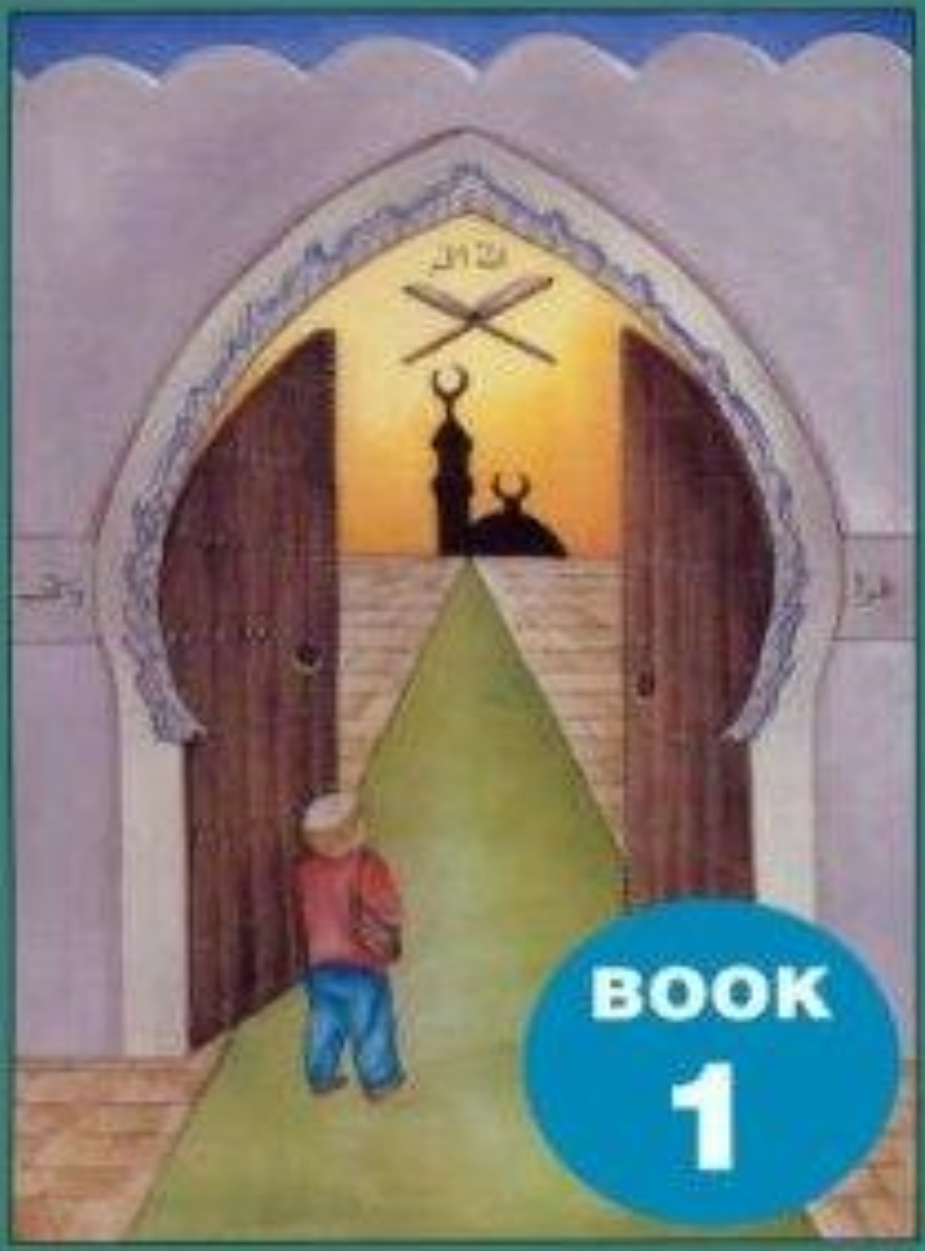
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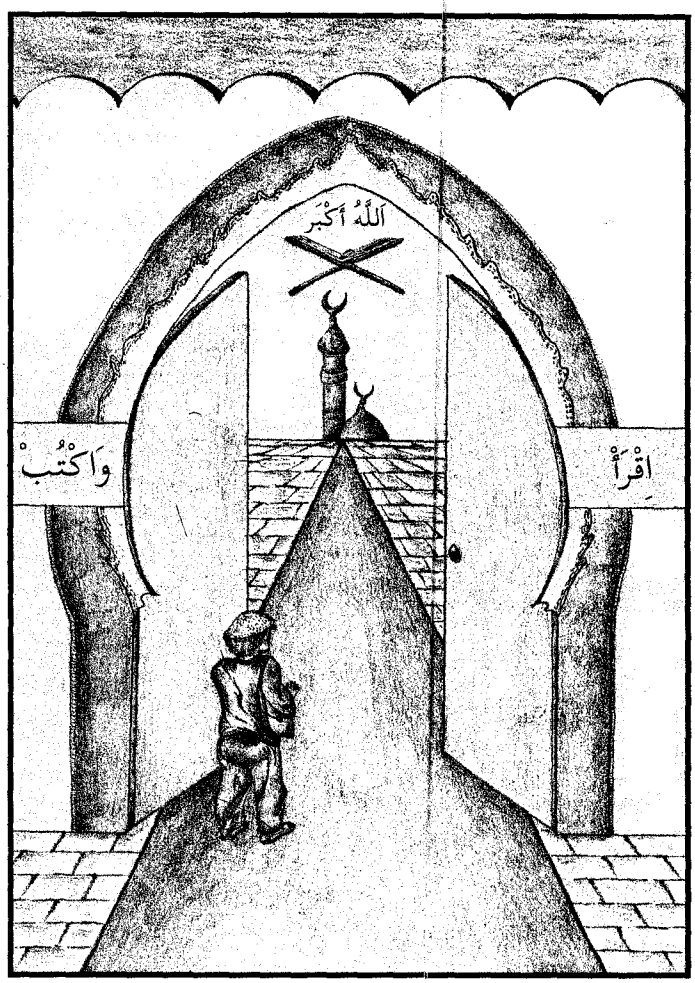
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The Arabic Alphabet

In order to learn any language, one must first master the alphabet and be able to read, write and pronounce it correctly.

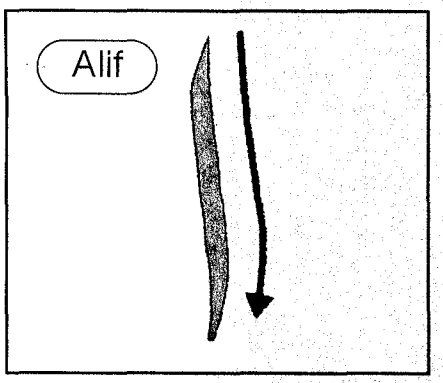
Below on the right is the Arabic alphabet. The pronunciation column in the middle is only a rough guide and should not be relied on too heavily. Ask an Arabic speaker to help you master the sounds of the letters, or listen to the audio recording of the book.

Please note that Arabic is written from right to left.

Names of the letters	Pronunciation guide	Arabic letters
Alif	a	ا
Baa	b	ب
Taa	t	ت
Thaa	th	ث
Jeem	j	ج
Ḥa	ḥ	ح
Kha	kh	خ
Daal	d	د
Dhaal	dh	ذ
Raa	r	ر
Zaa	z	ز
Seen	s	س

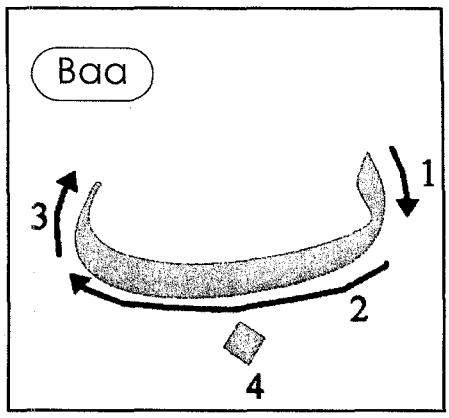
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Ḍaad	ḍ	ض
Ṭa	ṭ	ط
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ᶜAyn	ᶜ	ع
Ghayn	gh	غ
Faa	f	ف
Qaaf	q	ق
Kaaf	k	ك
Laam	l	ل
Meem	m	م
Noon	n	ن
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Waaw	w	و
Yaa	y	ي

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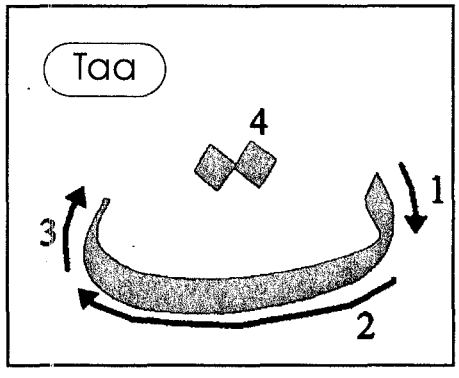


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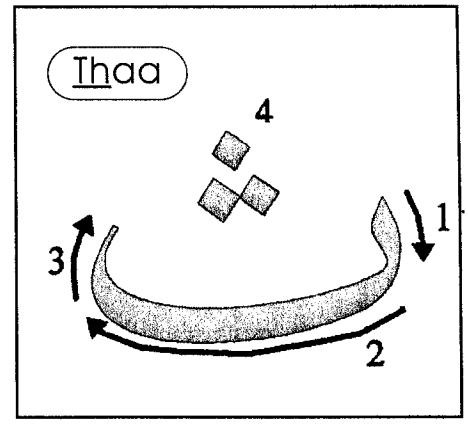


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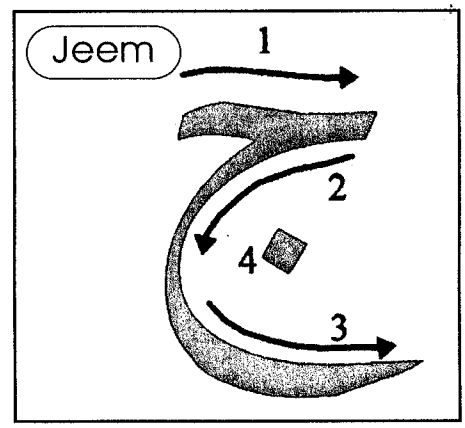


