

Pronunciation of Transliterated Malayalam

Vowels:

a	as in	about
ā	as in	father
i	as in	pin
ī	as in	police (ee)
u	as in	full
ū	as in	rule
ě	as in	head (eh)
e	as in	swear (ey)
ai	as in	height, kaiser
ō	as in	collect, only
o	as in	vote
au	as in	house
.m	sound of m after vowel at the end of a word	

Consonants:

ka	k as in	kitchen
kha	same aspirated	
ga	g as in	gallon
gha	same aspirated	
ña	as ng in	singing
ca	ch as in	chapter
cha	same aspirated	
ja	j as in	jump
jh	same aspirated	
ña	ny as in	banyan

ṭa	cerebral t
ṭha	same aspirated
ḍa	dental d
ḍha	same aspirated
ṇa	dental n
ta	dental t
tha	same aspirated
d	dental d
dh	same aspirated
na	dental n
pa	p as in party
ph	same aspirated
ba	b as in balloon
bh	same aspirated
ma	m as in mother
ya	y as in young
ra	palatal r
la	l as in labor
va	v as in variety
ś	palatal sh
ṣ	sh as in shampoo
s	s as in summer
ha	h as in happy
ḷa	cerebral l
ḷa	cerebro-palatal l
ṛa	cerebral r

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