

# भक्ति

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See also: भक्ती, भक्तों, भक्तो and भक्त

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## Hindi

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### Etymology

From Sanskrit भक्ति (*bhakti*).

### Noun

भक्ति • (bhakti) *f* (Urdu spelling بھکتی)

1. devotion
2. constancy
3. faith, faithfulness
4. reverence
5. devoutness
6. adoration, fidelity

### Related terms

- भक्त (bhakt)
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## Sanskrit

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### Etymology

From the -ta participle of the verbal root भजति (*bhajati*, “to divide, distribute, allot or apportion to”); compare भक्त (*bhaktá*, “distributed, assigned, allotted”). Ultimately from Proto-Indo-European *\*b<sup>h</sup>eh<sub>2</sub>g-*.

## Noun

**भक्ति** • (bhakti) *f*

1. distribution, partition, separation

क्षेत्रभक्ति (*kṣetra-bhakti*, “the division of a field”) — ’

भङ्गीभक्ति (*bhaṅgī-bhakti*, “division or separation into (a series of) waves or wave-like steps”) — ’

2. division, portion, share

3. a division of a सामन् (*sāman*) (also called विधि (*vidhi*), of which 7 or 5 are enumerated)

4. division by streaks or lines

5. streak, line, variegated decoration

6. row, series, succession, order

भवत्या (*bhaktiyā*) and भक्तितसु (*bhakti-tas*, “in succession”)

7. (at the end of a compound) the being a part of, belonging to

अज्भक्तेः (*ajbhakteḥ*, “on the part of the vowels”)

8. that which belongs to or is contained in anything else, an attribute

9. predisposition (of body to any disease)

10. attachment, devotion, fondness for, devotion to; bhakti

11. (with locative, genitive or at the end of a compound) trust, homage, worship, piety, faith or love or devotion (as a religious principle or means of salvation, together with कर्मन् (*karman*, “works”), and ज्ञान (*jñāna*, “spiritual knowledge”))

12. (at the end of a compound) assumption of the form of

13. often wrong reading for भङ्गिः (*bhaṅgi*) or भुक्ति (*bhukti*)

## Declension

### Feminine i-stem declension of भक्ति

	Singular	Dual	Plural
Nominative	<u>भक्तिः</u> (bhaktiḥ)	<u>भक्ती</u> (bhaktī)	<u>भक्तयः</u> (bhaktayaḥ)
Vocative	<u>भक्ते</u> (bhakte)	<u>भक्ती</u> (bhaktī)	<u>भक्तयः</u> (bhaktayaḥ)
Accusative	<u>भक्तिम्</u> (bhaktim)	<u>भक्ती</u> (bhaktī)	<u>भक्तीः</u> (bhaktīḥ)
Instrumental	<u>भवत्या</u> (bhaktiyā)	<u>भक्तिभ्याम्</u> (bhaktibhyām)	<u>भक्तिभिः</u> (bhaktibhiḥ)
Dative	<u>भक्त्यै</u> / <u>भक्तये</u> (bhaktiyai / bhaktaye)	<u>भक्तिभ्याम्</u> (bhaktibhyām)	<u>भक्तिभ्यः</u> (bhaktibhyaḥ)
Ablative	<u>भवत्याः</u> / <u>भक्तेः</u> (bhaktiyāḥ / bhakteḥ)	<u>भक्तिभ्याम्</u> (bhaktibhyām)	<u>भक्तिभ्यः</u> (bhaktibhyaḥ)
Genitive	<u>भवत्याः</u> / <u>भक्तेः</u> (bhaktiyāḥ / bhakteḥ)	<u>भक्त्योः</u> (bhaktiyoh)	<u>भक्तीनाम्</u> (bhaktīnām)
Locative	<u>भवत्याम्</u> / <u>भक्तौ</u> (bhaktiyām / bhaktau)	<u>भक्त्योः</u> (bhaktiyoh)	<u>भक्तिषु</u> (bhaktiṣu)

## Descendants

- Bengali: ভক্তি (bhôkti)
- English: bhakti
- Gujarati: ભક્તિ (bhakti)
- Hindi: भक्ति (bhakti)
- Kannada: ಭಕ್ತಿ (bhakti)
- Malay: bakti
- Marathi: भक्ती (bhakti)
- Oriya: ଭକ୍ତି (bhakti)
- Tamil: பக்தி (pakti)
- Telugu: భక్తి (bhakti)
- Thai: ภักดี (pák-dii)
- Urdu: بھکتی (bhakti)

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