

# SIL Ethiopic Keyboard Help

The “SIL Ethiopic” keyboard enables typing in all Ethiopic Saba Fidel scripts. You can use this keyboard with any Ethiopic Unicode font unless you need to use the newer Unicode 6.0+ Ethiopic codepoints (for Basketo, Gumuz, and Gamo-Gofa-Dawro) or the two Private Use Area (PUA) characters of this keyboard: ☹ and ☹. In these cases, the [Abyssinica SIL](#) font (version 1.5+) is recommended.

**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 additional 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 ፬ 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 ፬ character.

Syllables (including diphthongs)														
First type the keystroke(s) from the leftmost column, followed by the keystroke at the top of the column. For example, to produce ሀ first press the <b>h</b> key, and then press the <b>v</b> key. To produce ሄ first press the <b>h</b> key, and then press the <b>e</b> key. The default form is the 6th form (you do not need to press the - key).														
keys:	v	u	i	a	e	-	o	O	A	U	I	E	W	M
<b>h</b>	ሀ 1200	ሁ 1201	ሂ 1202	ሃ 1203	ሄ 1204	ህ 1205	ሆ 1206	ሐ 1207						
<b>l</b>	ለ 1208	ሉ 1209	ሊ 120a	ላ 120b	ሌ 120c	ል 120d	ሎ 120e	ሎ 2d80	ሊ 120f					
<b>H</b>	ሐ 1210	ሑ 1211	ሒ 1212	ሓ 1213	ሔ 1214	ሕ 1215	ሖ 1216		ሓ 1217					
<b>m</b>	መ 1218	ሙ 1219	ሚ 121a	ማ 121b	ሜ 121c	ም 121d	ሞ 121e	ም 2d81	ሚ 121f	ም 1383	ማ 1381	ሜ 1382	ሙ 1380	ሚ 1359
<b>s [ or J</b>	ሠ 1220	ሡ 1221	ሢ 1222	ሣ 1223	ሤ 1224	ሥ 1225	ሦ 1226		ሢ 1227					
<b>r</b>	ረ 1228	ሩ 1229	ሪ 122a	ራ 122b	ሪ 122c	ር 122d	ሮ 122e	ሮ 2d82	ረ 122f					ረ 1358
<b>s</b>	ሰ 1230	ሱ 1231	ሲ 1232	ሳ 1233	ሴ 1234	ስ 1235	ሶ 1236	ሶ 2d83	ሲ 1237					
<b>S</b>	ሰ 1238	ሱ 1239	ሲ 123a	ሳ 123b	ሴ 123c	ስ 123d	ሶ 123e	ሶ 2d84	ሲ 123f					
<b>q</b>	ቀ 1240	ቁ 1241	ቂ 1242	ቃ 1243	ቄ 1244	ቅ 1245	ቆ 1246	ቆ 1247	ቂ 124b	ቀ 124d	ቁ 124a	ቂ 124c	ቂ 1248	
<b>Q</b>	ቐ 1250	ቑ 1251	ቒ 1252	ቓ 1253	ቔ 1254	ቕ 1255	ቆ 1256		ቐ 125b	ቀ 125d	ቁ 125a	ቂ 125c	ቂ 1258	
<b>b</b>	በ 1260	ቡ 1261	ቢ 1262	ባ 1263	ቤ 1264	ብ 1265	ቦ 1266	ቦ 2d85	ቢ 1267	ቡ 1387	ቢ 1385	ቢ 1386	ቡ 1384	
<b>v</b>	ሸ 1268	ሹ 1269	ሺ 126a	ሻ 126b	ሼ 126c	ሽ 126d	ሾ 126e		ሺ 126f					
<b>t</b>	ተ 1270	ቱ 1271	ቲ 1272	ታ 1273	ቱ 1274	ት 1275	ቶ 1276	ቶ 2d86	ተ 1277					

