

Kannada Romanization Table
2011 version

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Kannada

Vowels and Diphthongs (see Note 1)

ಅ	a	ಉ	ī
ಆ	ā	ಎ	e
ಇ	i	ಏ	ē
ಈ	ī	ಐ	ai
ಉ	u	ಒ	o
ಊ	ū	ಓ	ō
ಋ	r̄	ಔ	au
ೠ	r̄		

Consonants (see Note 2)

Gutturals		Palatals		Cerebrals		Dentals	
ಕ	ka	ಚ	ca	ಟ	ṭa	ತ	ta
ಖ	kha	ಛ	cha	ಠ	ṭha	ಥ	tha
ಗ	ga	ಜ	ja	ಡ	ḍa	ದ	da
ಘ	gha	ಝ	jha	ಢ	ḍha	ಧ	dha
ಙ	ṅa	ಞ	ña	ಣ	ṇa	ನ	na
Labials		Semivowels		Sibilants		Aspirate	
ಪ	pa	ಯ	ya	ಶ	śa	ಹ	ha
ಫ	pha	ರ	ra	ಷ	ṣa		
ಬ	ba	ಲ	ra	ಸ	sa		
ಭ	bha	ಲ	la				
ಮ	ma	ಳ	ḷa				
		ಟ	ṭa				
		ವ	va				

Anusvāra (Bindu or Sonne) (see Note 3)

ಂ

ṁ

Visarga

ಃ

ḥ

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1. Only the vowel forms that appear at the beginning of a syllable are listed; the forms used for vowels following a consonant can be found in grammars; no distinction between the two is made in transliteration.
2. The vowel *a* is implicit after all consonants and consonant clusters and is supplied in transliteration, with the following exceptions:
 - a) when another vowel is indicated by its appropriate sign; and
 - b) when the absence of any vowel is indicated by the superscript sign (◌[◌]).
3. Exception: *Anusvāra* is transliterated by:
 - a) *ṇ* before gutturals,
 - b) *ṅ* before palatals,
 - c) *ṇ* before cerebrals,
 - d) *n* before dentals, and
 - e) *m* before labials.