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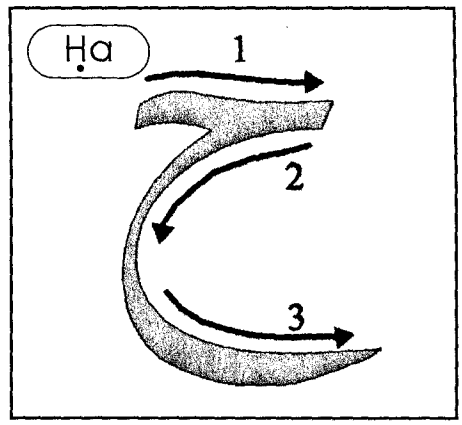


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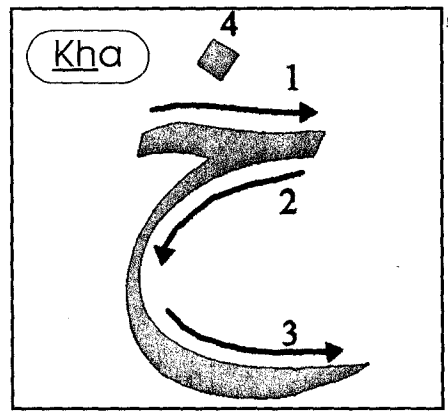


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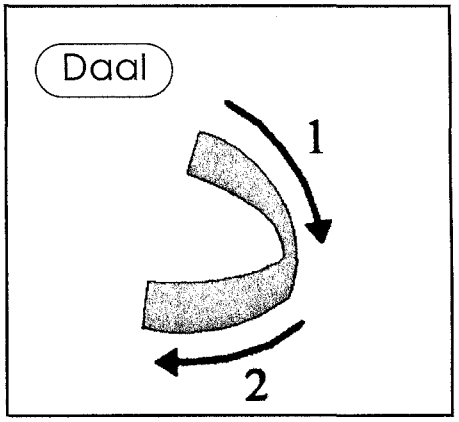


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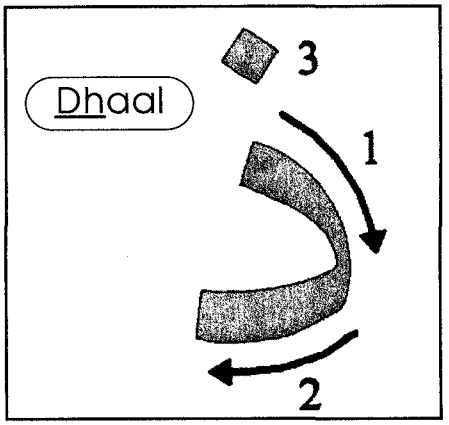


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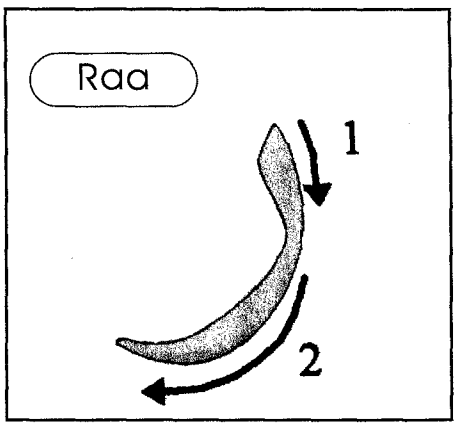


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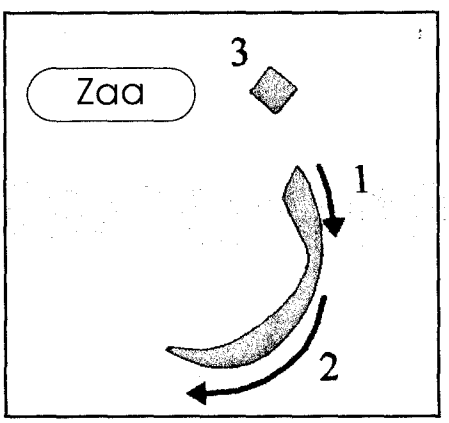


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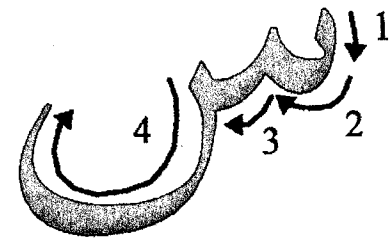
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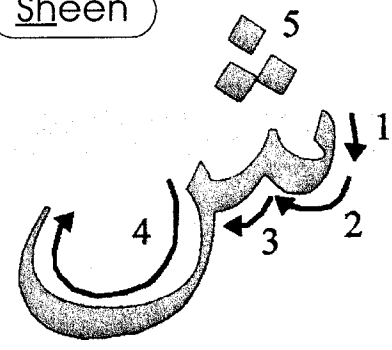
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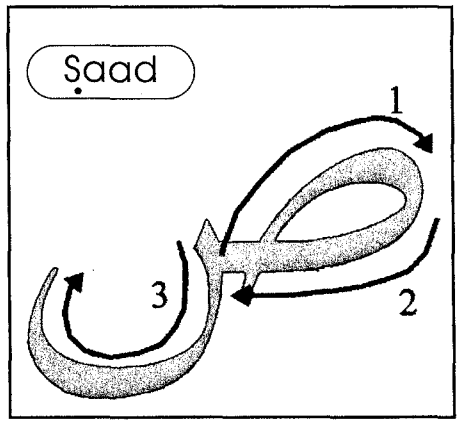
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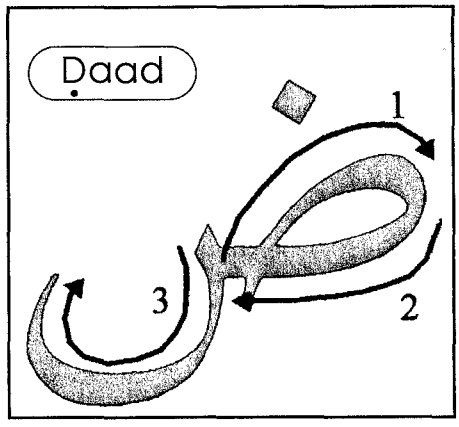


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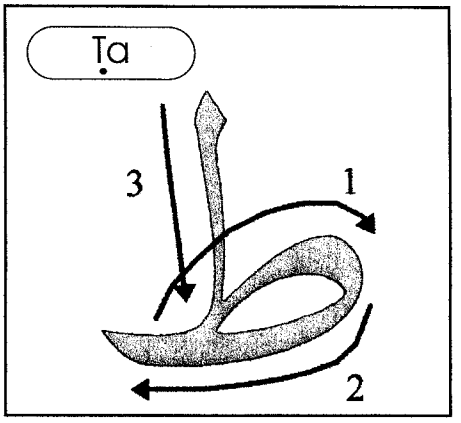


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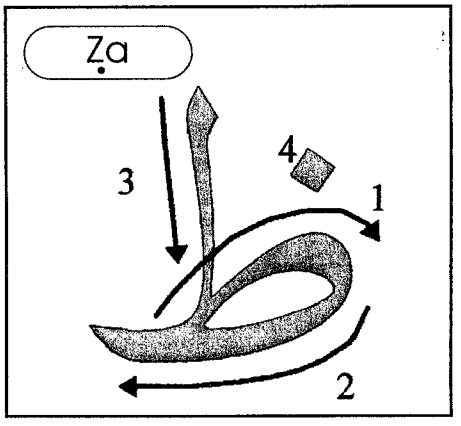


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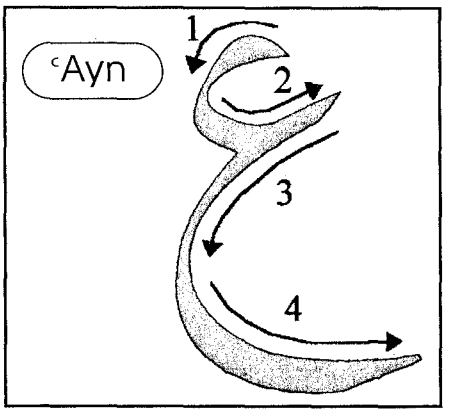


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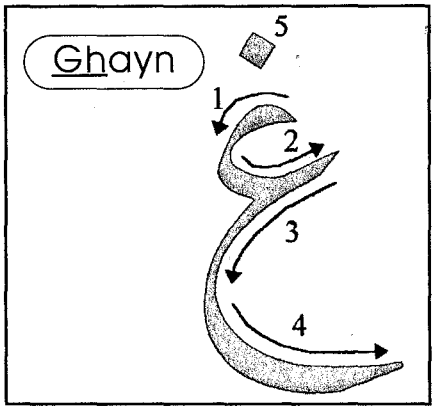


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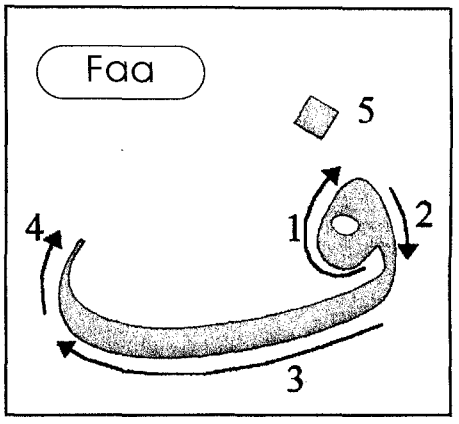


