

## Amharic

### Syllables

1st Order		2nd Order		3rd Order		4th Order		5th Order		6th Order		7th Order	
ሀ	ha	ሁ	hu	ሂ	hi	ሃ	hā	ሄ	hé	ህ	he/h	ሆ	ho
ለ	la	ሉ	lu	ሊ	li	ላ	lā	ሌ	lé	ለ	le/l	ሎ	lo
ሐ	ḥa	ሑ	ḥu	ሒ	ḥi	ሓ	ḥā	ሔ	ḥé	ሕ	ḥe/ḥ	ሐ	ḥo
መ	ma	ሙ	mu	ሚ	mi	ማ	mā	ሜ	mé	ም	me/m	ሞ	mo
ሠ	śa	ሡ	śu	ሢ	śi	ሣ	śā	ሤ	śé	ሥ	śe/ś	ሦ	śo
ረ	ra	ሩ	ru	ሪ	ri	ራ	rā	ራ	ré	ር	re/r	ሮ	ro
ሰ	sa	ሱ	su	ሲ	si	ሳ	sā	ሴ	sé	ሰ	se/s	ሱ	so
ሸ	ša	ሹ	šu	ሺ	ši	ሻ	šā	ሼ	šé	ሽ	še/š	ሾ	šo
ቀ	qa	ቁ	qu	ቂ	qi	ቃ	qā	ቄ	qé	ቅ	qe/q	ቆ	qo
በ	ba	ቡ	bu	ቢ	bi	ባ	bā	ቤ	bé	ብ	be/b	ቦ	bo
ተ	ta	ቱ	tu	ቲ	ti	ታ	tā	ቲ	té	ት	te/t	ቶ	to
ቸ	ča	ቹ	ču	ቺ	či	ቻ	čā	ቼ	čé	ች	če/č	ቸ	čo
ኅ	<u>ha</u>	ኁ	<u>hu</u>	ኂ	<u>hi</u>	ኃ	<u>hā</u>	ኄ	<u>hé</u>	ኅ	<u>he/h</u>	ኆ	<u>ho</u>
ነ	na	ኑ	nu	ኒ	ni	ና	nā	ኔ	né	ን	ne/n	኎	no
ኘ	ña	ኙ	ñu	ኚ	ñi	ኛ	ñā	ኜ	ñé	ኞ	ñe/ñ	ኟ	ño
አ	'a	አ	'u	አ	'i	አ	'ā	አ	'é	አ	'e	አ	'o
ከ	ka	ከ	ku	ከ	ki	ካ	kā	ኬ	ké	ክ	ke/k	ኮ	ko
ኸ	xa	ኹ	xu	ኺ	xi	ኻ	xā	ኼ	xé	ኽ	xe/x	ኾ	xo
ወ	wa	ወ	wu	ወ	wi	ወ	wā	ወ	wé	ወ	we/w	ወ	wo
ዐ	'a	ዐ	'u	ዐ	'i	ዐ	'ā	ዐ	'é	ዐ	'e	ዐ	'o
ዘ	za	ዘ	zu	ዘ	zi	ዛ	zā	ዞ	zé	ዘ	ze/z	ዙ	zo
ዠ	ža	ዡ	žu	ዢ	ži	ዣ	žā	ዤ	žé	ዥ	že/ž	ዦ	žo
የ	ya	የ	yu	የ	yi	ያ	yā	የ	yé	ይ	ye/y	የ	yo
ደ	da	ደ	du	ደ	di	ዳ	dā	ዴ	dé	ድ	de/d	ዶ	do
ጀ	ǧa	ጀ	ǧu	ጀ	ǧi	ጀ	ǧā	ጀ	ǧé	ጀ	ǧe/ǧ	ጀ	ǧo
ገ	ga	ገ	gu	ገ	gi	ገ	gā	ገ	gé	ገ	ge/g	ገ	go
ጠ	ṭa	ጡ	ṭu	ጢ	ṭi	ጣ	ṭā	ጤ	ṭé	ጥ	ṭe/ṭ	ጦ	ṭo
ጨ	ča	ጨ	ču	ጨ	či	ጨ	čā	ጨ	ché	ጨ	če/č	ጨ	čo
ጳ	pa	ጴ	pu	ጵ	pi	ጶ	pā	ጷ	pé	ጸ	pe/p	ጹ	po
ጸ	ša	ጹ	śu	ጺ	ši	ጻ	śā	ጼ	śé	ጽ	še/š	ጾ	šo
ፀ	sa	ፁ	su	ፂ	si	ፃ	sā	ፄ	sé	ፅ	se/s	ፆ	so
ፈ	fa	ፉ	fu	ፊ	fi	ፋ	fā	ፌ	fé	ፍ	fe/f	ፎ	fo
ፐ	pa	ፑ	pu	ፒ	pi	ፓ	pā	ፔ	pé	ፕ	pe/p	ፖ	po
ቨ	va	ቩ	vu	ቪ	vi	ቫ	vā	ቬ	vé	ቭ	ve/v	ቮ	vo

