

◌ं	Nasal Anusvara
◌ः	Visarga
◌ँ	Anunāsika
	danda
◌े	matra (vowel sign)
◌्र	rakar
'/s	(avagraha)
◌्	virama

"is"

bhū- to be, become (dynamic)

as - to exist (permanent)

vṛt - to be, transfer (changing state)

vid - to exist, to be found, to occur (visual)

a

described as a negative TP compound

ā

directs action to a speaker or object

Ablative

larger than, smaller than, from here to there, comparison

Absolute Constructions

2 Actions taking place at the one time

Locative:

While, when, as

While Rāma was speaking In Rāma's speaking

Noun and participle are both in the Locative.

Genitive: Similar to locative except both in genitive

Action Nouns

root + ana

gamana – a going

Adjectives

Does not have gender but takes on the gender of the noun they are describing They are declined like nouns. They are usually placed before the noun that they modify and agree with it in number, case, and gender.

Look for nouns which have matching gender case and number

Adjectives that start with k are always questions

Feminine adjectives end in ī or ā

Adjectival Compound

ends in adjective

last word can be a PPP or an adjective

Adverbs

Have case endings but are indeclinable

end in m, śas, vat, tas

Ablatives

Make a point of comparison "than"

api

api (ind.) also, too, very (placed after the word it is associated with)

Aspirated consonants

A syllable cannot have 2 . The first one loses its aspiration. Grassmann's law)

asti/bhavati

The form "asti" is used for the third-person singular subject (he/she/it), while "bhavati" is used for all other subjects

ātmanepada

verbs for self

Bahuvrihi

have to end in a noun – look for a gender change- but is adjectival (can end in PPP)
Verb tells you the requirements of a subject
must be describing the subject
usually a TP compound

bho

Exclamatory participle 'Hey', used with vocalic.

Both

is used before the nouns it is describing

Future Passive Participle

"I must go" becomes "it is to be gone by me"

This rule is according to the aShTAdhyAyl sUtra मोऽनुस्वारः stating मान्तस्य पदस्यानुस्वारो हलि (म् - ending word gets anusvAraH when consonant follows).

By Means Of

The instrumental is also used to express instrumentality, or "by means of".

Causatives

Use P endings

The causative past passive participle is always formed with i, which is the sign of the causative.

Compounds

Words in compounds are in stem form unless they end with an 'n' which then gets dropped. The **dvandva** compound (samāsa) is a compound that consists of two or more words that are considered equally important. It takes the gender of the final member in the compound construction.

As a general rule, a dvandva compound can be tested to be a dvandva if the members of the compound, when dissolved, can be joined by (one or several instances of) the conjunction च ca 'and'

itaretara: shopping list

samahara members work as a whole

i

"mother and father," the first word usually ends in a, the nominative singular

Tatpuruṣa is only last member important
>case compound > Karmadhāraya first describes last

case tatpuruṣa: First member would be in a different case from second if split.

dvigu tatpuruṣa first member is a numeral

nan tatpuruṣa first member of a compound is a negative

Upapada adjective, noun

second member cannot stand on its own and is a verb root or derivative
eg vedavit – could be a BV or noun, depending on translationx

nañ / samāsana turns noun into opposite by applying an a

Karmadhāraya Tatpuruṣa

would be in the same case if the compound was dissolved.

adjective qualifies a noun,

adverb qualifies an adverb

noun qualifies a noun

bahuvrīhi uses an existing TP compound but has implied meaning. Serves as an adjective describing something else. Has to end in a noun. A noun may change inherent gender but an adjective does not.

Look for 1.gender change; 2 verb tells you the requirements of the subject; 3 must be describing the subject

Both members are subordinate and may be in different cases if dissolved

May be masculine even if both words are feminine if it is describing a masculine noun

Verbal Prefixes

may be compound such that they modify each other.

a-prajā: negating TP changes noun prajā 'offspring' to 'childless'

pradi nuances or changes the meaning of the other word

pradi if difficult to take back to its original root

Adjectival Compounds

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Double Accusative

The verbs vadati (he says) and prcchati (he asks) often take a "double accusative": the object talked about and the person addressed.