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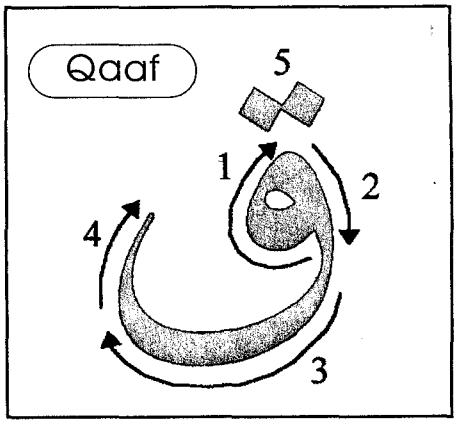


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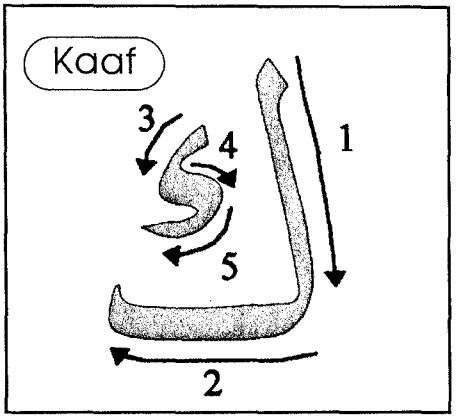


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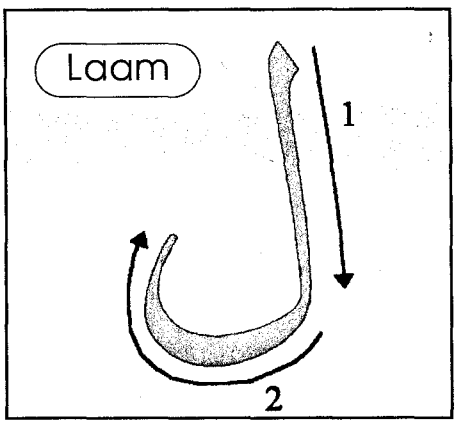


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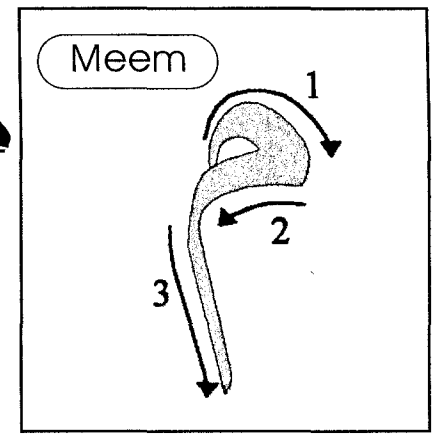


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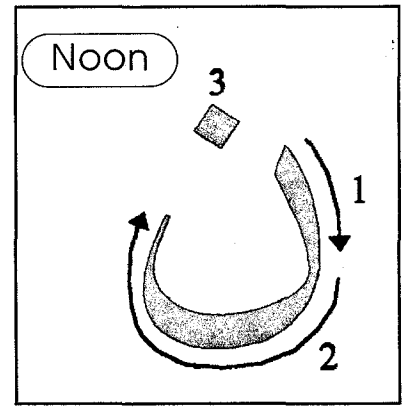


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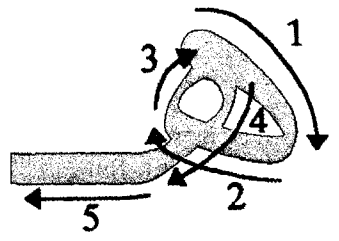
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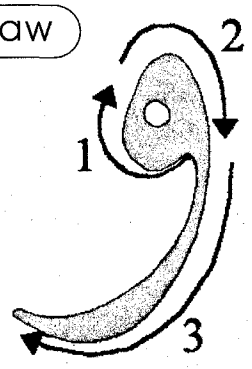
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Haa



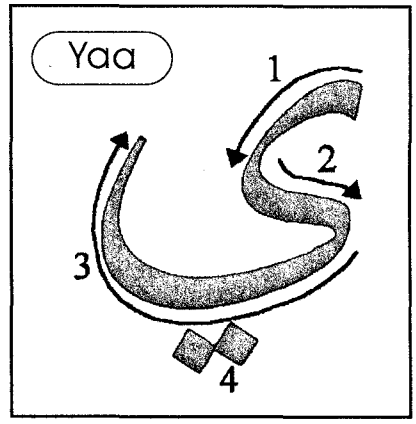
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Waaw



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ي ي ي ي ي ي



Here is the complete Arabic alphabet.
Can you read all the letters?

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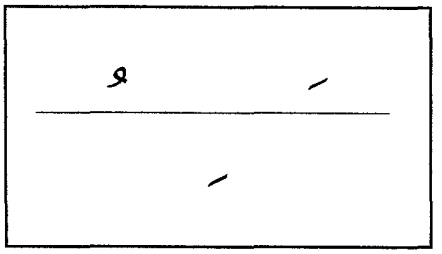
ج	ث	ت	ب	ا
ر	ذ	د	خ	ح
ض	ص	ش	س	ز
ف	غ	ع	ظ	ط
ن	م	ل	ك	ق
		ي	و	هـ

Can you fill in the missing letters
in the alphabet below?

ج				ا
	ذ			ح
	ص			ز
ف				
ن		ل		ق
			و	

The Short Vowels

The following are the three short Arabic vowels. They are written above or below the Arabic letters.



i) Fatḥa ـَ This is a short diagonal stroke written above an Arabic letter. It is pronounced 'a', as in the English word 'cat'.

Read the alphabet below with fatḥa on each letter.

جَ	ثَ	تَ	بَ	أَ
رَ	ذَ	دَ	خَ	حَ
ضَ	صَ	شَ	سَ	زَ
فَ	غَ	عَ	ظَ	طَ
نَ	مَ	لَ	كَ	قَ
		يَ	وَ	هَـ

The Short Vowels – Continued

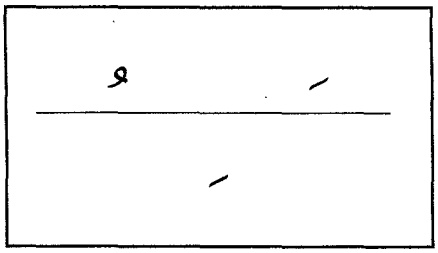
ـُ و	ـَ
ـِ	

ii) Kasra ـِ This is a short diagonal stroke written below an Arabic letter. It is pronounced 'i', as in the English word 'bit'.

Read the alphabet below with kasra on each letter.

جِ	ثِ	تِ	بِ	إِ
رِ	ذِ	دِ	خِ	حِ
ضِ	صِ	شِ	سِ	زِ
فِ	غِ	عِ	ظِ	طِ
نِ	مِ	لِ	كِ	قِ
		يِ	وِ	هِ

The Short Vowels – Continued



iii) Ḍamma ـُ This is like a very small 'waaw' written above an Arabic letter. It is pronounced 'u', as in the English word 'bull'.

Read the alphabet below with ḍamma on each letter.

جُ	ثُ	تُ	بُ	أُ
رُ	ذُ	دُ	خُ	حُ
ضُ	صُ	شُ	سُ	زُ
فُ	غُ	عُ	ظُ	طُ
نُ	مُ	لُ	كُ	قُ
		يُ	وُ	هُ

Practise reading your alphabet with fatḥa, kasra and ḍamma (a, i, u).

أَ إِ أُ	بَ بِ بُ	تَ تِ تُ	ثَ ثِ ثُ
جَ جِ جُ	حَ حِ حُ	خَ خِ خُ	دَ دِ دُ
ذَ ذِ ذُ	رَ رِ رُ	زَ زِ زُ	سَ سِ سُ
شَ شِ شُ	صَ صِ صُ	ضَ ضِ ضُ	طَ طِ طُ
ظَ ظِ ظُ	عَ عِ عُ	غَ غِ غُ	فَ فِ فُ
قَ قِ قُ	كَ كِ كُ	لَ لِ لُ	مَ مِ مُ
نَ نِ نُ	هَ هِ هُ	وَ وِ وُ	يَ يِ يُ

Can you read the following Arabic words?

he read قَ رَ أَ	he thanked شَ كَ رَ	he stops يَ قِ فُ
he understood فَ هِ مَ	he was good حَ سُ نَ	he desired, wished رَ غِ بَ
he wrote كَ تَ بَ	he was endowed with رُ زِ قَ	he laughed ضَ حِ كَ
he describes يَ صِ فُ	it was known عُ لِ مَ	he joined لَ حِ قَ

Joining up Arabic letters (For an explanation, please see p. 27)

	By itself	Joined	End	Middle	Beginning	
	ا	ااا	ـا	ـا	ا	*
	ب	ببب	ـب	ـبـ	بـ	
	ت	تتت	ـت	ـتـ	تـ	
**	ة	تتة	ـة	ـتـ	تـ	
	ث	ثثث	ـث	ـثـ	ثـ	
	ج	جججج	ـج	ـجـ	جـ	
	ح	حححح	ـح	ـحـ	حـ	
	خ	خخخخ	ـخ	ـخـ	خـ	
	د	د د د	ـد	ـد	د	*
	ذ	ذ ذ ذ	ـذ	ـذ	ذ	*
	ر	ر ر ر	ـر	ـر	ر	*
	ز	ز ز ز	ـز	ـز	ز	*
	س	سسسس	ـس	ـسـ	سـ	
	ش	ششش	ـش	ـشـ	شـ	

* The six starred 'naughty' letters cannot be joined to the left. For an explanation, see p. 27.

