

Armenian Alphabet

Letter		Name	Trans.	Pronunciation
Ա	u	Ayp	a	a as in father
Բ	p	Pen	b	p (unaspirated) as in spot
Գ	q	Kim	g	k (unaspirated) as in skip
Դ	η	Ta	d	t (unaspirated) as in stop
Ե	ե	Yech	e	ye- as in yell in initial position
				e as in bet
Զ	q	Za	z	z as in zebra
Է	ե	E	ē	e as in less
Ը	ը	Ut	ě	uh as in but
Թ	թ	To	t'	t (aspirated) as in top
Ժ	ժ	Zhe	zh	zh as in pleasure
Ի	ի	Ini	i	ee as in queen
Լ	լ	Liwn	l	l as in lamb
Խ	խ	Khe	kh	kh (gutteral) as in Scottish loch
Ծ	ծ	Dza	ts	dz as in heads
Կ	կ	Gen	k	g as in good
Հ	հ	Ho	h	h as in hotel
Ձ	ձ	Tsa	dz	ts (unaspirated) as in what's up?
Ղ	ղ	Ghad	gh	gh (gutteral) as in Baghdad
Ճ	ճ	Je	ch	j as in jump
Մ	մ	Men	m	m as in map
Թ	յ	Yi	y	h- as in home in initial position
				y with a vowel in a diphthong
				- usually silent in final position
Ն	ն	Nu	n	n as in now
Շ	շ	Sha	sh	sh as in ship
Ո	ո	Vo	o	vo- as in vote in initial position
				o- as in over in initial position when folowed by լ
				o as in boat
Չ	չ	Cha	ch'	ch (aspirated) as in match
Պ	պ	Be	p	b as in boy
Ջ	ջ	Che	j	ch (unaspirated) as in matchbox
Ռ	ր	Ra	ř	r as in run (but slightly rolled)
Ս	ս	Se	s	s as in sip
Վ	վ	Vev	v	v as in vat
Տ	տ	Diwn	t	d as in dog
Ր	ր	Re	r	r as in run
Ց	ց	Tso	ts'	ts (aspirated) as in hats
Ի	ւ	Hiwn	w	v as in David in final position, or when followed by a vowel
				w sound - see ու, ւո and իւ letter pairs below
Փ	փ	Piwr	p'	p (aspirated) as in pot
Զ	զ	Ke	k'	k (aspirated) as in kit

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Օ	o	Ō	ō	o as in own
Ֆ	ֆ	Fe	f	f as in father
Ligature		Trans.	Pronunciation	
լ		ew	yev- in initial position ev as in seven	
Letter Pair		Trans.	Pronunciation	
նւ		u	oo as in boot in final position, or when followed by a consonant v as in cover when followed by a vowel	
աւ		aw	o as in bone when followed by a consonant av as in java in final position, or when followed by a vowel	
իւ		iw	yoo as in yourself when followed by a consonant eev as in Steve in final position, or when followed by a vowel	
այ		ay	ay as in eyelid -a as in java for most words ending in -այ	
ոյ		oy	ooy as in Louisiana -o as in slow for words ending in -ոյ	
եւ		ea	yah as in yacht	
եօ		eō	yo as in yolk	
էա		ēa	ey-ah	
էի		ēi	ey-ee	
իւ		ia	ee-ah as in aleluia	

The transliteration of Armenian letters herein uses the Library of Congress system, a commonly-used standard which represents the Armenian letters using the Latin alphabet. The LC system is based on the phonetic values of Classical or Eastern Armenian; however, the letter names and pronunciations in the table are based on modern Western Armenian.