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# BLIN LETTERS OF GE'EZ ALPHABET

h	ሀ	ሁ	ሂ	ሃ	ሄ	ህ	ሆ
he/hā	hu	hi	ha	hie/he	h/hē	ho	
l	ለ	ሉ	ሊ	ላ	ሌ	ሎ	ሎ
le/ā	lu	li	la	lie/e	l/e	lo	
h'	ሐ	ሑ	ሐ	ሐ	ሐ	ሐ	ሐ
h'e/ā	h'u	h'i	h'a	h'ie/e	h'ē	h'o	
m	መ	ሙ	ሚ	ማ	ሜ	ሞ	ሞ
me/ā	mu	mi	ma	mie/e	mē	mo	
s	ሰ	ሱ	ሲ	ሳ	ሴ	ሶ	ሶ
se/ā	su	si	sa	sie/e	s/ē	so	
r	ረ	ሩ	ሪ	ራ	ሪ	ሮ	ሮ
re/ā	ru	ri	ra	rie/e	r/ē	ro	
sh/s'	ሸ	ሹ	ሺ	ሻ	ሼ	ሽ	ሽ
se/ā	su	si	sa	sie/e	s/ē	so	
k'	ቀ	ቁ	ቂ	ቃ	ቄ	ቅ	ቆ
k'e/ā	k'u	k'i	k'a	k'ie/e	k'ē	k'o	
q	ቆ	ቷ	ቶ	ቱ	ቲ	ታ	ታ
qe/ā	qu	qi	qa	qie/e	q/ē	qo	
b	በ	ቡ	ቢ	ባ	ቤ	ቦ	ቦ
be/ā	bu	bi	ba	bie/e	b/ē	bo	
t	ተ	ቱ	ቲ	ታ	ቲ	ቲ	ቲ
te/ā	tu	ti	ta	tie/e	t/ē	to	
ch/č	ቸ	ቹ	ቺ	ቻ	ቼ	ች	ች
ce/ā	cu	ci	ca	cie/e	č/ē	co	
n	ነ	ኑ	ኒ	ና	ኔ	ኖ	ኖ
ne/ā	nu	ni	na	nie/e	n/ē	no	
ñ/ny	ን	ን	ን	ን	ን	ን	ን
ñe/ā	ñu	ñi	ña	ñie/e	ñ/ē	ño	
ä	አ	አ	አ	አ	አ	አ	አ
ä(e)	ä	ä	ä	ä	ä	ä	
k	ከ	ከ	ከ	ከ	ከ	ከ	ከ
ke/ā	ku	ki	ka	kie/e	k/ē	ko	
x/kh	ኸ	ኸ	ኸ	ኸ	ኸ	ኸ	ኸ
xe/ā	xu	xi	xa	xie/e	x/ē	xo	
w	ወ	ወ	ወ	ወ	ወ	ወ	ወ
we/ā	wu	wi	wa	wie/e	w/ē	wo	
'ä	ዐ	ዐ	ዐ	ዐ	ዐ	ዐ	ዐ
'ä	'ä	'ä	'ä	'ä	'ä	'ä	
z	ሀ	ሀ	ሀ	ሀ	ሀ	ሀ	ሀ
ze/ā	zu	zi	za	zie/e	z/ē	zo	
ž	ሀ	ሀ	ሀ	ሀ	ሀ	ሀ	ሀ
že/ā	žu	ži	ža	žie/e	ž/ē	žo	
y	የ	የ	የ	የ	የ	የ	የ
ye/ā	yu	yi	ya	yie/e	y/ē	yo	