** Sometimes at the end of a word the letter taa is written ة or ـة which is called taa marbuta.

By itself	Joined	End	Middle	Beginning
ص	صصص	ـص	ـصـ	صـ
ض	ضضض	ـض	ـضـ	ضـ
ط	ططط	ـط	ـطـ	طـ
ظ	ظظظ	ـظ	ـظـ	ظـ
ع	ععع	ـع	ـعـ	عـ
غ	غغغ	ـغ	ـغـ	غـ
ف	ففف	ـف	ـفـ	فـ
ق	ققق	ـق	ـقـ	قـ
ك	ككك	ـك	ـكـ	كـ
ل	لللل	ـل	ـلـ	لـ
م	ممم	ـم	ـمـ	مـ
ن	ننن	ـن	ـنـ	نـ
ه	هههه	ـه	ـهـ	هـ
و	و و و	ـو	ـو	و *
ي	ييي	ـي	ـيـ	يـ

Joining up Arabic letters – continued

So far, we have learned how to write the Arabic letters when they are not joined together. However, Arabic words are usually written in a joined-up form. Most letters of the Arabic alphabet can be joined on either side. The shape of each letter changes according to its position within a word. These different forms must be learnt so that one can recognise the letters when they are combined together to make words.

Each letter has four forms: beginning, middle, end and by itself. On the previous two pages you will find a table showing how each letter is written according to its position in a word.

The 'Naughty' Letters

There are six 'naughty' letters which refuse to join on to any letter after them (in other words, to the left of them). However, they do allow other normal letters to join them from the right. The 'naughty' letters are:

ا د ذ ر ز و

A normal letter written after a naughty letter cannot take the middle form. It will take the beginning form instead, unless it is the last letter of a word, in which case it will take the 'by itself' form.

Exercise

Write out the Arabic alphabet in the boxes below, and draw a circle around the six 'naughty' letters.



				ا
		ي		

Practice with the 'Naughty' Letters

ا د ذ ر ز و

ا + ب ← اب	د + ب ← دب	ذ + ب ← ذب
ب + ا ← با	ب + د ← بد	ب + ذ ← بذ
ر + ب ← رب	ز + ف ← زف	و + ل ← ول
ب + ر ← بر	ف + ز ← فز	ل + و ← لو

What happens when both the letters are naughty?

ا + و ← او	ذ + و ← ذو	ا + د ← اد
و + ا ← وا	و + ذ ← وذ	د + ا ← دا
ا + ذ ← اذ	د + ر ← در	ر + ز ← رز
ذ + ا ← ذا	ر + د ← رد	ز + ر ← زر

Practice with joining letters

Copy out the words onto the lines provided, and learn how to join the letters.

بَ حَ ثَ	بَـ حَـ ثَ	بَحَثَ he looked for; he researched
ثَ بَ تَ	ثَـ بَـ تَ	ثَبَتَ he stood firm
شَ رِ بَ	شَـ رِ بَ	شَرِبَ he drank
نَ ثَ رَ	نَـ ثَـ رَ	نَثَرَ he scattered
تَ رَ كَ	تَـ رَ كَ	تَرَكَ he left
سَ تَ رَ	سَـ تَـ رَ	سَتَرَ he covered, concealed

Practice with joining letters

Copy out the words onto the lines provided, and learn how to join the letters.

he gathered جَمَعَ	جَـمَـعَ	جَ مَ عَ
he prostrated سَجَدَ	سَـجَـدَ	سَ جَ دَ
he went out خَرَجَ	خَـرَجَ	خَ رَ جَ
he praised حَمِدَ	حَـمِـدَ	حَ مِ دَ
he protected, guarded حَفِظَ	حَـفِـظَ	حَ فِ ظَ
he explained شَرَحَ	شَـرَحَ	شَ رَ حَ

Practice with joining letters

Copy out the words onto the lines provided, and learn how to join the letters.

صَرَخَ	صَـرَخَ	صَ رَ خَ
فَخَرَ	فَـخَـرَ	فَ خَ رَ
دَخَلَ	دَخَـلَ	دَ خَ لَ
وَرَدَ	وَرَدَ	وَ رَ دَ
طَرَدَ	طَـرَدَ	طَ رَ دَ
نَدِمَ	نَـدِمَ	نَ دِ مَ

he shouted

he boasted; he was proud

he entered

he turned up

he chased away; he repelled

he regretted

Practice with joining letters

Copy out the words onto the lines provided, and learn how to join the letters.

ذَكَرَ he remembered	ذَ كَ رَ	ذَ كَ رَ
هَذَبَ he purified	هَ ذَ بَ	هَ ذَ بَ
أَخَذَ he took	أَ خَ ذَ	أَ خَ ذَ
شَكَرَ he thanked	شَ كَ رَ	شَ كَ رَ
رَفَعَ he raised	رَ فَ عَ	رَ فَ عَ
زَعَمَ he claimed, alleged	زَ عَ مَ	زَ عَ مَ

Practice with joining letters

Copy out the words onto the lines provided, and learn how to join the letters.

he fastened; he was resolute	حَزَمَ	حَـزَمَ	حَـزَـمَ
he descended, went down	نَزَلَ	نَـزَلَ	نَـزَـلَ
he urged, incited	حَفَزَ	حَـفَـزَ	حَـفَـزَ
he read	قَرَأَ	قَـرَأَ	قَـرَـأَ
he washed	غَسَلَ	غَـسَـلَ	غَـسَـلَ
he dozed; he was sleepy	نَعَسَ	نَـعَـسَ	نَـعَـسَ

Practice with joining letters

Copy out the words onto the lines provided, and learn how to join the letters.

نَشِطَ he was active, energetic	نَـ ـشِـ ـطَ	نَ شِ طَ
عَطِشَ he was thirsty	عَـ ـطِـ ـشَ	عَ طِ شَ
صَبَرَ he was patient	صَـ ـبَـ ـرَ	صَ بَ رَ
لَصِقَ he stuck (s.th.)	لَـ ـصِـ ـقَ	لَ صِ قَ
ضَحِكَ he laughed	ضَـ ـحِـ ـكَ	ضَ حِ كَ
نَقَصَ it decreased, became less	نَـ ـقَـ ـصَ	نَ قَ صَ

Practice with joining letters

Copy out the words onto the lines provided, and learn how to join the letters.

نَـ هَـ ضَ	نَـ هَـ ضَ	نَهَضَ he arose, got up
نَـ ظَـ رَ	نَـ ظَـ رَ	نَظَرَ he looked at
هَـ ضَـ مَ	هَـ ضَـ مَ	هَضَمَ he digested
قَـ طَـ عَ	قَـ طَـ عَ	قَطَعَ he cut
رَ بَـ طَ	رَ بَـ طَ	رَبَطَ he tied
ظَـ هَـ رَ	ظَـ هَـ رَ	ظَهَرَ he appeared

Practice with joining letters

Copy out the words onto the lines provided, and learn how to join the letters.

صَغُرَ it became small, little	صَـغُـرَ	صَ غُ رَ
نَبَغَ he was distinguished; he excelled	نَـبَـغَ	نَ بَ غَ
فَتَحَ he opened	فَـتَـحَ	فَ تَ حَ
نَفَخَ he blew; he inflated	نَـفَـخَ	نَ فَ خَ
وَقَفَ he stopped; he stood	وَقَـفَ	وَ قَ فَ
لَحِقَ he caught up with someone	لَـحِـقَ	لَ حِ قَ

Practice with joining letters

Copy out the words onto the lines provided, and learn how to join the letters.

مَسَكَ he grabbed, seized	مَـسَـكَ	مَ سَ كَ
قَلَبَ he turned s.th. over	قَـلَـبَ	قَ لَ بَ
بَلَعَ he swallowed	بَـلَـعَ	بَ لَ عَ
مَنَعَ he prevented; he forbade	مَـنَـعَ	مَ نَ عَ
حَسُنَ it was nice, good, suitable	حَـسُـنَ	حَ سُ نَ
نَسِيَ he forgot	نَـسِـيَ	نَ سِ يَ

Practice with joining letters

Join the groups of letters to make words in the boxes provided.

سَجَدَ	he prostrated سَ جَ دَ	رَكَعَ	he bowed رَ كَ عَ
	it rained مَ طَ رَ		he went ذَ هَـ بَ
	he made room/space for فَ سَ حَ		he was full up (food) شَ بِـ عَ
	he accepted قَ بَ لَ		he sat جَ لَ سَ
	he was allowed, permitted أُ ذِ نَ		he was kind, generous سَ مُـ حَ
	he advised نَ صَ حَ		he was astonished دَ هِـ شَ
	he ripened يَ نَ عَ		he knew عَ رَ فَ
	it became great عَ ظُـ مَ		he met لَ قِـ يَ

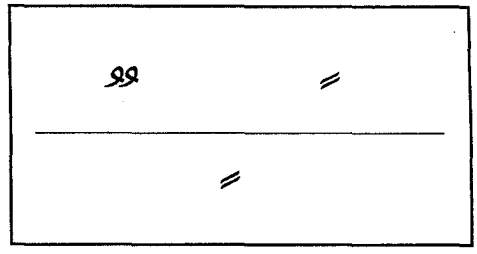
Practice with joining letters

Join the groups of letters to make words in the boxes provided.

سَحَبَ	he withdrew, pulled out سَحَبَ	قَصُرَ	it was short قَصُرَ
	it was numerous كَثُرَ		he emptied; he finished فَرَغَ
	he endowed with رُزِقَ		he demanded, requested طَلَبَ
	he matured; it ripened نَضِجَ		he triumphed ظَفِرَ
	he spent the night awake سَهِرَ		he was quick, fast سَرُعَ
	he was sorry, regretted أَسِفَ		he abstained from زَهِدَ
	he was ill, unwell مَرِضَ		he gathered, assembled حَفَلَ
	he passed (an exam) نَجَحَ		he was angry غَضِبَ

Tanween

The three short Arabic vowels, fatḥa, kasra and ḍamma, can be doubled. This is known as "tanween", and it changes the sound of the vowels.

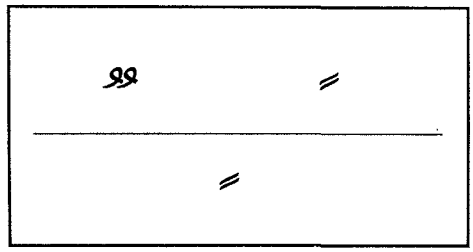


i) Tanween fatḥa (fatḥataan) ً ـــــ This is two short diagonal strokes written above an Arabic letter. It is pronounced 'an', as in the English word 'man'. It is usually supported by an alif.

