

Short Hamāru Pronunciation Guide

IPA	Romanization	Explanation
ə	a	Like the a in about
ɑ	ā	Somewhat like a in arm , but shorter
æ	ai	Like the a in cat
ɔ	au	Somewhat like the au in caught , but shorter
ã	am̃	Nasal sound, pronounced like the ã in the Portuguese word rã
b	b	
b ^h	b'	Like b , but with a strong, short burst of air
d	d	
d ^h	d'	Like d , but with a strong, short burst of air
ɖ	dh	
ɖ ^h	dh'	Like dh , but with a strong, short burst of air
ɛ	e	Always like the e in the word bet

e	ei	Like the ei in the in the Spanish word seis
ẽ	eĩm	Nasal sound, pronounced somewhat like aim in the French word essaim
g	g	
g ^h	g'	Like g , but with a strong, short burst of air
h	h	
i	i	Always like the ea in cheat and never like the i in big .
ĩ	iĩm	Nasal sound, pronounced like in the im in Portuguese word vim
ḋʒ	j	
ḋʒ ^h	j'	Like j , but with a strong, short burst of air
k	k	
k ^h	k'	Like k , but with a strong, short burst of air
l	l	
m	m	
n	n	
ŋ	ng	
ɲ	ny	
o	o	Always pronounced like oa in the word boat
õ	oĩm	Nasal sound, pronounced like the om in the Portuguese word sombra

p	p	
p ^h	p'	Like p , but with a strong, short burst of air
r	r	Lightly tapped r, much like the r in the Spanish word pero . Never like the trilled rr in the Spanish word perro .
s	s	
ʃ	sh	Like the sh sound in English, but a bit different. Curl your tongue up and jut your lower jaw forward. Your tongue should be somewhere near your alveolar ridge (the little bump behind your upper teeth), but not touching.
t	t	
t ^h	t'	Like t , but with a strong, short burst of air
ʈ	th	Pronounced like a t but with the tip of one's tongue curled up and against the area just behind the alveolar ridge (the little bump behind your upper teeth).
ʈ ^h	th'	Like th , but with a strong, short burst of air
ʈs	ts	Like the ts in bits (note that this sound can come at the beginning of syllables in Hamāru)
ʈs ^h	ts'	Like ts , but with a strong, short burst of air
ʈʃ	tsh	Like the ch sound in English but a bit different. Place your mouth in the same position as for pronouncing ʃ, but abruptly stop and release air flow.
ʈʃ ^h	tsh'	Like tsh , but with a strong, short burst of air
u	u	Like the o in do
ũ	um̃	Nasal sound, pronounced like un in the Portuguese word mundo
v	v	

j	y	
ʔ	‘	Pronounced like in the middle of the exclamation uh-oh

* All letters with no note are pronounced as in English