

Phonemes of Halbi

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A summary of Halbi phonology is presented in the following tables.

Consonants

	bilabial	dental	retroflexed	alveo-palatal	velar
Stops					
voiceless	p	t	ʈ	tʃ	k
aspirated	p ^h	t ^h	ʈ ^h	tʃ ^h	k ^h
voiced	b	d	ɖ	dʒ	g
aspirated	b ^h	d ^h	ɖ ^h	dʒ ^h	g ^h
Continuants		front		back	
nasal		m		n	
vibrant		r		ɽ	
semi-vowel		w		y	
fricative		s		h	
lateral			l		

Vowels

	front	central	back
Oral			
high	i	ə	u
low	e	a	o
Nasalised			
high	ĩ	ẽ	ũ
low	ẽ	ã	õ

The Syllables of Halbi

The syllable patterns for Halbi are: V, VC, CV, CVC, CCV, CCVC

The patterns CCV and CCVC may have a stop as C₁ and /h/ as C₂ or a /k/ C₁ plus /y/ as C₂.

Nasalisation

The nasalised vowels may be realised as [Vnd], [Vɳd], [Vɳd̪], [Vɳg], where V represents any vowel plus non-phonemic nasal transition/nasal consonant, plus voiced stop.

The Word Patterns of Halbi

The word patterns of Halbi are: S, SS, SSS, SSSS, and SSSSS.

SS is the most common word pattern. S and SSS occur frequently while the patterns SSSS and SSSSS occur mainly in conjugated verbs.

The possible syllable patterns in SS words are: V.V, V.VC, V.CV, VC.VC, VC.CV, VC.CVC, CV.V, CV.VC, CV.CV, CV.CVC, CVC.CV, CVC.CVC

Halbi Phonemes in Devanagari Script

	bilabial	dental	retroflexed	alveo-palatal	velar
Stops					
voiceless	प	त	ट	च	क
aspirated	फ	थ	ठ	छ	ख
voiced	ब	द	ड	ज	ग
aspirated	भ	ध	ढ	झ	घ
Continuants	front		back		
nasal	म		न		
vibrant	र		ड़		
semi-vowel	व		य		
fricative	स		ह		
lateral	ल				

	front	Central	back
Oral			
high	ई	अ	ऊ
low	ए	आ	ओ
Nasalised			
high	ईं	अं	ऊं
low	एं	आं	ओं