

Amharic

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pronunciation

Vowels		Consonants	
Symbol	English sound	Symbol	English sound
a	run	b	bed
ai	aisle	ch	cheat
e	bet	ch'	strong ch
ee	see	d	dog
i	hit	f	fun
o	pot	g	go
ow	now	h	hat
u	put	j	jar
uh	ago	k	kit
<div><p>In this chapter, the Amharic pronunciation is given in light blue after each phrase.</p><p>Each syllable is separated by a dot. For example:</p><p>ይቅርታ yi-k'ir-ta</p><p>Amharic's glottalised consonants, simplified as ch', k', p', s' and t' in our pronunciation guide, are made by tightening and releasing the space between the vocal cords when you pronounce the sound, a bit like combining it with the ' sound listed above.</p></div>		k'	strong k
		l	lot
		m	man
		n	not
		ny	canyon
		p	pet
		p'	poping p
		r	run (trilled)
		s	sun
		s'	hissing s
		sh	shot
		t	top
		t'	spitting t
		v	very
		w	win
		y	yes
		z	zero
		zh	pleasure