**VARNA MALA (वर्णमाला)**

**Chain of alphabets**

**Varna – alphabets**

**Mala - chain**

**The script in which HINDI is written is called the DEVANAGARI (देवनागरी)**

**Its classified in two forms 1. Swar (स्वर) – vowels**

**2. Vyanjan (व्यंजन)- consonants**

**स्वर मात्रा**

**अ (A) -**

**आ (aa) ा**

**इ (i/e) ि**

**ई (ee) ी**

**उ (u) ु**

**ऊ (oo) ू**

**ऋ (ri) ृ**

**ए (e) े**

**ऐ (ai) ै**

**ओ (o) ो**

**औ (au) ौ**

**अं (am) ं**

**अ: (ah) o:**

**अं - अनुस्वार (anuswar)**

**अ: - विसर्ग (visarg) this is used for the loan words taken from Sanskrit.**

**अं & अ: together are called the अयोगवाह (ayogvaah) which means they are neither swar or vyanjan.**

**स्वर is classified into two forms**

1. **मूल (mul swar)**
2. **संयुक्त (samyukt swar) ऐ – (ए +अ),**

**औ (ओ +अ)**

**मूल स्वर 1. Hrasva (ह्रस्व) – small/short**

**2 deergh (दीर्घ) – long**