

These could also be called semi-consonants. While the consonant is a ‘one syllable’ sound the semi-vowels can be voiced continuously as long as the exhaled breath lasts (the vocal apparatus not being disturbed) For instance ‘y(a)’ can be voiced either as a single syllabled sound or as a continuous sound by forcing air out while keeping the base of the tongue pressed against the roof of the mouth. This is true for all the languages without exception. Vide **Table 4.:**

Table 4. Semi Vowels

Language	Semi Vowels							
Assamese	য	ৰ	ল	ৱ	য			
Bengali	য	ৱ	ল		য			
Odissi	ଌ	ଋ	ୠ		ଌ			
Tamil	ய	ர	ல	வ		ள	ழ	ற
Telugu	య	ఠ	ల	వ		ళ		
Kannada	ಯ	ಠ	ಲ	ವ		ಳ		
Malayalam	യ	ര	ല	വ		ള	ഴ	റ
Marathi	य	र	ल	व		ळ		
Gujarati	ય	ર	લ	વ		ળ		
Gurmukhi	ਯ	ਰ	ਲ	ਵ		ਲ਼		ੜ
Hindi	य		ल	व				
Sanskrit	य		ल	व				
Indian-in-Roman	y(a)	r(a)	l(a)	v(a)	j̣(a)	ḷ(a)	ẓ(a)	ṛ̣(a)