

Asana names
principals of creating
and exercises

Memory requirements:

- understanding
(connection with known things)
- usage



meanings of the word āsana

- sitting as a process
- item for sitting
- posture
(including sex position)
- throne
- official position



sanskrit names of yoga-poses

asana — sitting and item for sitting

pīṭham — sitting and item for
sitting

mudrā — seal

kriyā — doing

vyayama — exercise



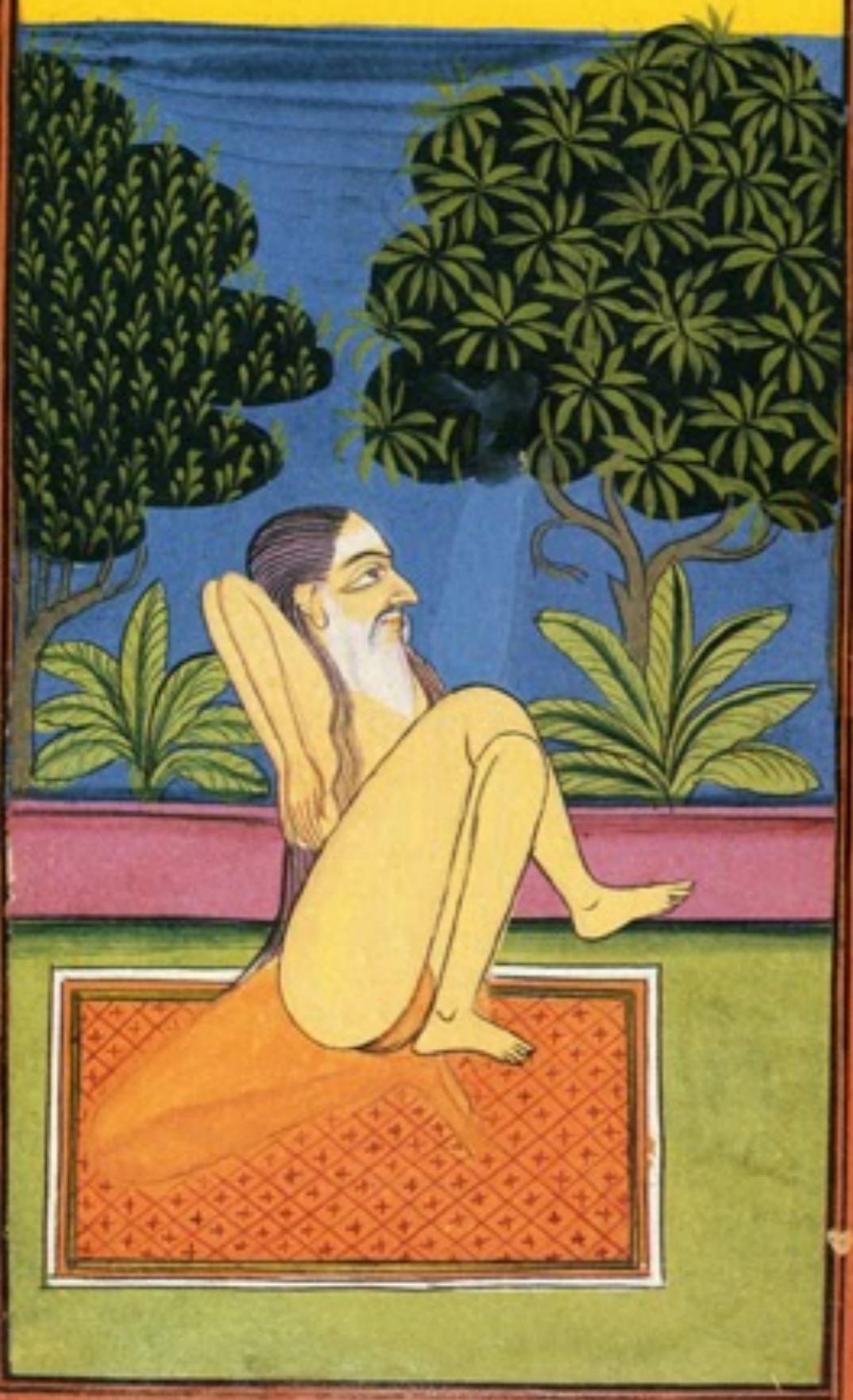
KAPHONI SAKTHI VIKASAKA (elbow)



