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Vowels and Diphthongs (see Note 1)

३	a		३७	ai
३	ā		३७	o
३	i		३७	au
३	u		३	ŏ
३७	e		३	ĕ

Consonants (see Note 2)

Gutturals		Palatals		Dentals	
Z	ka	೨।	ca	३	ta
ए	kha	੬	cha	੭	tha
४	ga	੩।	ja	४	da
੫	gha	੬	jha	੪	dha
३.	ṅa	௫	ña	z	na

Labials		Semivowels		Sibilants		Aspirate	
೮	pa	३	ya	೮	śa	೬	ha
೦೦	pha	೭	ra	೧	sa		
೮	ba	੫	la				
೮	bha	੩	va				
੩	ma						

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 ३ . No distinction between the two is made in romanization.

   ੭   kā   ੭   ki

2. The vowel *a* is implicit after all consonants and consonant clusters and is supplied in romanization, 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 subscript sign (_) called *sa-i*.

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RULES OF APPLICATION

1. ‑ꞌ (*mukphreṅ*) is used to indicate a slight breathing after a vowel. It is romanized *ḥ*.

z,ꝫ̱	kaḥyo	ऄ,ꞁ	piḥrĕ
ꝫ,ꝫ	tāḥmā	ꝫ,ꝫ	muḥlā

2. ≛ (*kemphreṅ*) is used to make a vowel slightly longer than usual. It is romanized '.

ꝫꝫ	yu'mā	ꝫꝫ	thā'bĕ

3. When ʐ, ‑ꝫ‑, ‑ꝫ, ʐ, ꞷ, ꝫ, ꞃ, and ꝫare 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.

zᶜ	kak	zᵘ	kap
z·	kaṅ	zᵛ	kam
ʑ	kat	ꝫ̧	kar
zᵛ	kan	zᵛ	kal

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

zᴄ	kya

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

ꝫ̧	kra

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

zᴜ	kva

SPECIAL CHARACTERS AND CHARACTER MODIFIERS IN ROMANIZATION

Special Characters	*Name*	*USMARC hexadecimal code*
'	apostrophe	27

Character Modifiers	*Name*	*USMARC hexadecimal code*
á	acute	E2
ã	tilde	E4
ā	macron	E5
ă	breve	E6
ȧ	dot above	E7
ạ	dot below	F2