

The Sanskrit Alphabet
Points of Articulation (*sthāna / āsya*)

Cerebral

ऋ ऌ ट ठ ड ढ ण र ष
ṛ ṝ ṭa ṭha ḍa ḍha ṇa ra ṣa

(tip of tongue curls back and touches roof of mouth)

Palatal

इ ई च छ ज झ ञ य श
i ī ca cha ja jha ṅa ya śa

(flat upper surface of tongue touches palate)

Dental

ल त थ द ध न ल स
ḷ ta tha da dha na la sa

(tip of tongue touches back of teeth)

Guttural

अ आ क ख ग घ ङ ह
a ā ka kha ga gha ṅa ha

(base of tongue touches rear of soft palate)

Labial

उ ऊ प फ ब भ म
u ū pa pha ba bha ma

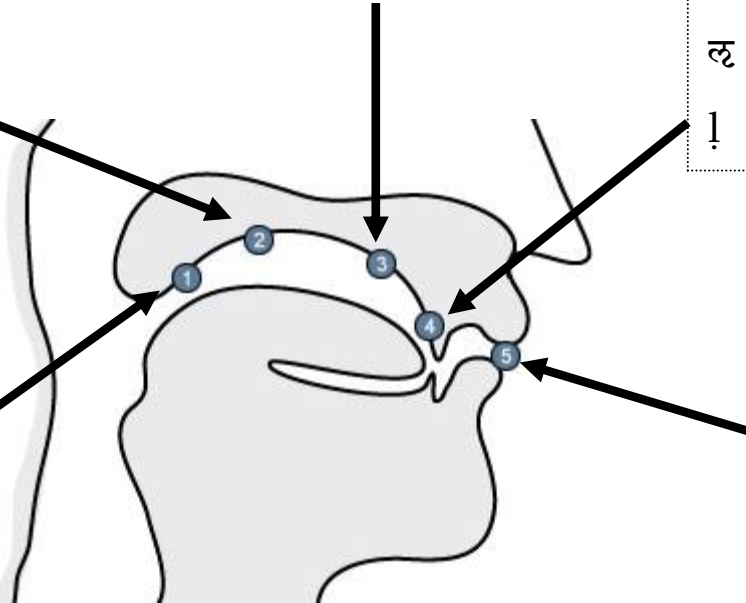


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Diphthongs

Guttural-Palatal	Guttural-Labial	Dental-Labial
ए ऐ	ओ औ	व
e ai	o au	va

Special characters

अं (anusvāra)	अः (visarga)
aṁ	aḥ