

Appendix A

Nepali

A.1 Language Overview

The national language of Nepal is known as 'Nepali'. According to the most recent official census, conducted by His Majesty's Government of Nepal (HMG) in 2001, Nepali is the mother tongue for 11 million people. Outside of Nepal, Nepali is also spoken in northeast India and in much of Bhutan. On account of its widespread use in the states of West Bengal (particularly in the district of Darjeeling) and Sikkim, the Indian Constitution recognizes Nepali as a major language of India. In Bhutan, while Dzongkha is the national language, Nepali is widely spoken by people from diverse ethnic backgrounds. South Asian languages such as Hindi, Bengali, Marathi and Gujarati used Nepali. Modern Indo-Aryan languages are related to Sanskrit, much as modern European languages are related to Latin.

The use of Nepali covers much of the countries (states), which reflects that the need of education system to enhance for the unity in their developments in various matters. The most biggest problem in this world is the language. People used sign language to communicate even though the English is considered as an international language. Most of the population do not know much about the English for instance, south asian. This would be great for those, who are not touch with the English in case the learning Nepali course is designed internationally. The need is solved to some extent by some of the professors in the previous days.

क	ख	ग	घ	ङ	क्	ख	ग	घ	ङ्
च	छ	ज	झ	ञ	च	छ	ज	झ	ञ
ट	ठ	ड	ढ	ण	ट्	ठ्	ड्	ढ्	ण
त	थ	द	ध	न	त्	थ्	द्	ध्	न्
प	फ	ब	भ	म	प्	फ्	ब्	भ्	म्
य	र	ल	व	स	र	ः	ल्	व्	स्
ष	श	ह	क्ष	त्र	श्	श्	ह्	क्ष्	त्र
ज					ञ				

Full Consonants

Half Consonants

Figure A.1 Both full and half Consonants

क् + ष = क्ष, त् + र = त्र,
 ज् + ञ = ज्ञ, श् + र = श्र,
 द् + य = द्य, द् + ध = दध,
 द् + य = द्य, त् + त = त्त,
 त् + क = त्क etc.

Figure A.2 A Few samples of Conjunct Consonants

अ आ इ ई उ ऊ ऋ ए ऐ ओ औ अं अँ अः
 Primary Vowels Secondary Vowels Other Symbol

Figure A.3 Vowels

० १ २ ३ ४ ५ ६ ७ ८ ९

Figure A.4 Numerals

क का कि की कु कू कृ के कै को कौ कं कँ कः
 ख खा खि खी खु खू खृ खे खै खो खौ खं खँ खः

 घ घा घि घी घु घू घृ घे घै घो घौ घं घँ घः
 म मा मि मी मु मू मृ मे मै मो मौ मं मँ मः

Figure A.5 Sample of Vowels, as a modifier for consonant

ऋषी मुनि छहारी अन्नपूर्ण पोष्ट
 सन्तोष प्रशन्न बनिशा दिपिका
 मेरो काली अन्जु जसुधा मन्जु
 संध्या

Figure A.6 A few samples of words formation

मलाई माया गर्ने मान्छेलाई मैले सधैँ छोड्नु पर्छ, किन?
 नेताहरु कुर्सिको लागि लडिरहेछन् के रे।
 अम्ममम...आजभोलि त नेपाली हुँ भन्न पनि लाज लाग्ने भैसक्यो।
 हे भगवान्! म कति भाग्यमानि रहेछु है।

Figure A.7 A few samples of complete sentences

A.1.1 Learning Strategies: Review

The Nepali script is available in the existing computer in case the devanagari font is installed.

- Dr. John Peterson maintained the ‘South Asian Linguistics’ web site in order to know much about south asian languages.
- ‘Teach Yourself Nepali’ by Dr. Michael Hutt and Professor Abhi Subedi (Hodder and Stoughton, first published in 1999) is available widely.
- Beginner’s courses include basic course in Spoken Nepali in order to learn conversational Nepali, and Dr. David Matthews’ ‘Course in Nepali’, which focuses more on literary Nepali and is useful for advanced students. Not only inside the country, but also learning methodologies was designed.

Nepali is offering at many locations all over the world.

- ‘School of Oriental and African Studies’ (SOAS), in London, Cornell University’s summer intensive Nepali language course and the semester courses in Nepali offered throughout the year by the Department of Asian Studies at Cornell.
- The University of Wisconsin-Madison’s ‘South Asia Summer Language Institute’ (SASLI) offers Nepali language courses for beginners.
- Cornell’s Nepali language instructors, Banu Oja and Shambhu Oja, have written a course book and dictionary. Banu Oja, Shambhu Oja, Mark Turin and Elisabeth Uphoff’s Nepali - English and English - Nepali Glossary has recently been updated.
- Nepali is also taught at the ‘India Instituut’ in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, by Rene Huysmans and Mark Turin. Turin and Huysmans have written and published a Nepali language course in Dutch, entitled Nepali voor Beginners.

A.1.2 Dictionaries

- Nepali Dictionary by Ralph Lilley Turner (first published in 1931 by the Royal Asiatic Society, but still reprinted in India every couple of years).
- Nepali-English-Nepali Dictionary by Professor Babulall Pradhan (Ratna Pustak Bhandar, Kathmandu, 2001).
- Nepali-English/English-Nepali dictionary and phrase book by Prakash A. Raj.
- Revised Nepali-English, English-Nepali Glossary by Banu Oja, Shambhu Oja, Mark Turin and Elisabeth Uphoff.
- Nepali-English/English-Nepali Dictionary by Cornell.
- Thangmi-Nepali-English Dictionary by Mark Turin.
- 420-word Unicode Nepali dictionary by Bruce Adcock.
- Nepal Homepage’s English to Nepali Dictionary.
- Practical Dictionary of Modern Nepali by Ruth Laila Schmidt.

A.2 Characters, Numerals, words and Sentences

Nepali consonants, vowels and numerals are clearly demonstrated in the printed format for the reader to understand. Fig. A.1 shows the consonants in both full and half forms. A few sets of conjunct consonants are provided in Fig. A.2. Primary and secondary vowels are shown in Fig. A.3. Fig. A.4 demonstrates the numerals used in Nepali. Use of vowel as modifier for consonant to build a syllable is provided in Fig. A.5. Finally, Fig. A.6 shows how the word can be built up and Fig. A.7 provides a few samples of writing sentences.