Read the alphabet below with tanween fatḥa on each letter.

جًا	ثًا	تًا	بًا	أً
رًا	ذًا	دًا	خًا	حًا
ضًا	صًا	شًا	سًا	زًا
فًا	غًا	عًا	ظًا	طًا
نًا	مًا	لاً	كًا	قًا
		يًا	وًا	هًا

Tanween (Continued)



ii) Tanween kasra (kasrataan) ـٍـ

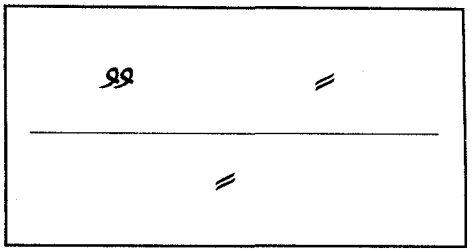
ـٍ

This is two short diagonal strokes written below an Arabic letter. It is pronounced 'in', as in the English word 'win'.

Read the alphabet below with tanween kasra on each letter.

جٍ	ثٍ	تٍ	بٍ	إٍ
رٍ	ذٍ	دٍ	خٍ	حٍ
ضٍ	صٍ	شٍ	سٍ	زٍ
فٍ	غٍ	عٍ	ظٍ	طٍ
نٍ	مٍ	لٍ	كٍ	قٍ
		يٍ	وٍ	هٍ

Tanween (Continued)



iii) Tanween ḍamma (ḍammataan) ـٌـٌ

This is two dammas written above an Arabic letter. It is pronounced 'un', as in the English word 'bun'.

Sometimes it is written like this: ـٌ

Read the alphabet below with tanween ḍamma on each letter.

جٌـٌ	ثٌـٌ	تٌـٌ	بٌـٌ	أٌـٌ
رٌـٌ	ذٌـٌ	دٌـٌ	خٌـٌ	حٌـٌ
ضٌـٌ	صٌـٌ	شٌـٌ	سٌـٌ	زٌـٌ
فٌـٌ	غٌـٌ	عٌـٌ	ظٌـٌ	طٌـٌ
نٌـٌ	مٌـٌ	لٌـٌ	كٌـٌ	قٌـٌ
		يٌـٌ	وٌـٌ	هٌـٌ

Practice with tanween

Practise reading the following words that have been written with tanween. Copy each word out onto the empty line below the word.

bell	جَرَسًا	pen	قَلَمٌ	boy	وَلَدٌ	father	أَبٍ
travel	سَفَرٍ	hundred	مِئَةٍ	hand	يَدًا	lion	أَسَدٌ
horse	فَرَسًا	present	هَدِيَّةٌ	goat	غَنَمٌ	mouth	فَمٍ
ball	كُرَةٍ	cherries	كَرَزٌ	lip	شَفَةً	never	أَبَدًا
king	مَلِكًا	mountain	جَبَلًا	carrot	جَزَرٌ	brother	أَخٌ
pyramid	هَرَمٍ	tree	شَجَرَةً	camel	جَمَلٌ	man	رَجُلًا

The Long Vowels (Madd)

Three letters of the Arabic alphabet are used to lengthen the sounds of the short vowels fatḥa, kasra and ḍamma. These letters are: ـَا ـِي ـُو

i) Alif al-madd

Alif is used to lengthen the "a" sound of fatḥa into an "aa" sound.
Note the special shape of laam when it is joined to alif below.

أَ + ا = آ

Read the alphabet below with alif al-madd (the long fatḥa) on each letter.

جَا	ثَا	تَا	بَا	آ
رَا	ذَا	دَا	خَا	حَا
ضَا	صَا	شَا	سَا	زَا
فَا	غَا	عَا	ظَا	طَا
نَا	مَا	لاَ	كَا	قَا
		يَا	وَا	هَا

The Long Vowels (Madd) – Continued

اَ	ـِـي	ـُـو

ii) Yaa al-madd

Yaa al-madd is used to lengthen the "i" sound of kasra into an "ee" sound.

Read the alphabet below with yaa al-madd (the long kasra) on each letter.

جِي	ثِي	تِي	بِي	إِي
رِي	ذِي	دِي	خِي	حِي
ضِي	صِي	شِي	سِي	زِي
فِي	غِي	عِي	ظِي	طِي
نِي	مِي	لِي	كِي	قِي
		يِي	وِي	هِي

The Long Vowels (Madd) – Continued

ا ـَ ي ـِ و ـُ

iii) Waaw al-madd

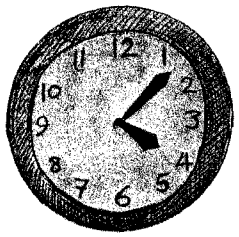
Waaw al-madd is used to lengthen the "u" sound of ḍamma into an "oo" sound.

Read the alphabet below with waaw al-madd (the long ḍamma) on each letter.

أُو	بُو	تُو	ثُو	جُو
حُو	خُو	دُو	ذُو	رُو
زُو	سُو	شُو	صُو	ضُو
طُو	ظُو	عُو	غُو	فُو
قُو	كُو	لُو	مُو	نُو
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Practice with Madd

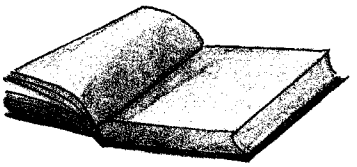
Read the words below, then copy them out onto the lines provided.



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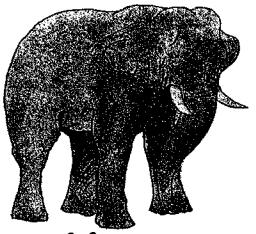
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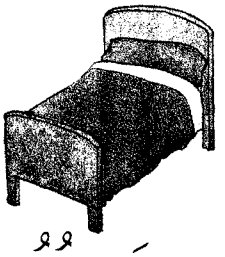
كِتَابٌ



رِيشَةٌ



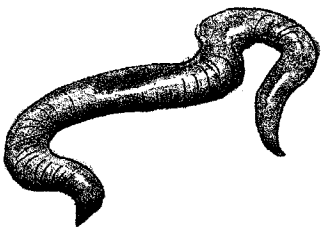
فِيلٌ



سَرِيرٌ



بُومَةٌ



دُودَةٌ



حُوتٌ

Sukoon

A small circle called sukoon, written above a letter of the Arabic alphabet, is used to show that the letter below it has no vowel: ـْـ . All you hear is the shortened sound of the letter, so jeem becomes 'j', kaaf becomes 'k' and sheen becomes 'sh' etc.

Try reading the following words: كَمْ لَمْ مِنْ قُلْ قِفْ بَلْ عُدْ

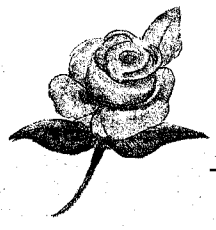
When there is a fatha followed by a yaa with a sukoon on it, it makes an '-ay' sound.

e.g. بَيْنَ زَيْتُونٌ لَيْمُونٌ بَيْضَةٌ عَيْنٌ جَيْبٌ أَيْنَ لَيْلٌ

When there is a fatha followed by a waaw with a sukoon on it, it makes an '-ow' sound:

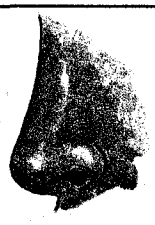
لَوْنٌ زَوْجٌ لَوْلَبٌ فَوْقَ جَوْرَبٌ نَوْمٌ خَوْفٌ يَوْمٌ

Read the words below, then copy them out onto the lines provided.



وَرْدَةٌ

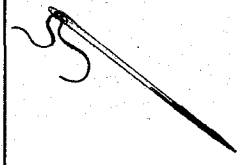
مَسْجِدٌ



أَنْفٌ



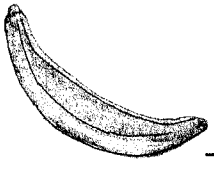
مِسْطَرَةٌ



إِبْرَةٌ



بَيْتٌ



مَوْزَةٌ



أَرْنَبٌ



جُمْجُمَةٌ

Shadda

Shadda is a symbol written above a letter to show that the letter has been doubled and therefore sounds stronger.

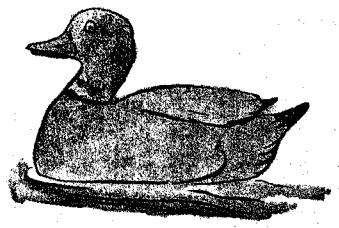
The symbol for shadda looks like this: ّ

The short vowels are written with shadda like this: ـَّ ـِّ ـُّ or ـًّ

Study these examples:

أُمّ = أ + م + م	رَبّ = ر + ب + ب	بِرٍّ = ب + ر + رٍ

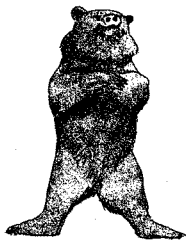
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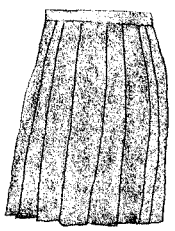
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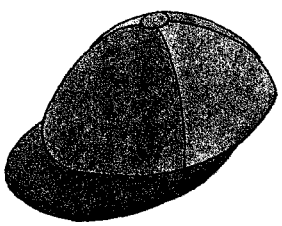
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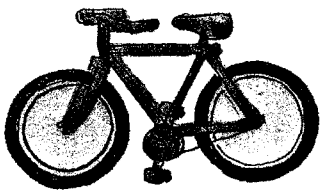
دُبّ



تَنُّورَة



قُبَّعَة



دَرَّاجَة

Similar sounding letters

As you will have realised by now, some pairs of Arabic letters have similar sounds, so extra care must be taken to pronounce each letter correctly. Below are some pairs of words which illustrate this point. Incorrect pronunciation would change their meaning. For example:

قَلْب means heart, whereas كَلْب means dog!

