

THE ARMENIAN ALPHABET

PRINTED	WRITTEN	NAME	ROMANIZATION	PRONUNCIATION	NUMERIC VALUE
Ա ա	ա ա	ayb	[a]	as in car	1
Բ բ	բ բ	ben	[b]	as in bar	2
Գ գ	գ գ	gim	[g]	as in good	3
Դ դ	դ դ	da	[d]	as in d oor	4
Ե ե	ե ե	yeօ ^h	[ye] or [e] ¹	as in y es or there	5
Զ զ	զ զ	za	[z]	as in z est	6
Է է	է է	e	[e]	as in there	7
Ը ը	ը ը	əօ ^h	[ə]	as in a bout	8
Թ թ	թ թ	օ ^h	[t ^h]	as in t eam	9
Ճ ճ	ճ ճ	zօe	[zh]	as in pleasure	10
Ի ի	ի ի	ini	[i]	as in bee	20
Լ լ	լ լ	lyun	[l]	as in l ight	30
Խ ք	խ ք	kօe	[kh]	as in Bach or J ose	40
Տ տ	տ տ	tօa	[ts]	a plosive tօ	50
Կ կ	կ կ	ken	[k]	as in stock	60
Հ հ	հ հ	ho	[h]	as in h ot	70
Ձ ձ	ձ ձ	dօa	[dz]	as in odds	80
Ղ ղ	ղ ղ	ghat	[gh]	as the French r	90
Ճ ճ	ճ ճ	օe	[ch]	a plosive օ	100
Մ մ	մ մ	men	[m]	as in m e	200
Թ թ	թ թ	he	[y]	as in y ard	300
Ն ն	ն ն	nu	[n]	as in n ine	400
Շ շ	շ շ	sha	[sh]	as in sh ine	500

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Ո ո	<i>Ո ո</i>	vo	[vo] or [o] ²	as in v ocal or f or	600
Չ չ	<i>Չ չ</i>	ch ^h a	[ch ^h]	as in ch air	700
Պ պ	<i>Պ պ</i>	pe	[p]	as in copp er	800
Ջ ղ	<i>Ջ ղ</i>	je	[j]	as in j ournal	900
Ռ ռ	<i>Ռ ռ</i>	ra	[r]	trilled 'r'	1000
Ս ս	<i>Ս ս</i>	se	[s]	as in s ay	2000
Վ վ	<i>Վ վ</i>	vev	[v]	as in v ase	3000
Տ տ	<i>Տ տ</i>	tyun	[t]	as in rott en	4000
Ր ը	<i>Ր ը</i>	re	[r]	liquid 'r'	5000
Ծ զ	<i>Ծ զ</i>	ts ^h o	[ts ^h]	as in lots	6000
Ու ու	<i>Ու ու</i>	u	[u]	as in tool	7000
Փ փ	<i>Փ փ</i>	p ^h yur	[p ^h]	as in p aper	8000
Բ բ	<i>Բ բ</i>	k ^h e	[k ^h]	as in k ind	9000
Օ օ	<i>Օ օ</i>	o	[o] ³	as in all	
Ֆ ֆ	<i>Ֆ ֆ</i>	fe	[f]	as in file ⁴	

NOTES

1. On the pronunciation of **Ե ե** see p. 61.
2. On the pronunciation of **Ո ո** see p. 84.
3. The last two letters, **Օ օ** and **Ֆ ֆ**, do not have a numeric value, since they are later additions to the alphabet.
4. There is an additional letter, the ligament **Լ** which, although widely used in East Armenian, does not constitute an integral part of the alphabet (see pp. xix and 110). The ligament **Լ** has no capital counterpart. It is pronounced:
 - a) [yev] in initial position and after vowels (cf. **Լ** [yev] *and*, **Նալ** [naye] *also*).
 - b) [ev] in medial and final position of words after consonants (cf. **արև** [are] *sun*).
 In initial position of words, it is replaced by **Եվ** or **Էվ**: **Եվրոպա** [Yevropa] *Europe*, **Էվրոպական** [yevropakan] *European*. In word formation, this **Էվ** may also appear in medial position of words: **Համաեվրոպական** [hamaevropakan] *All-European*, **Հնդեվրոպական** [h^hndevropakan] *Indo-European*, etc.