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सिङ्ग-आसन ८४



स्वस्तिकगोमुखपद्मवीरसिंहभद्रमुक्तमयूराख्यासनान्यष्टौ ।

svastika-gomukha-padma-vīra-siṁha-bhadra-mukta-mayūra-ākhyāny āsanāny aṣṭau ।

*svastika, gomukha, padma,
vīra, siṁha, bhadra, mukta,
mayūra*

Sandilya Upanishad



पद्मासनं स्वस्तिकार्यं वज्रं भद्रासनं तथा॥ 9b

वीरासनमिति प्रोक्तं क्रमादासनपञ्चकम्॥ 10a

*padmāsanam svastikākhyam vajram bhadrāsanam tathā॥ 9b
vīrāsanamiti proktam kramādāsanapañcakam॥ 10a*

*padmāsana, svastikāsana,
vajra, bhadrāsana, vīrāsana*

Sarada Tilaka Tantra



स्वस्तिक गोमुख वीरासन कूर्मासन कुक्कुटासनम् घनुरासन श्रीमत्सना मत्स्येन्द्रपीठ
पश्चिमतानं मायूरं शवासनम् सिद्धासन पद्मासन सिंहासन भद्रासन

*svastika gomukha vīrāsana kūrmāsana
kukkuṭāsanam dhanurāsana śrīmatysana
matsyendrapīṭha paścimatāna māyūra
śavāsanam siddhāsana padmāsana
simhāsana bhadrāsana*

Hatha yoga pradipika



सिद्ध पद्म भद्र मुक्त वज्र स्वस्तिक सिंह गोमुख वीर धनुर् मृत गुप्त
मात्स्य मत्स्येन्द्र गोरक्ष पश्चिमोत्तान उत्कट सङ्कट मयूर कुक्ट कर्म उत्तान-
कूर्मक उत्तान-मण्डूक वृक्ष मण्डूक गरुड वृष शलभ मकर उष्ट्र भुजङ्ग

सिद्धिद

*siddha padma bhadra mukta vajra
svastika simha gomukha vīra dhanur
mṛta gupta mātsya matsyendra gorakṣa
paścimottāna utkaṭa saṅkaṭa mayūra
kukkuṭa karma uttāna-kūrmaka uttāna-
maṇḍuka vṛkṣa maṇḍuka garuḍa vṛṣa
śalabha makara uṣṭra bhujāṅga siddhida*



Gheranda Samhita

Asana name in sanskrit
compound (samasa)



The principle of the names of asanas

designation of the form

(action) of a pose +

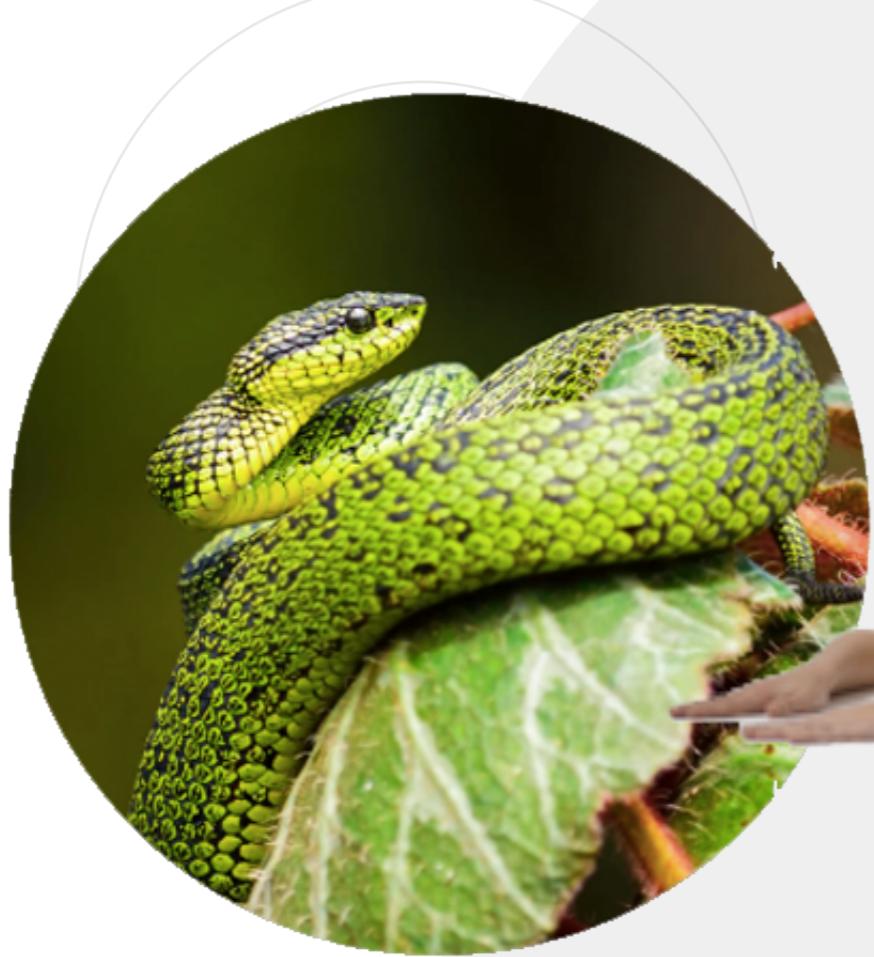
designation of the word “pose”