Enclitic

enclitic appears after its host

can't appear as initial word in sentence

Endings

A word can only end in one consonant ##

-prati against
-loca world
-man possessed of

Etad

The pronoun etad (this) is declined the same as tad.

It refers to something nearer than tad.

evam bhavati asti

that's how it is

Eva

places emphasis on the word before it

Eva Iva Evam

Indeed, Like, Thus

Future Tense

sya or isya

Genitive

The genitive is always used in relation to the noun which follows it

Gerunds

A series of gerunds maybe used, but they must always be followed by a main verb, everything that goes with the gerund, such as the accusative, is usually placed immediately before it

tvā, sya

ya if a prefix

Grassman's Law - aspirated stops

the first of two aspirated stops in a root is deaspirated. A syllable can't have 2 aspirated consants

Have

There is no verb for "have" in Sanskrit. "Have" is formed with the genitive and bhū. For example:

vīrasya putro bhavati

Of the hero a son is. (becomes)

The hero has a son.

Infinitive

can act as object of main verb or can have its own object

in

Ending on nouns gives a sense of possession

Instrumental

The means by which an action is done.

As a verb form, a PPP can be connected to nouns as its location, instrument, and so on

iti

quotative participle

iti is used for direct speech, for thought, ideas, etc. In Sanskrit these cannot be phrased indirectly.

iti can be used with any verb denoting speech or thought or perception

narasya putro 'stīty (= asti + iti) avagacchati

iva

The word "iva" indicates "like" or "as if." It is preceded by the case of the noun it is providing equivalence to. For example: nṛpa iva balo vadati.

The boy speaks like a king

ka

which means

"who," "what," or "how." This pronoun is declined exactly like tad, except that the neuter singular nominative and accusative is kim.

katham

How – beginning of sentence

locative participles

may resemble verbs

MLS > bhavati, juhvati p210

As a verb form, a PPP can be connected to nouns as its location, instrument, and so on

Love Words

take locative

ma

The imperative is negated by ma, rather than na

Mat Vat Ya

mat and vat are used to indicate possession

A word can only end in a single consonant
the vat suffix is generally used if the noun ends in a

or ऋ.

ya means "pertaining to," "relating to,"
"belonging to," "deriving from."

If there is a vowel at the end of the noun, it is dropped before ऋ.

The first syllable may or may not take its vrdhi substitute,

nāma

nāma (ind.) by name (placed after the word it is associated with)
name-nama-noun

neuter

often refers to an abstract principle

nn

can exist when surrounded by short vowel,
but indicates a word break if surrounded by long vowels.

Nouns in ऋ

Are usually related to a relation,

Os

words that end in os are almost always neuter

Parasmaipada

Verbs for others

PAP

resembles 3rd person plural

Parsing

The word narab would be classified as masculine, nominative, singular. Its parsing code would be mas. nom. sing.

Participle

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Perfect

"happened before I was born"

root +

long vowels reduplicate as short vowels

Periphrastic

Verbs that do not want to reduplicate.

Particularly in the case of the causative. The causative is expressed at the stem level.

Periphrastic Future

Consists of more than one word"

I will have

I should go

PPP

Ends in-ita

goes with nouns

has no inherent gender

Roots in -am use -ant

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pradi

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Pronominal Adjectives

anya other

ubha both (used in dual only)

eka one

para higher, beyond

pūrva former

sarva all

sva Own

These are declined like pronouns, except for the nominative and

accusative neuter singular. All but anya form their neuter

nominative and accusative singular like a noun. Only anya forms

it like a pronoun.

Pronominals

every form = pronominal stem + adverbial ending

yadā / tadā > particular ending used to create adverbs, specific sense of 'when/then'

ya-tra / ta-tra > locative 'where, there' but also can point to location in time 'when, then' (temporal or spatial)

ya-thā / ta-thā > ablative manner, but also point of comparison 'from which, therefore'

ya-taḥ / ta-taḥ > ablative expression of manner 'since....then' also reason/basis on which something occurs

Pronouns

While the first and second person pronoun have only one declension, the third person pronoun has three declensions— one for each gender. Genitive pronoun matches the gender of the person, not the thing.

