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(in Devanagari Script)

When Sanskrit is written in another script, the corresponding letters in that script are transliterated according to this table.

Vowels and Diphthongs (see Note 1)

अ	a		ॠ	ī̥
आ	ā		ॡ	l̥
इ	i		ए	e
ई	ī		ऐ	ai
उ	u		ओ	o
ऊ	ū		औ	au
ऋ	r̥			

Consonants (see Note 2)

Gutturals		**Palatals**		**Cerebrals**		**Dentals**	
क	ka	च	ca	ट	ṭa	त	ta
ख	kha	छ	cha	ठ	ṭha	थ	tha
ग	ga	ज	ja	ड	ḍa	द	da
घ	gha	झ	jha	ढ	ḍha	ध	dha
ङ	ṅa	ञ	ña	ण	ṇa	न	na

Labials		**Semivowels**		**Sibilants**		**Aspirate**	
प	pa	य	ya	श	śa	ह	ha
फ	pha	र	ra	ष	ṣa		
ब	ba	ल	la	स	sa		
भ	bha	ळ	ḷa				
म	ma	व	va				

Anusvāra (see Note 3)		*Anunāsika*		*Visarga*		*Jihvāmūlīya*	
ं	ṃ	ँ	m̐	ः	ḥ	)(	ẖ

Upadhmānīya		*Avagraha* (see Note 4)	
ᳵ	ḫ	ऽ	' (apostrophe)

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Notes

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 subscript sign (˛) called *halanta* or *virāma*.

3. Exception: *Anusvāra* is transliterated by:

   ṅ before gutturals,

   ñ before palatals,

   ṇ before cerebrals,

   n before dentals, and

   m before labials.

4. When doubled, *avagraha* is transliterated by two apostrophes (”).

SPECIAL CHARACTERS AND CHARACTER MODIFIERS IN ROMANIZATION

Special character	Name	USMARC hexadecimal code
’	apostrophe	27

Character modifiers	Name	USMARC hexadecimal code
á	acute	E2
ã	tilde	E4
ā	macron	E5
ȧ	dot above	E7
ă	candrabindu	EF
ạ	dot below	F2
ậ	circle below	F4
a̲	underscore	F6
ạ	upadhmaniya	F9