designation of the form (action)

- similarity principle (what the pose looks like)
- instructions (how to do a pose)
- action (what happens in the asana)
- good man name





bhujangasana

serpent — bhujanga





ashta-anga-namaskara-asana



Exercises



Asanas glossary

<https://library.in.yoga/asana-dictionary/>

- animals
- things
- parts of the body
- numbers
- actions, sides



Numbers

1	eka	एक
2	dvi	द्वि
3	tri	त्रि
4	catur	चतुर्
5	pañca	पञ्च
8	aṣṭa	अष्ट



Animals

uṣṭra	camel	उष्ट्र
kapota	pigeon	कपोत
baka	crane	बक
bhujaṅga	snake	भुजङ्ग
mārjārī	cat	मार्जारी
kukkuṭa	rooster	कुक्कुट
kūrma	turtle	कूर्म
matsya	fish	मत्स्य
śvāna	dog	श्वान
go	cow	गो
simha	lion	सिंह
mayūra	peacock	मयूर



Body parts

aṅga

body

अङ्गं

jānu

knee

जानु

mukha

face

मुख

pāda

leg

पाद

paścima

back

पश्चिम

hasta

hand

हस्त

śīrṣa

head

शीर्ष



Objects

dhanur	onion	धनुर्
kona	corner	कोण
nāva	boat	नाव
padma	lotus	पद्म
parvata	mountain	पर्वत
hala	plow	हल
cakra	wheel	चक्र



Directions/
states/
actions

adho	down	अधो
ardha	half	अर्ध
bhadra	happiness	भद्र
vajra	diamond	वज्र
vīra	hero	वीर
namaskāra	greetings	नमस्कार
prañāma	greetings	प्रणाम
prasāraṇa	stretching	प्रसारण
sarva	all	सर्व
sukha	comfort	सुख
ūrdhvā	up	ऊर्ध्व
uttāna	traction	उत्तान



Exercise 1:

