



SOUNDS OF KASHMIRI LANGUAGE

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Abstract:

Phonology Is The Study Of Sounds. Reading Sounds In Their Physical Perception, Its Various Features And Characteristics Are Known As Phonetics. It Is Related To The Branch Of Linguistics In Which A Language Voices Are Researched. It Deals With The Origin Of Sounds, Etc. This Knowledge Is Called The Key To Linguistics. In This Article We Will Try To Know About The Sounds Of Kashmiri Language.

Key Notes: Phonology, Phonetics, Sounds, Knowledge, Linguistics.

Kashmiri Sounds

The Total Number Of Sounds In Kashmiri Language Is Forty Four (Fifteen Vowels, Twenty Seven Consonants And Two Glides).

Vowels:

There Are Fifteen Vowels In Kashmiri Language. I.E.

- Two High Back Vowels
- Two High Central Vowels
- Two High Front Vowels
- Two Mid Back Vowels
- Two Mid Central Vowels
- Two Mid Front Vowels
- One Low Back Vowel
- Two Low Central Vowels

	Back	Central	Front
High	u u:	ɨ ɨ:	ɪ ɪ:
Mid	ɔ ɔ:	ə ə:	e e:
Low	ɒ	a a:	

High Back Vowels:

High Back Short Vowels	High Back Long Vowels
u	u:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ru<u>t</u> = Good</li> <li>• Chu = Is</li> <li>• Vanun = To Say</li> <li>• Par<u>u</u>n = To Study etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nu:<u>n</u> = Salt</li> <li>• Khu:<u>n</u> = Blood</li> <li>• Ts<u>u</u>:r = Thief</li> <li>• Lu:<u>r</u> = Stick</li> </ul>

**High Central Vowels:**

High Centered Short Vowels <u>ɪ</u>	High Centered Long Vowels <u>i:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat<u>ɪ</u> = Cooked</li> <li>Ric<u>ɪ</u></li> <li>• B <u>ɪ</u> = I</li> <li>• Gand = Dirty</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T<u>i:</u>r = Cold</li> <li>• Kr<u>i:</u>r = A Cruel woman</li> <li>• Q<u>i:</u>di = Prisoner</li> </ul>

**High Front Vowels:**

High Front (Unrounded) Short Vowels <u>i</u>	High Front (Unrounded) Long Vowels <u>i:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>i</u>nsane = Man</li> <li>• <u>i</u>mt<u>i</u>han = Examination</li> <li>• B<u>i</u>hun = To sit down</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>i:</u>d = Muslim Festival</li> <li>• P <u>i:</u>r = Muslim Priest</li> <li>• Asl <u>i:</u> = Real</li> </ul>

These Vowels Are In Free-Variation With Palatalized Glides Yi And Yi: In Initial Position. In Initial Position I And I: Are Formed In The Speech Of Educated Kashmiri Speakers, While Yi And Yi: Have A High Frequency In The Speech Of Uneducated Kashmiris.

**Mid Back Vowels:**

Mid-Back (Rounded) Short Vowels <u>o</u>	Mid-Back (Rounded) Long Vowels <u>o:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>o</u>bur = Cloud</li> <li>• M<u>o</u>t = Fat</li> <li>• L<u>o</u>t = Tail</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>o:</u>t = Flour</li> <li>• M<u>o:</u>l = Father</li> <li>• Kh:<u>o</u>s = Kashmiri cup</li> </ul>

**Mid Central Vowels:**

Mid-Central Short Vowels <u>ə</u>	Mid-Central Long Vowels <u>ə:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• K<u>ə</u>t = Girl</li> <li>• <u>ə</u>r = Female in good condition</li> <li>• L<u>ə</u>t = Tail</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>ə:</u>r = plum</li> <li>• L<u>ə:</u>r = Cucumber</li> <li>• <u>ə:</u>l = Cardamom</li> </ul>

**Mid Front Vowels:**

<i>Mid-Front (Unrounded) Short Vowels</i>	<i>Mid-Front (Unrounded) Long Vowels</i>
<u>e</u>	<u>e:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Be</u>ni = Sister</li> <li>• <u>Ke</u>mi = Insects</li> <li>• <u>Le</u>j = Saucepan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Ne</u>:r = Go</li> <li>• <u>Tse</u>:r = Delay</li> <li>• <u>Saphe</u>:d = White</li> </ul>

**Low Back Vowel:**

<i>Lower-Mid Back Short Vowels</i>
<u>ɔ</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Sɔ</u>n = Gold</li> <li>• <u>Lɔ</u>kut = Small</li> <li>• <u>ʃɔ</u> = She</li> </ul>

**Low Central Vowels:**

<i>Low Central Short Vowels</i>	<i>Low Central Long Vowels</i>
<u>a</u>	<u>a:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>a</u>sun = To laugh</li> <li>• <u>a</u>gar = If</li> <li>• <u>a</u>nun = To bring</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>a:</u>da:b = Manner</li> <li>• <u>a:</u>za:b = Torture</li> <li>• <u>a:</u>wa:z = sound</li> </ul>

**Consonants**

There Are Twenty Seven Consonants In Kashmiri Language. These Consonants Are Grouped Into The Following Categories.

1. Stops
2. Affricates
3. Fricatives
4. Nasals
5. Trill
6. Lateral
7. Glides (Semi Vowels)

**Stops:**

1. P = Bilabial / Voiceless / Unaspirated / Stopped
2. F = Bilabial / Voiceless / Aspirated / Stopped
3. B = Bilabial / Voiced / Unaspirated / Stopped
4. T = Dental / Voiceless / Unaspirated / Stopped
5. Th = Dental / Voiceless / Aspirated / Stopped
6. Dh = Dental / Voiced / Unaspirated / Stopped

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7. T = Platal / Voiceless / Unaspirated / Stopped
8. Th = Platal / Voiceless / Unaspirated / Stopped
9. D = Platal / Voiced / Unaspirated / Stopped
10. K = Velar / Voiceless / Unaspirated / Stopped
11. Kh = Velar / Voiceless / Aspirated / Stopped
12. G = Velar / Voiced / Unaspirated / Stopped

**Affricatives:**

1. Ts = Dental / Voiceless / Unaspirated / Affricated
2. Tsh = Dental / Voiceless / Aspirated / Affricated
3. Ch = Plato-Alveolar / Voiceless / Unaspirated / Affricated
4. Chh = Plato-Alveolar / Voiceless / Aspirated / Affricated
5. J = Plato-Alveolar / Voiced / Unaspirated / Affricated

**Fricatives:**

1. S = Alveolar / Voiceless / Unaspirated / Fricated
2. Z = Alveolar / Voiced / Unaspirated / Fricated
3. Sh = Alveolar / Voiceless / Unaspirated / Fricated
4. H = Glotal / Voiceless / Aspirated / Fricated

**Nasals:**

1. M = Bilabial / Voiced / Unaspirated / Nasaled
2. N = Alveolar / Voiced / Unaspirated / Nasaled
3. Nn = Velar / Voiced / Unaspirated / Nasaled

**Trill:**

1. R = Platal / Voiced / Unaspirated / Trill
2. Rd = Platal / Voiceless / Unaspirated / Trill

**Lateral:**

1. L = Platal / Voiced / Unaspirated / Lateral

**Glides (Semi Vowels)**

2. W = Labio-Dental / Voiced / Unaspirated / Glidal
3. Y = Platal / Voiced / Unaspirated / Glids

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