<b>c</b>	ሸ 1278	ሹ 1279	ሺ 127a	ሻ 127b	ሼ 127c	ሽ 127d	ሾ 127e	ሿ 2d87	፳ 127f					
<b>h [ or L</b>	ሳ 1280	ሴ 1281	ሺ 1282	ሻ 1283	ሼ 1284	ሽ 1285	ሾ 1286	ሿ 1287	፳ 128b	ሴ 128d	ሴ 128a	ሺ 128c	ሽ 1288	
<b>n</b>	ነ 1290	ኑ 1291	ኒ 1292	ና 1293	ኔ 1294	ን 1295	ኖ 1296	ኖ 2d88	ና 1297					
<b>N</b>	ኘ 1298	ኙ 1299	ኚ 129a	ኛ 129b	ኜ 129c	ኝ 129d	ኞ 129e	ኟ 2d89	ኘ 129f					
<b>x</b>	አ 12a0	ኡ 12a1	ኢ 12a2	ኣ 12a3	ኤ 12a4	እ 12a5	ኦ 12a6	ኦ 2d8a	እ 12a7					
<b>k</b>	ከ 12a8	ኩ 12a9	ኪ 12aa	ካ 12ab	ኬ 12ac	ክ 12ad	ኮ 12ae	ኰ 12af	ኳ 12b3	ኸ 12b5	ኹ 12b2	ኺ 12b4	ኻ 12b0	
<b>H [ or K</b>	ኸ 12b8	ኹ 12b9	ኺ 12ba	ኻ 12bb	ኼ 12bc	ኽ 12bd	ኾ 12be		ኹ 12c3	ኸ 12c5	ኹ 12c2	ኺ 12c4	ኻ 12c0	
<b>w</b>	ወ 12c8	ዑ 12c9	ዒ 12ca	ዓ 12cb	ዔ 12cc	ዕ 12cd	ዖ 12ce	ዖ 12cf						
<b>X</b>	ዐ 12d0	ዑ 12d1	ዒ 12d2	ዓ 12d3	ዔ 12d4	ዕ 12d5	ዖ 12d6							
<b>z</b>	ዘ 12d8	ዙ 12d9	ዚ 12da	ዛ 12db	ዞ 12dc	ዟ 12dd	ዠ 12de	ዡ 2d8b	ዢ 12df					
<b>Z</b>	ዣ 12e0	ዤ 12e1	ዥ 12e2	ዦ 12e3	ዧ 12e4	የ 12e5	ዩ 12e6		ዣ 12e7					
<b>Y</b>	የ 12e8	ዩ 12e9	ዬ 12ea	ያ 12eb	ዮ 12ec	ይ 12ed	ዮ 12ee	የ 12ef						
<b>d</b>	ደ 12f0	ዱ 12f1	ዲ 12f2	ዳ 12f3	ዴ 12f4	ድ 12f5	ዶ 12f6	ዷ 2d8c	ዸ 12f7					
<b>D</b>	ደ 12f8	ዱ 12f9	ዲ 12fa	ዳ 12fb	ዴ 12fc	ድ 12fd	ዶ 12fe	ዷ 2d8d	ዸ 12ff					
<b>j</b>	ጀ 1300	ጁ 1301	ጂ 1302	ጃ 1303	ጄ 1304	ጅ 1305	ጆ 1306	ጇ 2d8e	ገ 1307					
<b>g</b>	ገ 1308	ጉ 1309	ጊ 130a	ጋ 130b	ጌ 130c	ግ 130d	ጎ 130e	ጏ 130f	ጎ 1313	ጉ 1315	ጉ 1312	ጊ 1314	ጋ 1310	
<b>G</b>	ግ 1318	ጉ 1319	ጊ 131a	ጋ 131b	ጌ 131c	ግ 131d	ጎ 131e		ጎ 131f	ጉ 2d96	ጉ 2d94	ጊ 2d95	ጋ 2d93	
<b>T</b>	ጠ 1320	ጡ 1321	ጢ 1322	ጣ 1323	ጤ 1324	ጥ 1325	ጦ 1326	ጧ 2d8f	ጨ 1327					
<b>C</b>	ጨ 1328	ጩ 1329	ጪ 132a	ጫ 132b	ጬ 132c	ጭ 132d	ጮ 132e	ጯ 2d90	ጰ 132f					
<b>P</b>	ጰ 1330	ጱ 1331	ጲ 1332	ጳ 1333	ጴ 1334	ጵ 1335	ጶ 1336	ጷ 2d91	ጸ 1337					
<b>t [ or F</b>	ጸ 1338	ጹ 1339	ጺ 133a	ጻ 133b	ጼ 133c	ጽ 133d	ጾ 133e		ጸ 133f					
<b>T [ or V</b>	ፀ 1340	ፁ 1341	ፊ 1342	ፋ 1343	ፍ 1344	ፈ 1345	ፐ 1346	ፑ 1347						
<b>f</b>	ፈ 1348	ፋ 1349	ፊ 134a	ፋ 134b	ፌ 134c	ፍ 134d	ፎ 134e		ፋ 134f	ፍ 138b	ፍ 1389	ፋ 138a	ፎ 1388	ፈ 135a
<b>p</b>	ፐ 1350	ፑ 1351	ፒ 1352	ፓ 1353	ፔ 1354	ፕ 1355	ፖ 1356	፟ 2d92	ፐ 1357	ፑ 138f	ፒ 138d	ፓ 138e	ፔ 138c	
<b>S #</b>	ሸ 2da0	ሹ 2da1	ሺ 2da2	ሻ 2da3	ሼ 2da4	ሽ 2da5	ሾ 2da6							
<b>c #</b>	ሸ 2da8	ሹ 2da9	ሺ 2daa	ሻ 2dab	ሼ 2dac	ሽ 2dad	ሾ 2dae							
<b>Z #</b>	ኘ 2db0	ኙ 2db1	ኚ 2db2	ኛ 2db3	ኜ 2db4	ኝ 2db5	ኞ 2db6							
<b>C #</b>	ጨ 2db8	ጩ 2db9	ጪ 2dba	ጫ 2dbb	ጬ 2dbc	ጭ 2dbd	ጮ 2dbe							
<b>q #</b>	ኘ 2dc0	ኙ 2dc1	ኚ 2dc2	ኛ 2dc3	ኜ 2dc4	ኝ 2dc5	ኞ 2dc6							
<b>k #</b>	ከ 2dc0	ኩ 2dc1	ኪ 2dc2	ካ 2dc3	ኬ 2dc4	ክ 2dc5	ኮ 2dc6							

