

# SIL Ethiopic Keyboard Layout

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## Introduction

This keyboard was developed to input Ethiopic Fidel scripts. The “SIL Ethiopic” keyboard is designed to work with the [Abyssinica SIL](#) font (version 1.500). However, unless you need to use the newest Unicode 6.0 Ethiopic codepoints (for Basketo, Gumuz and Gamo-Gofa-Dawro) or the Private Use Area (PUA) characters in this font, you can use this keyboard with any Ethiopic Unicode font.

### Note on Legacy SIL Ethiopic Keyboard Compatibility

The original “SIL Ethiopic” used alternative capital letter keys to produce less frequently used characters. These alternative capital letter keys are still able to be used, but an alternative method for creating these less frequently used characters has been added.

The preferred method for creating these less frequently used characters is by using the “[ ” key after the letter key to produce the desired character.

For example, to create “ሥ” the chart shows “s [ ” or “J ”. To produce this character using the preferred method, first press the s key, and then press the “[ ” key. Alternatively, a capital “J ” can be typed to produce the “ሥ” character.

As another example, to create “ሐ” the chart shows “T [ ” or “Y ”. To produce this character using the preferred method, first type a capital “T ”, and then press the “[ ” key. Alternatively, a capital “Y ” can be typed to produce the “ሐ” character.

## Syllables (including diphthongs)

First type the keystrokes from the leftmost column, followed by the keystrokes at the top of the column. For example, type “h v ” to get “ህ” or “h e ” to get “ሄ”. The default form is the 6th form (you do not need to type the ‘ - ’).

keys:	v	u	i	a	e	-	o	O	A	W	I	E	V	M
h	ህ 1200	ሁ 1201	ሂ 1202	ሃ 1203	ሄ 1204	ህ 1205	ሆ 1206	ሐ 1207						
l	ለ 1208	ሉ 1209	ሊ 120a	ላ 120b	ሌ 120c	ል 120d	ሎ 120e	ሎ 2d80	ሊ 120f					
H	ሐ 1210	ሑ 1211	ሒ 1212	ሓ 1213	ሔ 1214	ሕ 1215	ሐ 1216		ሐ 1217					
m	መ 1218	ሙ 1219	ሚ 121a	ማ 121b	ሜ 121c	ሞ 121d	ሞ 121e	ሞ 2d81	ሚ 121f	ሞ 1383	ሞ 1381	ሜ 1386	ሙ 1380	ሚ 1359
s [ or J	ሠ 1220	ሡ 1221	ሢ 1222	ሣ 1223	ሤ 1224	ሥ 1225	ሦ 1226		ሣ 1227					
r	ረ 1228	ሩ 1229	ሪ 122a	ራ 122b	ራ 122c	ረ 122d	ሪ 122e	ሪ 2d82	ረ 122f					ረ 1358
s	ሰ 1230	ሱ 1231	ሲ 1232	ሳ 1233	ሴ 1234	ሰ 1235	ሱ 1236	ሱ 2d83	ሰ 1237					

