

Punjabi Varnmala in Hindi

All 41 Gurmukhi letters beside their Devanagari equivalent · ਪੈਂਤੀ ਅੱਖਰੀ (Paintī Akkharī)

Five letters look the same but are said differently. Punjabi has tones; Hindi does not. At the **start of a word** these are written like ਬ ਝ ਛ ਥ ਘ but said like ਕ ਚ ਟ ਟ ਪ with the voice dipping low — and with no h sound left at all. ਘਰ (house) is closer to “kàr” than “ghar”. They are marked ° below.

ਘ ਝ ਛ ਥ ਘ

THE THREE VOWEL CARRIERS — SILENT ON THEIR OWN

ੳ — (the base for ਤ ਊ ਐ) Oora	ਅ ੲ Aira	ੳ — (the base for ਙ ਙ ਙ) Iri
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THE 32 CONSONANTS

ਸ ਸ Sassa	ਹ ਹ Haha	ਕ ਕ Kakka	ਖ ਖ Khakha	ਗ ਗ Gaga	ਘ ਘ° Ghagha
ਙ ਙ Nganga	ਚ ਚ Chacha	ਛ ਛ Chhachha	ਜ ਜ Jajja	ਝ ਝ° Jhajha	ਞ ਞ Nyanya
ਟ ਟ Tainka	ਠ ਠ Thatha	ਡ ਡ Dadda	ਢ ਢ Dhadha	ਣ ਣ Nahna	ਤ ਤ Tatta
ਥ ਥ Thatha	ਦ ਦ Dadda	ਧ ਧ° Dhadha	ਨ ਨ Nanna	ਪ ਪ Pappa	ਫ ਫ Phaphha
ਬ ਬ Babba	ਭ ਭ° Bhabbha	ਮ ਮ Mamma	ਯ ਯ Yayya	ਰ ਰ Rarra	ਲ ਲ Lalla
ਵ ਵ Vavva	ੜ ੜ Rarra				

THE SIX LETTERS WITH A DOT — SAME CONVENTION AS HINDI

ਸ਼ ਸ਼ Shashsha	ਖ਼ ਖ਼ Khhakhha	ਗ਼ ਗ਼ Ghhaghha	ਜ਼ ਜ਼ Zazza	ਫ਼ ਫ਼ Faffa	ਲ਼ ਲ਼ Lalla
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° written like the Hindi letter, but said differently at the start of a word (see above). † ਛ exists in Devanagari but is not used in standard Hindi. **Order:** The order will look wrong at first. Hindi puts all the vowels first and ends with ਸ ਥ ਛ ਝ ਞ. Gurmukhi runs ਏ ਅ ਏ, then ਸ and ਹ straight away at positions four and five — before the ka group — and finishes on ਞ rather than ਹ.