translate the names of several asanas
using the mini dictionary



1 eka

eka-pada-prasarana-asana



3 tri

tri-konasana

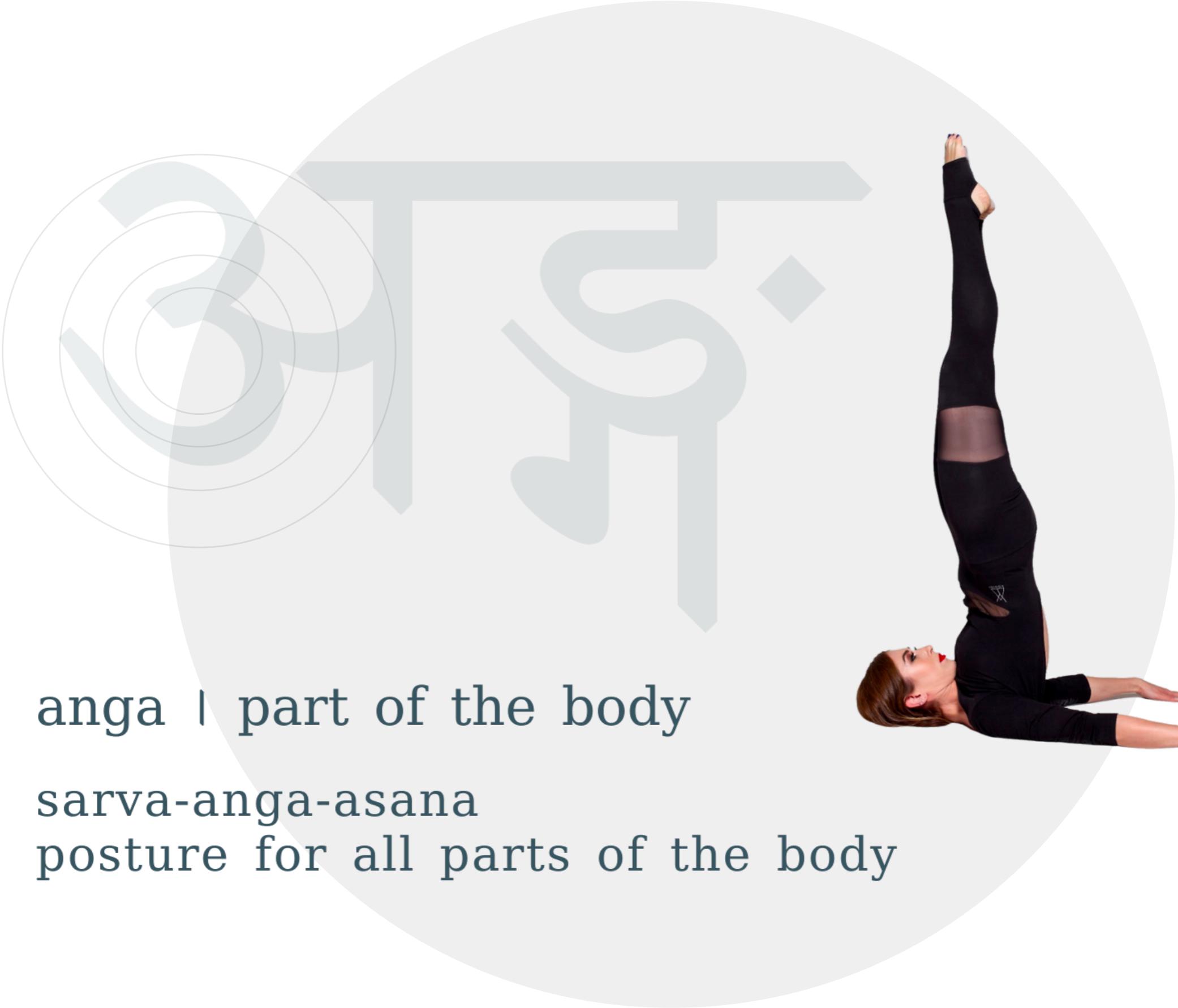


4 chatur



chatur-anga-dandasana





anga | part of the body

sarva-anga-asana
posture for all parts of the body

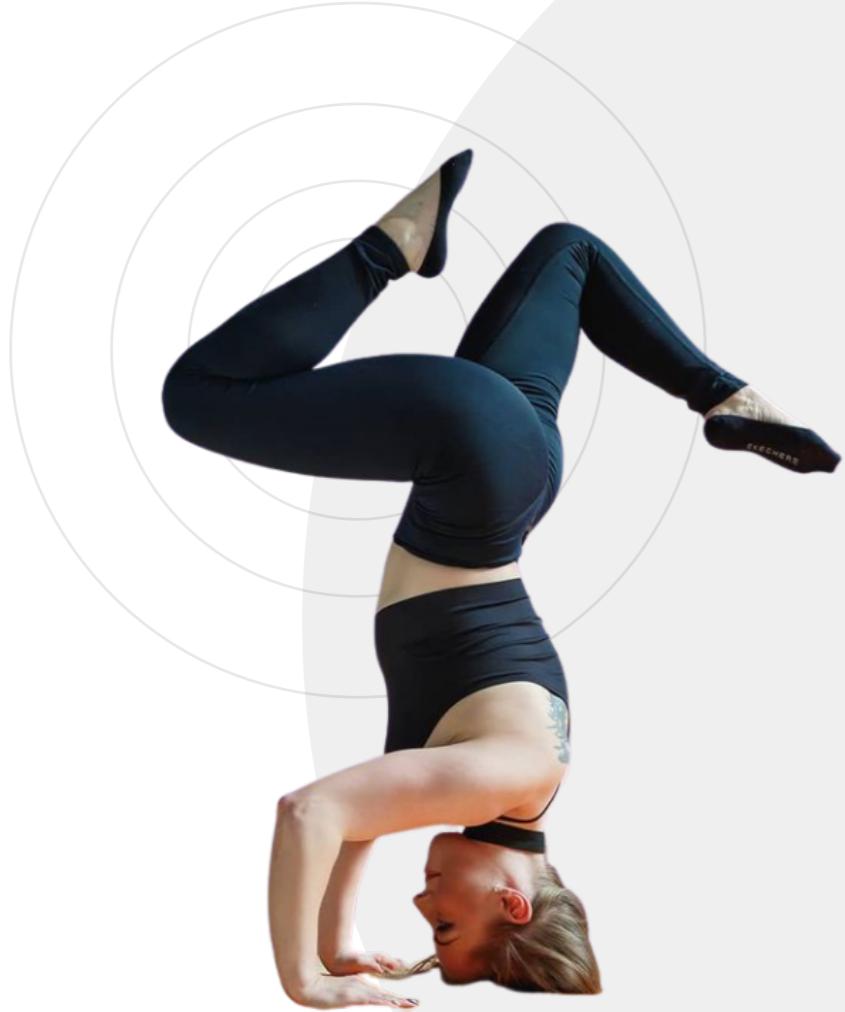




pashchima | back

পশ্চিমান্তর





shirshasana

shirsha | head

शिर्षासन





adho-mukha-shvana-asana





hasta | hand
hasta-uttanasana



janu | knee



janu-shirshsasana





urdhva | up

urdhva-mukha-shvana-asana

eka-pada-prasaranasana

sukhasana

tri-konasana

chakrasana

simhasana

chatur-anga-dandasana

navasana

gomukhasana

ashta-anga-namaskara

