

বর্ণপরিচয়

(বিদ্যাসাগরের পুস্তিকার অনুসরণে)

স্বরবর্ণ

অ আ ই ঐ উ ঊ
ঋ (ঌ) এ ঐ ও ঔ

ব্যঞ্জনবর্ণ

ক খ গ ঘ ঙ
চ ছ জ ঝ ঞ
ট ঠ ড ঢ ণ
ত থ দ ধ ন
প ফ ব ভ ম
য র ল (ব) শ ষ স হ
ড় ঢ় য় ঙ্ ঙ্ ঙ্ ঙ্

The Bengali alphabet (ক, খ), in alphabetical order:

	অ	আ	ই	ঐ	
Name	śore ɔ	śore a	hrɔśśo i	dirggho i	
Pronounced	ɔ	a	i	i	
	উ	ঊ	ঋ	(ঌ)	
Name	hrɔśśo u	dirggho u	ri	li	
Pronounced	u	u	ri	li	
	এ	ঐ	ও	ঔ	
Name	e	oi	o	ou	
Pronounced	e	oi	o	ou	
	ং		ঃ	ঃ	
Name	onuśśar/onuśśor		biɔrggo	cɔndrobindu	
Pronounced	ɔŋ		h/(doubles)	(nasalizes vowel)	
	ক	খ	গ	ঘ	ঙ
Name	kɔ	khɔ	gɔ	ghɔ	u~ɔ
Pronounced	kɔ	khɔ	gɔ	ghɔ	ɔŋ
	চ	ছ	জ	ঝ	ঞ
Name	ɔɔ	chɔ	borggio jɔ	jhɔ	i~ɔ
Pronounced	ɔɔ	chɔ	jɔ	jhɔ	ñɔ
	ট	ঠ	ড*	ঢ**	ণ
Name	ṭɔ	ṭhɔ	ḍɔ	ḍhɔ	murddhonno nɔ
Pronounced	ṭɔ	ṭhɔ	ḍɔ	ḍhɔ	nɔ
	ত	থ	দ	ধ	ন
Name	tɔ	thɔ	dɔ	dhɔ	dɔnto nɔ
Pronounced	tɔ	thɔ	dɔ	dhɔ	nɔ
	প	ফ	ব	ভ	ম
Name	pɔ	phɔ	bɔ	bhɔ	mɔ
Pronounced	pɔ	fɔ/phɔ	bɔ	bhɔ/vɔ	mɔ
	য***		র		ল
Name	ɔntostho jɔ		bɔe śunno/bindu rɔ		lɔ
Pronounced	jɔ		rɔ		lɔ

	শ	ষ	স	হ
Name	talobbo ঙ	murddhonno ঙ	ɔnto ঙ	ho
Pronounced	ঙ	ঙ	ঙ	হ

The alphabet ends with হ̄. The following three letters, each with a diacritical subscript dot beneath it, indicate "allophones" of letters already listed in the alphabet. Each is found in the exact same alphabetical order of its corresponding letter, marked by the asterisks.

	ড *	ঢ **	য় ***
Name	ḍɔe ঙno ɔ	ḍhɔe ঙno ɔ	ɔntostho ɔ/ɔ
Pronounced	ড়	ঢ়	e/o/y/+

The letter ত̄ is also written ত̄ when the inherent vowel is not to be pronounced.

	ত̄
Name	khɔḅdo t̄
Pronounced	t̄

Post-consonantal vowel signs:

আ	= ɪ (akar)	as in	কা
ই	= ɪ̄ (hrośśikar/ikar)	as in	কি
ঐ	= ɪ̄̄ (dirgghikar/ikar)	as in	কী
উ	= ʊ̄ (hrośśukar/ukar)	as in	ক̄ (should be under consonant)
ঊ	= ʊ̄̄ (dirgghukar/ukar)	as in	ক̄̄ (should be under consonant)
ঋ	= ɹ̄ (rikar)	as in	ক̄̄̄ (should be under consonant)
এ	= e (ekar)	as in	কে
ঐ	= ē (oikar)	as in	কৈ
ও	= eɪ (okar)	as in	কো
ঔ	= ēɪ (oukar)	as in	কৌ

Conjunct consonants or ligatures (যুক্তাক্ষর):

When consonants are conjoined, the resulting conjunct consonants may not look like any of the individual consonants being combined. Notice in the word in parentheses above, meaning "conjunct consonant," the letter **ক্** is made up of the two letters **ক** and **ত**; the letter **ক্ষ** is comprised of **ক** and **ষ**. At this point, it is probably best to learn the conjunct consonants gradually as they present themselves to you in the lessons in *An Introduction to Bengali, Part I*, rather than try to memorize them all at one.

There are five consonants that, when the last member of a consonant-conjunct, are called by their own name plus the suffix "**phola**." They are: **mpphola** as in লক্ষ্মী, **jp-phola** as in হাঁ, **rp-phola** as in প্রথম, **lp-phola** as in প্লাবন, and **bp-phola** as in স্বরবর্ণা. When the **ব** is the first member of a conjunct consonant, it is called **reph/ref rp** as in স্বরবর্ণা. And one conjunct consonant, **ক্ষ**, has its own name, **khic**. All other conjunct consonants are referred to by the names of the individual letters, with the locative case ending "e" connecting the letters. Example, **ক্** is referred to as "**ko-e-to**."

Here is a list of the more difficult conjunct consonants. In three cases, **ukar**-s are shown, combined with **rp** and **to**. Though technically, a consonant plus **ukar** is not a conjunct consonant, the shape of these **ukar**-s needs to be noted.

ক্ = ক + ক	ক্ = ক + ত	ক্ = ক + র	ক্ষ = ক + ষ	ক্ষ = ক + ষ + ণ
ক্ষ = ক + ষ + ম	ক্স = ক + স	ক্ = গ + ঠ	ক্ = ঙ + ক	ক্ = ঙ + গ
ক্ = জ + ঞ	ক্ = ঞ + চ	ক্ = ঞ + ছ	ক্ = ঞ + জ	ক্ = ঞ + ঝ
ক্ = ট + ট	ক্ = ণ + ড			
ক্ = ত + ত	ক্ = ত + থ	ক্ = ত + ম	ক্ = ত + র	ক্ = দ + দ
ক্ = দ + থ	ক্ = থ + ব	ক্ = ন + ত	ক্ = ন + ত + ঙ	ক্ = ন + ত + র
ক্ = ন + থ	ক্ = ন + দ + র	ক্ = ন + ঠ	ক্ = ন + ম	
ক্ = র + ঙ	ক্ = র + ঙ			
ক্ = ষ + ট	ক্ = ষ + ঠ	ক্ = ষ + ণ	ক্ = ষ + ম	ক্ = স + থ
ক্ = হ + ন	ক্ = হ + ম			