

Rough Phonetic Pronunciation Guide for Sanskrit Terms

Phonetics: "ah" is said as in "father" "ai" as in "aisle"
"ā" is said as in "say" "ch" is said as in "church"
"ē" as in "machine" "ih" is said as in "tin"
"ō" is said as in "go" "u" is said as in "full"
"uh" is said as in "but"

Guides to Accent: emphasize the next-to-last syllable if phonetics contains an "ah", "ē", or "ū";
otherwise emphasize the third-to-last syllable

Advaita = uhd-vai-tuh
Agni = uhg-nih
Ahimsa = uh-hihm-sah
Atman = aht-muhn
Bhagavad Gita = bhuh-guh-vuhd gē-tah
Bhakti = bhuhk-tih
Brahman = bruh-muhn
Buddhi = bud-dhiih
Dharma = dhuh-r-muh
Guna = gu-nuh
Jiva = jē-vuh
Kama = kah-muh
Katha = kuht-huh
Krishna = krish-nuh (ri as in "river")
Mahabharata = muh-hah-bhah-ruh-tuh
Maya = mah-yah
Mimamsa = mē-mahm-sah
Moksha = mōk-shuh
Naciketas = nuh-chih-kā-tuhs
Nyaya = nyah-yuh
Neti = nā-tih
Prakriti = pruh-krih-tih
Purusha = puh-ruhsh-uh
Rajas = ruh-juhs
Samkhya = sahm-khyuh (the "sahm" syllable has a nasalized and lengthened "ah" sound)
Samsara = suhm-sah-ruh (the "suhm" syllable has a nasalized and lengthened "uh" sound)
Sattva = suht-vuh
Satya = suht-yuh
Tamas = tuh-muhs
Tat Tvam Asi = tuht-tvuhm-uhsih
Upanishad - up-uhn-ihsh-uhd
Veda = vay-duh
Vedanta = vay-dahn-tuh
Yama = yuh-muh
Yoga = yō-guh
Yogacara = yō-gah-chah-ruh