sarvangasana

virasana

matsyasana

pashchima-uttanasana

bhadrasana

ushtrasana

shirshasana

mayurasana

kapotasana

adho-mukha-svanasana

hanuman-asana

urdhva-mukha-svanasana

bakasana

janu-sirshasana

kukkutasana

hasta-uttanasana

dhanur-asana

halasana

parvatasana

vajrasana

padmasana

Exercise 2:
make a collage with
your photo in asana
and its symbol



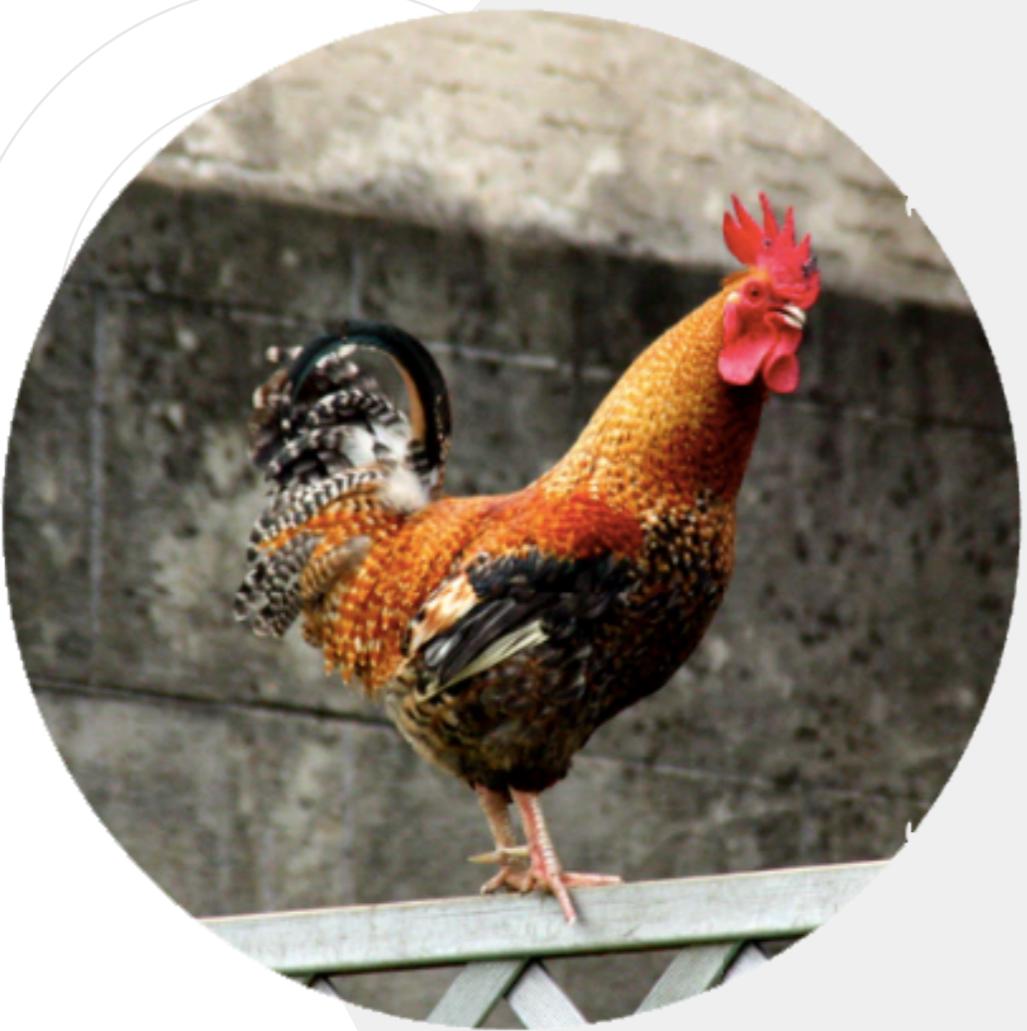


wheel — chakra



chakrasana





rooster — kukkuta



kukkutasana





lotus — padma



padmasana





pigeon — kapota

kapotasana



Exercise 3:

translate the names of asanas
into Sanskrit



plow pose

bow pose

triangle pose

back stretch pose

posture of hands to feet

