



Saanjo is written & read from left to right

I dedicate this script to all of them who believe in love, harmony and fraternity.

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## A GUIDE TO "SAANJO" SCRIPT

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OF THE MASSES - PUNJABI & ALLIED

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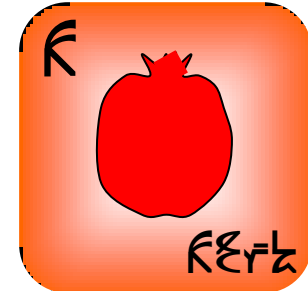
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At this stage, all of us miss one of our friend, Zaafran, who expired of cardiac arrest on the last Eid-ul-fiter day.

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**PREFACE**  
**‘SAANJO’- FIRST-EVER SCRIPT OF LANGUAGE OF THE MASSES – (PUNJABI & ALLIED)**

‘**Saanjo**’ - the first-ever genuine script of the language of the masses (Punjabi&allied) - is not only richly capable of correctly and comprehensively expressing all main dialects and sub-dialects of the language, but conscious effort has been made that it fully covers other languages and dialects of the region also; whether in writing or reading form. This diverse characteristic was, earlier, unheard of in the history of the region. The ‘saanji’ (in the meanings of ‘common’) valley of the rivers Ravi, Chenab, Sutluj, Jhelum and Indus stretches from the mountains down to Karonjhur in Thar area. It had been a long cherished dream of the teeming millions of inhabitants of the valley to have a uniform, comprehensive and a pure script, which they could call their own, which could also cover their individual accent and, more importantly, which could work as a cohesive bond to develop mutual fraternity and brotherhood. The word SAANJO itself symbolizes inducing fraternity, harmony, and love. While going through the script, one would note that the second alphabet has been named ‘**BEEBA**’; which means ‘**a well-behaved, good-natured and lovable lad**’. This is exactly why it has been opted to give an ending of ‘...**EEBA**’ to the names of most of the basic letters. Likewise, taking inspiration from the word BEEBA, the Elementary Book of ‘Saanjo’ has been titled as ‘**BEEB**’ - a new word which is meant to symbolize GOODNESS.

The script has 45 basic letters including a “silent character”, whereas a set of another 5 supportive signs has been introduced so as to express intricate phonics of the language. The silent character, when joined with five of the basic letters, produces additional modified sounds of each of them. The basic letters have been further divided into two sets: 35 letters in the first set, including a silent one, are main sound letters, whereas 10 letters forming the second set bear their own sounds which are also used to modify the sound of the main sound letters.

As far as technical aspects and aesthetic beauty of the script are concerned, ‘**Saanjo**’, written left to right, is far ahead in ease, suitability and visual effect than other scripts. By virtue of its broad range of easily readable calligraphy through modern computer tools of composing in various styles and fonts, it is second to none.

There is no denying the fact that extensive denoting of variables and abbreviations is required in computer programming, as well as other mathematical and scientific work. Unfortunately, most of the scripts of various languages are very poor in this particular area. On the contrary, sleek and smart alphabets of ‘**Saanjo**’ place it among the club of most suitable scripts, when it comes to denoting variables and abbreviations etc.

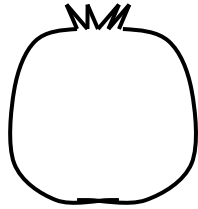
While formulating ‘**Saanjo**’, conscious and deliberate effort had been made that there is minimum similarity and resemblance among its alphabets. This makes the script readily decipherable; a quality which is considered of prime importance while going through any script written in long hand. Secondly, each alphabet has been constructed on a geometrical grid and has well defined lines, curves, arcs and slashes which enable the beginners to learn to write the alphabets with greater ease.

By virtue of its inherent potential to correctly express our language, computer & scientific suitability, aesthetic beauty, visual effect and ability to create a vast range of calligraphy, it is hoped that ‘**Saanjo**’ would rapidly flourish to find its due place among the masses and that it would also be instrumental in the development of our language not only in the region, but globally, too.

