Tamil Language

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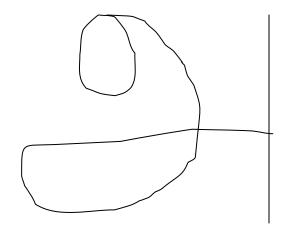
Tamil: Introduction

- Spoken mainly in southern India
- 90% of the speakers of Tamil are from a state called Tamilnadu in India
- Tamil is also spoken in neighboring states of Tamilnadu as well as in Northern Srilanka (about 20% of the population of Srilanka speaks tamil).
- Tamil is one of the official languages of India, Srilanka and Singapore.
- Member of the Dravidian family of languages
 - There are a total of 30 languages in this family
 - 225 million speakers in total, concentrated in south India
- The Dravidian language family is distinct from the Indo-European language family (that includes Hindi and other Indian languages)

Website: http://www.thetamillanguage.com/

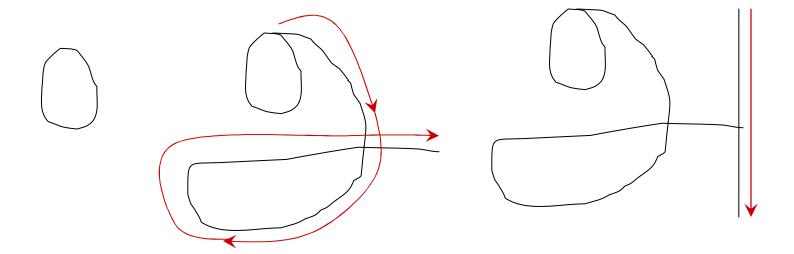
Tamil Alphabet

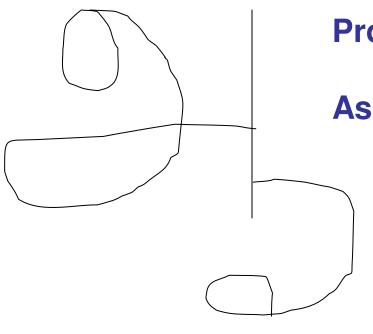
- Tamil Vowels
 - 12 in numbers
- Tamil Consonants
 - 18 in numbers



Pronounced: AH

As in: Amazon, Uncle, Umbrella

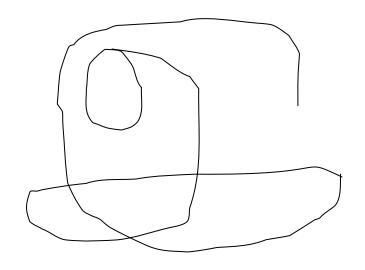




Pronounced: AAH

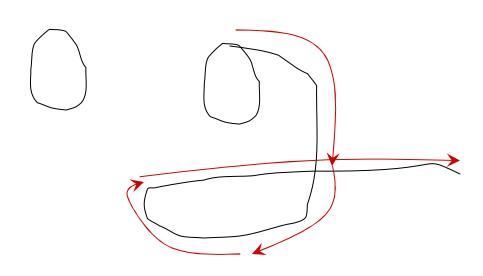
As in: Awe, Aunt, Audio

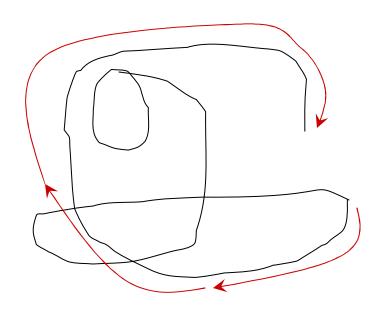
An elongation of 'ah'

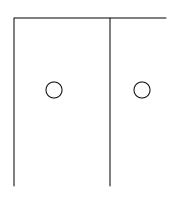


Pronounced: e

As in: ink, ill, image



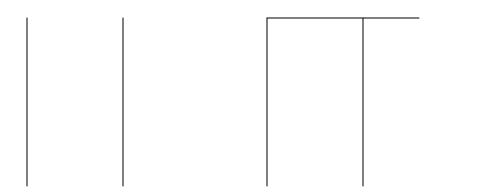


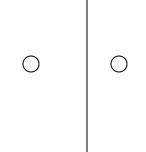


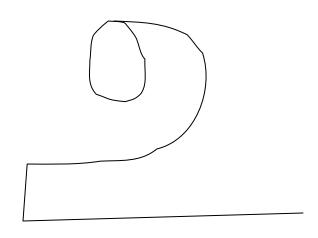
Pronounced: ee

As in: Sweet, Treat, Tweet

An elongation of 'ee'