	2dc8	2dc9	2dca	2dcb	2dcc	2dcd	2dce						
<b>H [ # or K#</b>	ሸ	ሹ	ሺ	ሻ	ሼ	ሽ	ሾ						
	2dd0	2dd1	2dd2	2dd3	2dd4	2dd5	2dd6						
<b>g #</b>	ሻ	ሼ	ሽ	ሾ	ሿ	፻	፺						
	2dd8	2dd9	2dda	2ddb	2ddc	2ddd	2dde						
<b>C =</b>	፳፱	፳፻	፳፯	፳፮	፳፭	፳፫	፳፪						
	ab20	ab21	ab22	ab23	ab24	ab25	ab26						
<b>P =</b>	፳፱	፳፻	፳፯	፳፮	፳፭	፳፫	፳፪						
	ab28	ab29	ab2a	ab2b	ab2c	ab2d	ab2e						
<b>s =</b>		ሰ	ሱ	ሰ	ሱ	ሰ	ሰ						
		ab01	ab02	ab03	ab04	ab05	ab06						
<b>z =</b>		ሸ	ሺ	ሻ	ሼ	ሽ	ሾ						
		ab11	ab12	ab13	ab14	ab15	ab16						
<b>D =</b>		ዳ	ዲ	ዳ	ዲ	ዳ	ዲ						
		ab09	ab0a	ab0b	ab0c	ab0d	ab0e						

Ethiopic Numbers

The keystrokes are at the top of the column.									
<b>keys:</b>	<b>1 *</b>	<b>2 *</b>	<b>3 *</b>	<b>4 *</b>	<b>5 *</b>	<b>6 *</b>	<b>7 *</b>	<b>8 *</b>	<b>9 *</b>
	፩	፪	፫	፬	፭	፮	፯	፰	፱
	1369	136a	136b	136c	136d	136e	136f	1370	1371
<b>keys:</b>	<b>1*0</b>	<b>2*0</b>	<b>3*0</b>	<b>4*0</b>	<b>5*0</b>	<b>6*0</b>	<b>7*0</b>	<b>8*0</b>	<b>9*0</b>
	፲	፳	፴	፵	፶	፷	፸	፹	፺
	1372	1373	1374	1375	1376	1377	1378	1379	137a
<b>keys:</b>	<b>1*00</b>	<b>1*000</b>	<b>1*0000</b>						
	፻	፻፫	፻፭						
	137b	e494	137c						

Punctuation

The keystrokes are at the top of the column.											
<b>keys:</b>	:	::	:-	:.	.	..	...	./	,	,,	;
	:	⋈	:-	⋮	⋈	.	•	※	÷	∴	∴
	1361	1368	1366	1367	1362	0046	2022	1360	1365	1363	1364
<b>keys:</b>	< '	> '	< "	> "	m )						
	‘	’	«	»	™						
	2039	203a	00ab	00bb	e496						

Diacritics

First create the desired syllable, then add the diacritic by typing the keystrokes at the top of the column.													
<b>keys:</b>	. :	. '	. "	. 1	. 2	. 3	. 4	. 5	. 6	. 7	. 8	. 9	. 0
	◌̣	◌̣̣	◌̣̣̣	◌̣̣̣̣	◌̣̣̣̣̣	◌̣̣̣̣̣̣	◌̣̣̣̣̣̣̣	◌̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣	◌̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣	◌̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣	◌̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣	◌̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣	◌̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣̣
	135E	135F	135D	030f	0300	0304	0301	030b	0302	030c	0307	0308	0303