Practise reading the words below and copy them into your exercise book. When you feel confident that you can tell the difference between the similar sounds, ask your Arabic teacher to test you by reading them aloud to you as a dictation exercise.

هَلَكَ he perished, died; he was annihilated, destroyed	حَلَقَ he shaved	كَلْبٌ a dog	قَلْبٌ a heart
طَابَ he was good, pleasant, agreeable	تَابَ he repented	رَكَدَ it was still, motionless, stagnant	رَقَدَ he slept; went to bed, lay down
طِينٌ clay, soil	تِينٌ a fig	كَسَدَ (of merchandise) it found no market; it didn't sell	قَصَدَ he intended
ظَلِيلٌ shady, shaded	ذَلِيلٌ despicable, contemptible; lowly, abject, servile	ضَرْبٌ hitting, beating, striking	دَرْبٌ a path, trail, track; a mountain pass
صَبَّ he poured, emptied	سَبَّ he insulted, reviled; he cursed, swore	بَعْضَ some, a few	بَعْدَ after
صَبَحَ he offered a morning drink (to someone)	سَبَحَ he swam	ضَلَّ he went astray, lost his way	دَلَّ he led, he showed the way
عَقْلٌ reason, discernment; mind, intellect	أَكْلٌ food	ضِرْس a molar tooth	دَرْسٌ a lesson, class; study

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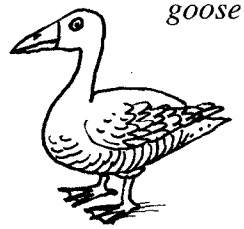
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lion



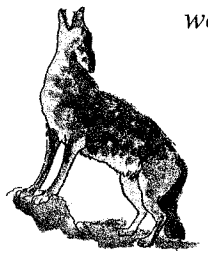
أَسدٌ

goose



إِوَزَّةٌ

wolf



ذِئْبٌ

minaret



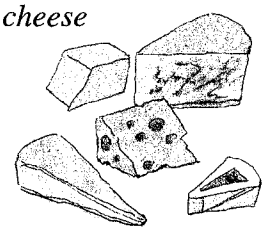
مِئْذَنَةٌ

door



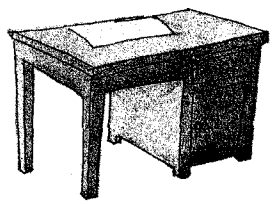
بَابٌ

cheese



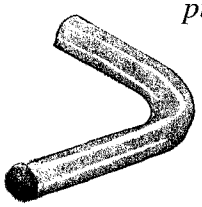
جُبْنَةٌ

desk



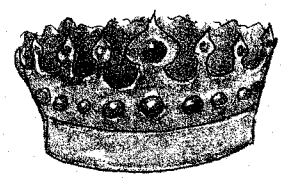
مَكْتَبٌ

pipe



أُنْبُوبٌ

crown



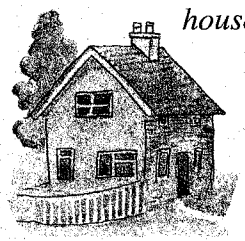
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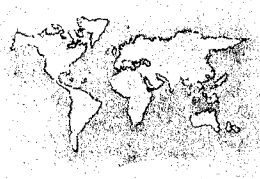
تُوتٌ

house



بَيْتٌ

map



خَرِيطَةٌ

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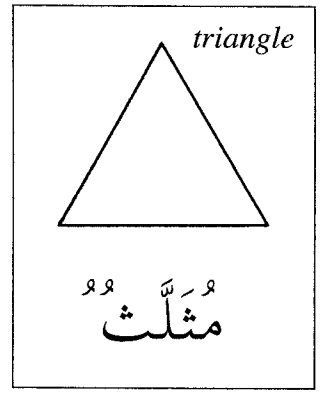
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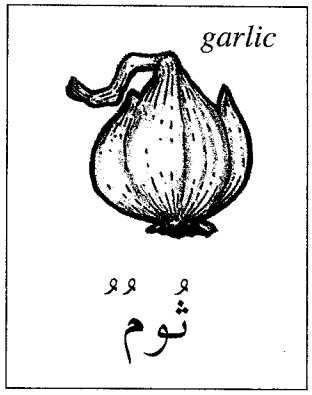
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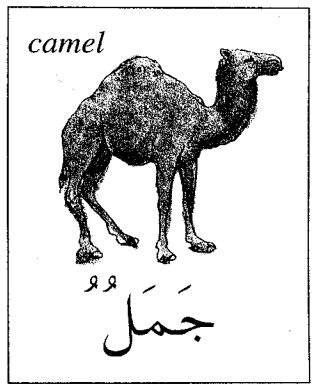
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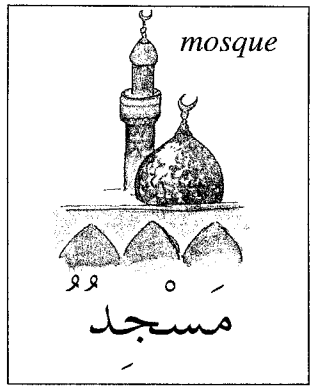


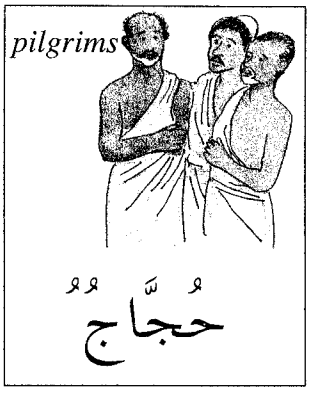




















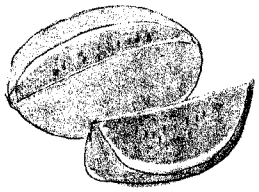
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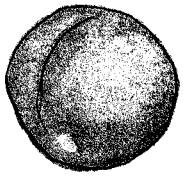
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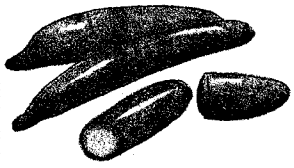
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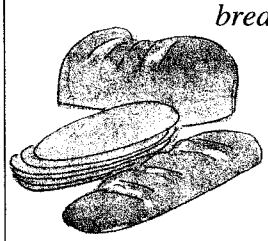
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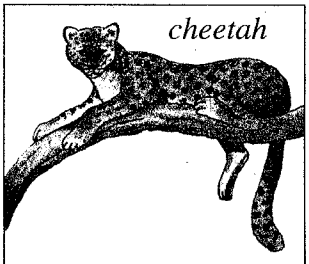
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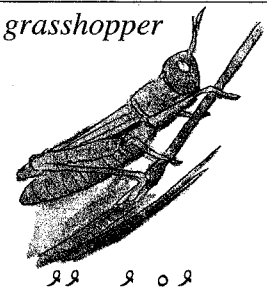

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بَطِّيخ

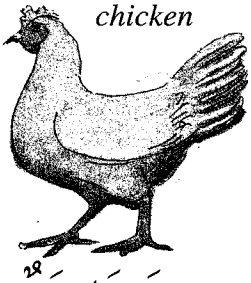

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خَوْخ

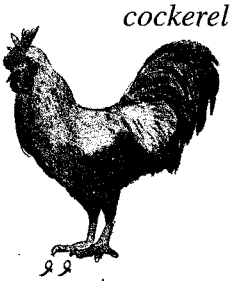

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خِيَار

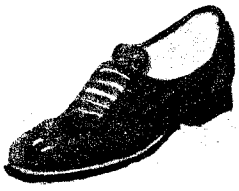

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خُبْز

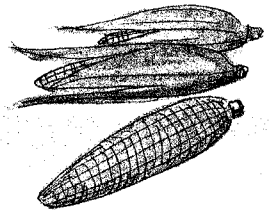

cheetah
فَهْد


grasshopper
جُنْدُب


chicken
دَجَاجَة


cockerel
دِيك


shoe
حِذَاء


sweetcorn
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tail
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wolf
ذِئْب

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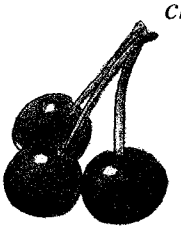
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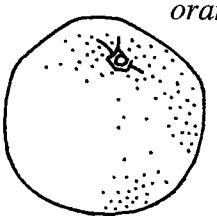
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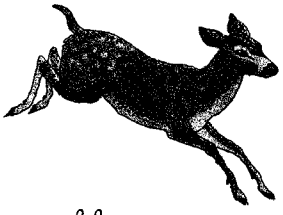

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رِيشَةٌ

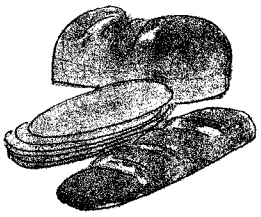

cherries
كَرَزٌ


orange
بُرْتُقَالٌ

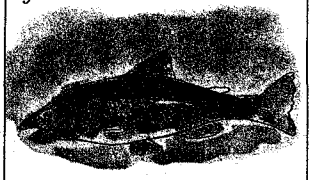
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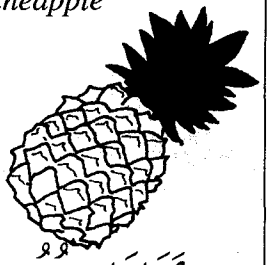

giraffe
زَرَافَةٌ


gazelle
غَزَالٌ

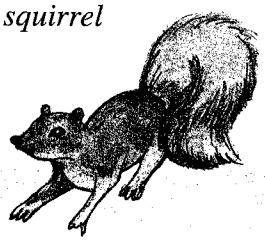

bread
خُبْزٌ


butcher
جَزَّارٌ


fish
سَمَكَةٌ


pineapple
أَنَانَاس


eagle
نَسْرٌ


squirrel
سِنْجَابٌ

Complete the words below by filling in the missing letter or letters, and also all the vowel sounds.