keys:	v	u	i	a	e	-	o	O	A	W	I	E	V	M
S	ሸ 1238	ሹ 1239	ሺ 123a	ሻ 123b	ሼ 123c	ሽ 123d	ሾ 123e	ሿ 2d84	ሺ 123f					
q	ቀ 1240	ቁ 1241	ቂ 1242	ቃ 1243	ቄ 1244	ቅ 1245	ቆ 1246	ቇ 1247	ቈ 124b	቉ 124d	ቊ 124a	ቋ 124c	ቌ 1248	
Q	ቐ 1250	ቑ 1251	ቒ 1252	ቓ 1253	ቔ 1254	ቕ 1255	ቆ 1256		ቈ 125b	቉ 125d	ቊ 125a	ቋ 125c	ቌ 1258	
b	በ 1260	ቡ 1261	ቢ 1262	ባ 1263	ቤ 1264	ብ 1265	ቦ 1266	ቧ 2d85	ቨ 1267	ቩ 1387	ቪ 1385	ቫ 1386	ቬ 1384	
B	በ 1268	ቡ 1269	ቢ 126a	ባ 126b	ቤ 126c	ብ 126d	ቦ 126e		ቨ 126f					
t	ተ 1270	ቱ 1271	ቲ 1272	ታ 1273	ቲ 1274	ት 1275	ቶ 1276	ቶ 2d86	ቲ 1277					
c	ቸ 1278	ቹ 1279	ቺ 127a	ቻ 127b	ቼ 127c	ች 127d	ቾ 127e	ቿ 2d87	ቺ 127f					
h [ or L	ኀ 1280	ኁ 1281	ኂ 1282	ኃ 1283	ኄ 1284	ኅ 1285	ኆ 1286	ኇ 1287	ኈ 128b	኉ 128d	ኊ 128a	ኋ 128c	ኌ 1288	
n	ነ 1290	ኑ 1291	ኒ 1292	ና 1293	ኔ 1294	ኑ 1295	ኖ 1296	ኗ 2d88	ኘ 1297					
N	ኘ 1298	ኙ 1299	ኚ 129a	ኛ 129b	ኜ 129c	ኝ 129d	ኞ 129e	ኟ 2d89	አ 129f					
x	አ 12a0	ኡ 12a1	ኢ 12a2	ኣ 12a3	ኤ 12a4	አ 12a5	ኦ 12a6	ኦ 2d8a	አ 12a7					
k	ከ 12a8	ኩ 12a9	ኪ 12aa	ካ 12ab	ኬ 12ac	ክ 12ad	ኮ 12ae	ኰ 12af	ኪ 12b3	ኻ 12b5	ኼ 12b2	ኽ 12b4	ኾ 12b0	
H [ or K	ኸ 12b8	ኹ 12b9	ኺ 12ba	ኻ 12bb	ኼ 12bc	ኽ 12bd	ኾ 12be		ኺ 12c3	ኻ 12c5	ኼ 12c2	ኽ 12c4	ኾ 12c0	
w	ወ 12c8	ዐ 12c9	ዒ 12ca	ዑ 12cb	ዔ 12cc	ዖ 12cd	ዘ 12ce	ዐ 12cf						
X	ዐ 12d0	ዑ 12d1	ዒ 12d2	ዓ 12d3	ዔ 12d4	ዖ 12d5	ዘ 12d6							
z	ዘ 12d8	ዐ 12d9	ዒ 12da	ዓ 12db	ዔ 12dc	ዖ 12dd	ዘ 12de	ዐ 2d8b	ዒ 12df					
Z	ዘ 12e0	ዐ 12e1	ዒ 12e2	ዓ 12e3	ዔ 12e4	ዖ 12e5	ዘ 12e6		ዒ 12e7					
y	የ 12e8	ዩ 12e9	ዬ 12ea	ያ 12eb	ዬ 12ec	ይ 12ed	ዮ 12ee	ዮ 12ef						
d	ደ 12f0	ዱ 12f1	ዲ 12f2	ዳ 12f3	ዴ 12f4	ድ 12f5	ዶ 12f6	ዶ 2d8c	ደ 12f7					
D	ደ 12f8	ዱ 12f9	ዲ 12fa	ዳ 12fb	ዴ 12fc	ድ 12fd	ዶ 12fe	ዶ 2d8d	ደ 12ff					

