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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

The Quran was revealed in clear Arabic. Understanding how to pronounce each letter correctly is the first step to reading the Qur'an with confidence. This guide will help you learn each Arabic letter حرف (harf), its articulation point مخرج (makhraj), and how it sounds with فتحة fatha (َ), كسرة kasra (ِ), and ضمة damma (ُ).

★ Every letter you pronounce when reading the Qur'an – even while learning – carries reward!

Hadith:

اقْرَأُوا الْقُرْآنَ فَإِنَّهُ يَأْتِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ شَفِيعًا لِأَصْحَابِهِ

"Recite the Qur'an, for it will come as an intercessor for its reciters on the Day of Resurrection." (Muslim)



## All 28 Arabic Letters with Full Details

No.	Letter (Isolated)	Letter Name	Makhraj (Articulation Point)	Fatha (-)	Kasra (-)	Damma (-)	Common Mistakes
1	أ	Alif	Glottal Stop (Throat)	أ (A)	إ (I)	أ (U)	This is a simple glottal stop. Should not be confused with ع
2	ب	Baa'	Lips (Shafatayn)	ب (Ba)	ب (Bi)	ب (Bu)	Mixing with پ (Persian P)
3	ت	Taa'	Tongue tip +upper teeth	ت (Ta)	ت (Ti)	ت (Tu)	Mixing with ط (Heavy T)
4	ث	Thaa'	Tongue tip +upper teeth	ث (Tha)	ث (Thi)	ث (Thu)	Pronouncing like س (Seen)
5	ج	Jeem	Middle tongue +hard palate	ج (Ja)	ج (Ji)	ج (Ju)	Mixing with غ (Ghayn)
6	ح	Haa'	Lower throat	ح (Ha)	ح (Hi)	ح (Hu)	Confusing with هـ (Haa)
7	خ	Khaa'	Upper throat	خ (Kha)	خ (Khi)	خ (Khu)	Mixing with ك (Kaaf)
8	د	Daal	Tongue tip +upper teeth	د (Da)	د (Di)	د (Du)	Mixing with ض (Dhaad)
9	ذ	Dhaal	Tongue tip +upper teeth	ذ (Dha)	ذ (Dhi)	ذ (Dhu)	Pronouncing like ز (Zay)
10	ر	Raa'	Tongue tip +gums	ر (Ra)	ر (Ri)	ر (Ru)	Rolling too much (like Spanish)
11	ز	Zaay	Tongue tip +upper teeth	ز (Za)	ز (Zi)	ز (Zu)	Mixing with ذ (Dhaal)
12	س	Seen	Tongue tip +upper teeth	س (Sa)	س (Si)	س (Su)	Confusing with ص (Saad)
13	ش	Sheen	Middle tongue +hard palate	ش (Sha)	ش (Shi)	ش (Shu)	Mixing with س (Seen)



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14	ص	Saad	Tongue +upper molars (heavy)	صَ (Sa)	صِ (Si)	صُ (Su)	Pronouncing like س (Seen)
15	ض	Daad	Side of tongue +upper molars	ضَ (Da)	ضِ (Di)	ضُ (Du)	Mixing with د (Daal)
16	ط	Taa'	Tongue root +upper palate	طَ (Ta)	طِ (Ti)	طُ (Tu)	Heavier than ت (Taa')
17	ظ	Dhaa'	Tongue tip +upper teeth	ظَ (Dha)	ظِ (Dhi)	ظُ (Dhu)	Mixing with ذ (Dhaal)
18	ع	'Ayn	Middle throat	عَ ('A)	عِ ('I)	عُ ('U)	Confusing with أ (Alif)
19	غ	Ghayn	Upper throat	غَ (Gha)	غِ (Ghi)	غُ (Ghu)	Mixing with خ (Khaa')
20	ف	Faa'	Lower lip +upper teeth	فَ (Fa)	فِ (Fi)	فُ (Fu)	No confusion with this one- same as F!
21	ق	Qaaf	Deep throat +tongue root	قَ (Qa)	قِ (Qi)	قُ (Qu)	Mixing with ك (Kaaf)
22	ك	Kaaf	Back tongue +soft palate	كَ (Ka)	كِ (Ki)	كُ (Ku)	Confusing with ق (Qaaf)
23	ل	Laam	Tongue tip +upper gums	لَ (La)	لِ (Li)	لُ (Lu)	Light vs. heavy pronunciation
24	م	Meem	Lips (closed)	مَ (Ma)	مِ (Mi)	مُ (Mu)	Nasal sound (Ghunnah)
25	ن	Noon	Tongue tip +upper gums	نَ (Na)	نِ (Ni)	نُ (Nu)	Nasal sound (Ghunnah)
26	هـ	Haa'	Lower throat	هَ (Ha)	هِ (Hi)	هُ (Hu)	Mixing with ح (Haa')



