

Lepcha

Vowels and Diphthongs (see Note 1)

अ	a (see Note 2)	अ३	ū
आ	ā	आ३	e
इ	i	इ३	o
ई	ī	ई३	ō
उ	u	उ३	ū

Consonants (see Note 3)

Gutturals		Palatals		Cerebrals		Dentals	
क	ka	च	ca	ज	ja	ट	ta
ख	kha	छ	tsa	झ	ṭha	थ	tha
ग	ga	ज	cha	झ	ḍa	द	da
घ	ṅa	झ	tsha	ण	ḍha	न	na
		य	ja				
		र	za				
		ल	ña				
Labials		Semivowels		Sibilants		Aspirate	
प	pa	ए	ya	श	śa	फ	ha
भ	pha	र	ra	ष	ṣa		
म	fa	ल	la				
य	ba	व	va				
र	ma	व	wa				

Some Consonant Clusters

5	kla	3	bla
6	gla	4	mla
7	pla	5	hla
8	fla		

Notes

1. Only the vowel forms that appear at the beginning of a syllable are listed; the forms used for vowels following a consonant exclude ɤ. No distinction between the two is made in romanization.

ka se ki

2. \mathfrak{z} is also used as a glottal stop and ε is added to it in a cluster. It is romanized 'a'.
 $\mathfrak{z}\varepsilon\lambda$ 'ayuk

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3. The vowel *a* is implicit after all consonants and consonant clusters and is supplied in romanization, except when another vowel is indicated by its appropriate sign.

RULES OF APPLICATION

1. When ɛ, ɛ̃, ɛ̄, ɛ̆, ɛ̇, ɛ̈ and ɛ̉ are used in the final position (i.e., preceded by a vowel but not followed by one), they assume different shapes and are used as superscripts above the preceding syllables.

ɛ̃	kak	ɛ̃	kap
ɛ̄	kañ	ɛ̄	kam
ɛ̆	kat	ɛ̆	kar
ɛ̇	kan	ɛ̇	kal

2. When ɛ̈ is added to another consonant or consonants in a cluster (i.e., without any intervening vowel), it assumes the shape ɛ̈ and is added to the preceding consonant or consonants.

ɛ̈	kya	ɛ̈	mya	ɛ̈	klya
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ɛ̇	kra	ɛ̇	gra
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SPECIAL CHARACTERS AND CHARACTER MODIFIERS IN ROMANIZATION

<i>Special Characters</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>USMARC hexadecimal code</i>
‘	ayn	B0

<i>Character Modifiers</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>USMARC hexadecimal code</i>
á	acute	E2
ã	tilde	E4
ā	macron	E5
ä	breve	E6
â	dot above	E7
à	dot below	F2