

Initial sound	Burmese examples	Pronunciation	Definition	English examples	Description
/s/	စ	sá	start	sag	alveolar fricative
	စာ	sa	writing	seat	unvoiced
	စား	sà	eat	sit	unaspirated
	စီ	si	line up, place in a row	sun	
	Said similar to an English /s/				
/s <sup>h</sup> / or hs	ဆ	s <sup>h</sup> á	consider	no English	alveolar fricative
	ဆာ	s <sup>h</sup> a	be hungry	equivalent	unvoiced
	ဆား	s <sup>h</sup> à	salt		aspirated
	ဆီ	s <sup>h</sup> i	oil		
Like /s/ but with an (often only subtle) aspiration or with a less than geminate lengthening.					
/z/	ဇာတ်	zaʔ	life, existence	zebra	alveolar fricative
	ဇီဝ	zi á	life	zip	voiced
	ဈေး	zèi	market, price	zoo	unaspirated
	ဇနီး	zanì	wife		
Said similar to a UK English /z/					
/ṅ/ or ng	ည	ṅá	night	neuron	palatal nasal
	ညီ	ṅi	be equal	new	voiced
	ညောင်	ṅaun	bangan tree	nuclear	plain
	ညာ	ṅa	right hand side	canyon	
Said clearly as a single combined sound, not as a compound					
/ṅ <sup>h</sup> / or ṅ <sup>h</sup>	ညာ	<sup>h</sup> ṅa	be considerate	no English	palatal nasal
	ညှိ	<sup>h</sup> ṅó	harp string	equivalent	voiceless start
	ညှစ်	<sup>h</sup> ṅɪʔ	squeeze		pre-aspirated
	ညှိ	<sup>h</sup> ṅi	rank smell		
Said with a pre-aspirated or whispered ṅ start but this may not be clearly perceptible. ညှိ is alternative that is seldom used except for Pali loan words					

´ high tone  
 ˘ creaky tone  
 ʔ stop tone

ɛ e in bet  
 ei ei in vein  
 ʝ ʝ in yes

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

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

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