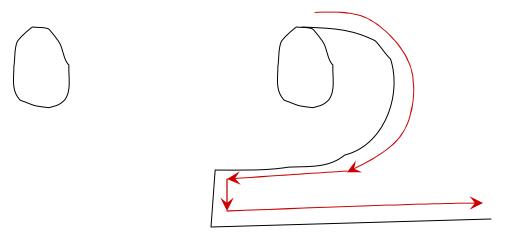


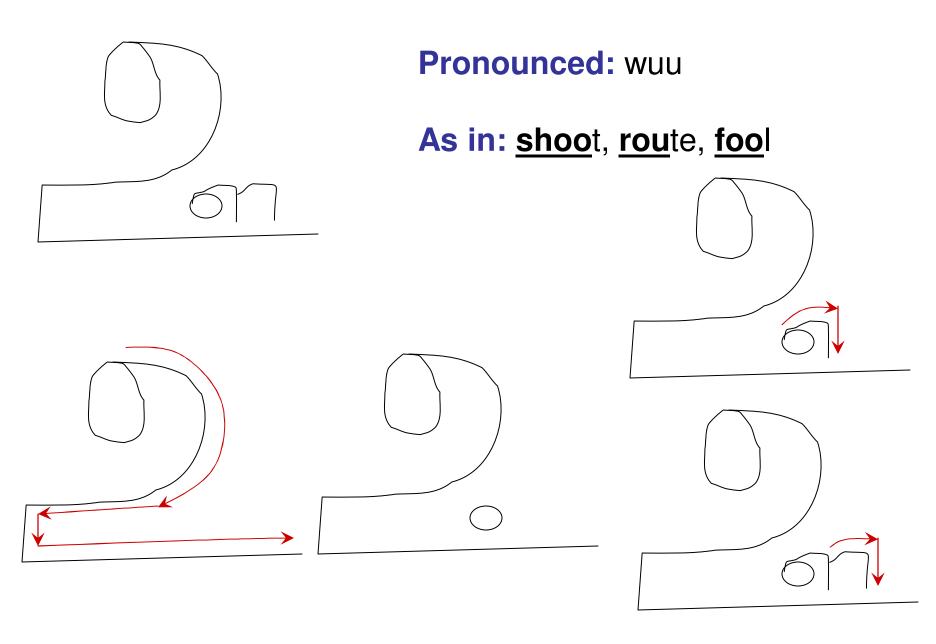


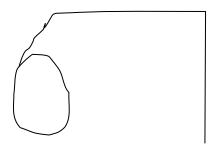


Pronounced: wu

As in: book, took, pull, put, push

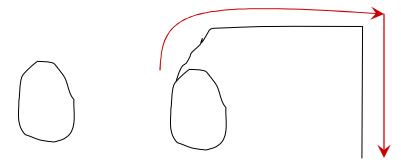


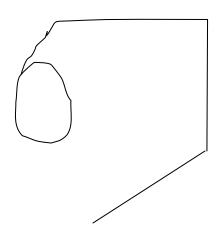




Pronounced: ey

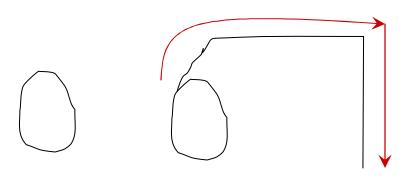
As in: egg, empty

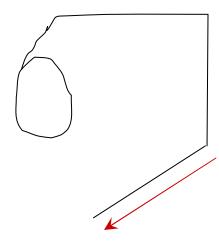


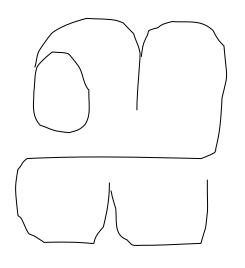


Pronounced: eyy

As in: ale, male, tale, whale, pale

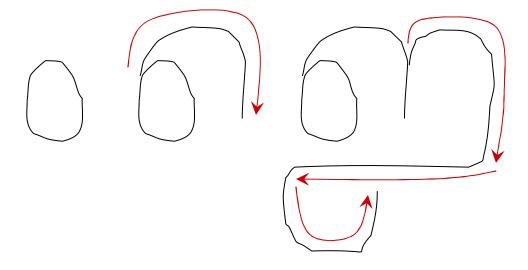


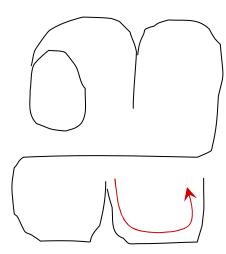




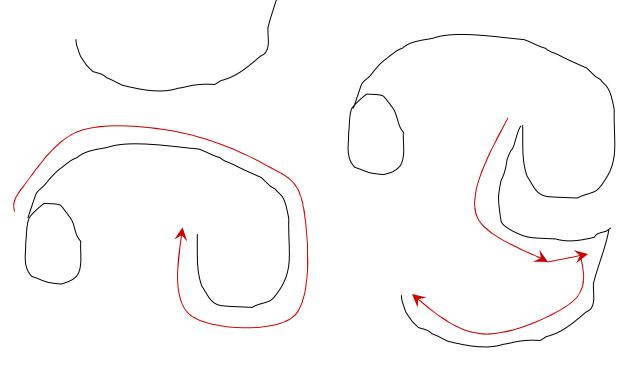
Pronounced: i

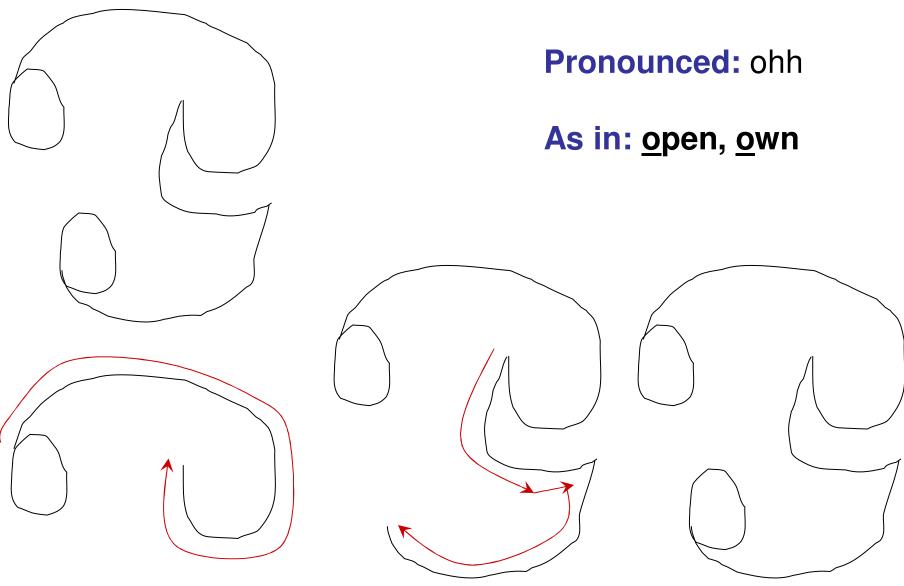
As in: eye

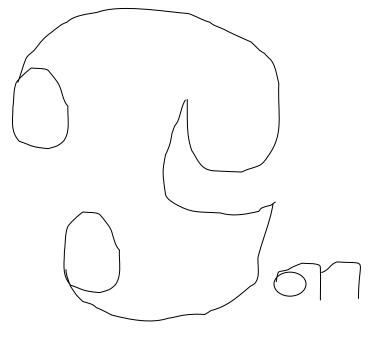












Pronounced: ow

As in: how, fowl, now





Tamil Vowels – Recap (1)



ah

Amazon, Uncle, Umbrella



aah

Aunty, Ask, Awe, Audio



Δ

Ink, Ill, Image



ee

Meet, Sweet, Treat, Tweet



wu

Would, Put, Pull



wuu

Shoot, Root, Fool

Tamil Vowels – Recap (2)