**Combinations with *w***

ቁ	qwa	--	ቀ	qwi	ቁ	qwā	ቁ	qwé	ቀ	qwe	--
ኀ	<u>h</u> wa	--	ኀ	<u>h</u> wi	ኀ	<u>h</u> wā	ኀ	<u>h</u> wé	ኀ	<u>h</u> wé	--
ኀ	kwa	--	ኀ	kwi	ኀ	kwā	ኀ	kwé	ኀ	kwe	--
ኀ	gwa	--	ኀ	gwi	ኀ	gwā	ኀ	gwé	ኀ	gwe	--

**Combinations with *wa***

ሀ	lwa	ሀ	bwa	ዘ	zwa	ጠ	ጥwā
ጠጠጠ	mwa	ቸ	twa	ዝ	ጅwa	ጠ	ጠwā
ጠጠ	rwa	ቸ	čwa	ሃ	ywa	ጠ	ጠwā
ሀ	swa	ኀ, ኀ	nwa	ደ	dwa	ጠጠጠ	ጠwā
ሀ	šwa	ኀ	ñwa	ጀ	ḡwa		

**Combinations with *ya***

ሃ	rya	ሃ	mya	ሃ	fya
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**Special initial**

አ	ä
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**Numerals**

፩	1	፪	2	፫	3	፬	4	፭	5	፮	6	፯	7	፰	8	፱	9
፲	10	፳	20	፴	30	፵	40	፶	50	፷	60	፸	70	፹	80	፺	90
፻	100																

**Note**

The Ethiopic script used for Amharic is also used for other languages, including Ge'ez, Argobba, Gurage, and Tigre. Ge'ez, which is chiefly a liturgical language, uses only 26 basic letter forms from this table.

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## Alphabet

### Amharic ()

Amharic is a Semitic language and the national language of Ethiopia (). The majority of the 25 million or so speakers of Amharic can be found in Ethiopia, but there are also speakers in a number of other countries, particularly Eritrea (), Canada, the USA and Sweden.

#### Writing system

Amharic is written with a version of the Ge'ez script known as  (Fidel). There are a number of ways to transliterate Amharic into the Latin alphabet, including one developed by Ernst Hammerschmidt, the EAE Transliteration system, developed by Encyclopaedia Aethiopica, and the BGN/PCGN\* system, which was designed for use in romanizing names written in Amharic characters and adopted by the UN in 1967.

#### Amharic abugida ()

The BGN/PCGN Amharic romanization system and the EAE Transliteration system are shown on the left of each column. Where there

are two transliterations, the one of the right is the EAE one. IPA transcriptions are given under each syllable. The syllables with the vowel transliterated as (i) are pronounced [ə], except in final position when the vowel is not pronounced.

