

Kannada Romanization Table

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Vowels and Diphthongs (see Note 1)

ಅ	a	ಃ	ī
ಆ	ā	ಌ	ē
ಇ	i	ಋ	ai
ಈ	ī	ೠ	o
ಉ	u	ಔ	ō
ಊ	ū	಑	au
ಋ	rī		
ೠ	rī		

Consonants (see Note 2)

Gutturals

ಕ	ka
ಖ	kha
ಗ	ga
ಘ	gha
ಙ	ṅa

Palatals

ಚ	ca
ಛ	cha
ಜ	ja
ಝ	jha
ಞ	ṅa

Cerebrals

ಟ	ṭa
ಠ	ṭha
ಡ	ḍa
ಢ	ḍha
ಣ	ṇa

Dentals

ತ	ta
ಥ	tha
ದ	da
ಧ	dha
ನ	na

Labials

ಪ	pa
ಫ	pha
ಬ	ba
ಭ	bha
ಮ	ma

Semivowels

ಯ	ya
ರ	ra
ಱ	ṛa
ಲ	la
ಳ	ḷa
ಱ	ḷa
ವ	va

Sibilants

ಶ	śa
ಷ	ṣa
ಸ	sa

Aspirate

ಹ	ha
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Anusvāra (Bindu
or Sonne)
(see Note 3)

ಂ	m̐
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Visarga

ಃ	ḥ
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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 superscript sign (ʌ)
3. Exception: *Anusvāra* is transliterated by:
 - \dot{n} before gutturals,
 - \ddot{n} before palatals,
 - η before cerebrals,
 - n* before dentals, and
 - m* before labials.

CHARACTER MODIFIERS IN ROMANIZATION

<i>Character modifiers</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>USMARC hexadecimal code</i>
á	acute	E2
ã	tilde	E4
ā	macron	E5
·	dot above	E7
◌̣	dot below	F2
◌̣̣	double dot below	F3
◌̇	circle below	F4
◌̈	underscore	F6