arm stretch pose

downward facing dog

dog face up

half lotus pose

plow + posture

bow + posture

three + angle + posture

back + stretch + posture

hand + foot + posture

arm + stretch + posture

up + head + dog + posture

down + head + dog + posture

half + lotus + posture



three + angle + posture



त्रिकोणासनम्



Exercise 4*: derivation



आसनम्
āsanam

āsanam = √ ās ana m

sitting = √sit ing





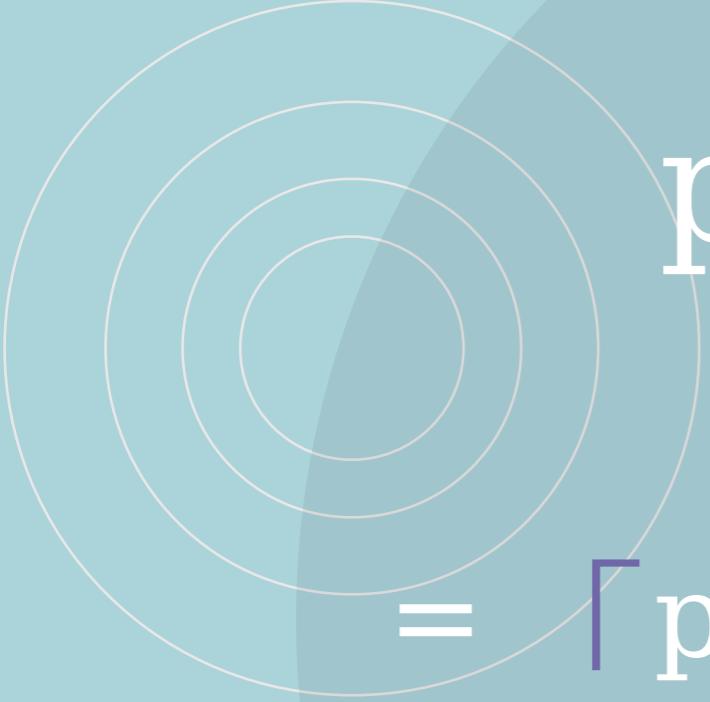
बन्ध

bandha

bandha = √bandh ^a

to band — band





प्राणायाम
prāṇa-āyāma

= ग्र pra वन् ग्रा व्यम् ा

totally controlled

full breath



ushtra = √ush + ^{tra}

ush — to heat

tra — place or instrument



ushtrasana
camel pose

marjari (cat)