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In short it seems like this

a) The consonants													
υ	h	ḥ	s	ʃ	č	ñ	ḵ	ʒ	d	ʒ	š	ḵ	k <sup>w</sup>
ḥ	l	ḥ	š	ʃ	ḵ	ḵ	w	ʒ	ḵ	ḵ	š	ḵ	g <sup>w</sup>
ḥ	ḵ	ʃ	q	ʃ	n	ḵ	ḵ	ʒ	g	ḵ	f		
ḵ	m	ʃ	q	ʃ	ñ	ḵ	z	ḵ	t	ḵ	p		
ḵ	ś	ḵ	b	ḵ	ḵ	ḵ	ž	ḵ	č	ḵ	q <sup>w</sup>		
ḵ	r	ʃ	t	ḵ	k	ʃ	y	ḵ	p	ḵ	ḵ <sup>w</sup>		

  

b) The vowels						
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
ā	u	i	a	e	ə or no vowel	o
ḵ = bā	ḵ = bu	ḵ = bi	ḵ = ba	ḵ = be	ḵ = b, bə	ḵ = bo

But in detail it seems like this

ā/ā	u	ī/ī	a	ē/e	(i)/(e)	o	ā/ā	u	ī/ī	a	ē/e	(i)/(e)	o
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	[a]	[u]	[i]	[a]	[e/ɛ]	[ə]	[o/ɔ]
h	ሀ	ሁ	ሂ	ሃ	ሄ	ህ	ሆ
[h]	ha	hu	hi	ha	he	h(ə)	ho
l	ለ	ሉ	ሊ	ላ	ሌ	ል	ሎ
[l]	le	lu	li	la	le	l(ə)	lo
h/h̥	ሐ	ሑ	ሒ	ሓ	ሔ	ሕ	ሖ
[h]	ha	hu	hi	ha	he	h(ə)	ho
m	መ	ሙ	ሚ	ማ	ሜ	ም	ሞ
[m]	me	mu	mi	ma	me	m(ə)	mo
s/ś	ሠ	ሡ	ሢ	ሣ	ሤ	ሥ	ሦ
[s]	se	su	si	sa	se	s(ə)	so
r	ረ	ሩ	ሪ	ራ	ራ	ር	ሮ
[r]	re	ru	ri	ra	re	r(ə)	ro
s	ሰ	ሱ	ሲ	ሳ	ሴ	ሰ	ሶ
[s]	se	su	si	sa	se	s(ə)	so
sh/š	ሸ	ሹ	ሺ	ሻ	ሼ	ሽ	ሾ
[ʃ]	ʃe	ʃu	ʃi	ʃa	ʃe	ʃ(ə)	ʃo

	[a]	[u]	[i]	[a]	[e/ɛ]	[ə]	[o/ɔ]
h/k	ኸ	ኹ	ኺ	ኻ	ኼ	ኽ	ኾ
[h]	he	hu	hi	ha	he	h(ə)	ho
w	ወ	ዑ	ዒ	ዓ	ዔ	ዕ	ዖ
[w]	we	wu	wi	wa	we	w(ə)	wo
ʔ	ዐ	ዑ	ዒ	ዓ	ዔ	ዕ	ዖ
[ʔ]	ʔa	ʔu	ʔi	ʔa	ʔe	ʔ(ə)	ʔo
z	ዘ	ዙ	ዚ	ዛ	ዞ	ዟ	ዠ
[z]	ze	zu	zi	za	ze	z(ə)	zo
zh/ž	ዡ	ዢ	ዣ	ዤ	ዥ	ዦ	ዧ
[ʒ]	ʒe	ʒu	ʒi	ʒa	ʒe	ʒ(ə)	ʒo
y	የ	ዩ	ይ	ያ	ዬ	ይ	ዮ
[j]	je	ju	ji	ja	je	j(ə)	jo
d	ደ	ዱ	ዲ	ዳ	ዴ	ድ	ዶ
[d]	de	du	di	da	de	d(ə)	do
j/ǰ	ጅ	ጆ	ጇ	ገ	ገ	ገ	ገ
[ɕ]	ɕe	ɕu	ɕi	ɕa	ɕe	ɕ(ə)	ɕo

