

Kaska Alphabet

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Consonants

← front of mouth back of mouth →

	labial	labiodental	alveolar	lateral	palatal	velar	glottal
aspirated plosives (stops)	(p)		t			k	'
unaspirated plosives (stops)	b		d			g	
ejective plosives (stops)			t'			k'	
nasals	m		n				
voiceless fricatives		(f)	s	ɬ	sh	h	h
voiced fricatives			z			gh	
aspirated affricates			ts	tl	ch		
unaspirated affricates			dz	dl	j		
ejective affricates			ts'	tl'	ch'		
voiced approximants				l	y	w	

Vowels

- Nasalized vowels are written with a nasalization hook under the vowel, as for example ɥ.
- High tone vowels are indicated with an acute accent, as for example ú.
- Low tone vowels are unmarked, as for example u.
- Rising tone is indicated with a caron (hachek) over the vowel letter, as for example ǎ.
- Falling tone is indicated with a circumflex over the vowel, as for example â.

Vowels

	front	central	back
close	ī		ū
mid	e ⁱ	a	o ^o
open	ē	ā	



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	labial	alveolar	lateral	palatal	velar	glotal
aspirated plosives (stops)	(p), /p ^h /	t, /t ^h /			k, /k ^h /	ʔ, /ʔ/
unaspirated plosives (stops)		d, /t/			g, /k/	
ejective plosives (stops)		tʔ, /tʔ/			kʔ, /kʔ/	
nasals	m, /m/	n, /n/				
voiceless fricatives	(f), /f/	s, /s/	ɬ, /ɬ/	sh, /ʃ/	h, /x/	h, /h/
voiced fricatives		z, /z/			gh, /ɣ/	
aspirated affricates		ts, /ts ^h /	tɬ, /tɬ ^h /	ch, /tʃ ^h /		
unaspirated affricates		dz, /ts/	dɬ, /tɬ/	j, /tʃ/		
ejective affricates		tsʔ, /tsʔ/	tɬʔ, /tɬʔ/	chʔ, /tʃʔ/		
voiced approximants			l, /l/	y, /j/	w, /w/	

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- The phonetic quality of <e> varies between [ɛ] and [ə].

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	front	central	back
close	ī, /i:/ i, /ɪ/		ū, /u:/ o, /ɔ/
mid	e, /ɛ/	a, /ʌ/	ō, /o:/
open	ē, /æ:/		ā, /ɑ:/



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