d	ደ	ዱ	ዲ	ዳ	ዴ	ዶ	ዶ
de/ā	du	di	da	die/e	d/ē	do	
j/ǰ	ጆ	ጅ	ጆ	ጆ	ጆ	ጆ	ጆ
je/ā	ju	ji	ja	jie/e	j/ē	jo	
g	ገ	ገ	ገ	ገ	ገ	ገ	ገ
ge/ā	gu	gi	ga	gie/e	g/ē	go	
ŋ/ng	ገ	ገ	ገ	ገ	ገ	ገ	ገ
nge/ā	ngu	ngi	nga	ngie/e	ng/ē	ngo	
t'	ጠ	ጡ	ጢ	ጣ	ጤ	ጥ	ጠ
t'e/ā	t'u	t'i	t'a	t'ie/e	t'/ē	t'to	
c'	ጠ	ጡ	ጢ	ጣ	ጤ	ጥ	ጠ
c'e/ā	c'u	c'i	c'a	c'ie/e	c'/ē	c'co	
p'	ጸ	ጸ	ጸ	ጸ	ጸ	ጸ	ጸ
p'e/ā	p'u	p'i	p'a	p'ie/e	p'/ē	p'po	
s'	ጸ	ጸ	ጸ	ጸ	ጸ	ጸ	ጸ
s'e/ā	s'u	s'i	s'a	s'ie/e	s'/ē	s'po	
f	ፈ	ፉ	ፊ	ፋ	ፍ	ፎ	ፎ
fe/ā	fu	fi	fa	fie/e	f/ē	fo	
p	ፕ	ፕ	ፕ	ፕ	ፕ	ፕ	ፕ
pe/ā	pu	pi	pa	pie/e	p/ē	po	
v	ቨ	ቩ	ቪ	ቫ	ቬ	ቭ	ቩ
ve/ā	vu	vi	va	vie/e	v/ē	vo	
kw	ኸ	ኸ	ኸ	ኸ	ኸ	ኸ	ኸ
kwe/ā	kwi	kwa	kwie/e	kwe			
xw	ኸ	ኸ	ኸ	ኸ	ኸ	ኸ	ኸ
xwe/ā	xwi	xwa	xwie/e	xwe			
k'w	ቆ	ቆ	ቆ	ቆ	ቆ	ቆ	ቆ
k'we/ā	k'wi	k'wa	k'wie/e	k'we			
qw	ቆ	ቆ	ቆ	ቆ	ቆ	ቆ	ቆ
qwe/ā	qwi	qwa	qwie/e	qwe			
gw	ገ	ገ	ገ	ገ	ገ	ገ	ገ
gwe/ā	gwi	gwa	gwie/e	gwe			
ŋ/ngw	ገ	ገ	ገ	ገ	ገ	ገ	ገ
ngwe/ā	ngwi	ngwa	ngwie/e	ngwe			

**NOTE**

- 1) Blin is one of the Cushitic languages of Eritrea. This language, as well as other Semitic and Cushitic languages of Eritrea, has many glottal, epiglottal, ejective and labiovelar sounds like, 'h'h', ḥḥ, O 'a, 'k'k', mt', w, l-kw, k'w, etc.. Thus, the Ge'ez alphabet is very suitable to write Blin.
- 2) Out of the 39 Ge'ez letters presented on this chart, only 31 are needed for writing strictly Blin sounds; and they are the following :- ሀh-ለl-ሐh'-መm-ሰs-ረr-ሸፍ-ቀk'-ቅq-ቤb-ተt-ነn-አä/a-ከk-ወw-ዐ'a-ፍy-ደd-ጅj-ገg-ገng-ጠt'-ፈf-ሐh'-ኸkw-ኸkw-ገgw-ገngw.
- 3) The following 8 letters are used for writing borrowed words in Blin:- ቸch/ር-ሻä-ደz-ገ-ገ-ገ-ገ-ገ-ገ-ገ.
- 4) The velar nasal stop "ገ-ng" with its labialized form "ገ-ngw" is a typical Blin sound. This Blin sound is the same as the last sound of English words which end with the letters "ng", like, sing. The Ge'ez letter for this sound, which is now included in some Ge'ez softwares, is present in old Blin literature.
- 5) Each symbol of the Ge'ez letters has 7 different shapes, called orders. And each order is a combination of consonant and vowel. The vowels are separately 7; and they are the following :- አä-ሀh-ሁu-ሊi-ላa-ሌe-ሎo-ሐ.
- 6) The following Ge'ez letters, ስs, ገh, ዐs, have the same repeated sounds like- ሀh, ሰs, and ጸs'.

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