6T

ey

Egg, Empty, Yell



eyy

Ale, Yale, Ate, Male, Tale



I, Eye, Ice



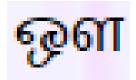
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Omit, Opinion



00

Vote, Open, Own



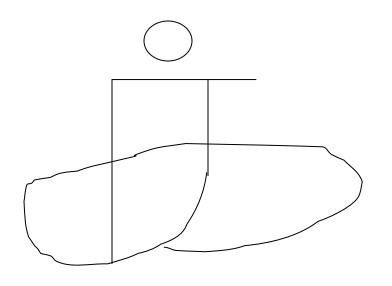
OW

how, fowl, now

Tamil Consonants

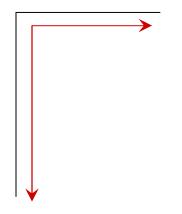
- The consonants are pronounced by touching the tongue to a location on the upper portion of the mouth.
- Consonants are written with a dot on the top of the symbol.
- There are 18 consonants.
- Consonants could combine with vowels to form consonant vowels.
 - 18 consonants x 12 vowels = 216 consonant vowels.

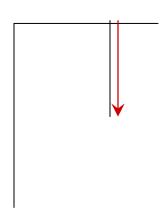
Tamil Consonant - 1

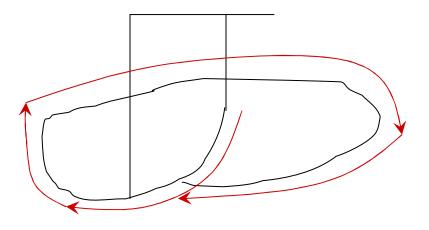


Pronounced: ik

As in: book, talk







Consonant Vowels of 5 (1)



'ka' **Family**





ah =



ka

க் ik +



aah



kaa

あ ik +



е

ke

ik +



ee =

kee

silent

wu

ku

ik + **9**61

wuu

kuu

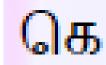
Consonant Vowels of 5

'ka' **Family**

ik +



ey



ke

ik +



eyy

kay

ik +



kai



ik +



• = கொ

ko

is silent



00

koo



kow

Words involving **b** and its cons.

அக்கா Elder Sister akka

காக்கா Crow kaakka

லைக் Hand kai

கொக்கு Crane kokku

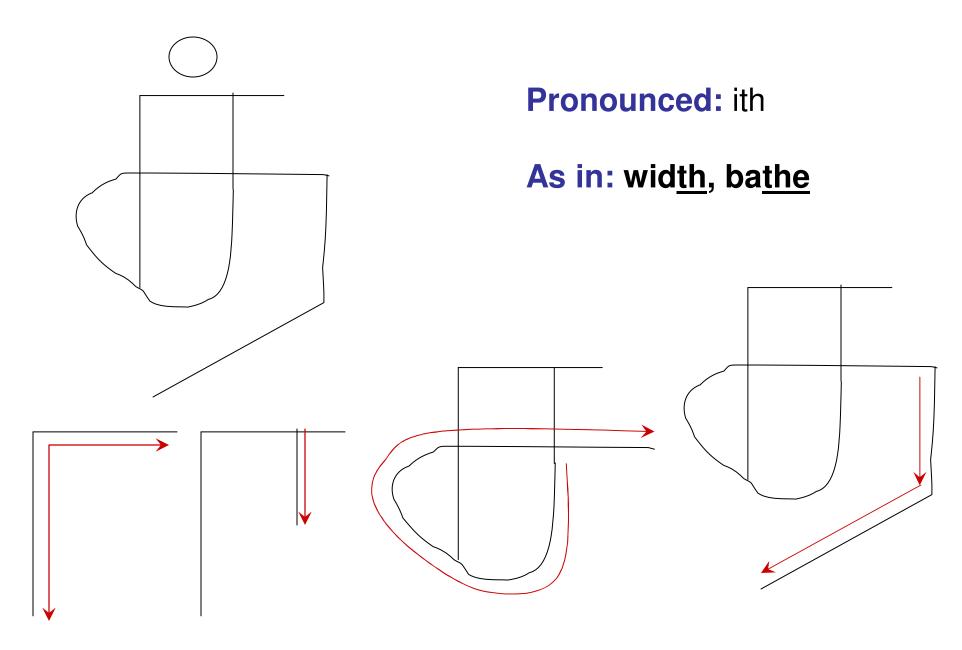








Tamil Consonant - 2



Consonant Vowels of 5



'tha' Family

த



ith +



ah



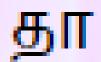
த

tha

த்ith+



aah =



thaa

த்

ith +



е

=

தி

the

த்

ith +



ee

தீ

thee

i is silent த்

ith +

உ

wu

=

து

thu

த்

ith +

<u>ഉണ</u>

wuu

தூ

thuu

Consonant Vowels of 5



'tha' **Family**



ith +





they

あ ith +





theay

ith +



தை

thai

ith +



0

தொ

tho

is silent



あ ith +



00

= தோ

thoo



ith + ஒள ow = தௌ

Words involving **5** and its cons. (1)

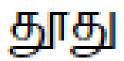




Fire

thee





Messenger (sent to broker peace between two warring people/factions)

thuuthu





(typically through singing)

thuthe



Praise (typically to appease someone)

