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CONSONANTS

क ख ग घ ङ
च छ ज झ ञ
ट ठ ड ढ ण
त थ द ध न
प फ ब भ म
य र ल व श
ष स ह क्ष त्र
ज्ञ

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Hindi	Pronunciation	English Word
क	ka	karate, cup
ख	kha	khalifa, khabar
ग	ga	gulf, gulp
घ	gha	ghost, Ghana
ङ	ang	long,
च	cha	chalk, charm
छ	chha	chha
ज	ja	joy, jack, jar
झ	jha	jhamela
ञ	nya	onion
ट	ta	tomato, talk
ठ	tha	thug
ड	da	dog, doll
ढ	dha	dholak
ण	na	Never
त	ta	Taiwan, tell

थ	tha	thanks, thought
द	da	damage, dart
ध	dha	dharam, dhanraj
न	na	noise
प	pa	pack, people
फ	pha	pharmacy,
ब	ba	boy, baby
भ	bha	Bharat, Bhuto
म	ma	mother, man
य	ya	yours, yes
र	ra	round,
ल	la	love, like
व	va	voice, van
श	sha	shuttle, shame
ष	sha	shout, shock
स	sa	son, same
ह	ha	holy, home
क्ष	ksha	action

त्र	tra	train, trillion
ज्ञ	gya	gyamma

NOTES ON THE ALPHABET

It would be noticed above that the two sets of consonants त थ द ध and ट ठ ड ढ have been represented by the same set of English consonants t, tha, da and dha. The first set is referred to as DENTAL, i.e. the tongue is placed between the teeth to pronounce them. The second set is referred to as CEREBRAL, i.e. the tongue is placed at the top of the roof of the mouth in pronouncing them.

The difference श and ष is very subtle. Both letters are represented by sha. Only with experience we'll be able to master this.

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