Attributing ‘**Saanjo**’ script to those who believe in love,

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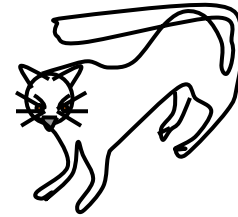
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 Sound of letter: As 'U' in **URBAN**



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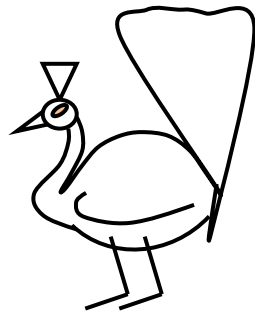
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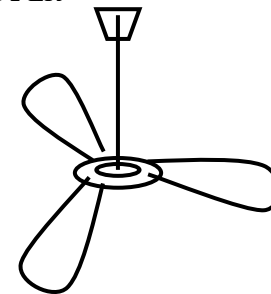
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 Sound: As 'M' in **MUTTON**



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Name: **PIP**  
 Sound: As 'P' in **PER**



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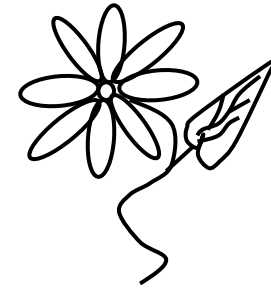
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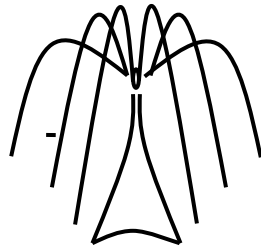
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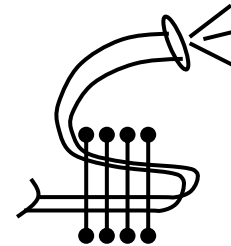
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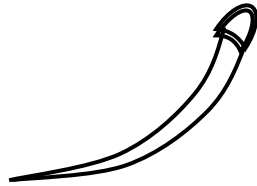
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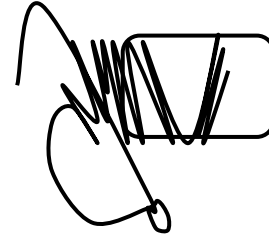
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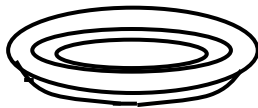
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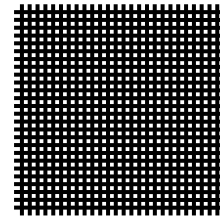
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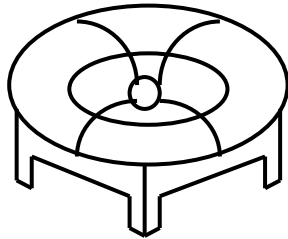
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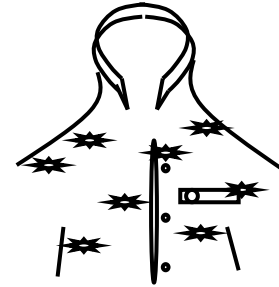
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Sound: As 'CH' in CHURN



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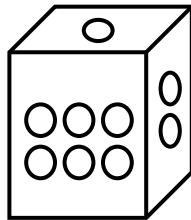
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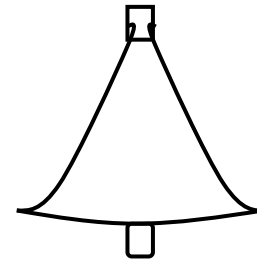
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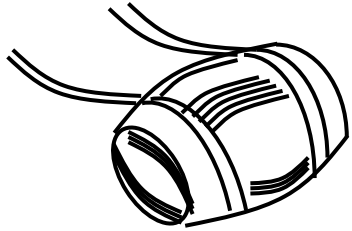
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Sound: As 'T' in TURN



