Thai alphabet chart

44 consonants with their names, classes and sounds

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ก **ก ไก่** Middle ko kai · chicken initial /k/ · final /k̚/	ข **ข ไข่** High kho khai · egg initial /kʰ/ · final /k̚/	no longer in use ฃ **ฃ ขวด** High kho khuat · bottle initial /kʰ/ · no final	ค **ค ควาย** Low kho khwai · buffalo initial /kʰ/ · final /k̚/
no longer in use ฅ **ฅ คน** Low kho khon · person initial /kʰ/ · no final	ฆ **ฆ ระฆัง** Low kho ra-khang · bell initial /kʰ/ · final /k̚/	ง **ง งู** Low ngo ngu · snake initial /ŋ/ · final /ŋ/	จ **จ จาน** Middle jo jan · plate initial /tɕ/ · final /t̚/
ฉ **ฉ ฉิ่ง** High cho ching · cymbals initial /tɕʰ/ · no final	ช **ช ช้าง** Low cho chang · elephant initial /tɕʰ/ · final /t̚/	ซ **ซ โซ่** Low so so · chain initial /s/ · final /t̚/	ฌ **ฌ เฌอ** Low cho choe · tree initial /tɕʰ/ · no final
ญ **ญ หญิง** Low yo ying · woman initial /j/ · final /n/	ฎ **ฎ ชฎา** Middle do cha-da · headdress initial /d/ · final /t̚/	ฏ **ฏ ปฏัก** Middle to pa-tak · goad initial /t/ · final /t̚/	ฐ **ฐ ฐาน** High tho than · base initial /tʰ/ · final /t̚/
ฑ **ฑ มณโฑ** Low tho mon-tho · Queen Montho initial /tʰ/, /d/ · final /t̚/	ฒ **ฒ ผู้เฒ่า** Low tho phu-thao · elder initial /tʰ/ · final /t̚/	ณ **ณ เณร** Low no nen · novice monk initial /n/ · final /n/	ด **ด เด็ก** Middle do dek · child initial /d/ · final /t̚/
ต **ต เต่า** Middle to tao · turtle initial /t/ · final /t̚/	ถ **ถ ถุง** High tho thung · bag initial /tʰ/ · final /t̚/	ท **ท ทหาร** Low tho tha-han · soldier initial /tʰ/ · final /t̚/	ธ **ธ ธง** Low tho thong · flag initial /tʰ/ · final /t̚/
น **น หนู** Low no nu · mouse initial /n/ · final /n/	บ **บ ใบไม้** Middle bo bai-mai · leaf initial /b/ · final /p̚/	ป **ป ปลา** Middle po pla · fish initial /p/ · final /p̚/	ผ **ผ ผึ้ง** High pho phueng · bee initial /pʰ/ · no final
ฝ **ฝ ฝา** High fo fa · lid initial /f/ · no final	พ **พ พาน** Low pho phan · tray initial /pʰ/ · final /p̚/	ฟ **ฟ ฟัน** Low fo fan · tooth initial /f/ · final /p̚/	ภ **ภ สำเภา** Low pho sam-phao · sailing ship initial /pʰ/ · final /p̚/
ม **ม ม้า** Low mo ma · horse initial /m/ · final /m/	ย **ย ยักษ์** Low yo yak · giant initial /j/ · final /j/	ร **ร เรือ** Low ro ruea · boat initial /r/ · final /n/	ล **ล ลิง** Low lo ling · monkey initial /l/ · final /n/
ว **ว แหวน** Low wo waen · ring initial /w/ · final /w/	ศ **ศ ศาลา** High so sa-la · pavilion initial /s/ · final /t̚/	ษ **ษ ฤๅษี** High so rue-si · hermit initial /s/ · final /t̚/	ส **ส เสือ** High so suea · tiger initial /s/ · final /t̚/
ห **ห หีบ** High ho hip · chest (box) initial /h/ · no final	ฬ **ฬ จุฬา** Low lo ju-la · kite initial /l/ · final /n/	อ **อ อ่าง** Middle o ang · basin initial /ʔ/ · no final	ฮ **ฮ นกฮูก** Low ho nok-huk · owl initial /h/ · no final

The class sets the tone rules for a syllable. Each example has a long vowel, no final stop and no tone mark.

Middle class · 9 letters
A syllable like this is spoken in the mid tone, as in กา.

High class · 11 letters
A syllable like this is spoken in the rising tone, as in ขา.

Low class · 24 letters
A syllable like this is also mid tone, as in คา, but short vowels and tone marks work differently.

Sounds are written in IPA between slashes. /kʰ/ has a puff of air, and the mark in /k̚/ means a final stop is not released.

Pronunciation help: hear every letter name read aloud on the free chart at thaihabit.com/learn/thai-alphabet-chart.

No final means the letter is not used as a regular final consonant. Letter names are simplified and show no tones.

No longer in use: ฃ and ฅ stay in the traditional 44 letters but are not used in modern words.

Thai vowels

All 37 vowel forms with their sounds

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Short and long vowels

Each sound comes as a short and a long pair.

SHORT	LONG	SHORT	LONG	SHORT	LONG
◌ะ	◌า	◌ิ	◌ี	◌ึ	◌ือ
/a/	/aː/	/i/	/iː/	/ɯ/	/ɯː/

SHORT	LONG	SHORT	LONG	SHORT	LONG
◌ุ	◌ู	เ◌ะ	เ◌	แ◌ะ	แ◌
/u/	/uː/	/e/	/eː/	/ɛ/	/ɛː/

SHORT	LONG	SHORT	LONG	SHORT	LONG
โ◌ะ	โ◌	เ◌าะ	◌อ	เ◌อะ	เ◌อ
/o/	/oː/	/ɔ/	/ɔː/	/ɤ/	/ɤː/

Diphthongs

The short forms are rare.

SHORT	LONG	SHORT	LONG	SHORT	LONG
เ◌ียะ	เ◌ีย	เ◌ือะ	เ◌ือ	◌ัวะ	◌ัว
/ia/	/iːa/	/ɯa/	/ɯːa/	/ua/	/uːa/

Extra spellings

A vowel plus a final sound.

◌ำ	ใ◌	ไ◌	เ◌า	◌รร
/am/	/aj/	/aj/	/aw/	/an/

Before a final consonant

Short vowels change shape.

◌ั◌	เ◌็◌	แ◌็◌	◌็
/a/	/e/	/ɛ/	NO SOUND

Rare letters

Learn them in words.

SHORT	LONG	SHORT	LONG
ฤ	ๅ	ฦ	ๆ
/rɯ/	/rɯː/	/lɯ/	/lɯː/

◌ **is a placeholder** for a consonant, not a letter you type. In the closed forms, the second ◌ is the final consonant.

Before a final consonant ◌ะ, เ◌ะ and แ◌ะ are usually written ◌ั◌, เ◌็◌ and แ◌็◌. The mark ◌็ has no sound; it marks the vowel as short.

ใ◌ **and** ไ◌ both sound /aj/. Each word has its own fixed spelling.

Sounds are written in IPA between slashes. The mark ː means a long vowel, not a tone.

ฤ can also read /ri/ or /rɤː/. ฦ and ๅๅ are archaic; modern words write ลฺ.

◌รร reads /an/, or /a/ when a final consonant follows.

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