

Initial sound	Burmese examples	Pronunciation	Definition	English examples	Description
/p/	ပါး	pà	cheek	sport	Labial stop / plosive
	ပ	pá	to shine	spar	unvoiced
	ပေး	péi	give, settle, pay	speak	unaspirated
	ပို့	pó	send off	spit	
Said without aspiration as when the /p/ is the 2 <sup>nd</sup> letter in consonant cluster					
/p <sup>b</sup> / or hp	ပား	p <sup>b</sup> à	frog	pay	Labial stop / plosive
	ပေး	p <sup>b</sup> èi	weaken	par	unvoiced
	ပေး	p <sup>b</sup> éi	lighten, lessen	peak	aspirated
	ပို့	p <sup>b</sup> ó	heap, pile on, fill	pit	
Said with a pronounced aspiration					
/b/	ဘာ	ba	what	bat	Labial stop / plosive
	ဘု	bú	lump	bee	partly or fully voiced
	ဘေး	bè	side	boat	unaspirated
	ဘောင်	baun	grandmother	bore	
Said between an English /b/ and /p/. An intervocalic /b/ in close juncture may be weakened to a /β/ (an almost v-ish b) in casual speech					
/m/	မာ	má	female	me	Labial nasal
	မာ	ma	hard	mar	voiced
	မေ့	méi	forget	moo	plain
	မော	mó	tired	much	
Said like an /m/ in English					
/h <sup>b</sup> m/ or m <sup>?</sup>	မှာ	<sup>h</sup> ma	send word	no English	Labial nasal
	မှား	<sup>h</sup> mà	wrong	equivalent	voiceless start
	မှည့်	<sup>h</sup> mé	ripe		pre-aspirated
	မှောင်	<sup>h</sup> mau <sup>?</sup>	overturn, capsize		
Said with a pre-aspirated or whispered m start but this may not be clearly perceptible.					

´ high tone  
 ˘ creaky tone  
 ? stop tone

ε e in bet  
 ei ei in vein  
 g y in yes

ŋ ng in sing  
 ɲ ny in canyon  
 ɔ or in ore

i ee in feet  
 I i in fit  
 c<sup>h</sup> aspiration

ə a in about  
 ǎ a in about  
<sup>h</sup>c pre aspiration