

Guide to Pronouncing Tabla *Bols*

Stroke Name	Pronunciation Guide
dha	long “a” and aspirated “dh”
ta	long “a” as in “far”
na (kinar)	long “a” as in “far”
na (bunda)	short “a” as in “nut”
dhi	long “i” as in “pea” and aspirated “dh”
di	long “i” as in “pea”
tun	long “u” as in “croon”
tet	short “e” as in “pet”
tit	short “i” as in “bit”
tin	short “i” as in “tin”
ti (from tin)	medium “i” as in “teen”
ga	medium “a” as in “garnish”
ge	long “e” as in “gay”
gi	long “i” as in “ghee”
ka/kat	short “a” as in “cusp”
ke	short “e” as in “keg”
ki	long “i” as in “key”
ta (kata, kita, taka)	short “a” as in “bud”
ra (tira)	short “a” as in “run”
dhere	short “e” as in “dent” and aspirated “dh” followed by short “e” as in “red”
trekre	short “e” as in “trench” followed by short “e” as in “crest”

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