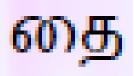
கதை

Story

kathai

Words involving 5 and its cons. (2)





thai Stitch A tamil month (Jan 15-Feb 14)

Grandfather thaatha தாத்தா

தாது **Mineral** thaathu

Ore

தாத்தா Grandfather thaatha

அது That one adhu

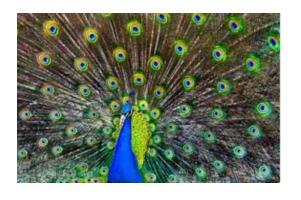
இது idhu This one

Bird's feathers thogai தோகை collectively

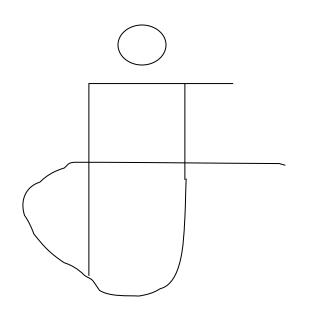


Which எது yedhu

What ஏது yaedhu

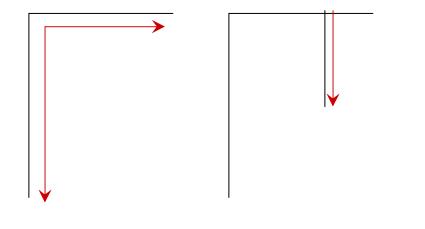


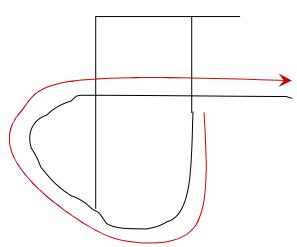
Tamil Consonant - 3



Pronounced: ich

As in: coach, beach





Consonant Vowels of

'sa' **Family**





ah



sa



aah



saa

ich +



е



si



ich +



ee



see

i is silent

ich +



wu





su

c pron. as S



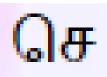
wuu



suu

Consonant Vowels of

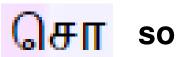
'sa' **Family**







o =



is silent

ich +



00

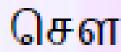
= சோ

SOO

c pron. as

S





Words involving **#** and its cons. (1)



のசのあ Gesture

saigai





சொத்து

Property (land, house) sothu



சாது

Saint (indian saint)

saathu





சத்து

Nutrition

sathu

தோசை

காசு

Cash

kaasu

Indian-style

pancake

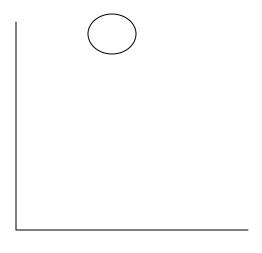
dosai

தசை

Muscle

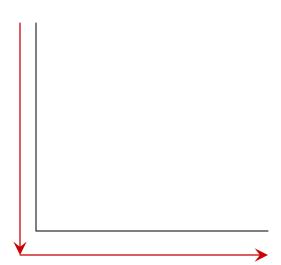
thasai

Tamil Consonant - 4



Pronounced: it

As in: kit, sit



Consonant Vowels of L (1)

ah da **Family** it aah daa L it е de Ø L it dee ee do it wu silent t pron. wuu doo as d

Consonant Vowels of



'da' Family

L

it +



ey





de

Ŀ

it +



eyy =



day

Ŀ

it +



=

டை

dai

it it

it +



0

=

டொ

though

i is silent

t pron. as d Ŀ

it +



00

=

டோ

dhough

it +

ஒள

ow

=

டௌ

dow

Words involving in and its cons. (1)

6്നെ Weight edai

Braided sadai (hair)

சட்டை Shirt sattai

சாட்டை Whip saattai

கொடு Give kodu

கோடை Summer koodai

கொடை Alms kodai





கடை

Store Shop

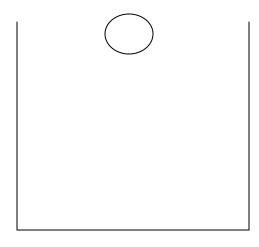
குடி

Drink (verb)

kudi

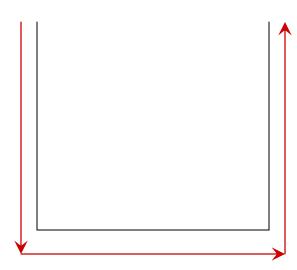
kadai

Tamil Consonant - 5



Pronounced: ip

As in: tip, hip



Consonant Vowels of i (1)





ah



pa



aah



paa



е

pe





ee

pee

is silent

wu

pu



wuu

puu

Consonant Vowels of <u>i</u> (2)







pai





0



po

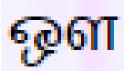
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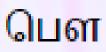
00



poo



ow =



Words involving i and its cons. (1)

பை Bag pai

பேட்டை Slum pettai

பேச்சு Speech pechu





பேத்தி Granddaughter pethi

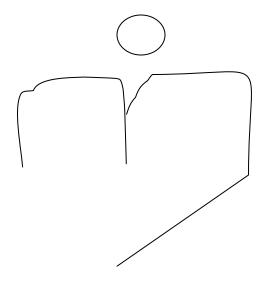
தொப்பை Belly thopai

பச்சை Green pachai

U齿 Cow pasu

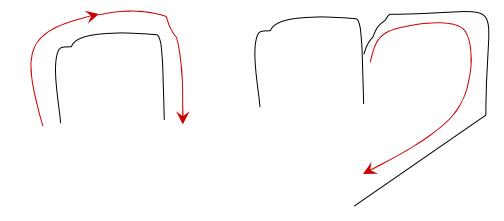
ШПЦЦ Grandmother paatti

பாப்பா Baby paapa அப்பா Father appa



Pronounced: ir

As in: trill, triumph



Consonant Vowels of (1)

'ra' Family





ah =



ra



aah =



raa

ir +



е



re

ir +



ee



ďΩ

ree

i is silent

ir +



wu

=



ru

ir .



