

## Introductory Sanskrit: The Language of the Gods

Introductory Sanskrit offers preludes to further in-depth linguistic study and a preparatory training for aspiring Yoga teachers by providing the requisite resources and instruction for students to master the script, pronunciation, essential vocabulary, and rudimentary grammar of Sanskrit. To enliven our study of these foundational components of the "language of the gods," anecdotal jewels from the great treasury of Sanskrit knowledge systems will be threaded through each element of the curriculum. These will include penetrating insights from the vast archive of yogic traditions, samples of the imaginative power and stunning beauty of Sanskrit literature, wise counsel and "good sayings" (subhasita) to live by, and an introduction to the practice of textual recitation.

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