

Reading Skills

The art of vocal percussion using syllables for rhythm is known as Konnakol. Recitation of Konnakol helps develop a stronger understanding of rhythm and rhythmic patterns. It is important to keep *talam* while reciting these exercises. The Konnakol for groups of 3, 4, 5, 7, and 9 syllables are given below:

Number of syllables in the group	Konnakol
3	Tha Ki Ta
4	Tha Ka Dhi Mi
5	Tha Ka Tha Ki Ta
7	Tha Ki Ta Tha Ka Dhi Mi
9	Tha Ka Dhi Mi Tha Ka Tha Ki Ta

[Click here](#) to download the recording for the Reading Skills test. As preparation for the test, candidates should recite the following exercises, comprising groups of 3, 5, 7, and 9 syllables. The exercise starts on the beat. Note that, in the first speed, there is 1 syllable in 1 beat; in the second speed, there are 2 syllables in 1 beat; in the third speed, there are 4 syllables in 1 beat.

Tempo: 70 bpm

Groups of 3:

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Tha , Ka, Dhi , Mi , | Tha Ki Ta Tha | Ki Ta Tha Ki || Ta Tha Ki Ta Tha Ki Ta Tha | Ki Ta Tha Ki Ta

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Tha || Ki Ta Tha Ki Ta Tha Ki Ta | Tha Ki Ta Tha Ki Ta ||

Groups of 5:

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Tha , Ka, Dhi , Mi , | Tha Ka Tha Ki | Ta Tha Ka Tha || Ki Ta Tha Ka Tha Ki Ta Tha | Ka Tha Ki Ta |

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Tha Ka Tha Ki Ta Tha Ka Tha | Ki Ta Tha Ka Tha Ki Ta Tha Ka Tha Ki Ta Tha Ka Tha Ki | Ta

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Tha Ka Tha Ki Ta Tha Ka | Tha Ki Ta Tha Ka Tha Ki Ta ||

Groups of 7:

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Tha , Ka, Dhi , Mi , | Tha Ki Ta Tha | Ka Dhi Mi Tha | | Ki Ta Tha Ka Dhi Mi Tha Ki | Ta Tha Ka Dhi |
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Mi Tha Ki Ta | | Tha Ka Dhi Mi Tha Ki Ta Tha Ka Dhi Mi Tha | Ki Ta Tha Ka Dhi Mi Tha Ki | Ta
> > >
Tha Ka Dhi Mi Tha Ki Ta | | Tha Ka Dhi Mi Tha Ki Ta Tha Ka Dhi Mi Tha Ki Ta Ta Ka | Dhi Mi
> >
Tha Ki Ta Tha Ka Dhi | Mi Tha Ki Ta Tha Ka Dhi Mi | |

Groups of 9:

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Tha , Ka, Dhi , Mi , | Tha Ka Dhi Mi | Tha Ka Tha Ki | | Ta Tha Ka Dhi Mi Tha Ka Tha | Ki Ta Tha Ka |
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Dhi Mi Tha Ka | | Tha Ki Ta Tha Ka Dhi Mi Tha | Ka Tha Ki Ta | Tha Ka Dhi Mi Tha Ka Tha Ki | |
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Ta Tha Ka Dhi Mi Tha Ka Tha Ki Ta Tha Ka Dhi Mi Tha Ka | Tha Ki Ta Tha Ka Dhi Mi Tha | Ka
> > >
Tha Ki Ta Tha Ka Dhi Mi | | Tha Ka Tha Ki Ta Tha Ka Dhi Mi Tha Ka Tha Ki Ta Tha Ka |
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Dhi Mi Tha Ka Tha Ki Ta Tha | Ka Dhi Mi Tha Ka Tha Ki Ta | | Thaam