

GRAPHEMES OF THE MONGOLIAN SCRIPT

Element	Mongolian Name	English Name	Example
᠊	niruyu	spine	ᠨᠢᠷᠦᠭᠤ
ᠠ	ačuy	tooth	ᠠᠴᠠᠭ
ᠲ	titim	crown	ᠲᠢᠲᠢᠮ
ᠰ	silbi	shin bone	ᠰᠢᠯᠪᠢ
ᠡ	eber	horn	ᠡᠪᠦᠷ
ᠭ	gedesü	belly	ᠭᠡᠳᠡᠰᠦ
ᠬ	orkiča	right flourish	ᠬᠣᠷᠢᠴᠠ
ᠴ	čačuly-a	disjoined flourish	ᠴᠠᠴᠠᠯᠠ
ᠸ	uruysilay-a	left flourish	ᠸᠠᠷᠦᠶᠰᠢᠯᠠᠭᠠ
ᠡᠭ	erteger segül	upturned tail	ᠡᠷᠲᠡᠭᠡᠷ ᠰᠡᠭᠦᠯ
ᠴᠢ	kimüsü	claw	ᠴᠢᠮᠦᠰᠦ
ᠣ	odui segül	short tail	ᠣᠳᠤᠢ ᠰᠡᠭᠦᠯ
ᠪ	baybur	covered dish	ᠪᠠᠶᠪᠦᠷ
ᠰᠠ	bay-a orkiča	small right flourish	ᠰᠠᠪᠠ ᠣᠷᠻᠢᠴᠠ
ᠶ	gejige	pigtail	ᠶᠡᠭᠡᠵᠡᠭᠡ
ᠴᠡᠭ	čeg	point	ᠴᠡᠭ
ᠳᠤᠰᠤᠯ	dusul	double point	ᠳᠤᠰᠤᠯ
ᠬᠣᠩᠭᠦᠷ	könggür	gully	ᠬᠣᠩᠭᠦᠷ
ᠳᠤᠰᠤᠯᠤᠲᠤ ᠬᠣᠩᠭᠦᠷ	dusultu könggür	dotted gully	ᠳᠤᠰᠤᠯᠤᠲᠤ ᠬᠣᠩᠭᠦᠷ
ᠪᠡᠳᠡᠭᠦᠭᠦ	bitegüü	closed loop	ᠪᠡᠳᠡᠭᠦᠭᠦ
ᠰᠠᠨᠵᠢᠲᠤ ᠰᠢᠯᠪᠢ	sanjitu silbi	looped shin bone	ᠰᠠᠨᠵᠢᠲᠤ ᠰᠢᠯᠪᠢ
ᠠᠩᠭᠠᠷᠠᠭᠠᠢ ᠪᠠᠶᠪᠦᠷ	angyarqai baybur	open dish	ᠠᠩᠭᠠᠷᠠᠭᠠᠢ ᠪᠠᠶᠪᠦᠷ
ᠪᠣᠰᠠᠭᠠ ᠰᠢᠯᠪᠢ	bosuy-a silbi	rising shin bone	ᠪᠣᠰᠠᠭᠠ ᠰᠢᠯᠪᠢ
ᠠᠴᠠ	ača	branch	ᠠᠴᠠ
ᠡᠷᠲᠡᠭᠡᠷ ᠰᠢᠯᠪᠢ	erteger silbi	upturned shin bone	ᠡᠷᠲᠡᠭᠡᠷ ᠰᠢᠯᠪᠢ
ᠰᠤᠯᠵᠢᠮᠡᠯ ᠰᠢᠯᠪᠢ	süljimeḷ silbi	crossed shin bone	ᠰᠤᠯᠵᠢᠮᠡᠯ ᠰᠢᠯᠪᠢ
ᠰᠤᠯᠵᠢᠮᠡᠯ ᠰᠡᠭᠦᠯ	süljimeḷ segül	crossed tail	ᠰᠤᠯᠵᠢᠮᠡᠯ ᠰᠡᠭᠦᠯ
ᠶᠣᠻᠠᠲᠤ ᠰᠢᠯᠪᠢ	yoqatu silbi	hooked shin bone	ᠶᠣᠻᠠᠲᠤ ᠰᠢᠯᠪᠢ
ᠰᠡᠴᠢᠭ	sečig	crest (of a bird)	ᠰᠡᠴᠢᠭ

ᠰ	sanji	loop	ᠰᠠᠩᠵᠢ
ᠬ	γoq-a	hook	ᠬᠣᠭᠠ
ᠳ	sederkei	open tear	ᠳᠡᠳᠡᠷᠦᠢ
ᠨ	nomu	bow	ᠨᠣᠮᠤ
ᠶ	solbimal	fold	ᠶᠣᠯᠪᠢᠮᠠᠯ
ᠵ	jabaji	mouth corner	ᠵᠠᠪᠠᠵᠢ

These graphical elements are the building blocks of the Mongolian alphabet and when arranged along a straight vertical line or spine (niruyu) they form letters and, in turn, words.

THE MONGOLIAN ALPHABET (BASIC LETTERS)

	Letter	Initial	Medial	Final
1	a	ᠠ	ᠡ	ᠢ ᠣ
2	e	ᠡ	ᠢ	ᠣ ᠤ
3	i	ᠢ	ᠣ	ᠤ
4	o/u	ᠣ	ᠣ	ᠤ
5	ö/ü	ᠣ	ᠣ ᠣ	ᠤ
6	n	ᠨ	ᠨ ᠨ	ᠢ ᠨ
7	ng		ᠨ	ᠨ
8	b	ᠪ	ᠪ	ᠪ ᠪ
9	p	ᠫ	ᠫ	ᠫ
10	q	ᠬ	ᠬ	ᠬ
11	k	ᠬ	ᠬ	
12	γ	ᠬ	ᠬ ᠬ	ᠬ ᠬ
13	g	ᠬ	ᠬ	ᠪ
14	l	ᠯ	ᠯ	ᠯ
15	m	ᠮ	ᠮ	ᠮ
16	s	ᠰ	ᠰ	ᠰ
17	š	ᠰᠢ	ᠰᠢ	ᠰᠢ
18	t/d	ᠲ	ᠲ ᠲ	ᠲ
19	č	ᠴ	ᠴ	
20	j	ᠵ	ᠵ	
21	y	ᠶ	ᠶ	ᠣ
22	r	ᠷ	ᠷ	ᠷ

