

Sandhi Rules Synopsis: Chapter Three

1) dīrgha

a/ā + a/ā = ā

i/ī + i/ī = ī

u/ū + u/ū = ū

r/ṛ + r/ṛ = ṛ

deva adhideva → devādhideva

2) guṇa

a/ā + i/ī = e

a/ā + u/ū = o

a/ā + r/ṛ = ar

parama indu → paramendu

3) vṛddhi

a/ā + e/ai = ai

a/ā + o/au = au

prāṇa eva → prāṇaiva

4) yaṇa

i/ī + V (different) = i/ī → y

u/ū + V (different) = u/ū → v

r/ṛ + V (different) = r/ṛ → r

bhajāmi aham, → bhajāmyaham,

5) visarga

There are five visarga rules:

1. Vḥ + c/ch = ḥ → ś

Vḥ + t/ṭh = ḥ → ṣ

Vḥ + t/th = ḥ → s

śivaḥ carati → śivaścarati

2. aḥ + C (voiced) = aḥ → o

āḥ + C (voiced) = nothing, visarga disappears

Vḥ + C (voiceless except Cs in rule 1) = nothing

namaḥ namaḥ → namo namaḥ

narāḥ gacchanti → narā gacchanti

naraḥ pṛcchati → naraḥ pṛcchati

3. aḥ + a → o'

śivaḥ aham → śivo'ham

4. aḥ + V (except a) = nothing, visarga disappears

āḥ + V = nothing, visarga disappears

naraḥ icchati → nara icchati

narāḥ icchanti → narā icchanti

5. V (except a/ā) ḥ + V/C (voiced) = ḥ → r

guruḥ brahmā → gururbrahmā

Voiced: nasals, semivowels, aspirate, vowels

Voiceless: sibilants