

The Shavian Alphabet

The Shaw Alphabet Reading Key

The letters are classified as Tall, Deep, Short, and Compound.
Beneath each letter is its full name: its *sound* is shown in **bold** type.

Tall :										
	peep	tot	kick	fee	thigh	so	sure	church	yea	hung
Deep :										
	bib	dead	gag	vow	they	zoo	meaSure	judge	woe	ha-ha
Short :										
	loll	mime	if	egg	ash	ado	on	wool	out	ah
	Roar	nun	eat	age	ice	up	oak	ooze	oil	awe
Compound :										
	are	or	air	err	array	ear	Ian	yew		

The four most frequent words are represented by single letters: **the** ϑ, **of** ϑ, and **to** ϑ, to 1.

Proper names may be distinguished by a preceding 'Namer' dot: e.g. ϑ0S, Rome.

Punctuation and numerals are unchanged. Learn the alphabet *in pairs*, as listed for Writers overleaf.

The Shaw Alphabet for Writers

Double lines _ between pairs show the relative height of Talls, Deeps, and Shorts. Wherever possible, finish letters rightwards; those starred * will be written upwards. Also see heading and footnotes overleaf.

	Tall	Deep		Short	Short
peep				if	
tot				egg	
kick				ash*	
fee				ado*	
thigh				on	
so				wool	
sure				out	
church				ah*	
yea				are	
hung				air	
				array	
				ear	
				oil	
				awe	
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