

Phonetic transcription of Sukur: special characters

Note that we have not attempted to represent Sukur vowels nor the use of tones with any precision.

IPA character	Our transcription	Sound represented	Examples/Notes
ɣ	gh	voiced velar fricative	as in German ach
ɣ	ghr	harsher voiced velar fricative	as above but sounds as if followed by an r
x	x	voiceless velar fricative	as in German Ich
ʒ	zh	voiced postalveolar fricative	as in ‘measure’
dʒ	j	voiced palato-alveolar affricate	as in ‘judge’
ʃ	sh	voiceless postalveolar fricative	as in ‘shame’
tʃ	c	voiceless palato-alveolar affricate	as in ‘church’
ɬ	dl	voiced lateral fricative	
ɮ	tl	voiceless lateral fricative	
ʔ	‘	glottal stop (except before b and d)	
ɖ	‘d	voiced implosive d	
ɓ	‘b	voiced implosive b	
ŋ	ng	velar nasal	as in English sing
ə	ë	schwa, an open vowel	
au	-aw	terminal	as in English allow
ai	-ay	terminal	as in English die
i:	-iy	terminal	as in English tea
	w	inserted to separate syllables	e.g., Ruwa not Rua
	()	a very short or optional vowel	e.g., <i>k(ë)ra</i> (dog) noted on the root only
	a grave accent	represents a low tone	rarely indicated
	an acute accent	represents a high tone	rarely indicated