


## Typing in Blin

The Blin keyboard () uses a system where the Blin sounds are matched to the English letters (a style called “phonetic”). You can think of how a word sounds in Blin and then type it out with English.

Example: typing **selam** becomes ሰላም

Because Blin has more sounds than English does, we sometimes have to adjust this rule. For example, English does not have ‘ገ’ and the closest similar letter would be ‘g’. In this case, you should type with “capital G”:

Example: typing **xGKuulen** becomes ጸጃኸሊን

Notice that we used capital ‘K’ also for ‘ኸ’ and we needed both “uu” together to make the 5<sup>th</sup> ‘ኸ’ letter ‘ኸሊ’. When the letter you want to type does not appear when you hit the similar sounding key in English, try using the capital next.

Next, when you need to type the extra letters of Blin like ሊ, ሚ, or ኸ you can do so by typing an extra vowel after a ‘u’:

Example: typing **mua** becomes ሚ

Example: typing **Kuu** becomes ኸሊ

Finally, we must introduce a special rule for ' (apostrophe). Some words are spelt with a ሳጽስ (6<sup>th</sup>) letter followed by a vowel, like ርኤ in ገብርኤል. We use the apostrophe here to type “gebr'iel” to make sure we get “ርኤ” instead of ‘ሪ’.

Example: typing **mel'ak** becomes ሙልአክ

Example: typing **m'eeraf** becomes ምዕራፍ

The following typing tables show how to type all Blin letters, numbers and punctuation.

# Blin Typing Table

| ቤተሰብ | ግዕዝ             | ካዕብ             | ሣልስ             | ራብዕ             | ኃምስ               | ሳድስ             | ሳብዕ             | ዘመደ-ግዕዝ  | ዘመደ-ካዕብ  | ዘመደ-ሣልስ  | ዘመደ-ራብዕ  | ዘመደ-ኃምስ   |
|------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| ሆይ   | ሀ<br>he         | ሁ<br>hu         | ሂ<br>hi         | ሃ<br>ha         | ሄ<br>hie          | ህ<br>h          | ሆ<br>ho         |          |          |          |          |           |
| ላዊ   | ለ<br>le         | ሉ<br>lu         | ሊ<br>li         | ላ<br>la         | ሌ<br>lie          | ል<br>l          | ሎ<br>lo         |          |          |          | ሊ<br>lua |           |
| ሐውት  | ሐ<br>He         | ሐ<br>Hu         | ሐ<br>Hi         | ሐ<br>Ha         | ሐ<br>Hie          | ሐ<br>H          | ሐ<br>Ho         |          |          |          | ሐ<br>Hua |           |
| ማይ   | መ<br>me         | ሙ<br>mu         | ሚ<br>mi         | ማ<br>ma         | ሚ<br>mie          | ም<br>m          | ሞ<br>mo         |          |          |          | ሚ<br>mua |           |
| ሳት   | ሰ<br>se         | ሱ<br>su         | ሲ<br>si         | ሳ<br>sa         | ሴ<br>sie          | ስ<br>s          | ሶ<br>so         |          |          |          | ሲ<br>sua |           |
| ርእስ  | ረ<br>re         | ሩ<br>ru         | ሪ<br>ri         | ራ<br>ra         | ሪ<br>rie          | ር<br>r          | ሮ<br>ro         |          |          |          | ሪ<br>rua |           |
| ኧ-ሳት | ኧ<br>xe         | ኧ<br>xu         | ኧ<br>xi         | ኧ<br>xa         | ኧ<br>xie          | ኧ<br>x          | ኧ<br>xo         |          |          |          | ኧ<br>xua |           |
| ቃፍ   | ቀ<br>qe         | ቁ<br>qu         | ቂ<br>qi         | ቃ<br>qa         | ቂ<br>qie          | ቀ<br>q          | ቆ<br>qo         | ቂ<br>que | ቀ<br>qui | ቀ<br>quu | ቀ<br>qua | ቀ<br>quie |
| ቻ-ቃፍ | ቻ<br>Qe         | ቻ<br>Qu         | ቻ<br>Qi         | ቻ<br>Qa         | ቻ<br>Qie          | ቻ<br>Q          | ቻ<br>Qo         | ቻ<br>Que | ቻ<br>Quu | ቻ<br>Qui | ቻ<br>Qua | ቻ<br>Quie |
| ቤት   | በ<br>be         | ቡ<br>bu         | ቢ<br>bi         | ባ<br>ba         | ቤ<br>bie          | ብ<br>b          | ቦ<br>bo         |          |          |          | ቢ<br>bua |           |
| ታው   | ተ<br>te         | ቱ<br>tu         | ቲ<br>ti         | ታ<br>ta         | ቲ<br>tie          | ት<br>t          | ቶ<br>to         |          |          |          | ቲ<br>tua |           |
| ነሐስ  | ነ<br>ne         | ኑ<br>nu         | ኒ<br>ni         | ና<br>na         | ኔ<br>nie          | ን<br>n          | ኖ<br>no         |          |          |          | ኒ<br>nua |           |
| አልፍ  | አ<br>aaaa       | ኡ<br>u          | ኢ<br>i          | አ<br>a          | ኡ<br>ie           | እ<br>e          | ኦ<br>o          |          |          |          |          |           |
| ካፍ   | ከ<br>ke         | ኩ<br>ku         | ኪ<br>ki         | ካ<br>ka         | ኪ<br>kie          | ክ<br>k          | ኮ<br>ko         | ከ<br>kue | ከ<br>kui | ከ<br>kuu | ከ<br>kua | ከ<br>kuie |
| ኧ-ካፍ | ኧ<br>Ke         | ኧ<br>Ku         | ኧ<br>Ki         | ኧ<br>Ka         | ኧ<br>Kie          | ኧ<br>K          | ኧ<br>Ko         | ኧ<br>Kue | ኧ<br>Kuu | ኧ<br>Kui | ኧ<br>Kua | ኧ<br>Kuie |
| ወዌ   | ወ<br>we         | ዉ<br>wu         | ዊ<br>wi         | ዋ<br>wa         | ዊ<br>wie          | ወ<br>w          | ዎ<br>wo         |          |          |          |          |           |
| ዐይን  | ዐ<br>A /<br>aaa | ዑ<br>Au /<br>uu | ዒ<br>Ai /<br>ii | ዓ<br>Aa /<br>aa | ዔ<br>Aie /<br>iie | ዕ<br>Ae /<br>ee | ዖ<br>Ao /<br>oo |          |          |          |          |           |
| የመነ  | የ<br>ye         | ዩ<br>yu         | ዮ<br>yi         | ያ<br>ya         | ዩ<br>yie          | ይ<br>y          | ዮ<br>yo         |          |          |          |          |           |

