

## PRINCIPAL YOGA POSES

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Eight-angled pose, Aṣṭāvakra's (name of sage) pose	Aṣṭāvakrāsana	अष्टावक्रासन	-
Eight-limbed pose	Aṣṭāṅgāsana	अष्टाङ्गासन	-
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Heron pose	Krauñcāsana	क्रौञ्चासन	-

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One-legged Kauṇḍinya's pose	Eka-Pāda-Kauṇḍinyāsana	एकपादकौण्डिन्यासन	-
One-legged royal pigeon pose (Mermaid pose is a variation)	Eka-Pāda-Rājapotaśana	एकपादराजकपोतासन	200
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Reverse tabletop pose	Ardha-Pūrvottānāsana	अर्धपूर्वोत्तानासन	-
Revolved crescent lunge	Parivṛtta-Aṅjaneyāsana	परिवृत्त अङ्गनेयासन	205
Revolved side-angle pose	Parivṛtta-Pārśvakoṇāsana	परिवृत्तपार्श्वकोणासन	-

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Scale pose	Tolāsana	तोलासन	-
Scorpion pose (backbend)	Vṛścikāsana	वृश्चिकासन	-
Seated forward bend (or Posterior stretch)	Paścimottānāsana	पश्चिमोत्तानासन	203
Seated twist (lit. pose dedicated to the sage Marichi)	Marichyāsana	मरीच्यासन	-
Shoulder stand (lit. With-support-all-limb pose)	Sālamba-Sarvāṅgāsana	सालम्बसर्वाङ्गासन	154
Side-bending half-moon pose	Tiryaka-Ardha-Candrāsana	तिर्यक अर्धचन्द्रासन	196
Side crow pose	Pārśva Bakāsana	पार्श्वबकासन	-
Side plank (lit. Vasiṣṭa's pose)	Vasiṣṭāsana	वसिष्ठासन	208
Sphinx pose (lit. Supported Cobra pose)	Sālamba-Bhujāṅgāsana	सालम्बभुजङ्गासन	-
Splits (or Monkey pose)	Hanumanāsana	हनुमनासन	185
Staff pose (seated upright, legs outstretched)	Daṇḍāsana	दण्डासन	-
Standing big toe hold	Utthita-Hastapādāṅguṣṭhāsana	उत्थितहस्तपादाङ्गुष्ठासन	-
Standing splits	Ūrdhva-Prasārita-Eka-Padāsana	ऊर्ध्व प्रसारित एक पादासन	209
Straddle forward bend (or Seated wide-legged forward bend)	Upaviṣṭha-Koṇāsana	उपविष्ट कोणासन	211
Supine leg stretch A, B & C	Supta-Pādāṅguṣṭhāsana	सुप्तपादान्गुष्ठासन	213-215
Supine twist (top leg stretched out holding big toe)	Parivṛtta-Supta-Pādāṅguṣṭhāsana	परिवृत्तसुप्तपादान्गुष्ठासन	214
Supine twist (top knee bent)	Supta-Matsyendrāsana	सुप्तमत्स्येन्द्रासन	212
Table-top pose	Bharmanasana	भर्मनसन	-
Tortoise pose	Kūrmāsana	कूर्मासन	-
Tree pose	Vṛkṣāsana	वृक्षासन	216
Triangle pose (or just Trikoṇāsana)	Utthita-Trikoṇāsana	उत्थितत्रिकोणासन	134
Triangle pose (or Utthita-Trikoṇāsana)	Trikoṇāsana	त्रिकोणासन	134
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Twisting triangle pose	Parivṛtta-Trikoṇāsana	परिवृत्तत्रिकोणासन	138
Upward bow pose (wheel) (or Cakrasāsana)	Ūrdhva-Dhanurāsana	ऊर्ध्वधनुरासन	140
Upward-facing dog	Ūrdhva-Mukha-Śvānāsana	ऊर्ध्वमुखश्वानासन	124
Upward-facing forward-fold (or Ardha-Uttānāsana)	Ūrdhva-Mukha-Uttānāsana	ऊर्ध्वमुख उत्तानासन	148
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Wide-legged forward fold (lit. Exaggerated spread feet stretch pose)	Prasārita-Pādottānāsana	प्रसारितपादोत्तानासन	180
Wild thing / flip dog pose	Camatkārāsana	चमत्कारासन	223

\* There are a couple of differences in this list from the usage in *Modern Yoga*, which you may want to note:

**High plank** is here referred to as Phalakāsana (phalaka means 'plank' , 'board' or 'slab' in Sanskrit) rather than Daṇḍāsana, since Daṇḍāsana seems to be much more widely used for the staff pose where where the person is seated upright with legs outstretched. Google images for 'dandasana' and you will see how common that usage is. Phalakāsana seems better to avoid confusion.

**Half-pigeon** is often not given its Sanskrit name, but literally it is Ardha-Kapotāsana. Eka-Pāda-Rājapotaśana refers to a more upright pigeon pose reaching overhead and grabbing the toes of the rear foot with both hands.