Extended Letters

	Letter	Initial	Medial	Final
23	w/v	ᵛ	ᵛ	
24	ē	ḙ	ᵛ	ḙ
25	f	ᶑ	ᶑ	ᶑ
26	ḱ	ᶑ	ᶑ	ᶑ
27	lh	ḙ	ḙ	
28	ž	ḙ	ḙ	
29	ts	ḙ	ḙ	
30	h	ḙ	ḙ	
31	zh	ḙ		
32	ř	ḙ		
33	ch	ḙ		

Variant B-Forms

Letter	Initial	Medial	Final
ba/be	ᠪ	ᠪ	ᠪᠤ
bi	ᠪᠢ	ᠪᠢ	ᠪᠢ
bo/bu	ᠪᠣ	ᠪᠣ	ᠪᠣ
bö/bü	ᠪᠤ	ᠪᠣ	ᠪᠣ

Variant P-Forms

Letter	Initial	Medial	Final
pa/pe	ᠫ	ᠫ	ᠫᠤ
pi	ᠫᠢ	ᠫᠢ	ᠫᠢ
po/pu	ᠫᠣ	ᠫᠣ	ᠫᠣ
pö/pü	ᠫᠤ	ᠫᠣ	ᠫᠣ

Variant F-Forms

Letter	Initial	Medial	Final
fa/fe	ᠹ	ᠹ	ᠹᠤ
fi	ᠹᠢ	ᠹᠢ	ᠹᠢ
fo/fu	ᠹᠣ	ᠹᠣ	ᠹᠣ
fö/fü	ᠹᠤ	ᠹᠣ	ᠹᠣ

Variant K/G-Forms

Letter	Initial	Medial	Final
ke/ge	ᠭ	ᠭ	ᠭᠤ
ki	ᠭᠢ	ᠭᠢ	ᠭᠢ
kö/gö kü/gü	ᠭᠤ	ᠭᠣ	ᠭᠣ

MONGOLIAN PUNCTUATION

Mongolian punctuation can be divided into two sections – those marks used during the Classical period and those marks used today in Inner Mongolia.

CLASSICAL PUNCTUATION

Punctuation Mark	Mongolian Name	English Name	Usage
•	čeg	point	Roughly analogous to the English comma
⋈	dabqur čeg	double point	Roughly analogous to the English full stop
◈	dörbeljin čeg	square point	Used to mark the end of chapters
᠎	biry-a	Birga	Used at the beginning of books or major sections within books
᠎	darani-yin temdeg	Dharani Marker	Used to mark dharani, sometimes carries the phonetic value of ‘Om’

MODERN PUNCTUATION

Punctuation Mark	Mongolian Name	English Name	Usage
•	dang čeg	point	equivalent to an English comma
⋈	dabqur čeg	double point	equivalent to an English full stop
;	salıaqu čeg	separation marker	equivalent to an English semi-colon
..	jergečege čeg	coordinate marker	equivalent to an English colon
⌢ ⌣	qasilta	enclosing markers	
⌢ ⌣	qayalta	shutters	
	jiruyasu	hyphen	
	qolbuyasu	union hyphen	
!	anqaruyulqu temdeg	exclamation mark	As English

?	asayuyu temdeg	question mark	As English
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HANDWRITTEN AND PRINTED LETTER FORMS

As with any language, the printed form of the Mongolian script is slightly different to that used in handwriting.

Each letter of the script is presented below in the cursive handwritten style along with instructions on stroke orders.

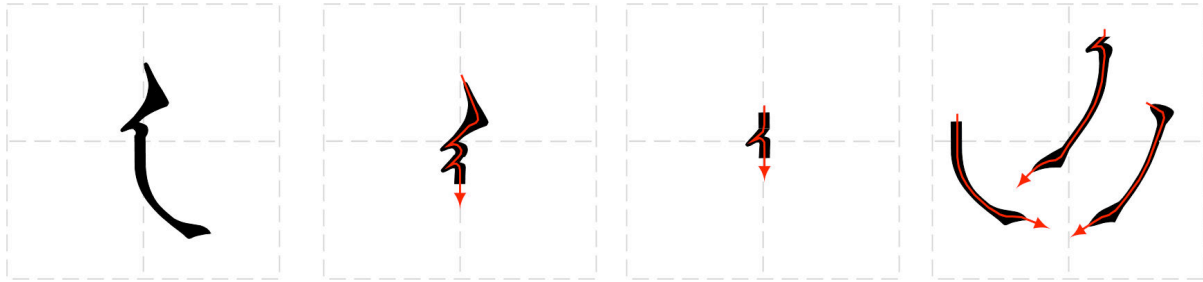
The first box represents an ideal version of the letter in question joined, in most cases, to the letter 'a'.