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27	و	Waaw	Lips rounding	وَ (Wa)	وَ (Wi)	وَ (Wu)	Sometimes a vowel (oo)
28	ي	Yaa'	Middle tongue +hard palate	يَ (Ya)	يِ (Yi)	يُ (Yu)	Sometimes a vowel (ee)

**All 28 Letters with Examples from Quran. Remember we read and write from the right!**

No.	Letter (Isolated)	Name	Final ←	Medial	Initial →	Quranic Examples
1	أ	Alif	أ	أ	أ	أنعمت , رأس , سماء
2	ب	Baa'	ب	ب	ب	بسم , اتبع , كتب
3	ت	Taa'	ت	ت	ت	تقوى , مستقيم , توبة
4	ث	Thaa'	ث	ث	ث	ثمود , يشرب , ثقل
5	ج	Jeem	ج	ج	ج	جنات , يجادل , جعل
6	ح	Haa'	ح	ح	ح	حق , يحكم , حمد
7	خ	Khaa'	خ	خ	خ	خالدين , مخزون , خلق
8	د	Daal	د	د	د	دين , قدير. دابة tr



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9	ذ	Dhaal	ذ	ذ	ذ	ذلك , يذكر , ذنب
10	ر	Raa'	ر	ر	ر	رب , براءة , رحمة
11	ز	Zaay	ز	ز	ز	زينة , مزج , زلزل
12	س	Seen	س	س	س	سما , مسجد , سبحان
13	ش	Sheen	ش	ش	ش	شيطان , مشركين , شهر
14	ص	Saad	ص	ص	ص	صراط , مصير , صلاة
15	ض	Daad	ض	ض	ض	ضلال , مضروب , ضحي
16	ط	Taa'	ط	ط	ط	طور , مطمئنة , طاعة
17	ظ	Dhaa'	ظ	ظ	ظ	ظلم , مظلوم , ظل
18	ع	'Ayn	ع	ع	ع	عليم , معروف , عذاب
19	غ	Ghayn	غ	غ	غ	غفور , مغضوب , غاشية
20	ف	Faa'	ف	ف	ف	فتنة , مفسدة , فجر
21	ق	Qaaf	ق	ق	ق	قلب , مقام , قدر



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22	ك	Kaaf	ك	ك	ك	كتاب , مكروه , كوثر
23	ل	Laam	ل	ل	ل	ليل , ملائكة , لباس
24	م	Meem	م	م	م	ملك , امرأة , ماعون
25	ن	Noon	ن	ن	ن	نور , منزل , نجم
26	ه	Haa'	ه	ه	ه	هدى , مهيمن
27	و	Waaw	و	و	و	ويل , موعد , والضحي
28	ي	Yaa'	ي	ي	ي	يقين , بيت , يس

## Non-Connecting Letters (الحروف المنفصلة)

These 6 letters do not connect to the letter that follows them (even in the middle of words):

أ - د - ذ - ر - ز - و

*Examples:*

- أنعمت (an'amta) → The alif (أ) doesn't connect to ن.
- دار (daar) → The dal (د) stands alone before ا.
- رحمة (Rahma) → The ra (ر) doesn't join ح.

Tip: They always keep their isolated shape (even in cursive writing).

Keep practicing as shown in the video.. it will come with time!

You may not perfect every letter today, but with consistent practice, inshaAllah, your pronunciation will improve. Repeat after me in every lesson, and by the end, you'll see the progress!



## Did You Know...?

Some letters in Arabic can be "heavy" (mufakhkham) or "light" (muraqqaq) depending on the context. This affects the depth and fullness of the sound.

Laam (ل) is normally light, but becomes heavy in the word **الله** when preceded by a fatha or damma (e.g., **اللهُ**, **رَسُولُ الله**).

Raa (ر) can be:

Heavy when it has a fatha or damma: **رَجُلٌ** (rajul), **رُزِقَ** (ruziqa), **رَحْمَةٌ** (rahma), **رُوحٌ** (rooh)

Light when it has a kasra or comes after a ya sukoon: **رِزْقٍ** (rizqin), **خَيْرٍ** (khayrin), **فِرْقَةٍ** (firqah)

All ر letters in Surah Al-Nas are pronounced light!

**! Common Mistake:** A frequent error is rolling the ر like the Spanish or French R. This is incorrect in Qur'anic recitation. Even when the ر is heavy, it should be pronounced cleanly and without a trill.



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