k'/q	ᄀ	ᄁ	ᄂ	ᄃ	ᄄ	ᄅ	ᄆ
[k']	k'e	k'u	k'i	k'a	k'e	k'(ə)	k'o
qh	ᄇ	ᄈ	ᄉ	ᄊ	ᄋ	ᄌ	ᄍ
[k']	k'e	k'u	k'i	k'a	k'e	k'(ə)	k'o
b	ᄎ	ᄏ	ᄐ	ᄑ	ᄒ	ᄓ	ᄔ
[b]	be	bu	bi	ba	be	b(ə)	bo
t	ᄕ	ᄜ	ᄝ	ᄞ	ᄟ	ᄠ	ᄡ
[t]	te	tu	ti	ta	te	t(ə)	to
ch/č	ᄛ	ᄜ	ᄝ	ᄞ	ᄟ	ᄠ	ᄡ
[tʃ]	tʃe	tʃu	tʃi	tʃa	tʃe	tʃ(ə)	tʃo
h/h̥	ᄃ	ᄄ	ᄅ	ᄆ	ᄇ	ᄈ	ᄉ
[h]	ha	hu	hi	ha	he	h(ə)	ho
n	ᄎ	ᄏ	ᄐ	ᄑ	ᄒ	ᄓ	ᄔ
[n]	ne	nu	ni	na	ne	n(ə)	no
ny/ñ	ᄛ	ᄜ	ᄝ	ᄞ	ᄟ	ᄠ	ᄡ
[ɲ]	ɲe	ɲu	ɲi	ɲa	ɲe	ɲ(ə)	ɲo
ʔ	ᄃ	ᄄ	ᄅ	ᄆ	ᄇ	ᄈ	ᄉ
[ʔ]	(ʔ)a	(ʔ)u	(ʔ)i	(ʔ)a	(ʔ)e	(ʔ)(ə)	(ʔ)o

g	ᄀ	ᄁ	ᄂ	ᄃ	ᄄ	ᄅ	ᄆ
[g]	ge	gu	gi	ga	ge	g(ə)	go
t'/t	ᄇ	ᄈ	ᄉ	ᄊ	ᄋ	ᄌ	ᄍ
[t']	t'e	t'u	t'i	t'a	t'e	t'(ə)	t'o
ch'/č	ᄛ	ᄜ	ᄝ	ᄞ	ᄟ	ᄠ	ᄡ
[tʃ']	tʃ'e	tʃ'u	tʃ'i	tʃ'a	tʃ'e	tʃ'(ə)	tʃ'o
p'/p	ᄛ	ᄜ	ᄝ	ᄞ	ᄟ	ᄠ	ᄡ
[p']	p'e	p'u	p'i	p'a	p'e	p'(ə)	p'o
ts'/s̥	ᄛ	ᄜ	ᄝ	ᄞ	ᄟ	ᄠ	ᄡ
[ts]	ts'e	ts'u	ts'i	ts'a	ts'e	ts'(ə)	ts'o
ts'/s̥	ᄛ	ᄜ	ᄝ	ᄞ	ᄟ	ᄠ	ᄡ
[ts]	ts'e	ts'u	ts'i	ts'a	ts'e	ts'(ə)	ts'o
f	ᄛ	ᄜ	ᄝ	ᄞ	ᄟ	ᄠ	ᄡ
[f]	fe	fu	fi	fa	fe	f(ə)	fo
p	ᄛ	ᄜ	ᄝ	ᄞ	ᄟ	ᄠ	ᄡ
[p]	pe	pu	pi	pa	pe	p(ə)	po
v	ᄛ	ᄜ	ᄝ	ᄞ	ᄟ	ᄠ	ᄡ
[v]	ve	vu	vi	va	ve	v(ə)	vo





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