wuu =



ruu

Consonant Vowels of p

Family







ra



raa



re





o =



silent



00

ru





ow =

Words involving pand its cons. (1)

சேறு

Mud, Slush seru

சோறு

Rice (colloquial)

soru

Pigeon

pura

புற்று

Cancer

Putru

காற்று

Air/Wind

kaatru

கற்று

katru Learn

பற்று

Grapple/Seize patru

கற்பு

Chastity (Virtuosity) karpu

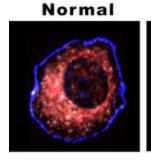
பொறி

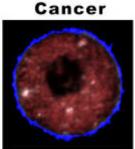
Fry (Verb) Trap (Noun)

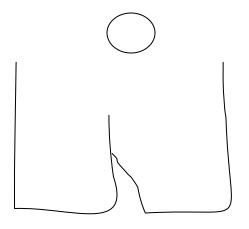
pori





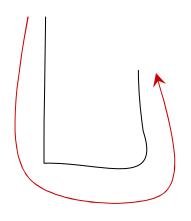


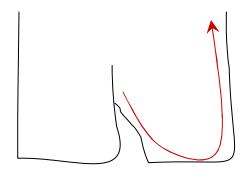




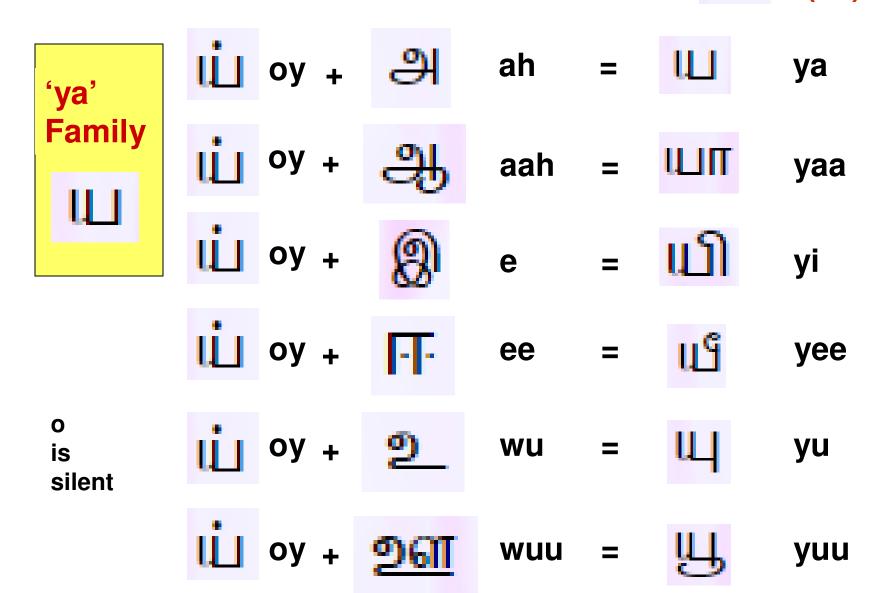
Pronounced: oy

As in: viceroy

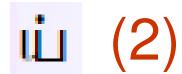




Consonant Vowels of iii (1)



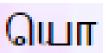
Consonant Vowels of iii (2)











0 is silent









Words involving ii and its cons. (1)