|       |    |    |    |    |     |   |    |     |     |     |     |      |
|-------|----|----|----|----|-----|---|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| ድንት   | ደ  | ዱ  | ዲ  | ዳ  | ዴ   | ድ | ዶ  |     |     |     | ደ   |      |
|       | de | du | di | da | die | d | do |     |     |     | dua |      |
| ጅ-ድንት | ጆ  | ጁ  | ጂ  | ጃ  | ጄ   | ጅ | ጆ  |     |     |     | ጅ   |      |
|       | je | ju | ji | ja | jie | j | jo |     |     |     | jua |      |
| ገምል   | ገ  | ጉ  | ጊ  | ጋ  | ጌ   | ግ | ጎ  | ጐ   | ጑   | ጒ   | ጓ   | ጔ    |
|       | ge | gu | gi | ga | gie | g | go | gue | gui | guu | gua | guie |
| ኀ-ገምል | ኀ  | ኁ  | ኂ  | ኃ  | ኄ   | ኅ | ኆ  | ኇ   | ኈ   | ኉   | ኊ   | ኋ    |
|       | Ge | Gu | Gi | Ga | Gie | G | Go | Gue | Guu | Gui | Gua | Guie |
| ጠይት   | ጠ  | ጡ  | ጢ  | ጣ  | ጤ   | ጥ | ጦ  |     |     |     | ጠ   |      |
|       | Te | Tu | Ti | Ta | Tie | T | To |     |     |     | Tua |      |
| ጨ-ጠይት | ጨ  | ጨ  | ጨ  | ጨ  | ጨ   | ጨ | ጨ  |     |     |     | ጨ   |      |
|       | Ce | Cu | Ci | Ca | Cie | C | Co |     |     |     | Cua |      |
| ቻ-ታው  | ቻ  | ቼ  | ቺ  | ቻ  | ቼ   | ች | ቻ  |     |     |     | ቻ   |      |
|       | ce | cu | ci | ca | cie | c | co |     |     |     | cua |      |
| ኛ-ነሐስ | ኛ  | ኼ  | ኺ  | ኛ  | ኼ   | ኝ | ኞ  |     |     |     | ኛ   |      |
|       | Ne | Nu | Ni | Na | Nie | N | No |     |     |     | Nua |      |
| ዘይ    | ዘ  | ዙ  | ዘ  | ዛ  | ዞ   | ዝ | ዞ  |     |     |     | ዘ   |      |
|       | ze | zu | zi | za | zie | z | zo |     |     |     | zua |      |
| ዝ-ዘይ  | ዝ  | ዞ  | ዝ  | ዛ  | ዞ   | ዝ | ዞ  |     |     |     | ዝ   |      |
|       | Ze | Zu | Zi | Za | Zie | Z | Zo |     |     |     | Zua |      |
| ጸደይ   | ጸ  | ጹ  | ጸ  | ጸ  | ጹ   | ጽ | ጸ  |     |     |     | ጸ   |      |
|       | Se | Su | Si | Sa | Sie | S | So |     |     |     | Sua |      |
| ጸይት   | ጸ  | ጹ  | ጸ  | ጸ  | ጹ   | ጽ | ጸ  |     |     |     | ጸ   |      |
|       | Pe | Pu | Pi | Pa | Pie | P | Po |     |     |     | Pua |      |
| ከፍ    | ፈ  | ፉ  | ፈ  | ፋ  | ፌ   | ፍ | ፎ  |     |     |     | ፍ   |      |
|       | fe | fu | fi | fa | fie | f | fo |     |     |     | fua |      |
| ፕሳ    | ፕ  | ፑ  | ፒ  | ፓ  | ፔ   | ፕ | ፖ  |     |     |     | ፕ   |      |
|       | pe | pu | pi | pa | pie | p | po |     |     |     | pua |      |
| ቪ-ቪት  | ቪ  | ቩ  | ቪ  | ቫ  | ቬ   | ቭ | ቮ  |     |     |     | ቪ   |      |
|       | ve | vu | vi | va | vie | v | vo |     |     |     | vua |      |

