

## Pronunciation guide (Transliteration in English)

### Vowels (swaragaLu)

ಅ = a	as in <u>a</u> merican
ಆ = aa	as in <u>A</u> nswer
ಇ = i	as in <u>i</u> nk
ಈ = ee	as in <u>e</u> asy
ಉ = u	as in <u>u</u> ll
ಊ = oo	as in <u>o</u> ol
ಋ = Ru	as in <u>ro</u> om
ಎ = e	as in <u>e</u> rror
ಏ = E	as in <u>a</u> ge
ಐ = ai	as in <u>ma</u> ke
ಓ = o	as in <u>o</u> o
ಔ = O	as in <u>po</u> rt
ಔ = ou	as in <u>ou</u> t
ಂ = M	as in <u>nu</u> mber
ಃ = H	as in <u>ah</u> med

## Consonants (VenjanagaLu):

There are 6 sets of consonants in Kannada

### Set 1 (Consonants)

ಕ್ಷ = k	as in <b><i>k</i>angaroo</b>
ಖ್ಷ = kh	as in <b><i>kh</i>aki (voice aspirated)</b>
ಗ್ಷ = g	as in <b><i>g</i>arden</b>
ಘ್ಷ = gh	as in <b><i>gh</i>ost (voice aspirated)</b>
ಙ್ಷ = ~g	as in <b><i>king</i></b>

### Set 2 (Consonants)

ಚ್ಷ = ch	as in <b><i>ch</i>urch</b>
ಛ್ಷ = Ch	as given above (but voice aspirated)
ಜ್ಷ = j	as in <b><i>j</i>ust</b>
ಝ್ಷ = jh	as given above (but voice aspirated)
ಞ್ಷ = ~j	as in <b><i>canyon</i></b>

### Set 3 (Consonants)

ཅོ་=T	as in <i>fea</i>
ཐོ་=Th	as given above (but voice aspirated)
ཇོ་=D	as in <i><u>g</u>luck</i>
ཇོ་=Dh	as given above (but voice aspirated)
ཉོ་=Na	as in N (but voice sharp)

### Set 4 (Consonants)

ཐོ་=t	as in <i><u>th</u>ird</i>
ཐོ་=th	as given above (but voice aspirated)
དོ་=d	as in <i><u>th</u>e</i>
དོ་=dh	as given above (but voice aspirated)
སོ་=n	as in <i><u>n</u>un</i>

### Set 5 (Consonants)

ಪ್ = p as in **palm**

ಫ್ = ph as given above (but voice aspirated)

ಬ್ = b as in **bun**

ಭ್ = bh as given above (but voice aspirated)

ಮ್ = m as in **mother**

### Set 6 (Consonants)

ಯ್ = y as in **y**esterday

ರ್ = r as in **run**

ಲ್ = l as in **love**

ವ್ = v as in **vulture**

ಶ್ = sh as in **sharp**

ಷ್ = Sh as given above (but voice aspirated)

ಸ್ = s as in **sunday**

ಹ್ = h as in **ht**

ಳ್ = L same as l (but voice sharp)

## **Composite characters or letters (guNitaakshara)**

When a vowel (swara ) is added to a consonant (venjana) ,it forms a composite character (guNitakshara)

Example of consonant (k ) क् with vowels is given below:

ka kA ki kI ku kU kRu kRU ke kE kai

क का कि की कु कू कृ कृ कै कै कै

ko kO kou kaM kaH

को को कौ कं कः