ШПШ Mat paai

பையா Boy (colloquial) paiya

СШПЪП Yoga yoga

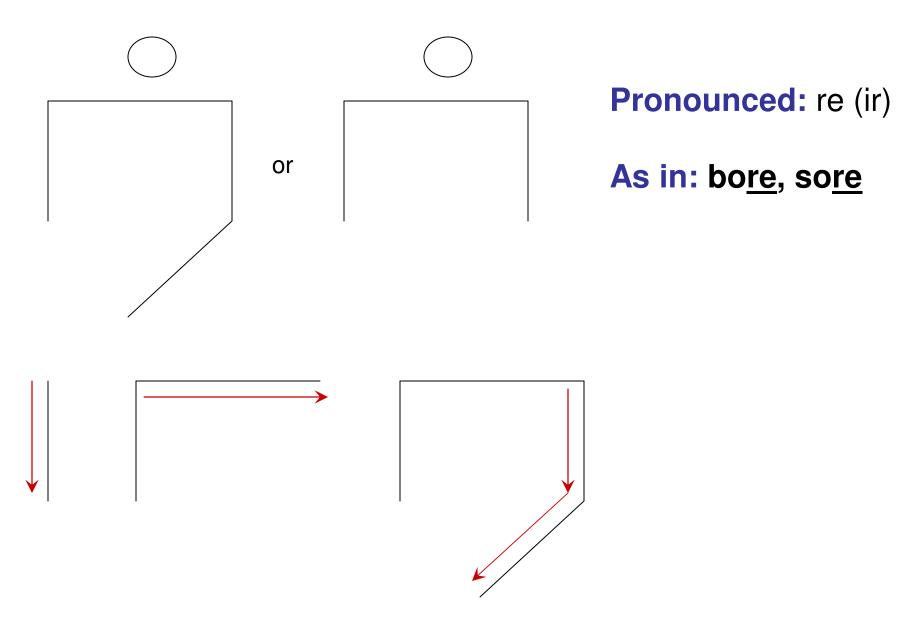
பேய் Ghost pei

செய் Do (command) Sei

தாய் Mother thai

ППШ Lie poi

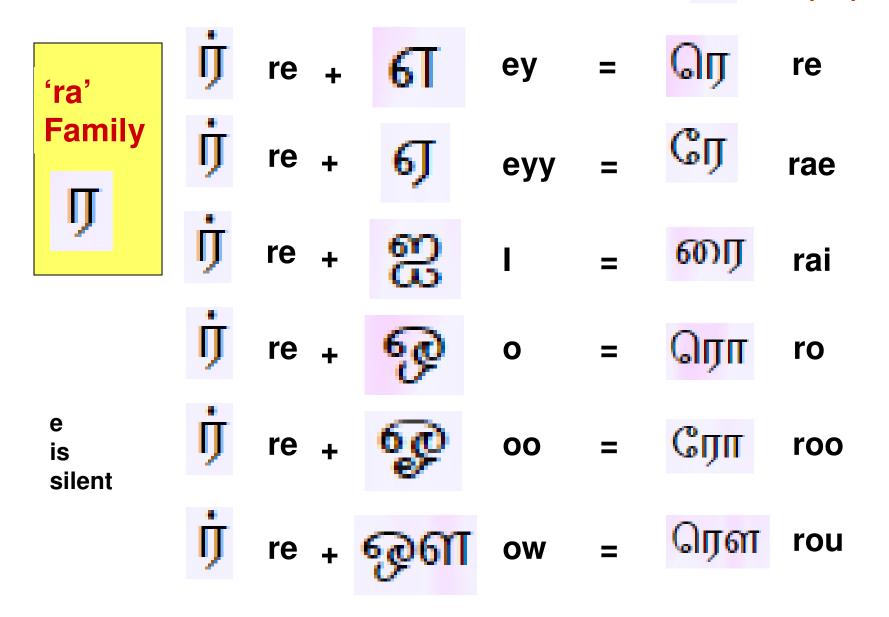
மெய் True mei



Consonant Vowels of (1)

```
re + 🔑
                           ah
                                             ra
Family
            re +
                           aah
                                             raa
             re
                           е
                                             ri
             re
                           ee
                                             ree
e
                           wu
                                             ru
is
silent
                           wuu
                                             ruu
```

Consonant Vowels of (2)



Words involving in and its cons. (1)

Пшர Name peyar

பயிர் Crop paiya

உயிர் Life uyir

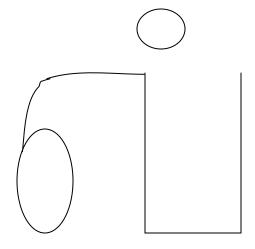




தயிர் Yogurt thayir போர் Battle pore

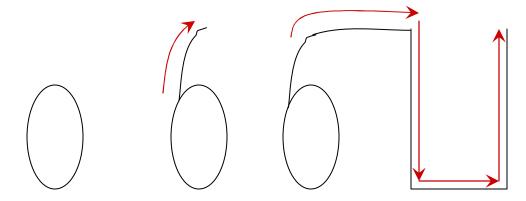
கரை Shore karai Dissolve

ШПӇ Who? yaar



Pronounced: iv

As in: dive, naïve, drive



Consonant Vowels of 👊 (1)

Family











ee =





we

silent



wu



wu





wuu

Consonant Vowels of 🛍 (2)

Family



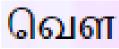


silent









Words involving and its cons. (1)

வாய் Mouth vaai

வாடை Odor vaadai



വത∟ Dumplings vadai

(indian style)

விதை Seed vidhai

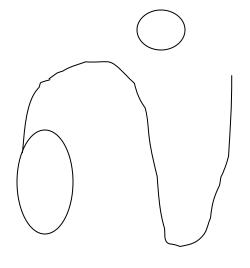
தのL Ban thadai 。 。 。 Stream, Brook oodai



வேர் Root where விடை Answer vidai

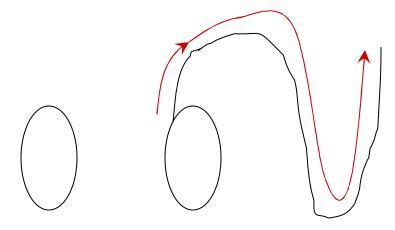
Words involving and its cons. (2)

