

# YIVO Transliteration Chart

	Transliteration	Sound	Yiddish Letter	H*	at End of Word	Yiddish Letter Name
vowels		(silent)	ש			shtumer alef
	<b>a</b>	a as in father	א			pasekh alef
	<b>o</b>	o as in ore	אָ			komets alef
	<b>u</b>	u as in put, oo as in room	ו			vov
	<b>u</b>	u as in put, oo as in room	וו			melupm vov
	<b>i/y</b>	i as in bit, ee as in beet, or y	י			yud
	<b>i</b>	i as in bit, ee as in beet	יִ			khirek yud
	<b>e</b>	e as in bet	ע			ayen
diphthongs	<b>oy</b>	oy as in boy	ױ			vov yud
	<b>ey</b>	ey as in they	ײַ			tsvey yudn
	<b>ay</b>	i as in ride, or y as in sky	ײַ			pasekh tsvey yudn
consonants	<b>b</b>	b	ב			beyz
	<b>v</b>	v	בּ	✓		veyz
	<b>g</b>	g	ג			gimel
	<b>d</b>	d	ד			daled
	<b>h</b>	h	ה			hey
	<b>v</b>	v	װ			tsvey vovn
	<b>z</b>	z	ז			zayen
	<b>kh</b>	ch as in Bach	ח	✓		khes

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consonants	<b>t</b>	t	ט			tes
	<b>k</b>	k	ק	✓		kof
	<b>kh</b>	ch as in Bach	ק		ך	khof (langer khof)
	<b>l</b>	l	ל			lamed
	<b>m</b>	m	מ		ם	mem (shlos mem)
	<b>n</b>	n	נ		ן	nun (langer nun)
	<b>s</b>	s	ס			samekh
	<b>p</b>	p	פ			pey
	<b>f</b>	f	פּ		ף	fey (langer fey)
	<b>ts</b>	ts as in patsy	צ		ץ	tsadek
	<b>k</b>	k	כּ			kuf
	<b>r</b>	r	ר			resh
	<b>sh</b>	sh	ש			shin
	<b>s</b>	s	שׂ	✓		sin
	<b>t</b>	t	טּ	✓		tof
<b>s</b>	s	סּ	✓		sof	
complex consonants	<b>tsh</b>	ch as in cheese	טש			tes-shin
	<b>zh</b>	s as in measure	זש			zayen-shin
	<b>dzh</b>	j as in judge	דזש			daled-zayen-shin

\*Yiddish consonants with checkmarks (✓) occur only in words of Hebrew or Aramaic origin.