




# SIL Ethiopic Keyboard Help




## Introduction




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  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  character.

As another example, to create  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  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  first press the **h** key, and then press the **v** key. To produce  first press the **h** key, and then press the **e** 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
h	 1200	 1201	 1202	 1203	 1204	 1205	 1206	 1207						
l	 1208	 1209	 120a	 120b	 120c	 120d	 120e	 2d80	 120f					
H	 1210	 1211	 1212	 1213	 1214	 1215	 1216		 1217					
m	 1218	 1219	 121a	 121b	 121c	 121d	 121e	 2d81	 121f	 1383	 1381	 1382	 1380	 1359
s [ or J	 1220	 1221	 1222	 1223	 1224	 1225	 1226		 1227					

Syllables (including diphthongs)														
r	ረ 1228	ሩ 1229	ሪ 122a	ራ 122b	ሬ 122c	ር 122d	ሮ 122e	ሮ 2d82	ሯ 122f					ሯ 1358
s	ሰ 1230	ሱ 1231	ሲ 1232	ሳ 1233	ሴ 1234	ስ 1235	ሶ 1236	ሷ 2d83	ሸ 1237					
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	ቊ 124d	ቋ 124a	ቌ 124c	ቍ 1248	
Q	ቐ 1250	ቑ 1251	ቒ 1252	ቃ 1253	ቄ 1254	ቅ 1255	ቆ 1256		ቇ 125b	ቊ 125d	ቋ 125a	ቌ 125c	ቍ 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	
v	ቨ 1268	ቩ 1269	ቪ 126a	ቫ 126b	ቬ 126c	ቭ 126d	ቮ 126e		ቫ 126f					
t	ተ 1270	ቱ 1271	ቲ 1272	ታ 1273	ቴ 1274	ቅ 1275	ቆ 1276	ቇ 2d86	ቈ 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	ኊ 128d	ኋ 128a	ኌ 128c	ኍ 1288	
n	ነ 1290	ኑ 1291	ኒ 1292	ና 1293	ኔ 1294	ኖ 1295	ኗ 1296	ኘ 2d88	ኙ 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	ኧ 12a7					
k	ከ 12a8	ኩ 12a9	ኪ 12aa	ካ 12ab	ኬ 12ac	ክ 12ad	ኮ 12ae	ኰ 12af	ኳ 12b3	ኵ 12b5	኶ 12b2	኷ 12b4	ኸ 12b0	
H [ or K	ኸ 12b8	ኹ 12b9	ኺ 12ba	ኻ 12bb	ኼ 12bc	ኽ 12bd	ኾ 12be		ኻ 12c3	ኽ 12c5	ኼ 12c2	ኾ 12c4	ኽ 12c0	
w	ወ 12c8	ዑ 12c9	ዒ 12ca	ዓ 12cb	ዔ 12cc	ዕ 12cd	ዖ 12ce	ዟ 12cf						
X	ዐ 12d0	ዑ 12d1	ዒ 12d2	ዓ 12d3	ዔ 12d4	ዕ 12d5	ዖ 12d6							
z	ዘ 12d8	ዙ 12d9	ዚ 12da	ዛ 12db	ዞ 12dc	ዝ 12dd	ዞ 12de	ዟ 2d8b	ዚ 12df					
Z	ዘ 12e0	ዙ 12e1	ዚ 12e2	ዛ 12e3	ዞ 12e4	ዝ 12e5	ዞ 12e6		ዚ 12e7					
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



















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D	ደ	ዱ	ዲ	ዳ	ዴ	ድ	ዶ	ደ	ደ					
	12f8	12f9	12fa	12fb	12fc	12fd	12fe	2d8d	12ff					
j	ጀ	ጁ	ጂ	ጃ	ጄ	ጅ	ጆ	ጇ	ገ					
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	1308	1309	130a	130b	130c	130d	130e	130f	1313	1315	1312	1314	1310	
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	1318	1319	131a	131b	131c	131d	131e		131f	2d96	2d94	2d95	2d93	
T	ጠ	ጡ	ጢ	ጣ	ጤ	ጥ	ጦ	ጧ	ጨ					
	1320	1321	1322	1323	1324	1325	1326	2d8f	1327					
C	ጨ	ጨ	ጨ	ጨ	ጨ	ጨ	ጨ	ጨ	ጨ					
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T [ or V	ፀ	ፁ	ፊ	ፋ	ፅ	ፈ	ፐ	ፑ						
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c #	ቸ	ቹ	ቺ	ቻ	ቼ	ች	ቾ							
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H [ # or K#	ኸ	ኹ	ኺ	ኻ	ኼ	ኽ	ኾ							
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g #	ኸ	ኹ	ኺ	ኻ	ኼ	ኽ	ኾ							
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## Syllables (including diphthongs)

<b>C =</b>	 ab20	 ab21	 ab22	 ab23	 ab24	 ab25	 ab26						
<b>P =</b>	 ab28	 ab29	 ab2a	 ab2b	 ab2c	 ab2d	 ab2e						
<b>S =</b>		 ab01	 ab02	 ab03	 ab04	 ab05	 ab06						
<b>Z =</b>		 ab11	 ab12	 ab13	 ab14	 ab15	 ab16						
<b>D =</b>		 ab09	 ab0a	 ab0b	 ab0c	 ab0d	 ab0e						

















## Ethiopic Numbers

The keystrokes are at the top of the column.

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	 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>
	 1372	 1373	 1374	 1375	 1376	 1377	 1378	 1379	 137a
<b>keys:</b>	<b>1*00</b>	<b>1*000</b>	<b>1*0000</b>						
	 137b	 e494	 137c						














## Punctuation

The keystrokes are at the top of the column.

<b>keys:</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>::</b>	<b>:-</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>./</b>	<b>,</b>	<b>,,</b>	<b>;</b>
	 1361	 1368	 1366	 1367	 1362	 0046	 2022	 1360	 1365	 1363	 1364
<b>keys:</b>	<b>&lt; '</b>	<b>&gt; '</b>	<b>&lt; "</b>	<b>&gt; "</b>	<b>m )</b>						
	 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>	<b>.:</b>	<b>.'</b>	<b>."</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>	<b>.0</b>
	 135E	 135F	 135D	 030f	 0300	 0304	 0301	 030b	 0302	 030c	 0307	 0308	 0303

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This document was originally created as an .odt file using [LibreOffice](#) and then converted to PDF. The HTML variant of this document was created using LibreOffice's Export feature, and then was cleaned up using [tidy](#) with this command:

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tidy -w 80 -i -utf8 -ashtml -o output-file.html input-file.html
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