

tuwaduq alphabet

- a – The letter a, makes the *ou* sound in “bought” or the *o* in “hot”
- ä – The double dotted a, makes a short *a* sound like “cat”
- b – The letter b, makes the sound like the word “ball”
- c – The letter c, makes the *ts* sound like in “cats”
- ċ – The letter glottal c, makes a stronger and faster *ts* sound
- č – The letter c with a hat, makes the *ch* sound as in “chair”
- č̣ – The letter glottal c with a hat, makes a stronger and faster *ch* sound
- d – The letter d, makes a sound like the word “dog”
- ə – The letter schwa, makes a sound like the *uh* in “uh-oh”
- g – The letter g, makes a sound like the word “go”
- i – The letter i, pronounced hard “e” or hard “a” like “feat” or “bait”
- ĵ – The letter j, makes a sound like the word “jar” (Only in borrowed words)
- k – The letter k, makes a sound like the word “kite” (front of your mouth)
- ḳ – The letter glottal k, makes a stronger and faster *k* sound
- k^w – The letter k raised w, makes a sound like *k* sound but round your lips and do not vocalize the raised “w”
- ḳ^w – The letter glottal k raised w, makes a stronger and faster *k* sound but round your lips do not vocalize the raised “w”
- l – The letter “l”, makes a sound like the word “love”
- ḷ – The letter glottal “l”, makes an “l” sound stopped short
- ł – The letter barred “l” put tongue in “l” position & blow air, do not vocalize the “l” (almost a hiss)
- m – The letter m, makes a sound like the word “mom”
- n – The letter n, makes a sound like the word “nice”

ǰ – The letter glottal barred lambda, the sound is made by placing the tongue against the roof of the mouth, air is pushed through the sides making a clicking noise.

p – The letter p, makes a sound like the word “pine”

p̣ – The letter glottal p, makes a stronger and faster p sound

q – The letter q, makes a sound like the “ck” in “back” (Sound comes from the back of throat)

q̣ – The letter glottal q, makes a stronger and faster q sound

q^w – The letter q raised w, makes the same sound as q but round your lips and do not vocalize the raised “w”

q̣^w – The letter glottal q raised w, makes a stronger and faster q raised w sound, round your lips do not vocalize the raised “w”

s – The letter s , makes a sound like the word “snake”

š – The letter s with a hat, makes a sound like the word “show”

t – The letter t, makes a sound like the word “today”

ṭ – The letter glottal t, makes a stronger and faster t sound

u – The letter u, makes an oo or o sound like in “boot” or “boat”

w – The letter w, makes a sound like the word “wind”

ẉ – The letter glottal w, makes a w sound stopped short

x^w – The letter x raised w, blow, rounded lips, do not vocalize the raised “w” (the whole sound is really just a blow through rounded lips.)

ṣ̌ – The letter x with a hat, makes a sound like clearing your throat

ṣ̌^w – The letter x with a hat raised w, make the throat clearing noise through rounded lips

y – The letter y, makes a sound like the word “year”

ỵ – The letter glottal y, makes the y sound stopped short

ʔ – The letter glottal stop works with vowels, supports roots/prefixes. When placed in front of a word, the glottal stop does not affect the word. Placed at the end of the word, the glottal stop causes the word to be stopped short.

ay – The ay blend, while not necessarily an alphabet letter on it's own, the ay blend always makes the same sound “eye”, in tuwaduq so we teach it in alphabet training.