marjari-asana

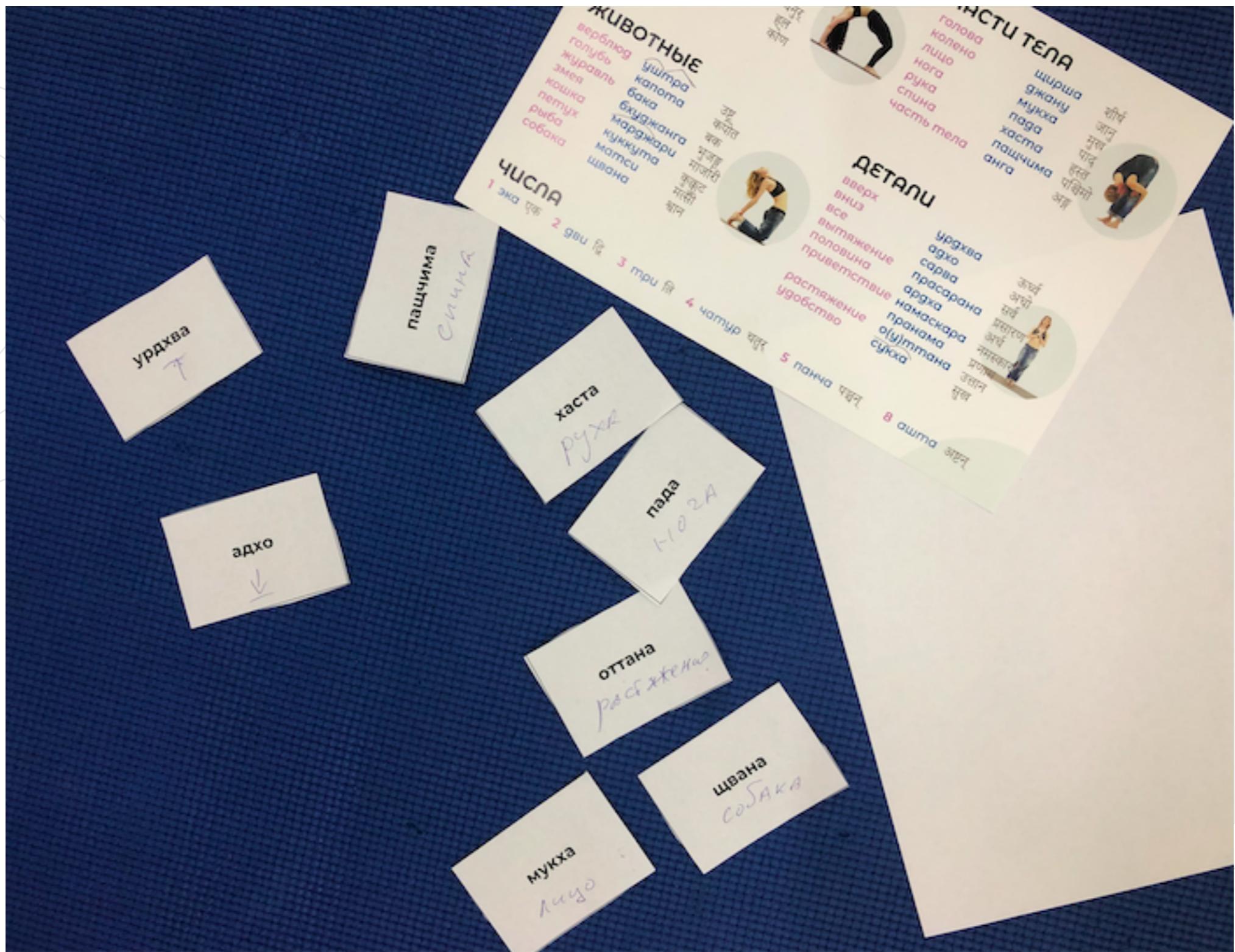
cat pose



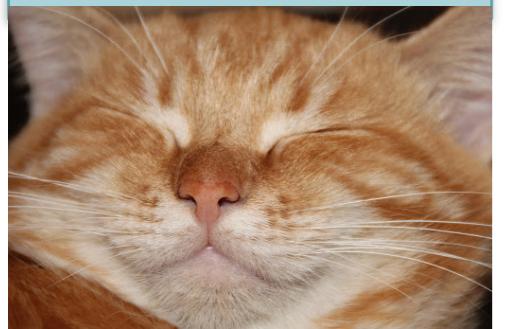
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Create your asana names

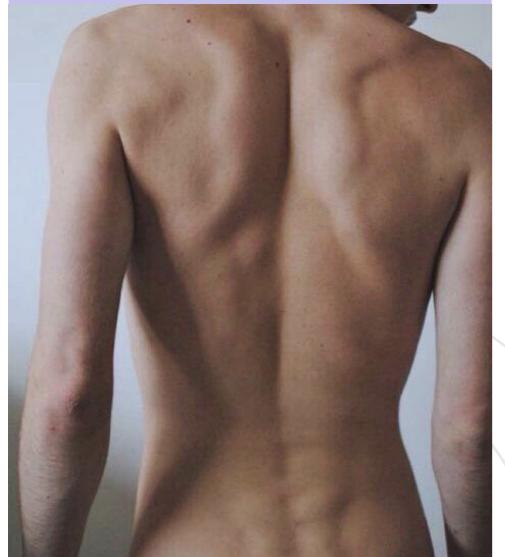




mukha



pashchima



hasta



utta



pada



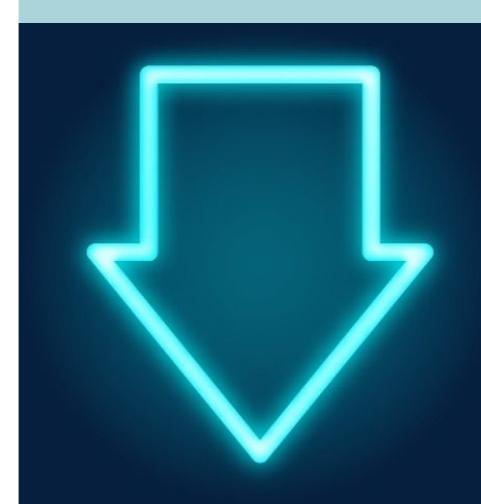