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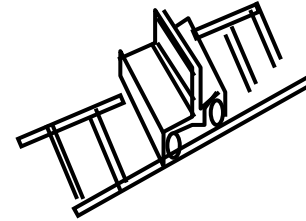
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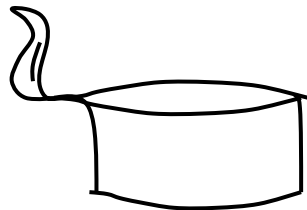
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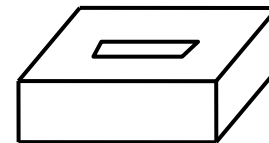
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 Sound: As '**TH**' in **THUS**



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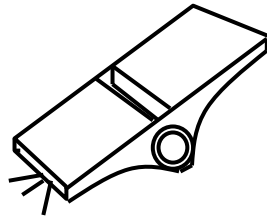
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 Sound: As '**D**' in **DUST**



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Name: **SEEBA**  
Sound: As 'S' in SIR



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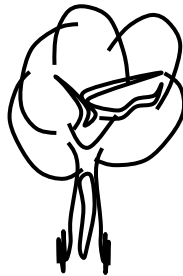
Name: **SHEEBA**  
Sound: As 'SH' in SHUN



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Name: **REEBA**  
Sound: As 'R' in RUST



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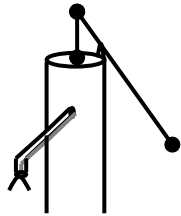
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Sound: AR



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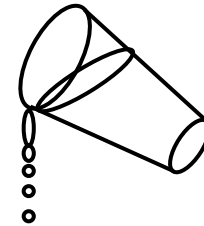
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Sound of letter: As 'N' in **NONE**



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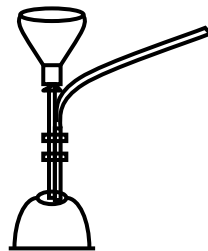
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Sound: **N'፤R**



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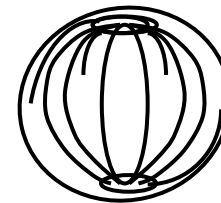
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Sound: As 'H' in **HUB**



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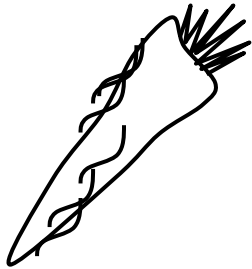
Name: **KHEEBA**  
Sound: **KH**



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Name: **GEEBA**  
 Sound: As 'G' in **G**IRL



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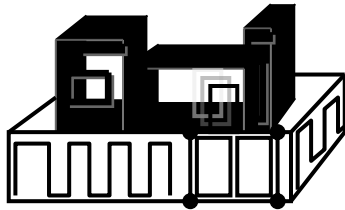
Name: **KIK**  
 Sound: As 'K' in **K**ERB



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Name: **K<sub>i</sub>A**  
 Sound: **K<sub>i</sub>**



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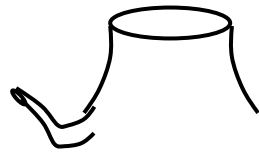
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 Sound: **KH**



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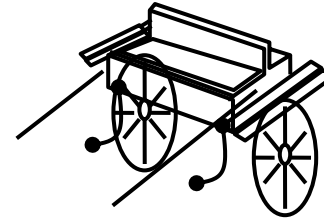
Name of letter: **LEEBA**  
Sound of letter: As 'L' in LUCK



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Name: **YEEBA**  
Sound: As 'Y' in YAH!



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Letters **ZEEBA** and **GHEEBA**, sounds as 'Z' and as '**GH**' in **GHASTLY** (near sound) respectively, have been excluded because our common men do not feel comfortable with their sounds.