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வாயு Gas, Air vaayu
வார்த்தை Word vaarthai
வியர்வை Sweat vyarvai
சாவி Key saavi
காவி Brown kaavi
பார்வை Vision, View paarvai
ഒബെ Which yevai
വ്റ്റ House veedu
சீவு Slash seevu
     Comb (v)
```



Pronounced: il, ill

As in: mill, trill, kill



Consonant Vowels of 60 (1)



'la' **Family**



il



ah



la

il



aah

laa

il



е

li

il

ee

lee

silent



il



wu



lu

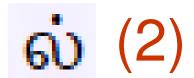


wuu



luu

Consonant Vowels of 60 (2)



'la' **Family**



























ow = 😡 love

ey = ြလ il

eyy = Cေလ

= തെல lie

o = லொ

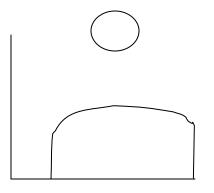
Words involving on and its cons. (1)

விலை Price vilai காலை Morning kaalai சிலை Statue silai வலை Net valai





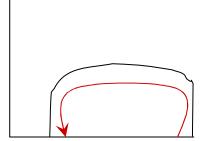
பால் Milk paal பல் Tooth pal தபால் Post thapal



Pronounced: im

As in: image, improve





Consonant Vowels of in (1)



'ma' **Family**



ம் im + அ



ah =





ma



aah =

maa

____ im +



mi

im +



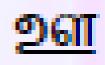
ee =

mee

silent

wu

mu



wuu



muu

Consonant Vowels of in (2)



'ma' **Family**



im +





ey = <u>மெ</u>

may

<u></u> im +



eyy = Gin



maey

im +



மை

my

<u></u> im +



o = மொ

silent



оо = СШ

moo



Words involving in and its cons. (1)

ШГのの Evening maalai

Garland

யலை Mountain malai

ШПШП Uncle maama

மாவு Flour maavu

ഥെ Sluice madai

(gate to control

the flow of water)

மரம் Tree maram

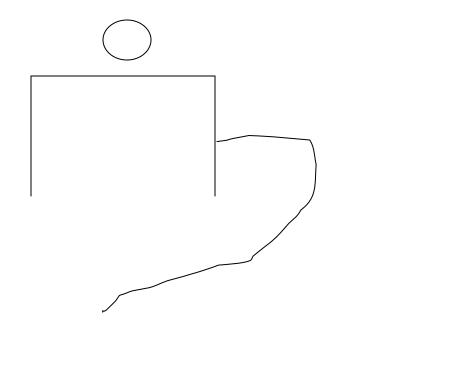
மயிர் Hair mayir

ШП(b) Cow maadu

இடம் Location idam

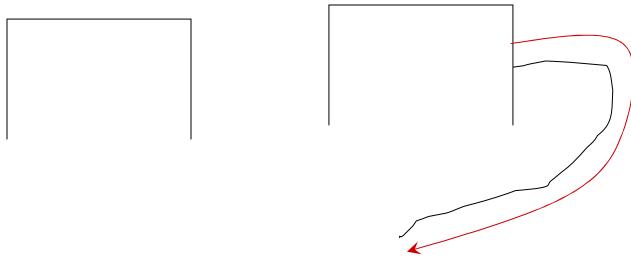






Pronounced: ind

As in: india, wind



Consonant Vowels of **ந**

莇 (1)

ʻna' Family <u>Љ</u>





ah =



na

<u></u> ind +



aah =



naa

ந் ind +



е



ni

ந்

ind +



ee



nee

i & d are silent

உ

wu =



nu

ந்

ind +



wuu =



nuu

Consonant Vowels of **b**

ந (2)

'na' Family ந



ne

ney

nai



0



no

i & d are silent



00





noo

ind +



ow

=

நெள

now

Words involving **b** and its cons. (1)

இந்தியா India india

தந்தை Father thandai

நில் nil **Stop**

சந்தை நிலவு nilavu Moon

Marketplace ந You nee santhai

நீர் Water neer

நிம்மதி Relief nimmathi

நிச்சயம் Definitely nichayam

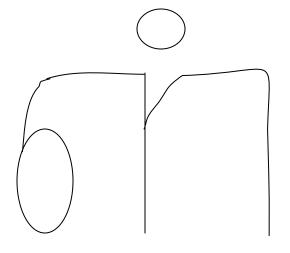
நொடி Second nodi (time unit)



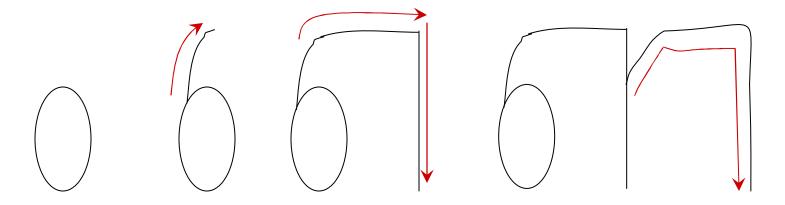
சந்திப்பு **Appointment Junctional** sandhippu



noi **Disease** (generic)



Pronounced: el, le (less stronger than il)
As in: pearl, tale



Consonant Vowels of it (1)

Family

ah

la



aah =

laa

611 el +



e =

li



ee =

lee

е is silent



wu

(611)

lu

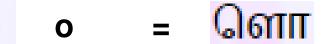


wuu

Consonant Vowels of in (2)

'La' **Family**

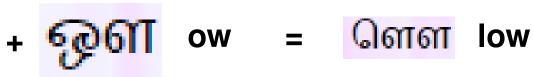




е is silent

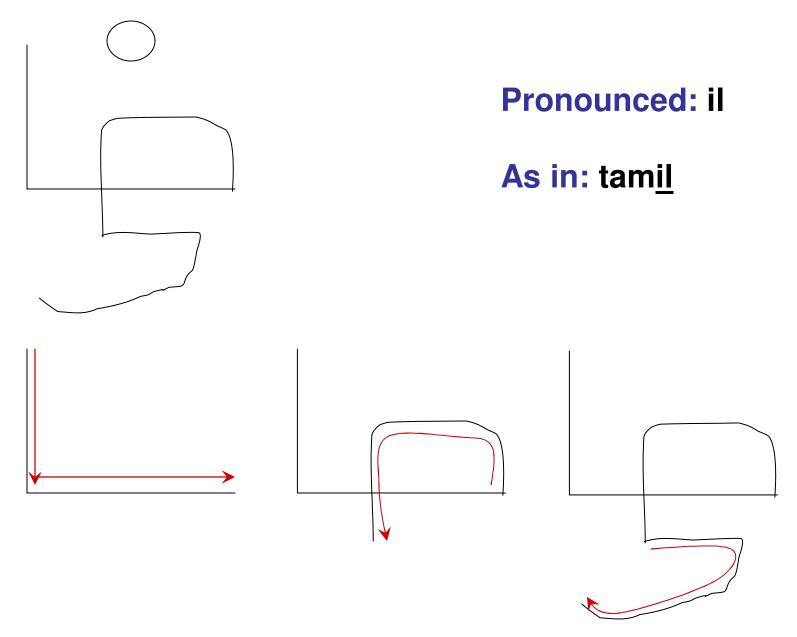


oo = ளோ

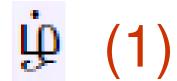


Words involving in and its cons. (1)

கேள்வி Question kelvi ഖിതെണവ vilaivu **Effect** தாள Sheet of paper taal Consequence தக்காளி Tomato takkali எள் தவளை Frog tavalai Sesame yell உள்ளே Inside **Ulle** வெளியே Outside veliye தள்ளு Push tallu மாப்பிள்ளை Groom mappillai Son-in-law பள்ளி School pallee Bend ഖണെഖ്വ valaivu Curve



Consonant Vowels of (1)



'la' **Family**





ah





la





aah



laa





e





li



ilh +



ee



lee

i & h are silent



ilh +



wu





lu





wuu



luu

Consonant Vowels of $\dot{\psi}$ (2)



'la' **Family**





ilh +



ey





ley

ilh +



eyy



leyy



ilh +



ண்டு

lai



ilh +



0

ழொ

lo

i & h are silent



ilh +



00



loo



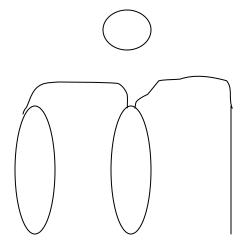


OW

ழெள

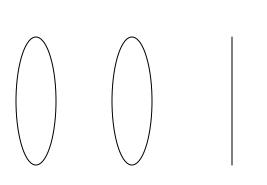
Words involving in and its cons. (1)

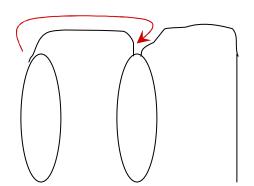
```
வாழ்க்கை Living, Life valkkai
வழக்கு Case in court valakku
வழக்கம் Usual, Custom valakkam
பழை Rain malai
பிழை Error pilai
        Survive
உழைப்பு Toil, Labor ulaipu
ஒ(ழக்கம் Discipline olukkam
மெழுகு Candle meluku
      Pus
          seel
```

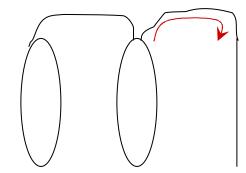


Pronounced: in

As in: vitamin, robin







Consonant Vowels of 601 (1)

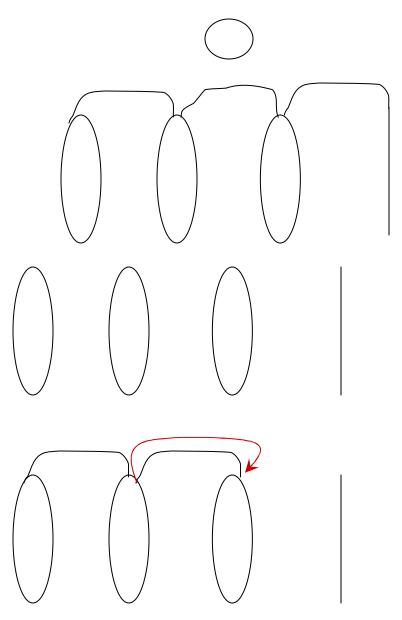
ah = 60Tna **Family** aah naa in + ni in + ee = nee wu nu silent wuu nuu

Consonant Vowels of 601 (2)

6| ey = னெ ne **Family** eyy = G60Tஐ ⊨ னை in + nai o = னொ 60T in + oo = னோ noo silent in + ஒள் ow = னௌ

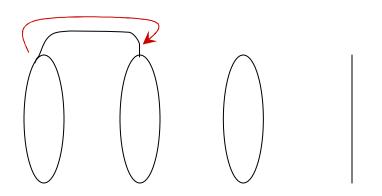
Words involving on and its cons. (1)

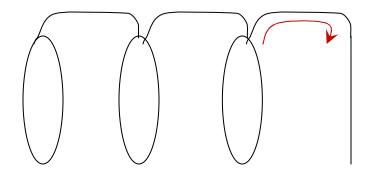
```
மீன்
     Fish
           mean
நான ।
           naan
तळा
           en
      My
नुला Why
           aen
ШПбП Deer
           maan
மென்மை
          Softer menmai
மேன்மை
            Greatness maenmai
            Predominance
வன்மை
           Strongly vanmai
```



Pronounced: inn

As in: inner, innovate





Consonant Vowels of (1)

'Na' **Family**

600T inn + A





na



ne



ee =



ത്ത്

nee

i & n are silent



wu

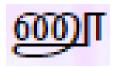




nu



wuu



Consonant Vowels of

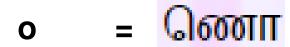
'Na' **Family**

nae





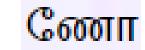




i & n are silent



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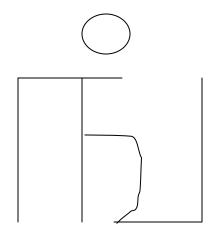






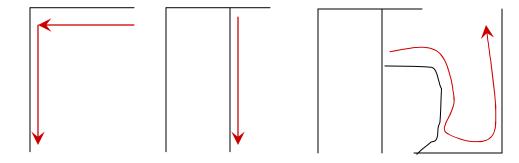
Words involving and its cons. (1)

