

## Introduction to varnamala- Vyanjan (Hal),Alpaprana, Mahaprana

### Class Objective:

To understand the consonants of Sanskrit and how words are formed, where the sounds are produced.

**Concept A:** Let us learn about consonants (व्यंजन). Consonants are also called Hal (हल). Consonants are dependent on swaras (vowels) for formation of words unlike swara, which are very independent and don't need any help from any other letter.

The consonants have a slant line (halant) below the letter:

Example:क् ख्

This is before they combine with vowels.

After they combine with vowels, the slanting line (called halant) goes away. Example:

क् + अ = क

ख् + इ = खि

**Concept B:** Categorization of consonants:

We have the below groups of consonants based on similar sounds:

**K varga (क् वर्ग)** क् ख् ग् घ् ङ् : (ka kha ga gha nga)

**C Varga (च् वर्ग)** च् छ् ज् झ् ञ् : (ca cha ja jha nya)

**T Varga (ट् वर्ग)** ट् ठ् ड् ढ् ण् : (ta tha da dha na)

**T Varga (त् वर्ग)** त् थ् द् ध् न् : (ta tha da dha na)

**P Varga (प् वर्ग)** प् फ् ब् भ् म् : (pa pha ba bha ma)

We have the below consonants which are not grouped:

य् र् ल् व् (ya ra la va)

श् ष् स् ह् (sha sha sa ha)

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