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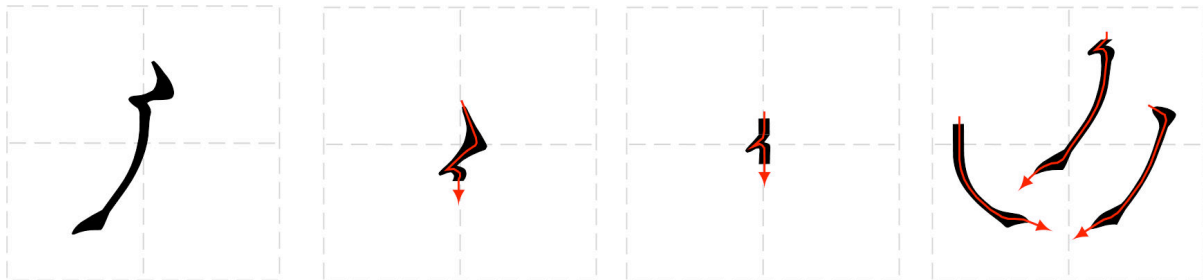
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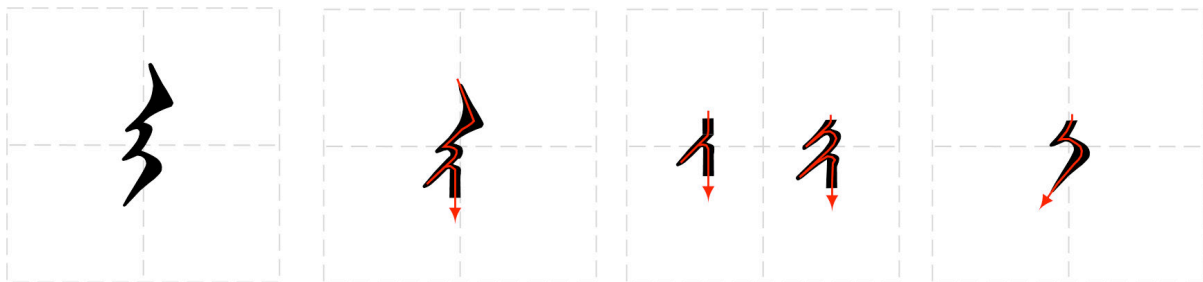
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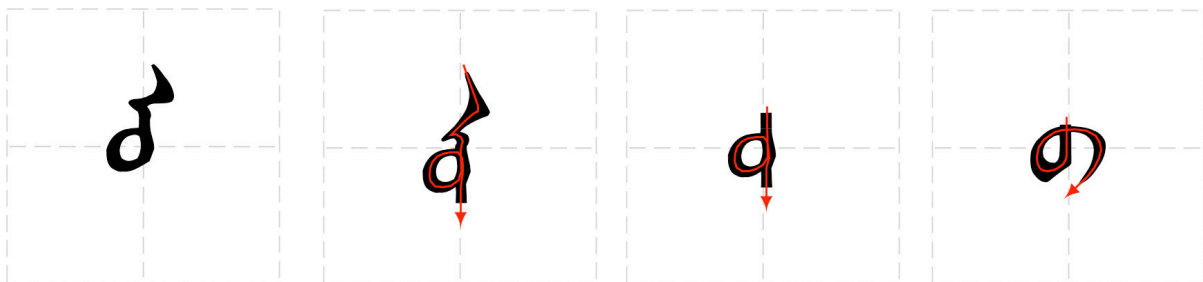
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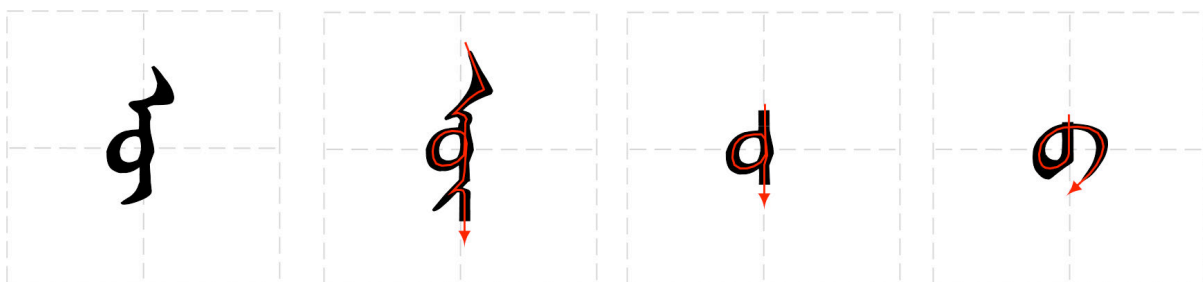
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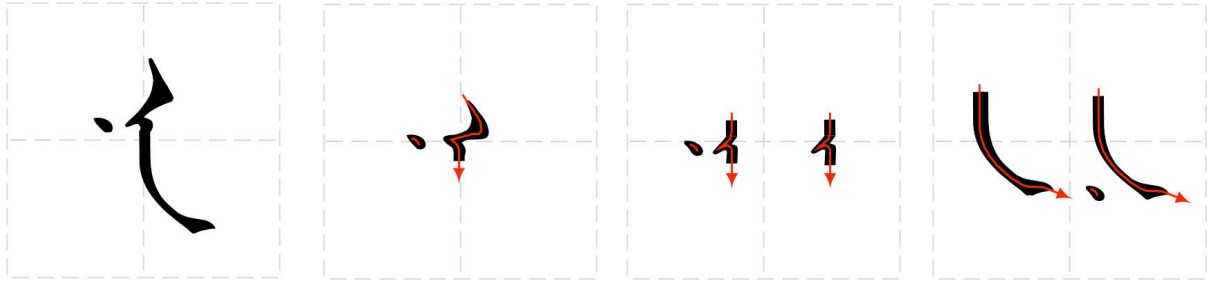