Short word that starts with t,k

Personal	t
Demonstrative	this, that
Interrogative	"k" who which what
Relative	who which
Reflexive	svā my own our their
Possessive	<p><i>iya</i> my our their</p> <p>Possessives are formed with the suffix <i>iya</i>, from the stems of the personal pronouns म्हू mad, त्वद् tvad, &etc.: मदीय mad-<i>iya</i>, 'my,' तदीय tvad:<i>dya</i>, 'thy'; अस्मदीय asmad-<i>iya</i>, 'our,' युष्मदीय yusmad-<i>iya</i>, 'your'; तदीय tad-<i>lya</i>, 'his, her, its, their."</p>
Compound	By adding <i>drsa</i> , or <i>drksa</i> , to certain pronominal stems, the following 'such, like, what like' Macdonnell 117
Pronominal Adjectives	anyat ekam, param, sarvam, pūrvam, svam

	other, both, one, above, former, all, own (neuter singular, cases 1 and 2)
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punar

again – in front of verb

‡

nouns are agents. Eg real estator

Reduplication

1. Occurs in verbs of class 3
2. In verbs occurs for Perfect, Desirative, Intensive, Aorist
3. To form present tense for some roots. (EG: √sthā स्था 1P (stand) > tiṣṭhati तिष्ठति)

Relative And Correlative Pronouns

The relative and correlative pronouns take the gender and number of the antecedent. The case of the antecedent depends upon its role in each clause.

I see where the king lives.

Where the king lives, there I see.

I go if you go. (becomes)

If you go, then I go.

You obtain fruit where the forest is. becomes)

Where the forest is, there you obtain fruit

The man who goes is the king, who man goes,

he is the king who goes, that man is the king

The king sees the elephant on which I stand,

(becomes) on which elephant I stand, him the

king sees on which I stand, that elephant the

king sees

I see the man with whom Rama goes.

(becomes)

with which man Rama goes, him I see with

whom Rama goes, that man I see

Rama lives in the village from which I am

coming, (becomes) from which village I am

coming, in it Rama lives from which I am

coming in that village Rama lives

saha

The word saha, "together," is sometimes used after the instrumental to indicate accompaniment.

Sandhi

If you know that an s retroflexes after any vowel except a or ā, and that r and ṣ cause following n to retroflex, you are in front. Duals that end in e are not subject to sandhi

Semivowels

i →y, u →v, r→ṛ, l→i

sva

has a sense of self-reflection

ma/na

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tu

but, emphathetic, verse filler

tva

The Secondary Suffix

tva (feminine ta) can also be added to nominals to form an abstract noun, -ness, -ism, -ology
nitya (eternal) becomes
nityatva (eternity) (English -ness)
express a state of being-ness. It only forms neuter nouns.

tvam –

ending for abstract nouns

Upapada

example is veda-vit
verb usually cant exist alone

va

or (used like ca→) (never first in sentence or clause) vat (indeclinable)
When two nominatives are connected with va, the verb agrees with the nominative closest to it,

Verb Class Summary

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Verb analysis

tense, aspect, mood, voice, number, and person

number	singular, dual, plural
grammatical person	1st person, 2nd person, 3rd person
voice	Active, middle, passive voice
mood	Indicative mood, optative mood, imperative mood,; subjunctive, injunctive, precative, conditional
tense	Present, Imperfect, Perfect, Aorist, Simple Future, <i>Complex Future</i>
aspect	imperfective, aorist, stative

<http://prakrit.info/vrddhi/grammar/chapter-3/>

vinā

without – after the word

visaga

at a deep level, every final visaga is a letter s

word breaks

Look for things that should have sandhied but didn't

Look for endings that have changed k→g
t→d, p→b, d→n, n→ṃs, mś,ṃl h→r, ś, ṣ

Repetition

an intensive, or a distributive, or a repetitional meaning.

CHECK

Verbs in correct conjugation

Nouns and adjectives in correct declension "In agreement with"

Nouns and verbs agree

All pronouns present

va for questions

Relative Pronouns agree in gender and number

Pronoun types

Nouns and adjectives agree

Correct verbs

correct nouns

dots and dashes

Words agree within padas rather than whole lines