```
தண்ணீர்
           Water
                thanneer
கண்ணீர்
          Tears kanneer
          Culture panpadu
பண்பா(டு
வீண்
           Waste
                 veen
கண்
                 kann
           Eye
கண்டனம் Condemnation kandanam
           Soil
                 mann
```



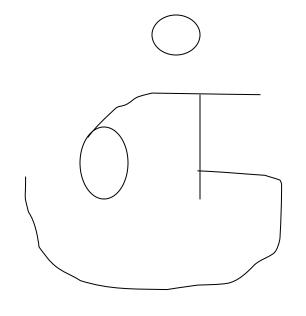
Pronounced: ing

As in: ping, string



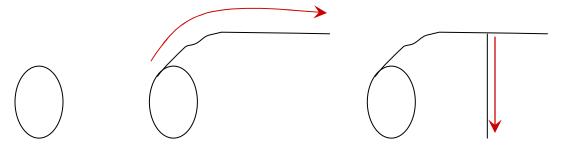
Words involving in and its cons. (1)

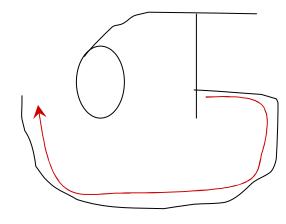
```
Younger Sister thangai
தங்கை
சங்கம்
          Club, Association sangam
வங்கி
          Bank
               vangi
சிங்கம்
          Lion
               singam
தங்கம்
          Gold
               thangam
மாங்கா
          Mango manga
தூங்க
          Sleep
                thoonga
வெங்காயம்
              Onion vengayam
```



Pronounced: nch

As in: staunch, lunch





Words involving 65 and its cons. (1)

```
லஞ்சம் Bribe lanjam
பஞ்சம் Famine panjam
Scarcity
கொஞ்சம் Little konjam
தஞ்சம் Asylum tanjam
```