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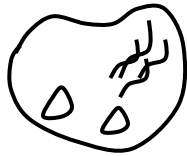
Soundless letter  
Name: **JOETOO**

First set 'Abeebay' consists of 35 letters- 34 main sound and 1 soundless letter. The second set 'Aaio' - a name constituted from three letters of this set-consists of remaining 10 letters. These letters initiate their own sounds when used in the beginning of words and modify the main sound letters when placed after them.



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Name of letter: **AABUL**  
Sound of letter: As 'A' in **AFTER**  
and 'A' in **FAST**

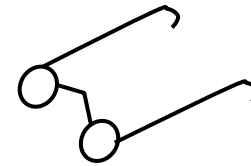


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Name: **AEBUL**  
Sound: As 'A' in **ARROW**  
and 'A' in **MARE**

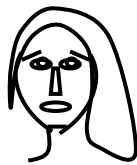


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Name of letter: **AUBUL**  
Sound :As 'AU' in **AUTUMN**  
and 'O' in **CHOCOLATE**

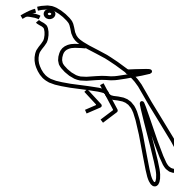


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Name: **EB**  
Sound : As 'E' in **EGG**  
and 'E' in **BELL**



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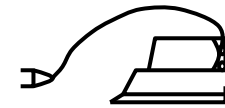
Name of letter: **AIBO**  
Sound of letter: As 'AI' in AID  
and 'AI' in BAIL

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Name of letter: **IBO**  
Sound of letter: As 'I' in In  
And 'I' in PIN



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Name of letter: **EBO**  
Sound of letter: AS 'EA' EAST  
And as 'EE' in WEEK

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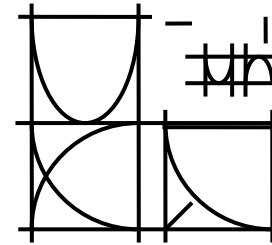
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Name of letter: **OAB**  
 Sound of letter: As 'O' in **ORAL**  
 And 'O' in **POLE**



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Name of letter: **UB**  
 Sound of letter: As 'O' in **OMEN**  
 and 'U' in **BULL**



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Name of letter : **OOB**  
 Sound of letter: As 'O' in **OMIT**  
 And 'OO' in **COOL**



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### SUPPORTIVE SIGNS, SOUNDLESS LETTER AND PAIRS



Name of sign: **DOEROO**

Use: Produces doubled effect of relevant letter or sign.

Ξκ<sub>τ</sub>

Ξ<sub>ι</sub>κ<sub>τ</sub>



Name of sign: **EH**

Use: Produces slightly jerky heavy effect

Ξ<sub>α</sub>κ<sub>τ</sub>

Ξ<sub>α</sub>κ<sub>τ</sub>



Name of sign: **KN'!A**

Use: Relevant letter follows N'!

Ξ<sub>τ</sub>

Ξ<sub>τ</sub>



Name of sign: **HIB**

Use: Ending of syllable is made heavy

κ<sub>τ</sub>

κ<sub>τ</sub>



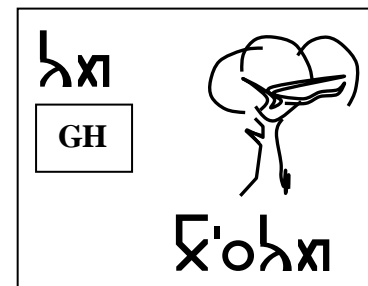
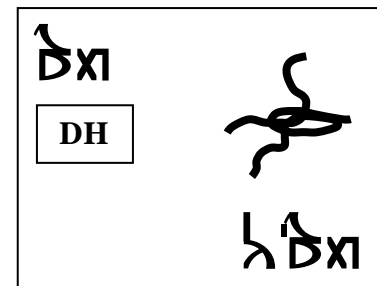
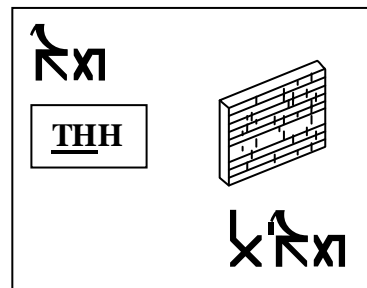
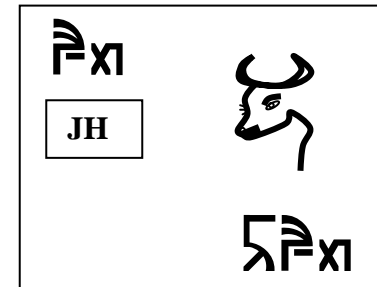
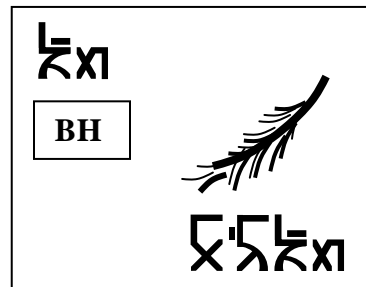
Name of sign: **MUTTHOO**

