 | ਪ pa | 35 | ੜ ṛa |
| 9 | ਘ gha | 18 | ਡ ḍa | 27 | ਫ pha ^B | | |

^A These characters are used in combination with abbreviated vowel characters: ਉ u, ਊ ū, ਅ a, ਆ ā, ਐ ai, ਔ au, ਇ i, ਈ ī, ਏ e; exceptional variation: ਓ o.

^B Dotted variants of the characters: ਸ sha, ਖ kha, ਗ ga, ਜ za, ਫ fa.

II. Abbreviated vowel characters and other symbols (ਕ stands for any consonant)

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|---|------|---|-------|----|----------------------|----|------------------|
| 1 | ਕ a | 5 | ਕੁ u | 9 | ਕੇ o | 13 | ੌ ^(C) |
| 2 | ਕਾ ā | 6 | ਕੂ ū | 10 | ਕੈ au | | |
| 3 | ਕਿ i | 7 | ਕੇ e | 11 | ਕੰ ṁ, ṅ ^A | | |
| 4 | ਕੀ ī | 8 | ਕੈ ai | 12 | ਕਂ ṁ, ṅ ^B | | |

^A Used if it is preceded by short vowels (a, i, u) and ū, excluding the independent vowel character ਉ (u, ū), e.g. ਸੰਗ saṅg, ਸਿੰਗ siṅg, ਬੁੰਦਾ buṅdā, ਬੁੰਦ būṅd, ਇੰਜਨ injan.

^B Used in all other occasions, e.g. ਝੋਕਾ jhoṅkā.

^{A,B} ṁ is used before b, m, p; ṅ in all other cases.

^C Marks doubling of the following consonant: ਨਿੱਕਾ nikkā, ਲੱਭਣਾ labhbhṅā, ਕੁੱਤਾ kuttā, ਹਿੱਸਾ hissā, ਲੱਮਾ lammā.

III. Subscript consonant characters (H stands for any base character)

1 ਙ -h

2 ਞ -v

3 ਟ -r

4 ਯ -y

Examples: ਪੜ੍ਹਨਾ paṛhnā, ਸ੍ਵਰ svar, ਪ੍ਰੇਮ prem.

Notes

1. Absence of the inherent vowel (-a) is not marked in the spelling in any way except for the combinations with subscript characters and those which are doubled by ॅ (*adhaka*).
2. In order to maintain reversibility middle dot (·) is added:
 - a. if a consonant character without an inherent vowel is followed by *h*, *r*, *v* or *y* as an independent character, e.g. ਅੰਕਲੇਸ਼ਵਰ Aṅklesh·var;
 - b. if a consonant character without an inherent vowel is followed by the same consonant character (i.e. the combination is not due to the use of doubling sign ॅ).
3. In the UN romanization ṅ → m, middle dot is omitted.

Pronunciation (as different to Hindi)

ai [ei], au [ao], v [w]