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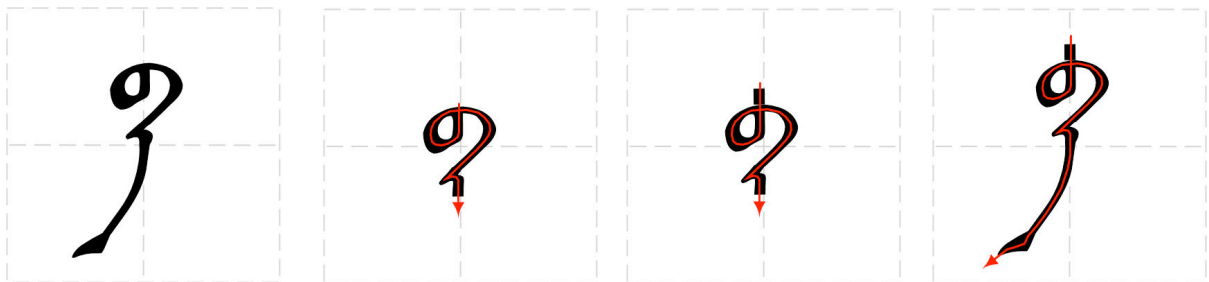
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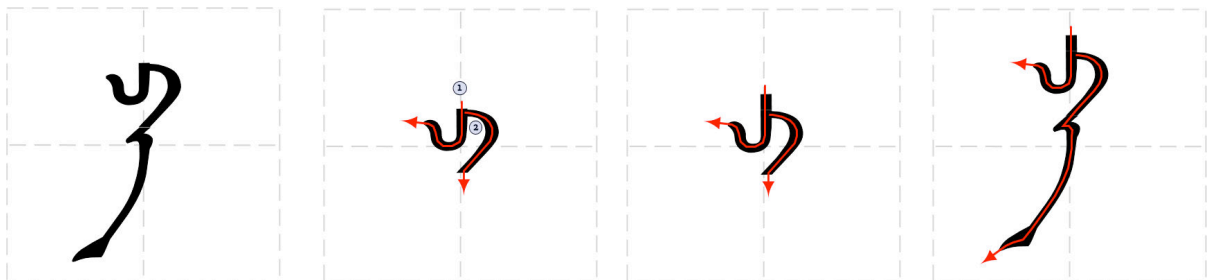
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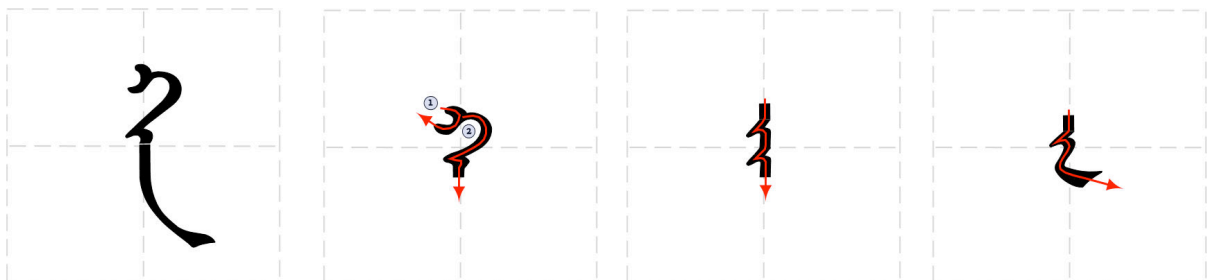
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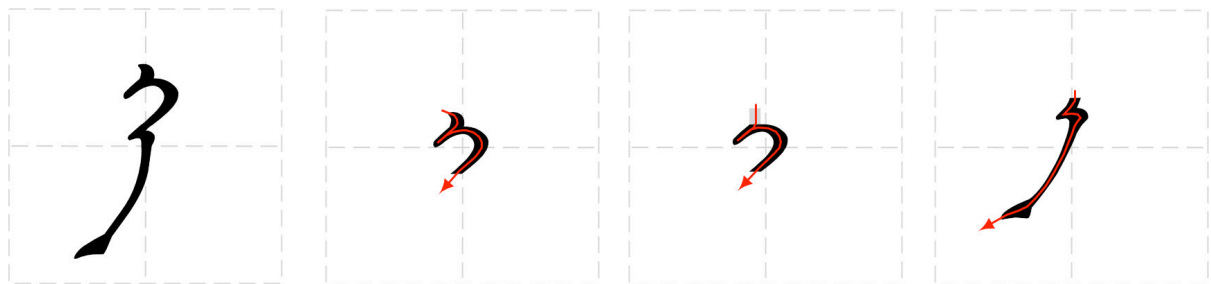
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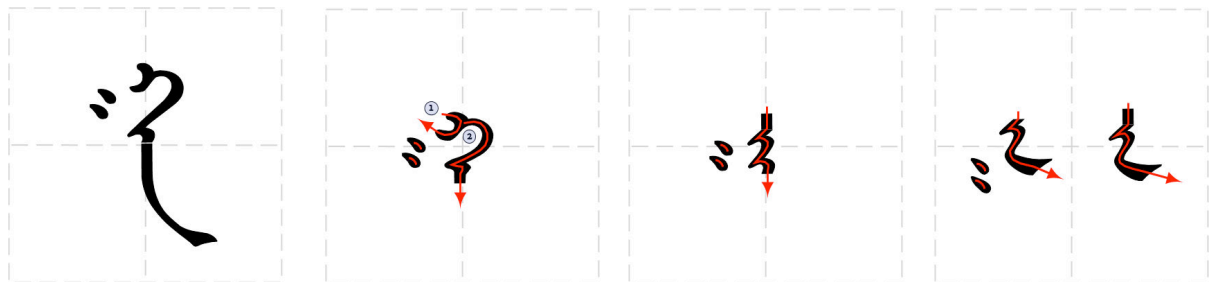
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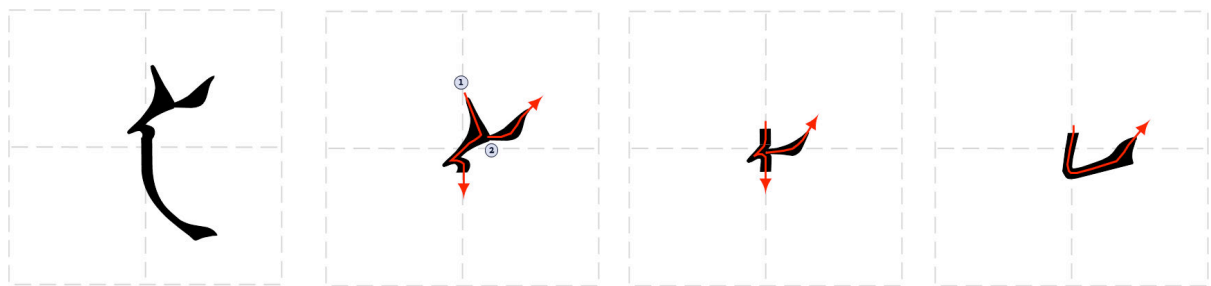
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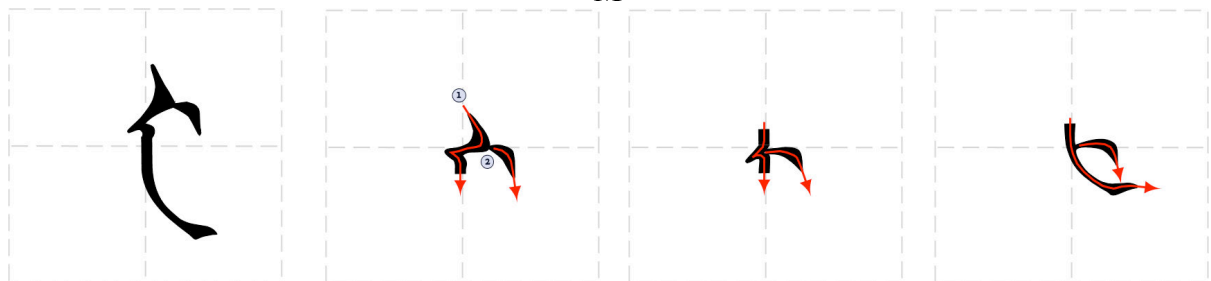
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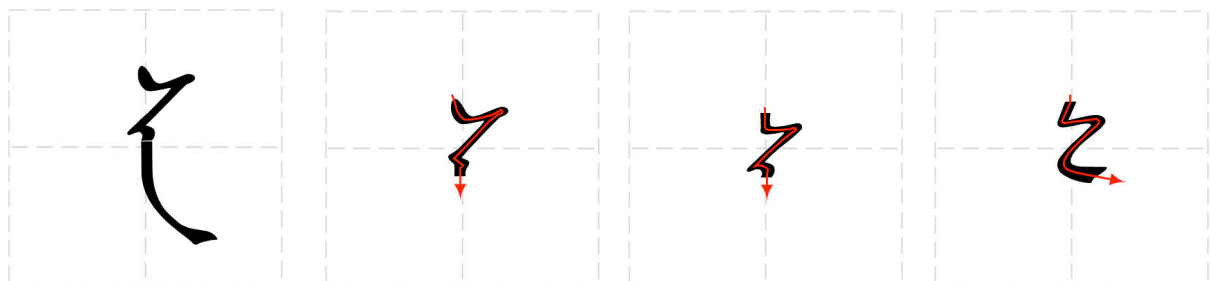
