

# Pashto Alphabet د پښتو الفبې

	Transcription and Sound	IPA	Final	Medial	Initial	Isolated	Letter Name	
1	[ā] as <b>aw</b> in <i>law</i> ; [a] as <b>o</b> in <i>hot</i>	[ɑː]; [ɑ]	ا	-	-	ا	[aléf] الف	۱
2	[b] as <b>b</b> in <i>boy</i>	[b]	ب	ب	ب	ب	[be] بې	۲
3	[p] as <b>p</b> in <i>pen</i>	[p]	پ	پ	پ	پ	[pe] پې	۳
4	[t] as <b>t</b> in <i>teach</i>	[t]	ت	ت	ت	ت	[te] تې	۴
5	[ʈ] as <b>t</b> in <i>train</i> but retroflex*	[ʈ]	ټ	ټ	ټ	ټ	[ʈe] ټې	۵
6	[s] as <b>s</b> in <i>son</i>	[s]	س	س	س	س	[se] سې	۶
7	[j] as <b>j</b> in <i>John</i>	[dʒ]	ج	ج	ج	ج	[jim] جيم	۷
8	[č] as <b>ch</b> in <i>chain</i>	[tʃ]	چ	چ	چ	چ	[če] چې	۸
9	[ʃ] as <b>dz</b> in <i>adze</i>	[dʒ]	خ	خ	خ	خ	[ʃe] خې	۹
10	[c] as <b>ts</b> in <i>lots</i>	[ts]	خ	خ	خ	خ	[ce] خې	۱۰
11	[h] as <b>h</b> in <i>human</i>	[h]	ح	ح	ح	ح	[he] حې	۱۱
12	[x] as <b>ch</b> in German <i>Bach</i>	[x]	خ	خ	خ	خ	[xe] خې	۱۲
13	[d] as <b>d</b> in <i>dig</i> but softer	[d]	د	-	-	د	[dāl] دال	۱۳
14	[ɖ] as <b>d</b> in <i>dry</i> but retroflex*	[ɖ]	ډ	-	-	ډ	[ɖāl] ډال	۱۴
15	[z] as <b>z</b> in <i>zoo</i>	[z]	ذ	-	-	ذ	[zāl] زال	۱۵
16	[r] as <b>rr</b> in Spanish <i>perro</i> but softer	[r]	ر	-	-	ر	[re] رې	۱۶
17	[ɽ] as [r] but retroflex*	[ɽ]	ر	-	-	ر	[ɽe] رې	۱۷
18	[ʒ] as <b>z</b> in <i>zoo</i>	[ʒ]	ز	-	-	ز	[ze] زې	۱۸
19	[ʒ̣] as <b>s</b> in <i>measure</i>	[ʒ̣]	ژ	-	-	ژ	[že] ژې	۱۹
20	[ʒ̣] as [ʒ̣] but retroflex*; [g] as <b>g</b> in <i>gift</i>	[ʒ̣]; [g]	ږ	-	-	ږ	[ge]/[že] ږې	۲۰
21	[ṣ] as <b>s</b> in <i>son</i>	[ṣ]	س	س	س	س	[sin] سين	۲۱
22	[š] as <b>sh</b> in <i>shame</i>	[ʃ]	ش	ش	ش	ش	[šin] شين	۲۲
23	[ṣ̌] as [ṣ̌] but retroflex*; [x] as <b>ch</b> in German <i>Bach</i>	[ṣ]; [x]	ښ	ښ	ښ	ښ	[xin]/[šin] ښين	۲۳
24	[ṣ] as <b>s</b> in <i>son</i>	[ṣ]	ص	ص	ص	ص	[sād] صاد	۲۴
25	[ẓ] as <b>z</b> in <i>zoo</i>	[ẓ]	ض	ض	ض	ض	[zād] ضاد	۲۵
26	[ṭ] as <b>t</b> in <i>teach</i>	[ṭ]	ط	ط	ط	ط	[tā] ط [toy] طوی	۲۶
27	[ẓ] as <b>z</b> in <i>zoo</i>	[ẓ]	ظ	ظ	ظ	ظ	[zā] ظا [zoy] ظوی	۲۷
28	[ʾ] as <b>'</b> in Arabic <i>Qur'an</i>	[ʾ]	ع	ع	ع	ع	[ayn] عين	۲۸
29	[ğ] as <b>r</b> in French <i>Paris</i>	[ɣ]	غ	غ	غ	غ	[ğayn] غين	۲۹
30	[f] as <b>f</b> in <i>fish</i>	[f]	ف	ف	ف	ف	[fe] فې	۳۰
31	[q] as <b>q</b> in Arabic <i>Qibla</i>	[q]	ق	ق	ق	ق	[qāf] قاف	۳۱
32	[k] as <b>k</b> in <i>king</i>	[k]	ك	ك	ك	ك	[kāf] كاف	۳۲
33	[g] as <b>g</b> in <i>gift</i>	[g]	گ / گ	گ / گ	گ / گ	گ / گ	[gāf] گاف	۳۳
34	[l] as <b>l</b> in <i>land</i>	[l]	ل	ل	ل	ل	[lām] لام	۳۴
35	[m] as <b>m</b> in <i>myth</i>	[m]	م	م	م	م	[mim] ميم	۳۵
36	[n] as <b>n</b> in <i>new</i>	[n]	ن	ن	ن	ن	[nun] نون	۳۶
37	[ɳ] as [n] but retroflex*	[ɳ]	ڼ	ڼ	ڼ	ڼ	[ɳuɳ] ڼون	۳۷
38	[w] as <b>w</b> in <i>wet</i> ; [u] as <b>oo</b> in <i>pool</i> ; [o] as <b>oa</b> in <i>coat</i>	[w]; [uː]; [oː]	و	-	-	و	[wāw] واو	۳۸
39	[ḥ] as <b>h</b> in <i>human</i> ; [a] as <b>o</b> in <i>hot</i> ; [ə] as <b>e</b> in <i>the</i>	[ḥ]; [ɑ]; [ə]	ه	ه	ه	ه	[he] هې	۳۹
40	[y] as <b>y</b> in <i>yes</i> ; [ay] as <b>y</b> in <i>sky</i>	[j]; [aj]	ی	ی	ی	ی	[mulayyaná yā] ملينه يا	۴۰
41	[i] as <b>ea</b> in <i>seat</i>	[iː]	ی	ی	ی	ی	[ma'ruḥa yā] معروفه يا	۴۱
42	[e] as <b>a</b> in <i>may</i>	[eː]	ی	ی	ی	ی	[majhúla yā] مجهوله يا	۴۲
43	[əy] cluster of [ə] in #39 and [y] in #40	[əj]	ی	-	-	ی	[šəjina yā] ښځينه يا	۴۳
44	[əy] the same as #43	[əj]	ی	-	-	ی	[karwāla yā] کرواله يا	۴۴

\* Retroflex sounds are pronounced with the tongue slightly pulled back, curved and raised its tip to the roof of the mouth.