## Typing Punctuation

### Ethiopic Punctuation

|   |    |    |     |      |       |        |         |          |
|---|----|----|-----|------|-------|--------|---------|----------|
| ፡ | ፡፡ | ፡፡ | ፡፡፡ | ፡፡፡፡ | ፡፡፡፡፡ | ፡፡፡፡፡፡ | ፡፡፡፡፡፡፡ | ፡፡፡፡፡፡፡፡ |
| , | :: | ;  | ::: | :-   | ,,    | ??     | :+      | :#       |

### Keyboard Punctuation

All regular punctuation on your keyboard remains available. Most punctuation can be typed with a single keystroke as usual. Those used to input Ethiopic symbols can be entered by hitting the punctuation key two or more times until it appears.

## Typing Numbers

The hash mark is used Ge'ez numbers, so #1 becomes ፩ and so on. When a '#' is needed before a number in your document, just type # twice.

### Ethiopic Numerals

|          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |             |                |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------|----------------|
| ፩<br>#1  | ፪<br>#2  | ፫<br>#3  | ፬<br>#4  | ፭<br>#5  | ፮<br>#6  | ፯<br>#7  | ፰<br>#8  | ፱<br>#9  |           |             |                |
| ፲<br>#10 | ፳<br>#20 | ፴<br>#30 | ፵<br>#40 | ፶<br>#50 | ፷<br>#60 | ፸<br>#70 | ፹<br>#80 | ፺<br>#90 | ፻<br>#100 | ፳፻<br>#1000 | ፷፻፵፻<br>#10000 |

Numeral composition will continue as 0s are entered up to ፷፻፵፻፵፻ (100,000,000).