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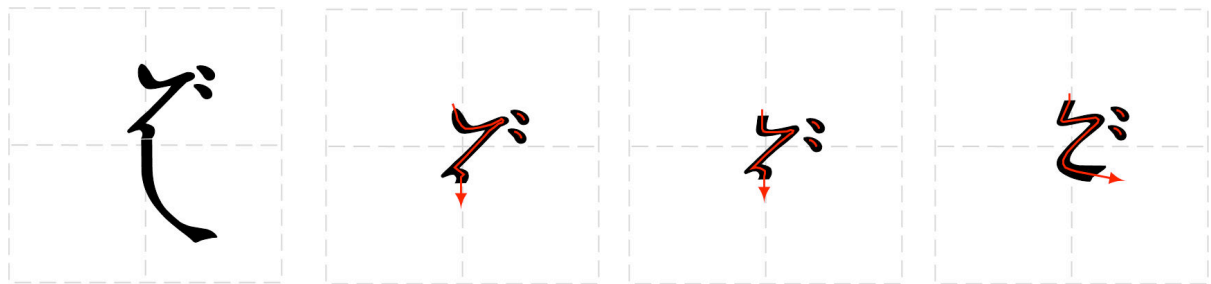
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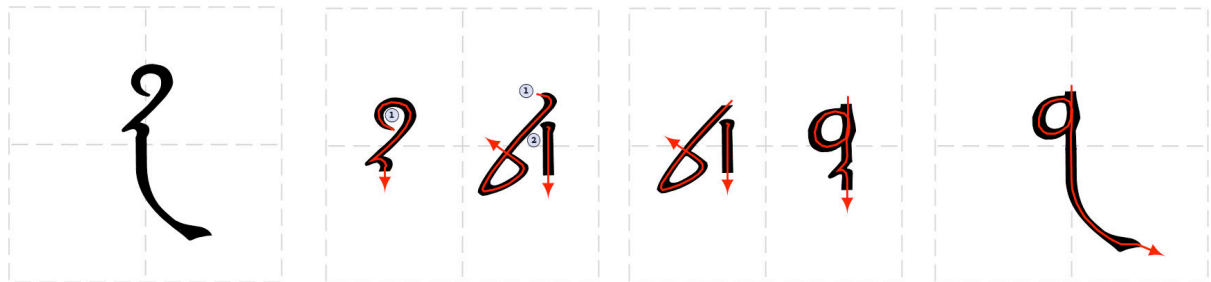
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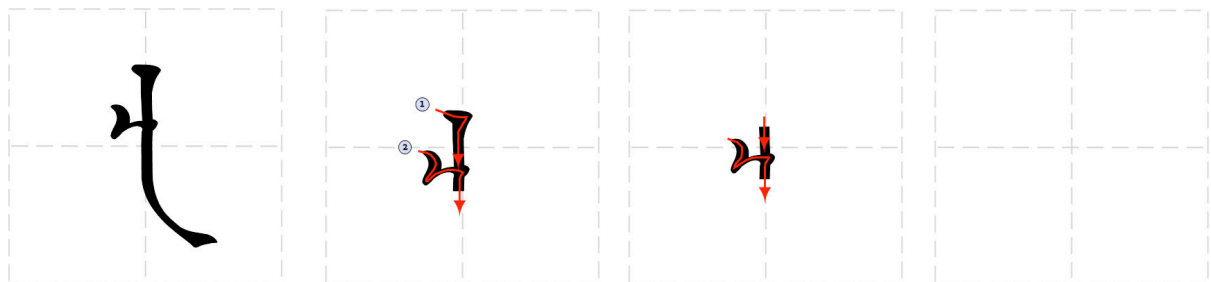
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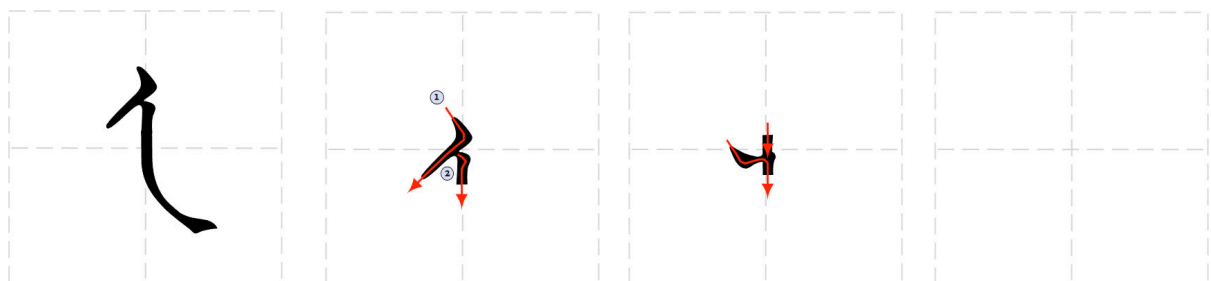
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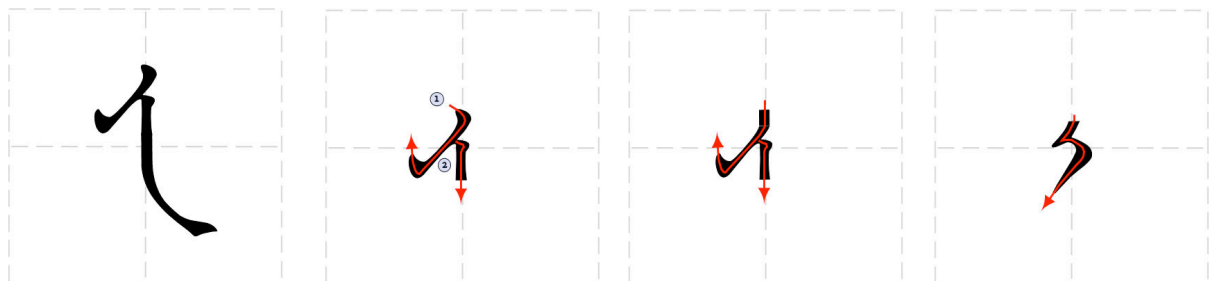
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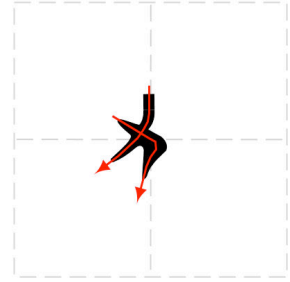
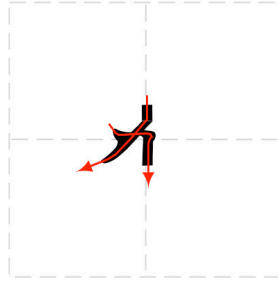
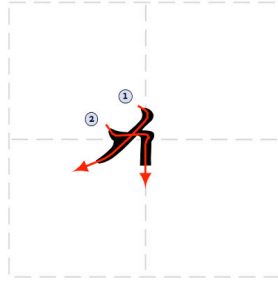
THE LETTER 'J'



