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**Vowels and Diphthongs** (see Note 1)

అ	a	ఉ	ఇ
ఆ	ā	ఏ	ఎ
ఇ	i	ఎ	ఎ
ఊ	ī	ఐ	ai
ఉ	u	ఒ	o
ఊ	ū	ఓ	ō
ఔ	r̥	ఔ	au
ఔ౯	ର୍ରୋ		

**Consonants** (see Note 2)

Gutturals		Palatals		Cerebrals		Dentals	
క	ka	చ	ca	ట	ṭa	ఱ	ta
ఖ	kha	చు	ča	థ	ṭha	ఢ	tha
గ	ga	చు	cha	డ	ḍa	ధ	da
ఘ	gha	జ	ja	ధ	ḍha	ధ	dha
ఙ	ña	జు	ja	ణ	ṇa	న	na
		రు	jha				
		ఞ	ñña				

Labials		Semivowels		Sibilants		Aspirate	
ప	pa	య	ya	శ	śa	హ	ha
ఫ	pha	ఊ	ra	ష	ṣa		
బ	ba	ఉ	ṛa	స	sa		
భ	bha	ఉ	la				
మ	ma	ఉ	la				
		వ	va				

*Sunna* (see Note 3)

o                    m

*Visarga*

:

h

*Ardhasunna* (see Note 4)

c, ṡ

ṁ

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**Notes**

1. Only the vowel forms that appear at the beginning of a syllable are listed; the forms used for vowels following a consonant can be found in grammars; no distinction between the two is made in transliteration.
2. The vowel *a* is implicit after all consonants and consonant clusters and is supplied in transliteration, with the following exceptions:
  - a) when another vowel is indicated by its appropriate sign; and
  - b) when the absence of any vowel is indicated by the superscript sign (  $\varepsilon$  ) called *valapalagilaka*.
3. Exception: *Sunna* is transliterated by:
  - a) *ri* before gutturals,
  - b) *ñi* before palatals,
  - c) *ñi* before cerebrals,
  - d) *ni* before dentals, and
  - e) *mi* before labials.
4. *Ardhasunna* before gutturals and palatal, cerebral, and dental occlusives is transliterated *ñi*. Before labials, sibilants, semivowels, the aspirate, vowels, and in final position it is transliterated *m̩i*.