Letters of the Arabic Alphabet and their Shapes

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Dear Brother or Sister!

Salaam Alaikum!

Now that you are ready to begin learning the beautiful letters of the Arabic alphabet– to help you in being able to read and understand the words of Allah in the Noble Qur'an, we will start with the activities in this booklet.

Our lessons will begin with learning the Arabic alphabet and the different changes which each letter goes through! Just like in hand-written English, when a letter appears at the beginning, middle or end of a word, it has its own special shape, so too is the same with Arabic!

In the Arabic alphabet, there are twenty-eight (28) letters and each one is special in its own way– whether it is its shape or the number of dots (Nuqta) above or below the letter.

Some letters have a different shape for all four ways it is written: on its own; at the beginning of a word; at the middle of a word and at the end of a word! In this booklet, we will see how each letter changes at each stage of how it is written!

Be sure to pay careful attention to these lessons and make sure that you spend the time at home practicing how to write each letter as this will also help you learn and memorize the letters!

In addition, ask you mom or dad or brother or sister to sit down with you every day for a few minutes to help you learn these letters so that when you come back to Madressah, you will be able to show the teacher how much you have learnt and will be ready to begin reading the Qur'an very quickly and with great ease! May Allah bless you in helping you to learn the Arabic alphabet in the shortest time possible!

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The First Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: ALIF
SOUND: A

ا

Beginning of a Word

ا

Middle of a Word

ـا

End of a Word

ا

On Its Own

The Second Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: BAA
SOUND: B

بـ

Beginning of a Word

ـبـ

Middle of a Word

ـب

End of a Word

ب

On Its Own

The Third Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: TAA
SOUND: T

تـ

Beginning of a Word

ـتـ

Middle of a Word

ـت

End of a Word

ت

On Its Own

The Fourth Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: THAA
SOUND: TH

ثـ Beginning of a Word	ـثـ Middle of a Word
ـث End of a Word	ث On Its Own

The Fifth Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: JEEM
SOUND: JA

جـ

Beginning of a Word

ـجـ

Middle of a Word

End of a Word

ـج

On Its Own

ج

The Sixth Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: HAA
SOUND: HA

حـ

Beginning of a Word

ـحـ

Middle of a Word

End of a Word

ـح

On Its Own

ح

The Seventh Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: KHA
SOUND: KH

خ

Beginning of a Word

ـخـ

Middle of a Word

End of a Word

ـخ

On Its Own

خ

The Eighth Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: DAAL
SOUND: DA

د Beginning of a Word	ـد Middle of a Word
ـد End of a Word	د On Its Own

The Ninth Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: DHALL
SOUND: DHA

ذ

Beginning of a Word

ـذ

Middle of a Word

ـذ

End of a Word

ذ

On Its Own

The Tenth Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: RAA
SOUND: RA

ر

Beginning of a Word

ـر

Middle of a Word

ـر

End of a Word

ر

On Its Own

The Eleventh Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: ZAA
SOUND: ZA

ز

Beginning of a Word

ـز

Middle of a Word

ـز

End of a Word

ز

On Its Own

The Twelfth Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: SEEN
SOUND: SA

سـ

Beginning of a Word

ـسـ

Middle of a Word

ـس

End of a Word

س

On Its Own

The Thirteenth Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: SHEEN
SOUND: SHA

شـ

Beginning of a Word

ـشـ

Middle of a Word

ـش

End of a Word

ش

On Its Own

The Fourteenth Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: SWAD
SOUND: SWA

صـ

Beginning of a Word

ـصـ

Middle of a Word

ـص

End of a Word

ص

On Its Own

The Fifteenth Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: DHAWD
SOUND: DHA

ضـ

Beginning of a Word

ـضـ

Middle of a Word

ـض

End of a Word

ض

On Its Own

The Sixteenth Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: TWAA
SOUND: TA

ط

Beginning of a Word

ـطـ

Middle of a Word

ـط

End of a Word

ط

On Its Own

The Seventeenth Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: ZWAA
SOUND: ZA

ظ

Beginning of a Word

ظ

Middle of a Word

ظ

End of a Word

ظ

On Its Own

The Eighteenth Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: AYN
SOUND: A

ع

Beginning of a Word

ـعـ

Middle of a Word

End of a Word

ـع

On Its Own

ع

The Nineteenth Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: GHAYN
SOUND: GHA

غـ

Beginning of a Word

ـغـ

Middle of a Word

End of a Word

ـغ

On Its Own

غ

The Twentith Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: FAA
SOUND: FA

فـ

Beginning of a Word

ـفـ

Middle of a Word

ـف

End of a Word

ف

On Its Own

The Twenty-First Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: QAAF
SOUND: QA

قـ

Beginning of a Word

ـقـ

Middle of a Word

ـق

End of a Word

ق

On Its Own

The Twenty-Second Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: KAAF
SOUND: KA

كـ

Beginning of a Word

ـكـ

Middle of a Word

ـك

End of a Word

ك

On Its Own

The Twenty-Second Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: LAAM
SOUND: LA

لـ

Beginning of a Word

ـلـ

Middle of a Word

ـل

End of a Word

ل

On Its Own

The Twenty-Third Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: MEEM
SOUND: MA

مـ

Beginning of a Word

ـمـ

Middle of a Word

End of a Word

ـم

On Its Own

م

The Twenty-Fourth Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: NOON
SOUND: NA

نـ

Beginning of a Word

ـنـ

Middle of a Word

ـن

End of a Word

ن

On Its Own

The Twenty-Fifth Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: HAA
SOUND: HA

هـ

Beginning of a Word

ـهـ

Middle of a Word

ـه

End of a Word

ه

On Its Own

The Twenty-Sixth Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: WAAW
SOUND: WA

و

Beginning of a Word

ـو

Middle of a Word

ـو

End of a Word

و

On Its Own

The Twenty-Seventh Letter of the Arabic Alphabet is:
NAME: YAA
SOUND: YA

يـ

Beginning of a Word

ـيـ

Middle of a Word

End of a Word

ي

On Its Own

ي