Thai Alphabet – Below is the Paiboon system for transcribing the Thai alphabet, which is easy to follow:

Consonants: Below are the consonants in Thai. Notice there are a number of English consonants missing: c (only ch is used), q, v, x and z. There are also three double letter consonants: ng, dt, bp, which are not found in English, but approximate sounds used in English.

Letter	*Pronunciation*
b	as in ball
ch	as in chat
d	as in dog
f	as in full
g	as in good
h	as in hope
j	as in jug
k	as in kept
l	as in like
m	as in most
n	as in neck
p	as in pass
r	as in rock only it is rolled like a Spanish r
s	as in save
t	as in talk
w	as in walk
y	as in young
ng	as in singing
dt	as in taco (a sharper t sound)
bp	as in spark (a sharper p sound)

Vowels: The Paiboon system transcribes Thai vowels to include the English a, e, i, o and u as well as a number of other letters, ʉ, ɛ, ə and ɔ. The single letter vowels are 'long' vowels, while double-letter vowels are 'short' vowels.

Long Vowels	Pronunciation
a	as in along (or bun)
i	as in slip
u	as in shoot
ʉ	as in ugh
e	as in met
ɛ	as in fat
ə	as in matter (with no 'r' sound)
o	as in vote
ɔ	as in fought

Short Vowels	Pronunciation
aa	as in ah
ii	as in bee
uu	as in you
ʉʉ	as in ooh or who
ee	as in lay
ɛɛ	as in glad
əə	same as ə only stretched out longer
oo	as in row or hoe
ɔɔ	as in raw