Tamil

Vowels and Diphthongs (see Note 1)

அ a எ e
ஆ ā ஏ ē
இ i ஐ ai
ஈ ī ஒ o
உ u ஓ ō
� ū ஔ au

Consonants (see Note 2)

ஃ k ம ma
க ka ய ya
ங ṅa ர ra (see Note 3)
ச ca ல la
ஞ ña வ va
ட ṭa ழ l
ண ṇa ள ḷa
த ta ற r
ந na ன n
ப pa

Sanskrit Sounds

ஜ ja ஸ sa
ஶ śa ஹ ha
ஷ ṣa

Notes

1. Only the vowel forms that appear at the beginning of a syllable are listed; the forms used for vowels following a consonant can be found in grammars; no distinction between the two is made in transliteration.

2. The vowel a is implicit after all consonants and consonant clusters and is supplied in transliteration, with the following exceptions:
   a) when another vowel is indicated by its appropriate sign; and
   b) when the absence of any vowel is indicated by the superscript dot (_above_ ) called _puḷḷi_.

3. This letter has the same form as the vowel sign for ā appearing after a consonant. Where ambiguity arises, it is written ṛ.