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Tamil

Vowels and Diphthongs (see Note 1)

அ	a	எ	e
ஆ	ā	ஏ	ē
இ	i	ஐ	ai
ஈ	ī	ஒ	o
உ	u	ஔ	ō
உள	ū	ஒள	au

Consonants (see Note 2)

ஃ	<u>k</u> a	ம	ma
க	ka	ய	ya
ங	ṅa	ர	ra (see Note 3)
ச	ca	ல	la
ஞ	ña	வ	va
ட	ṭa	ழ	<u>l</u> a
ண	ṇa	ள	<u>l</u> a
த	ta	ற	<u>r</u> a
ந	na	ன	<u>n</u> a
ப	pa		

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ஜ	ja	ஸ	sa
ஸ	śa	ஹ	ha
ஷ	ṣa		

Notes

- 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.
- The vowel *a* is implicit after all consonants and consonant clusters and is supplied in transliteration, with the following exceptions:
 - when another vowel is indicated by its appropriate sign; and
 - when the absence of any vowel is indicated by the superscript dot (◌̣) called *puḷḷi*.

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3. This letter has the same form as the vowel sign for \bar{a} appearing after a consonant. Where ambiguity arises, it is written ெ .