

Key to Pronunciation Symbols

Gurm Char	Symbols used in romanization	Examples of Pronunciation
a, A, e	A, <u>A</u>, E	abut, ago, abroad, achieve, adopt, agree, alone, banana
E	Ao	oak, oath, oatmeal,
S	s	source, less, simple, some
h	h	hat, head, hand, happy
k	k	kin, cook, ache, kick, cat
K	<u>kh</u>	German ich, Buch (deep palatal sound of k) Khaki (a yellowish color), Khomeni (Ayatula)
g	g	go, big, gift, gag, game
G	<u>gh</u>	Deep palatal sound of 'g' something like in ghost
	<u>ny</u>	Must be learnt.
c	ch	chin, nature, church
C	<u>chh</u>	Similar to sh in shin, must be learnt
j	j	job, gem, edge, join, judge
J	<u>jh</u>	Deep labial sound of 'j'
\	<u>nj</u>	Must be learnt.
t	t	tie, attack, tin, tap,
T	<u>th</u>	thug,
f	d	did, adder, deed, dam, double,
F	<u>dh</u>	Deep palatal sound of 'd'
x	<u>n</u>	Must be learnt.

q	<u>t</u>	Must be learnt.
Q	th	thin, thick, three, ether,
d	<u>d</u>	the, then, either, this, there
D	<u>Dh</u>	Deep labial sound of 'the'
n	n	no, own, sudden, nib,
p	p	pepper, lip, pit, paper
P	f	fifty, cuff, phase, rough, fit, foot, fur
b	b	baby, rib, bib, button,
B	<u>bh</u>	Deep palatal sound of 'b'
m	m	mum, murmur, dim, nymph
X	y	yard, young, union
r	r	red, car, rarity, rose
l	l	lily, pool, lid, needle, lamb
v	v	vivid, give, live
V	<u>rh</u>	Deep palatal sound of 'r' (must be learnt)
S	<u>sh</u>	shy, mission, machine, special
^	<u>kh</u>	Deep palatal sound of 'kh'
Z	<u>g</u>	Deep palatal sound of 'g'
z	z	zone, raise, zebra, xylem
&	<u>f</u>	Deep labial sound of 'f'
L	<u>l</u>	Deep palatal sound of 'l'
H	h	Same as 'h' but of short duration
@	h	Same as 'h' but of short duration

ç	ch	Same as 'ch' but of short duration
†	t	Same as 't' but of short duration
œ	t̥	Same as 't̥' but of short duration
˘	n	Same as 'n' but of short duration
˙	y	Same as 'y' but of short duration
R	R	Same as 'r' but of short duration
í	v	Same as 'v' but of short duration
w	aa	bother, cot, father, cart, palm
W	aa^N	This adds nasal tone to 'aa'
i	i	tip, banish, active, pit, it, give
l	ee	nosebleed, bee, feed, beat,
u	u	bull, pull, full, cure hood, book
U	oo	cool, pool, boot, tool, rule
y	ay	ray, say, day, hay, bay
Y	ai	mat, map, bad, lad, glad, rat, bat,
o	o	bone, know, toe, note, go
O	ou	out, pound, now, loud
N	N	indicates that a preceding vowel or diphthong is pronounced with the nasal passages open, as in French un bon vin blanc
M	^N or ^M	indicates that a preceding vowel or diphthong is pronounced with the nasal passages open, as in French un bon vin blanc