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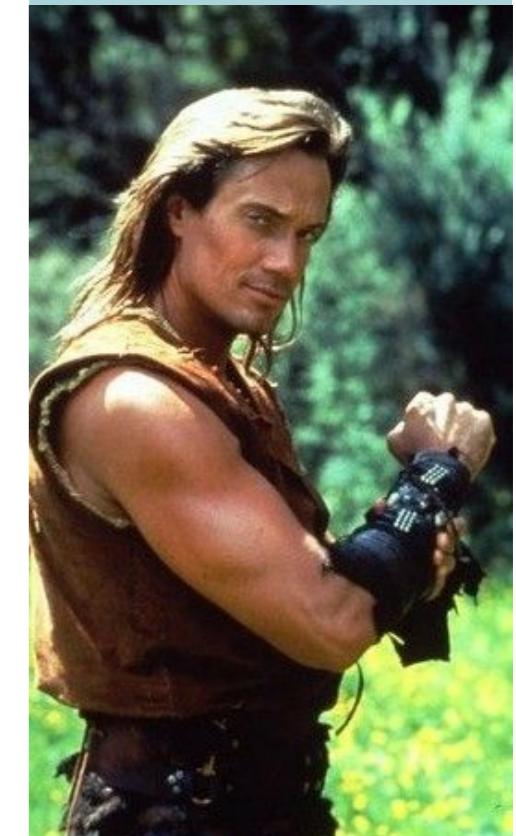
urdhva



adho



vira



Exercise 6. Remember

new about the names of asanas

new about sanskrit

new Sanskrit words

exercises

new asanas (pictures)



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