## Positions & Orientations

Adho	अधो	Downward
Ardha	अर्ध	Half
Āsana	आसन	Seat, pose, posture
Bandha	बन्ध	Lock
Dhanu	धनु	Bow
Koṇa	कोण	Angle
Parivṛtta	परिवृत्त	Revolved, twisted
Parśva	पार्श्व	Side
Prasārita	प्रसारित	Wide stance
Sālamba	सालम्ब	Supported
Supta	सुप्त	Supine, reclining
Tāna	तान	Extended
Tulā	तुला	Balance
Ubhaya	उभय	Both, together
Upaviṣṭha	उपविष्ट	Seated
Ūrdhva	ऊर्ध्व	Upward
Uttāna	उत्तान	Intense stretch, straight, extended
Utthita	उत्थित	Extended

## Numbers

Eka	एक	One, single
Dvi	द्वि	Two
Tri	त्रि	Three

## Locks

Jālandhara Bandha	जालन्धरबन्ध	Chin lock - tucking the chin close to the chest
Mūla Bandha	मूलबन्ध	Root lock - contraction of the perineum
Uddīyāna Bandha	उड्डीयानबन्ध	Abdominal lock - contraction of the abdomen into the rib cage
Mahā Bandha	महाबन्ध	Combining all three of the above bandhas

## Animals

Baka	बक	Crane
Bheka	भेक	Frog
Bhujaṅga	भुजङ्ग	Serpent
Garuḍa	गरुड	Eagle
Go	गो	Cow
Kāka	काक	Crow
Kapota	कपोत	Pigeon
Matsya	मत्स्य	Fish
Mayūra	मयूर	Peacock
Śalabha	शलभ	Locust
Śvāna	श्वान	Dog
Tittibha	तित्तिभा	Firefly
Uṣṭra	उष्ट्र	Camel
Vṛścika	वृश्चिक	Scorpion

## Body parts

Aṅga	अङ्ग	Limb
Aṅguṣṭha	अङ्गुष्ठ	Big toe, thumb
Hasta	हस्त	Hand
Janu	जानु	Knee
Mukha	मुख	Face
Pāda	पाद	Foot
Śīrṣa	शीर्ष	Head

## Sanskrit Pronunciation

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### Sanskrit Pronunciation Key

14 Vowels (some have 2 forms)

अ	a	another	ऋ / ॠ	r̥	r̄	trill for 2 beats
आ / ा	ā	father (2 beats)	ॠ / ॡ	ṛ	Ṛ	table
इ / ि	i	pin	ॠ / ॡ	ṛ	Ṛ	trill for 2 beats
ई / ी	ī	need (2 beats)	ए / ै	e	e	etude (2 beats)
उ / ु	u	flute	ऐ / ॐ	ai	aisle (2 beats)	
ऊ / ू	ū	mood (2 beats)	ओ / ॐ	o	yoke (2 beats)	
ऋ / ॠ	r̥	macabre	औ / ॐ	au	flautist (2 beats)	

Two Special Letters

अं	am	hum	अः	aḥ	out-breath
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33 Consonants

क	ka	paprika	थ	tha	eat honey
ख	kha	thick honey	द	da	soda
ग	ga	saga	ध	dha	good honey
घ	gha	big honey	न	na	banana
ङ	ṅa	ink	प	pa	paternal
च	ca	chutney	फ	pha	scoop honey
छ	cha	much honey	ब	ba	scuba
ज	ja	Japan	भ	bha	rub honey
झ	jha	raj honey	म	ma	aroma
ञ	ña	inch	य	ya	employable
ट	ṭa	borscht again	र	ra	abra cadabra
ठ	ṭha	borscht honey	ल	la	hula
ड	ḍa	shdum	व	va	variety
ढ	ḍha	shd hum	श	śa	shut
ण	ṇa	shṇum	ष	ṣa	shnapps
त	ta	pastā	स	sa	Lisa
			ह	ha	honey

This chart is useful if you are interested in learning how to pronounce the Sanskrit names of the asanas and maybe even the Sanskrit letters. Some letters appear different in the previous pages because letters combine in Sanskrit in various ways - merging or stacking on top of each other.

The accents on the letters when writing Sanskrit in Roman letters are important because they generally indicate not just different pronunciations, like the accents in French or German, but actually completely different letters. If you look closely at the chart, you can see that there are four 'n's in Sanskrit, three 's's, and two 'm's, 'd's, 't's, 'h's, 'l's and 'r's - as well as short and long versions of a, i and u. So when we leave off the accents, it is actually impossible to know how to spell or pronounce the word in Sanskrit and it may mean something quite different from what we intend. For example, 'ānanda' ( a long initial 'a') means bliss, joy or delight. But 'ananda', without the bar over the 'a' (so a short 'a'), means joyless or cheerless.

These are most important points for understanding how to pronounce yoga poses in Sanskrit:

A bar over the top of a vowel means it's a long vowel.

**c** is pronounced like 'ch' - never like 'k'. So 'Caturaṅga' is pronounced 'chaturanga'. In Sanskrit 'ch' is a completely different letter from 'c' so, while it aids pronunciation, writing 'chaturanga' (or 'chakra') can be confusing if someone is trying to work out how the word is spelled in Sanskrit.

**ś** is pronounced like the 'sh' in ship

**ṣ** is pronounced a bit like the 'sh' in shut, but with the tongue more against the front of the upper palette. Still, a normal 'sh' is better than

**ṛ** is pronounced like 'ri' but with a very short 'i' and the 'r' slightly rolled like in German.

The letters **kha, cha, gha, jha, tha, dha, pha, bha** etc. are what are called 'aspirated' letters - meaning the 'h' part is pronounced with a puff of air. The chart gives approximate pronunciations.

The most important thing to remember is that 'ph' and 'th' are *not* pronounced like in English. There is no 'ph' (as in 'f') sound or any 'th' sound (as in 'the') in Sanskrit. So 'hatha' yoga is pronounced ha-tha with an aspirated 'ta' as the second syllable - not 'tha' as in the English 'the'.

**v** is not really pronounced like the 'v' in variety as the table suggests. It is more like halfway between a 'v' and a 'w'. We don't have the sound in English. A soft 'v' is a reasonable approximation.