Use: softens sound of letter

κ<sub>τ</sub>

## SOUND LESS LETTER AND PAIRS

**ኧ** Name of letter:  
**JOETOO**  
It is a soundless letter. It is attached to 5 main sound letters to modify their sounds.



**ELABORATION OF PECULIAR PHONICS  
AND, USE OF RELAVENT LETTERS AND  
SUPPORTIVE SIGNS**

ኣፕረፕ	ሄፕካፕ	ሄዐኛፈ	ዩፕሰ	ደፕረፕ
ደፕሰፕ	ደፕሶፕ	ደፕሰፕኣፕደፕ	ደፕሰፕ	ኣፕረፕ
ደፕሰፕ	ደፕረፕ	ደፕሰፕ	ደፕሰፕ	ኣፕሰፕ

**USE OF SILENT CHARACTER AND SUPPORTIVE  
SIGNS WITH VARIATION IN PECULIAR  
PHONICS**

ኣፕረፕ	ደፕሰ	ደፕሰ	ኣፕሰ
ኣፕረፕ	ደፕሰፕ	ደፕሰፕ	ኣፕሰፕ
ኣፕረፕ	ደፕሰፕ	ደፕሰፕ	ኣፕሰፕ
ኣፕሰፕ	ደፕሰ	ደፕሰ	ኣፕሰፕ
ኣፕሰፕ		ደፕሰፕ	ኣፕሰፕ

**USE OF SILENT CHARACTER AND SUPPORTIVE  
SIGNS WITH SOME VARIATIONS OF PHONICS  
ASSOCIATED WITH THE LETTERS GIVEN  
BELOW**

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ፆ'ከክ

ፆ'ከክፈ

ፆ'ከ

ፆ'ከፈ

ፆ'ከፈ

ፆ'ከፈፈ

ፆ'ከክፈፈ

ፆ'ከከ

ፆ'ከከክ

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ከ

ከፈክ

ከፈፈ

ከፈፈፈ

ከፈክ

ከፈፈ

## PHONICS SPECIFIC TO ALLIED DIALECTS AND LANGUAGES

**Bh**      **Jh**      **THh**      **Dh**      **Gh**

$$\bar{K}_{\bar{A}} \times \bar{K}_{\bar{A}} \quad \bar{F}_{\bar{A}} \quad \text{-----} \quad \bar{K}_{\bar{A}} \quad \text{-----} \quad \bar{D}_{\bar{A}} \quad \text{-----} \quad \bar{h}_{\bar{A}}$$

BHH

JHH

THH

DHH

GHH

ᑭᓐᓂᓐ ᓄᓐᓂᓐ    ᑭᓐᓂᓐ --- ᑭᓐᓂᓐ --- ᑭᓐᓂᓐ --- ᑭᓐᓂᓐ ---

Saanjo alphabets to represent some typical phonics around.