keys:	v	u	i	a	e	-	o	O	A	W	I	E	V	M
j	ጃ 1300	ጄ 1301	ጅ 1302	ጆ 1303	ጇ 1304	ገ 1305	ገ 1306	ገ 2d8e	ገ 1307					
g	ገ 1308	ገ 1309	ገ 130a	ገ 130b	ገ 130c	ገ 130d	ገ 130e	ገ 130f	ገ 1313	ገ 1315	ገ 1312	ገ 1314	ገ 1310	
G	ገ 1318	ገ 1319	ገ 131a	ገ 131b	ገ 131c	ገ 131d	ገ 131e		ገ 131f	ገ 2d96	ገ 2d94	ገ 2d95	ገ 2d93	
T	ገ 1320	ገ 1321	ገ 1322	ገ 1323	ገ 1324	ገ 1325	ገ 1326	ገ 2d8f	ገ 1327					
C	ገ 1328	ገ 1329	ገ 132a	ገ 132b	ገ 132c	ገ 132d	ገ 132e	ገ 2d90	ገ 132f					
P	ገ 1330	ገ 1331	ገ 1332	ገ 1333	ገ 1334	ገ 1335	ገ 1336	ገ 2d91	ገ 1337					
t [ or F	ገ 1338	ገ 1339	ገ 133a	ገ 133b	ገ 133c	ገ 133d	ገ 133e		ገ 133f					
T [ or Y	ገ 1340	ገ 1341	ገ 1342	ገ 1343	ገ 1344	ገ 1345	ገ 1346	ገ 1347						
f	ገ 1348	ገ 1349	ገ 134a	ገ 134b	ገ 134c	ገ 134d	ገ 134e		ገ 134f	ገ 138b	ገ 1389	ገ 138a	ገ 1388	ገ 135a
p	ገ 1350	ገ 1351	ገ 1352	ገ 1353	ገ 1354	ገ 1355	ገ 1356	ገ 2d92	ገ 1357	ገ 138f	ገ 138d	ገ 138e	ገ 138c	
S#	ገ 2da0	ገ 2da1	ገ 2da2	ገ 2da3	ገ 2da4	ገ 2da5	ገ 2da6							
c#	ገ 2da8	ገ 2da9	ገ 2daa	ገ 2dab	ገ 2dac	ገ 2dad	ገ 2dae							
Z#	ገ 2db0	ገ 2db1	ገ 2db2	ገ 2db3	ገ 2db4	ገ 2db5	ገ 2db6							
C#	ገ 2db8	ገ 2db9	ገ 2dba	ገ 2dbb	ገ 2dbc	ገ 2dbd	ገ 2dbe							
q#	ገ 2dc0	ገ 2dc1	ገ 2dc2	ገ 2dc3	ገ 2dc4	ገ 2dc5	ገ 2dc6							
k#	ገ 2dc8	ገ 2dc9	ገ 2dca	ገ 2dcb	ገ 2dcc	ገ 2dcd	ገ 2dce							
H#	ገ 2dd0	ገ 2dd1	ገ 2dd2	ገ 2dd3	ገ 2dd4	ገ 2dd5	ገ 2dd6							
g#	ገ 2dd8	ገ 2dd9	ገ 2dda	ገ 2ddb	ገ 2ddc	ገ 2ddd	ገ 2dde							
C=	ገ ab20	ገ ab21	ገ ab22	ገ ab23	ገ ab24	ገ ab25	ገ ab26							
P=	ገ ab28	ገ ab29	ገ ab2a	ገ ab2b	ገ ab2c	ገ ab2d	ገ ab2e							

keys:	v	u	i	a	e	-	o	O	A	W	I	E	V	M
s=		ሀ ab01	ሁ ab02	ሂ ab03	ሃ ab04	ሄ ab05	ህ ab06							
z=		ዘ ab11	ዙ ab12	ዊ ab13	ዋ ab14	ዌ ab15	ዕ ab16							
D=		ደ ab09	ደፊ ab0a	ደፃ ab0b	ደፄ ab0c	ደፅ ab0d	ደፈ ab0e							

## Ethiopic Numbers

The keystrokes are at the top of the column.

keys:	1*	2*	3*	4*	5*	6*	7*	8*	9*	1*
	፩ 1369	፪ 136a	፫ 136b	፬ 136c	፭ 136d	፮ 136e	፯ 136f	፰ 1370	፱ 1371	፳፻፱ 1369
keys:	1*0	2*0	3*0	4*0	5*0	6*0	7*0	8*0	9*0	1*0
	፲፩ 1372	፲፪ 1373	፲፫ 1374	፲፬ 1375	፲፭ 1376	፲፮ 1377	፲፯ 1378	፲፰ 1379	፲፱ 137a	፲፳፻፱ 1372
keys:	1*00	1*000	1*0000							
	፲፱፻፱ 137b	፲፱፻፱፻፱ e494	፲፱፻፱፻፱፻፱ 137c							

## Punctuation

The keystrokes are at the top of the column.

keys:	:	::	:-	::	.	..	...	./	,	”	;
	፩ 1361	፪ 1368	፫ 1366	፬ 1367	፭ 1362	፮ 0046	፯ 2022	፰ 1360	፱ 1365	፳፻፱ 1363	፳፻፱ 1364
keys:	<'	>'	<"	>"	m)						
	፩ 2039	፪ 203a	፫ 00ab	፬ 00bb	፭ e496						

## Diacritics

First create the desired syllable, then add the diacritic by typing the keystrokes at the top of the column.

keys:	:^	'^	"^	1^	2^	3^	4^	5^	6^	7^
	፩ 135E	፪ 135F	፫ 135D	፬ 030f	፭ 0300	፮ 0304	፯ 0301	፰ 030b	፱ 0302	፳፻፱ 030c

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