THE LETTER 'Y'

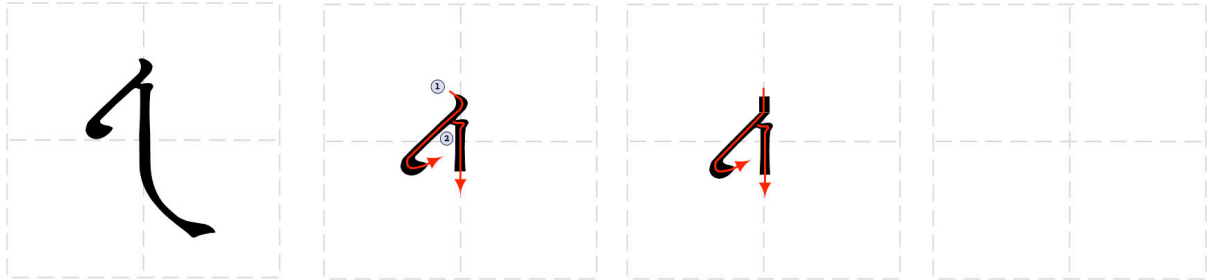


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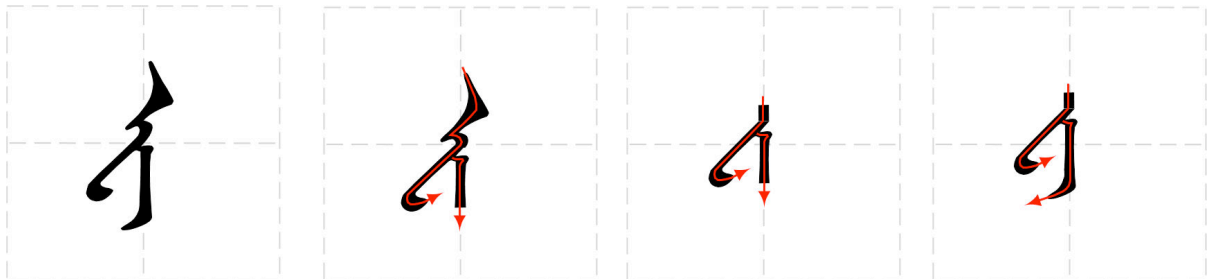