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QUARTER

 $\gamma_F$ 

CRAWL



## NUMERALS

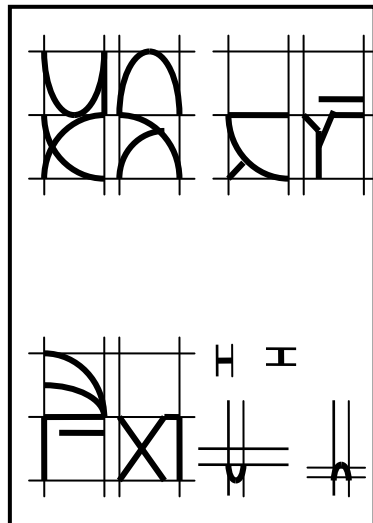
As regards numerals, it is **not at all** suggested to replace the existing conventional ones with any other form.. However, for the sake of compatibility with the script, the Saanjo numerals are suggested underneath which, may or may not be used for scribing dates, listing and labeling etc- this option is left open.

### SAANJO NUMERALS AND CONVENTIONAL EQUIVALENTS

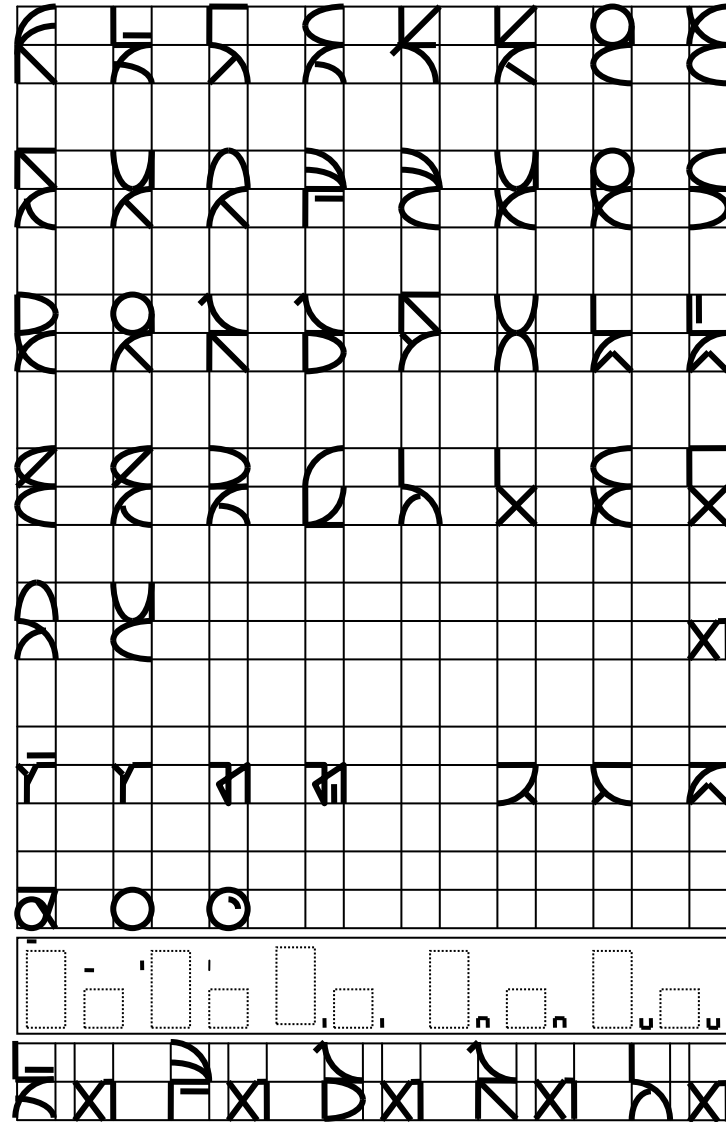
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0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9



