

HINDI

LEVEL III

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Borrowed Sounds (उधार ली हुई आवाज़ें)

Persian Influence on the Hindi Alphabet

Some Hindi letters contain a dot below, representing sounds that are imported from the Persian language. These letters are pronounced with a slightly stretched aspirated sound.

क़	(qa pronounced as C in because)	कीमत	(Kee-ma-t qī-ma-t)
ख़	(kha no English equivalent)	ख़राब	(kha-raa-b kha-rā-b)
ग़	(ga no English equivalent)	ग़लत	(galat)
ज़	(za pronounced as Z in Zoo)	कमीज़	(ka-mee-z ka-mī-z)
फ़	(fa pronounced as F in firm)	फ़िज़िक्स	(fi-zi-k-s)

In simplified Hindi, these words are often written without the dot.

Other Borrowed Sounds

ऑ (aw) sound is used to pronounce the 'o' sound in 'on', 'office', 'of'. ʔ is added to the letter.

ऑफ़िस	Office	दफ़्तर, कार्यालय
कॉलेज	College	विद्यालय
जॉन	John, a name	
कॉम	Com	Website address
बॉल	Ball	गेंद
डॉलर	Dollar, US currency	
कॉफी	Coffee	

Relationships सम्बन्ध / रिश्ते

Grandparents



दादा

दादी

नाना

नानी

Parents



पिता

माता

Parents' Siblings



चाचा

ताऊ

बुआ

मौसी

मामा

Parents' Siblings' spouses



चाची

ताई

फूफा

मौसा

मामी