FOREIGN TRANSCRIPTION LETTERS

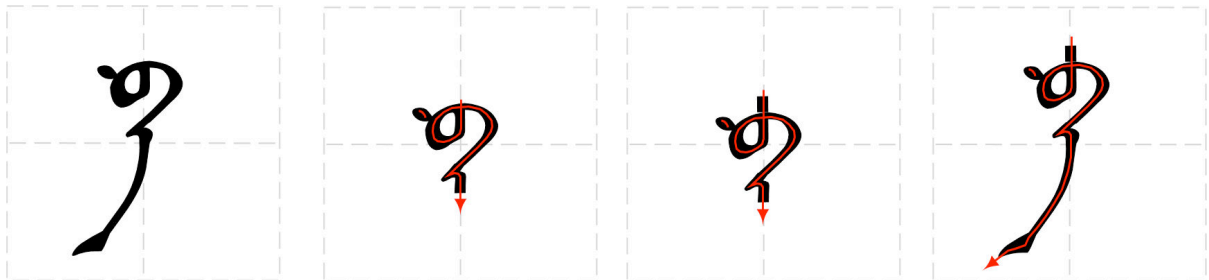
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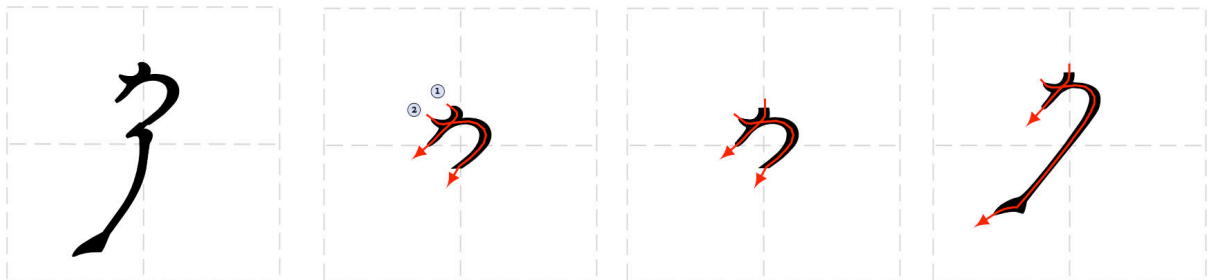
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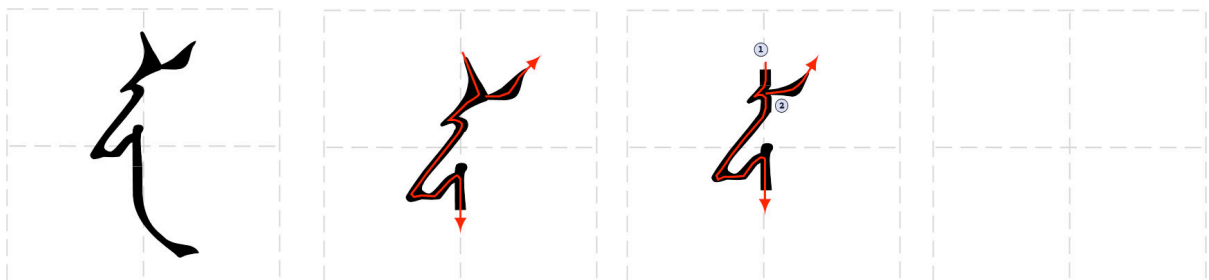
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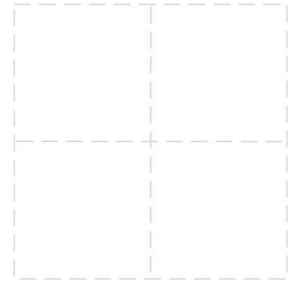
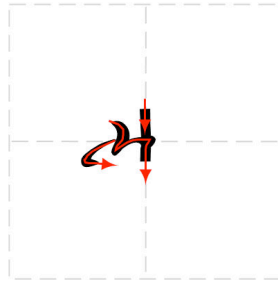
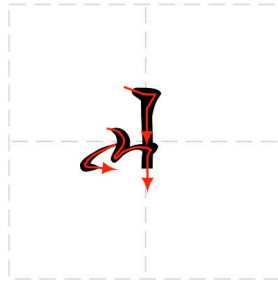
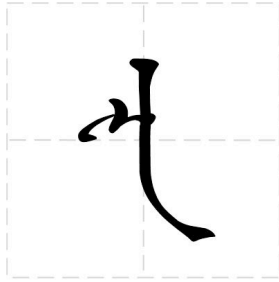
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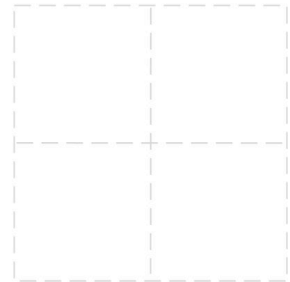
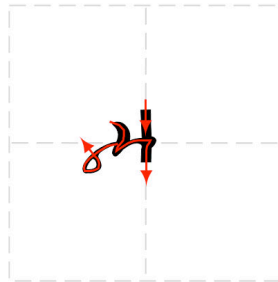
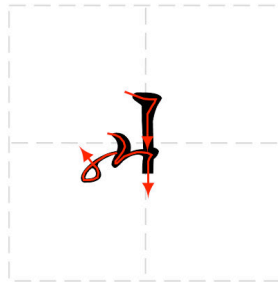
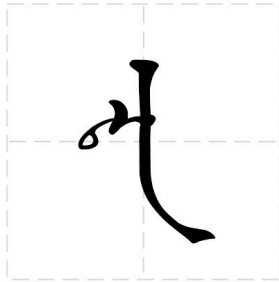
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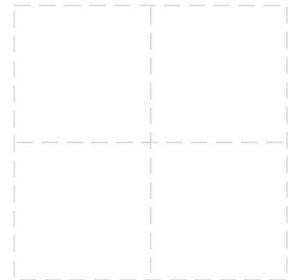
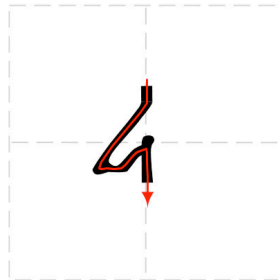
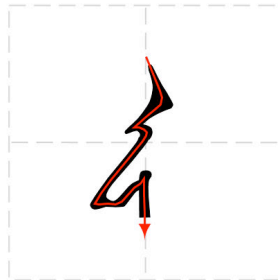
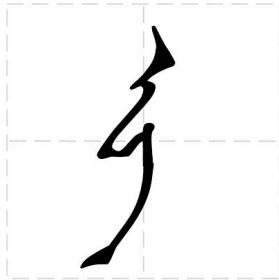
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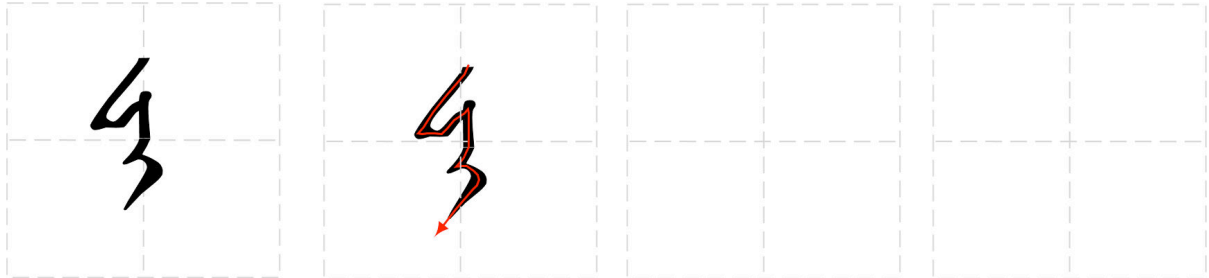
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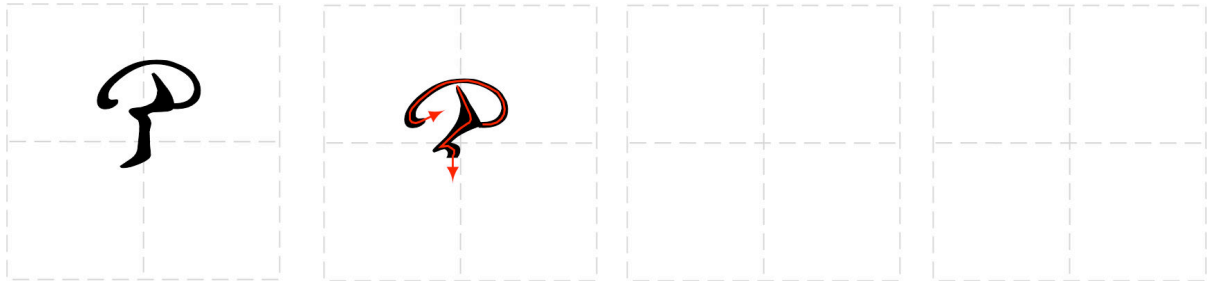
CHINESE TRANSCRIPTION LETTERS

