

## The Kanza Alphabet

Letter	Pronunciation Guide	Web Form	Example
a	like <b>a</b> in <b>father</b>		<b>a</b> arm
a <sup>n</sup>	like <b>aun</b> in <b>haunt</b> , but with less <b>n</b>	a <sup>n</sup> , a~, aN	<b>ma<sup>n</sup>hí<sup>n</sup></b> grass
b	like <b>b</b> in <b>boy</b>		<b>be</b> who
c	like <b>ch</b> in <b>beach</b>		<b>ce</b> buffalo
ch	like <b>ch h</b> in <b>beach house</b>		<b>chi<sup>n</sup></b> to strike
d	like <b>d</b> in <b>doll</b>		<b>do</b> potato
e	like <b>e</b> in <b>met</b>		<b>ye</b> to go
g	like <b>g</b> in <b>girl</b>		<b>gízo</b> to be happy
gh	like <b>g</b> in Spanish <b>agua</b> , a soft and breathy <b>g</b> , almost gargled		<b>gháge</b> cry
h	like <b>h</b> in <b>hot</b>		<b>ho</b> fish
i	like <b>i</b> in <b>piano</b>		<b>ishtá</b> eye
i <sup>n</sup>	like <b>ean</b> in <b>leaned</b> , but with less <b>n</b>	i <sup>n</sup> , i~, iN	<b>mí<sup>n</sup>xci</b> one
j	like <b>j</b> in <b>joy</b>		<b>je</b> lake
k	like <b>k g</b> in <b>look good</b>		<b>ke</b> turtle
kh	like <b>k h</b> in <b>look happy</b>		<b>wakhózu</b> corn
k'	like <b>k</b> , followed by catch in the throat		<b>k'e</b> to dig
l	like <b>l</b> in <b>late</b>		<b>lo</b> thunder
m	like <b>m</b> in <b>met</b>		<b>mío<sup>n</sup>ba</b> moon
n	like <b>n</b> in <b>net</b>		<b>no<sup>n</sup>bá</b> two
o	like how James Bond would say the word <b>or</b>		<b>oná<sup>n</sup>zhi<sup>n</sup></b> pants
o <sup>n</sup>	like <b>one</b> in <b>phoned</b> , but with less <b>n</b>	o <sup>n</sup> , o~, oN	<b>do<sup>n</sup>hé</b> well, fine
p	like <b>p b</b> in <b>slap back</b>		<b>péje</b> fire
ph	like <b>p h</b> in <b>top hat</b>		<b>phóke</b> thud
p'	like <b>p</b> , followed by catch in the throat		<b>yup'í<sup>n</sup>ze</b> blink
s	like <b>s</b> in <b>set</b>		<b>sá<sup>n</sup>ha<sup>n</sup></b> off-white
sh	like <b>sh</b> in <b>shot</b>		<b>shábe</b> brown
t	like <b>t d</b> in <b>let down</b>		<b>ta</b> deer
t'	like <b>t</b> , followed by catch in the throat		<b>ná<sup>n</sup>xahu</b> <b>t'oxa</b> camel
ts'	like <b>ts</b> , in <b>cats</b> followed by catch in the throat		<b>ts'e</b> dead
u	like <b>ü</b> in German <b>über</b> or <b>u</b> in French <b>du</b>		<b>súhu</b> clean
w	like <b>w</b> in <b>wet</b>		<b>wazhínga</b> bird
x	like <b>ch</b> in Scots <b>loch</b> or German <b>Bach</b> , a rough "throat clearing" <b>h</b>		<b>xóje</b> gray
y	like <b>y</b> in <b>yet</b>		<b>yáli</b> good
z	like <b>z</b> in <b>zoo</b>		<b>zíhi</b> yellow
zh	like <b>g</b> in <b>garage</b> or <b>beige</b> or <b>s</b> in <b>treasure</b> or <b>leisure</b>		<b>zha<sup>n</sup></b> wood
'	like the pause in the middle of <b>uh-oh</b> .		<b>'é'e</b> that's the one

