

# Tai Nüa / తామిళం లామ తామిళం

romanization: KNAB 2012

## I. Consonant characters

1	ᳵ	ka	6	ᳶ	ya	11	᳷	pha	16	᳸	'a
2	᳹	xa	7	ᳺ	ta	12	᳻	ma	17	᳼	kha
3	᳽	nga	8	᳾	tha	13	᳿	fa	18	᳽	tsha
4	᳾	tsa	9	᳿	la	14	᳽	wa	19	᳾	na
5	᳿	sa	10	᳽	pa	15	᳾	ha			

## II. Vowel characters (ᳵ stands for any consonant character)

1	ᳵ	a	4	ᳵᳶ	e	7	ᳵ᳷	o	10	ᳵ᳸	oe
2	ᳵ᳹	aa	5	ᳵᳺ	ae	8	ᳵ᳻	aw	11	ᳵ᳼	aeu
3	ᳵ᳽	i	6	ᳵ᳿	u	9	ᳵ᳽	ue	12	ᳵ᳾	ai

## III. Tone marks (ᳵ denotes any syllable-beginning)

1	ᳵ	a	3	ᳵᳶ	ǎ	5	ᳵ᳷	ã
2	ᳵ᳹	â	4	ᳵᳺ	à	6	ᳵ᳽	á

The tones were earlier (1956–1988) denoted by diacritics: 2 ă, 3 ǎ, 4 ã, 5 ǎ, 6 á. Tone marks are written at the end of a syllable.

## Pronunciation

**aa** [aː], **ae** [ɛ], **aeu** [aʊ], **aw** [ɔ], **ng** [ŋ], **oe** [ɔ], **ue** [u], **x** [x], **y** [j], **'** [ʔ].

Tones: 1 middle [33], 2 high level [55, ˥], 3 low level [11], 4 low falling [31], 5 high falling [53, ˥], 6 rising [35, ˥].

## Notes

1. Tai Nüa or Dehong Dai (తామిళం లామ తామిళం *xâam Tâi Tãuexông* or తామిళం లామ తామిళం *xâam Tâi Lóe*) is written in Tai Le script that has been improved in the 1950's and 1980's.
2. If a consonant has no vowel character, it is pronounced syllable-initially with an inherent [a] and syllable-finally without a vowel.
3. Tai Nüa has no consonant combinations, syllable-final sounds are *ue, i, u, m, n, ng, p, t, k*; diphthongs ending in *u* (*aa, aeu, au, eu, iu, oeu*) are spelled with consonant *o w*.
4. In Tai Le script words are usually not separated but in romanization lexemes may be divided. Should there be a space in Tai Le, it could be denoted by a middle dot after the preceding word.

## Sources

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