ኢፈኢፈር  
 ኢር  
 ኢፍ፣ኢፍ



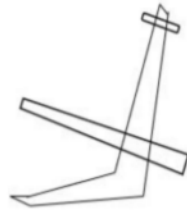
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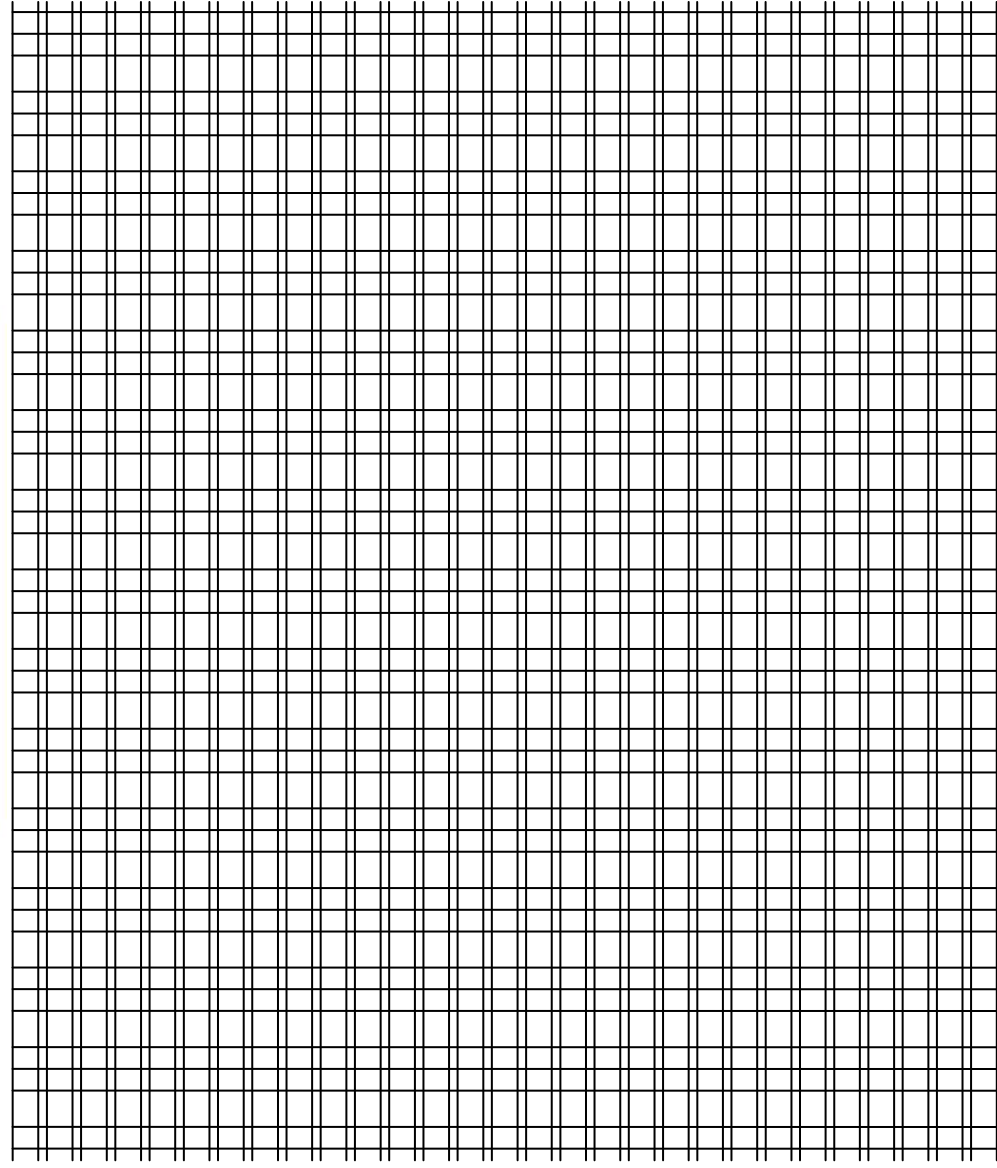
Name of Letter: Laleeba

Sound of Letter: As Double L in Skull



ADDENDUM

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