كـ..ز	جَـ..ار	..ـمكة	..رافَة	..ـنْجاَب
غَـ...ل	أَنانا..	بـ..ـقال	نـ...	..يـشـ..

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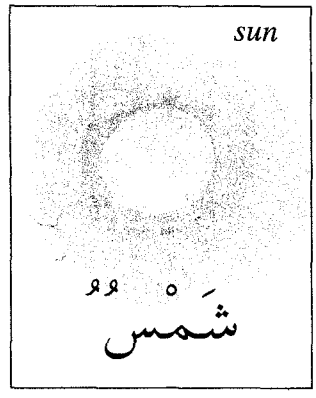
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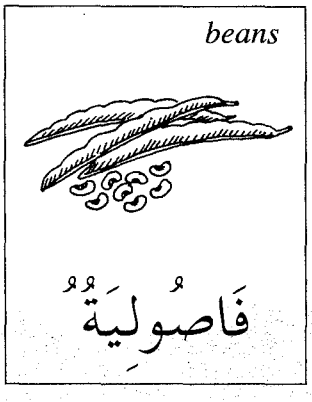
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قَمِيصٌ



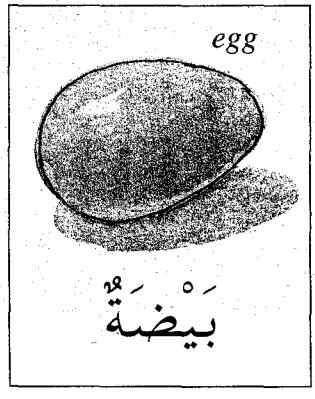
بَصَلٌ



صَارُوخٌ



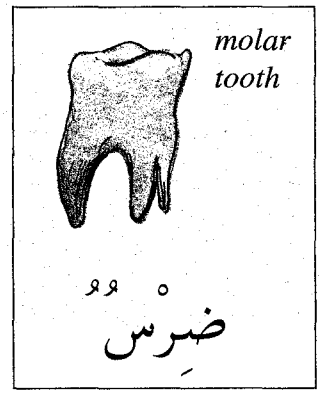
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بَيْضَةٌ



مِنْضَدَةٌ



ضِرْسٌ

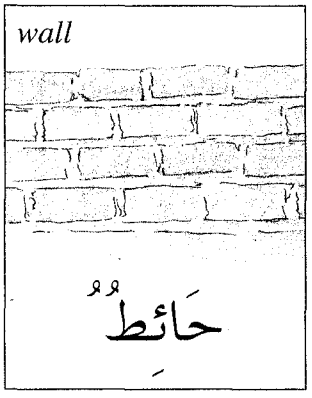
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بـ..ـل	..ـرس	بيـ..ـة	منـ...ـة	فا..ـولية
قميـ..	..ـفـ..ـعة	..ـبل	..ـر..ـة	مـ..ـمـ..

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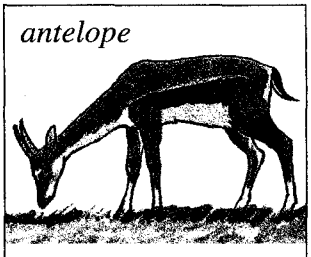
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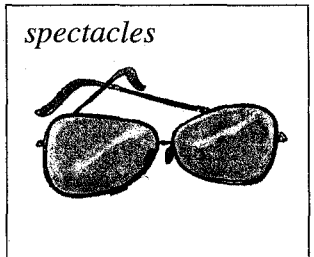
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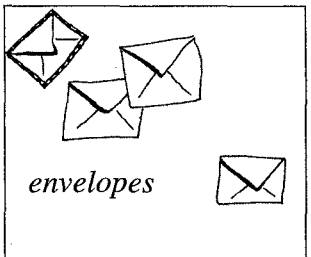


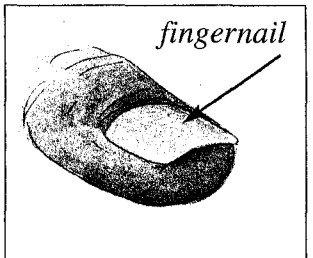


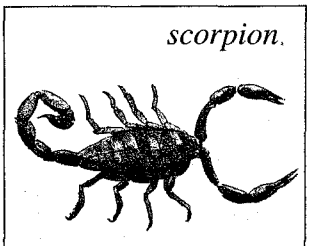


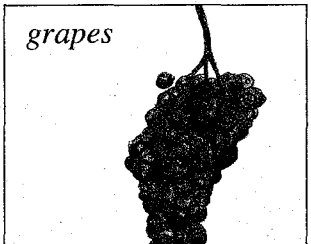


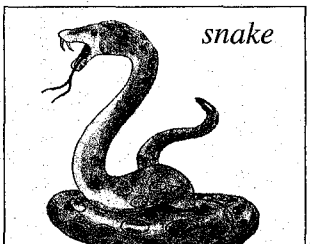


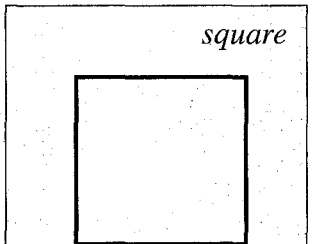












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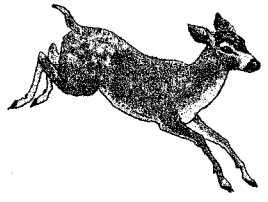
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حا...	نـ....ـة	..ـنـب	مر...	..ـفـر

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قـ قـ ـقـ ـق

gazelle



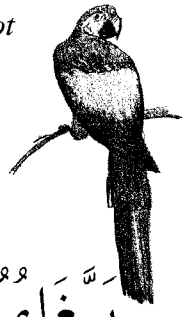
غَزَالٌ

crow



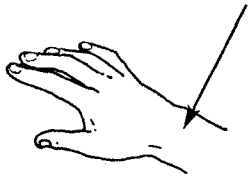
غُرَابٌ

parrot



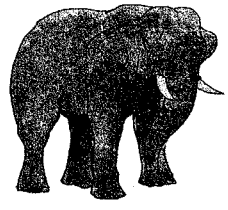
بَبَّغَاءٌ

wrist



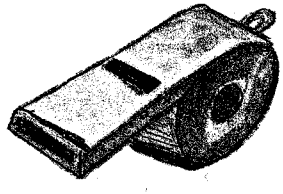
رُسْغٌ

elephant



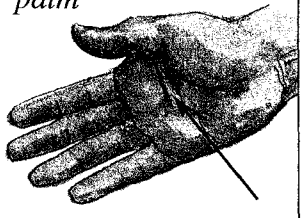
فِيلٌ

whistle



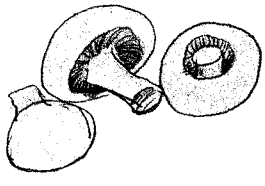
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palm



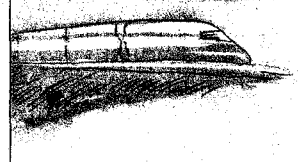
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mushrooms



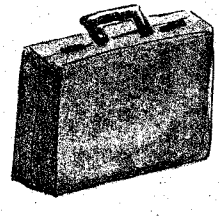
فُطْرٌ

train



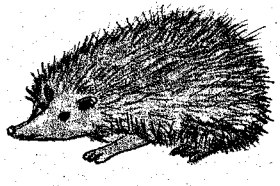
قِطَارٌ

bag, briefcase



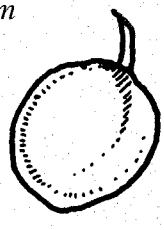
حَقِيبَةٌ

hedgehog



قُنْفُذٌ

plum



بُرْقُوقٌ

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..طا.	..راب	صـ..رة	..زال	ببّـ..ء
حـ..بة	قنـ..	بر...	..طر	كـ..

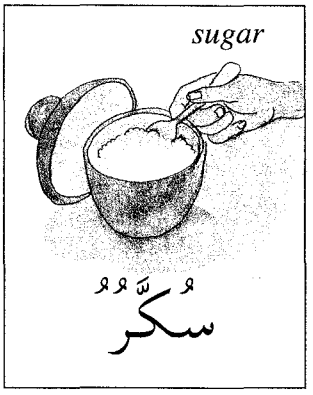
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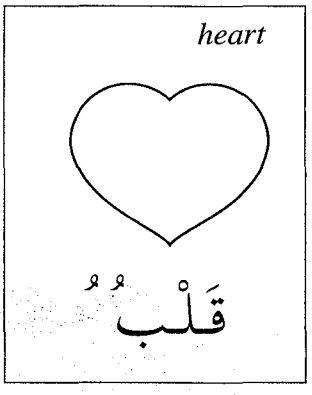






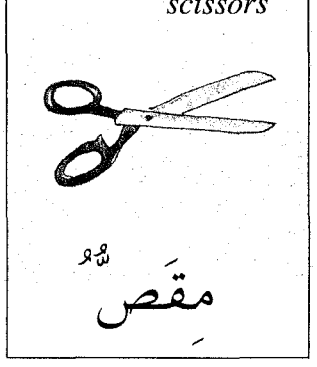




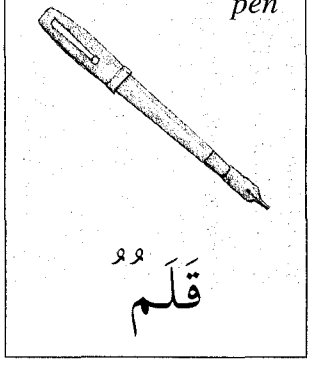










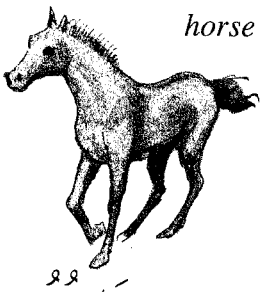


Complete the words below by filling in the missing letter or letters, and also all the vowel sounds.

