

Hän Vowels and Sounds

Symbol	Sounds like	English sound	Hän sound
Ä	aww	ball, call, law	Nidhät, khà, shär, tägor
A	ahh	cat, bat, sat, hat	ɟhal, cha, kha, ga
Ay	iyh		honlay, hwënay
Ě	ehh	bet, net, set	ědhä, ěträ, lëjit
E	ey	day, say, may, play	dëbe, khe, tth'e
Ey	ayh		hohtr'ey, they
I	ee	bee, see, knee, tree	ɟhal, shi, chj'a, dik'a
O	oo	so, bow, go, no	zho, tl'o, ts'ok
U	uu	too, you, boo	ɬuk, chu, gu

ɟ ɥ ɐ ɔ ɤ ɥ etc. are all nasal vowels. The [ɥ] hook is usually under a vowel, which makes a nasal sound that comes from the nose.

Low Tone [˘] is usually over a vowel and it makes the sound of that vowel go lower than the rest of the word you are speaking.

Falling Tone [ˆ] is usually over a vowel and it makes the sound of that vowel start low then goes high then low again.

Rising tone [˜] is usually over a vowel and it makes the sound of that vowel start high, goes low, then back up again.

Glottal [ʼ] is an apostrophe. The glottal is a stop or pause between one word. Hän example is Ho'inje (stop).