These letters are not used for writing any native Mongolian words and are reserved solely for rendering sounds specific to the Chinese language for which no equivalents exist in the native Mongolian script. They are used exclusively for writing the Pinyin sounds, *zhi*, *r-*, *chi*, *er* and *shi*.

‘ZHI’



THE LETTER ‘R’



‘CHI’



‘ER’



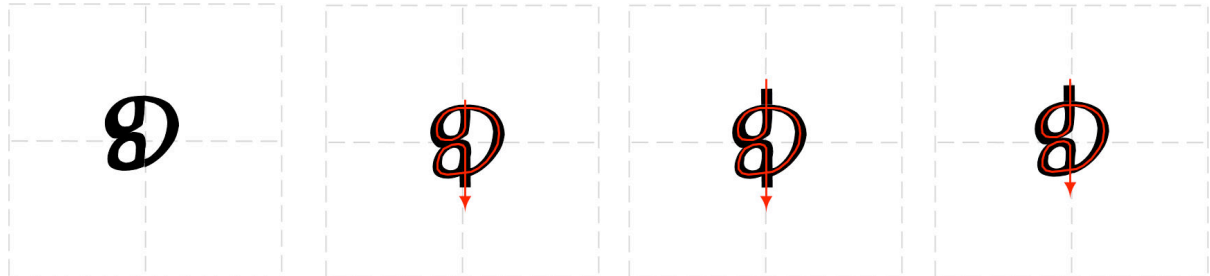
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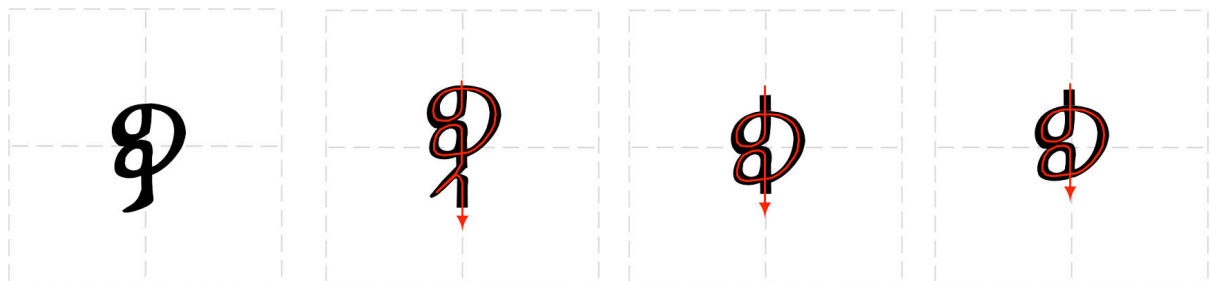
VARIANT B/K/G FORMS

The letters b, k, g, as well as p, f, and ķ, become elongated when attached to the vowels o, u, ö, or ü, and subsequently have a slightly different shape than they otherwise would. Only the variant forms for the commonly occurring letters b, k, and g are listed here as the variant forms for the remaining letters should be immediately clear.

VARIANT-B FORMS 'BO/BU'



VARIANT-B FORMS 'BÖ/BÜ'



VARIANT-KG FORMS 'KÖ/KÜ/GÖ/GÜ'