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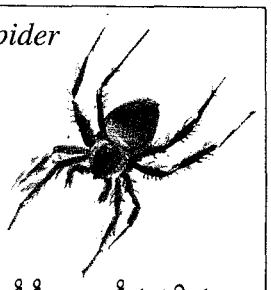
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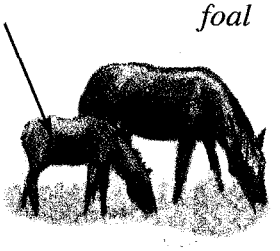


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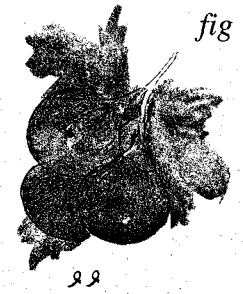
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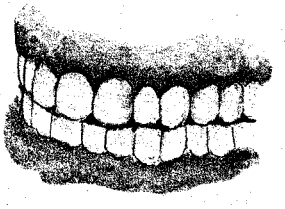
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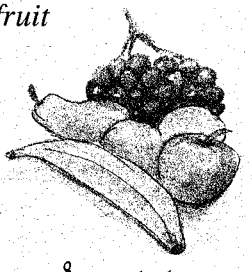
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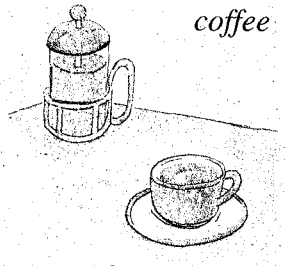
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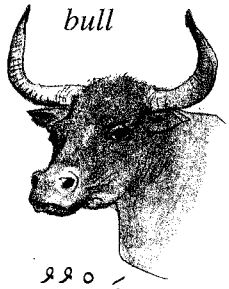
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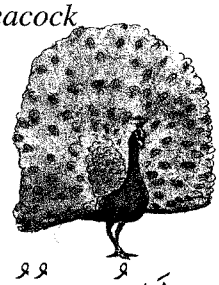
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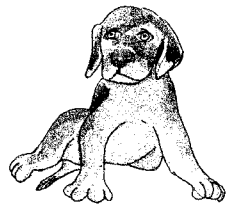
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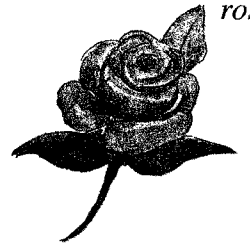
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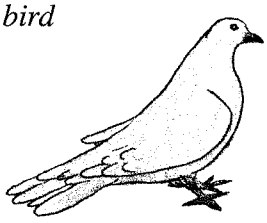
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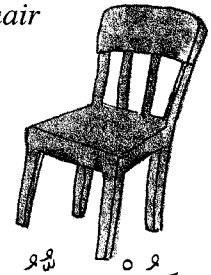
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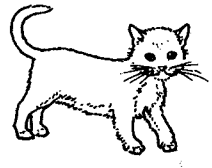
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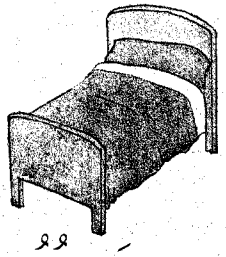
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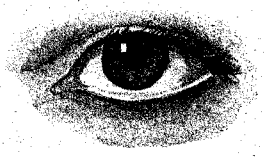
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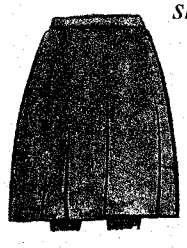
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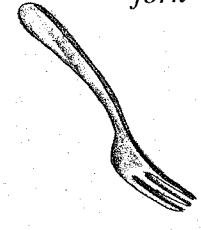
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تَنُّورَة



شَوْكَة

Complete the words below by filling in the missing letter or letters, and also all the vowel sounds.

شـ.كة	سر..	طا...	.ردة	.ـر.ـرة
جر..	عـ...	كر...	تنّـ...ة	..ـد

The moon letters

ا ب ج ح خ ع غ ف ق ك م هـ و ي

The Arabic word for 'the' is 'al' (alif followed by laam). It is not written separately. Rather, it joins onto the word it defines.

the = اَل

The Arabic alphabet is divided into two groups of letters: the moon letters and the sun letters. The moon letters are shown above. When 'al' is followed by a word beginning with a moon letter, then 'al' is written with a sukoon on the laam.

In the first example below, 'arnabun' (a rabbit) becomes 'al-arnabu' (the rabbit). Note how the tanween at the end of a word without 'al' changes into a single short vowel once 'al' is added. e.g. arnab**un** becomes al-arnab**u**.

أَرْنَبٌ ← اَلْأَرْنَبُ	عَيْنٌ ← اَلْعَيْنُ	مَسْجِدٌ ← اَلْمَسْجِدُ
بُومَةٌ ← اَلْبُومَةُ	غَنَمٌ ← اَلْغَنَمُ	هُدْهُدٌ ← اَلْهُدْهُدُ
جَمَلٌ ← اَلْجَمَلُ	فِيلٌ ← اَلْفِيلُ	وَرْدَةٌ ← اَلْوَرْدَةُ
حِصَانٌ ← اَلْحِصَانُ	قَمَرٌ ← اَلْقَمَرُ	يَمَامَةٌ ← اَلْيَمَامَةُ
خِنْزِيرٌ ← اَلْخِنْزِيرُ	كِتَابٌ ← اَلْكِتَابُ	

Exercise

Copy out the following words on the lines provided, adding 'al' to each word. Remember to change the two ḍammas at the end of each word into one ḍamma.

أَنْفٌ ← _____	غُرَابٌ _____	هِلَالٌ _____
بَطَّةٌ _____	قِرْدٌ _____	وِسَادَةٌ _____
حُوتٌ _____	مِهْرٌ _____	يَدٌ _____

The sun letters

ت ث د ذ ر ز س ش ص ض ط ظ ن ل

The sun letters are shown above. Sun letters are written with a shadda when they come straight after 'al'. The laam of 'al' does not take a sukoon. Instead, it becomes a silent letter.

In the first example below, 'taajun' (a crown) becomes 'at-taaju' (the crown). Notice the strong sound of the 'ta', and note how you cannot hear the 'laam' at all.

Once again, the tanween at the end of a word without 'al' changes into a single short vowel once 'al' is added. e.g. taaj**un** becomes at-taaj**u**.

تَاجٌ ← اَلتَّاجُ	زَرَافَةٌ ← اَلزَّرَافَةُ	طَبْلَةٌ ← اَلطَّبْلَةُ
ثَعْلَبٌ ← اَلثَّعْلَبُ	سَاعَةٌ ← اَلسَّاعَةُ	ظِفْرٌ ← اَلظِّفْرُ
دُبٌّ ← اَلدُّبُّ	شَمْسٌ ← اَلشَّمْسُ	لِسَانٌ ← اَللِّسَانُ
ذِرَاعٌ ← اَلذِّرَاعُ	صَارُوخٌ ← اَلصَّارُوخُ	نَجْمَةٌ ← اَلنَّجْمَةُ
رِيشَةٌ ← اَلرِّيشَةُ	ضِرْسٌ ← اَلضِّرْسُ	

Exercise

Copy out the following words on the lines provided, adding 'al' to each word. Remember to change the two ḍammas at the end of each word into one ḍamma.

تِينٌ ← اَلتِّينُ _____ سَرِيرٌ _____ ظَهْرٌ _____

دَجَاجَةٌ _____ شَفَةٌ _____ لَحْمٌ _____

زَهْرَةٌ _____ طَاوِلَةٌ _____ نَحْلَةٌ _____

Exercise

Sort out the words in the box below into two groups: those beginning with sun letters and those beginning with moon letters. Write them in the columns provided, adding 'al' to the beginning of each word.

جَزَرٌ	لَيْمُونٌ	قَلَمٌ	سَرِيرٌ	خُفَّاشٌ
ثَعْلَبٌ	إِجَّاصٌ	شَوْكَةٌ		عَجَلَةٌ
طَائِرَةٌ	نَعَامَةٌ	مَوْزَةٌ	فَهْدٌ	دَرَّاجَةٌ

Sun Letter Words	Moon Letter Words
اَلشَّوْكَةُ	

Al-alif al-maqsura

Al-alif al-maqsura is a type of alif which appears at the end of some words. It always has a fatḥa before it. Read the examples below and copy them out into your exercise book.

إِلَى	أَدَّى	لَيْلَى
عَلَى	تَمَنَّى	مُوسَى
حَتَّى	اِسْتَدْعَى	عِيسَى
بَلَى	فَتًى	مُصْطَفَى
رَمَى	قُرَى	مُرَبَّى
سَعَى	هُدًى	الْمُسْتَشْفَى
يَخْشَى	سَلْمَى	الْمُسْتَدْعَى

سَبِّحِ اسْمَ رَبِّكَ الْأَعْلَى. الَّذِي خَلَقَ فَسَوَّى.
وَالَّذِي قَدَّرَ فَهَدَى. وَالَّذِي أَخْرَجَ الْمَرْعَى.

(سُورَةُ الْأَعْلَى)

Reading practice with hamza

Below are examples of hamza in its various forms and positions. Read the words out loud and copy them into your exercise book.

أَنَّ	تَوْأَمٌ	مَلِيئَةٌ	لَاجِئٌ	ضَوْؤُهُ
إِنَّ	رَأْسٌ	يُؤَدَّى	شَيْءٌ	جَاءَ
أُذُنٌ	تَأْيِيدٌ	رُؤُوسٌ	عِبْءٌ	بَدَأَ
رَأَيْتُ	أُهَنِئُكُمْ	مُؤْمِنٌ	قَضَاءٍ	قَرَأَ
سَأَلَ	سَيِّئَةٌ	رُؤْيَةٌ	جَرِيءٌ	أَشْيَاءُ
الْمَرْأَةُ	تَطْمَئِنُّ	يَؤُمُّ	يُضِيءُ	بَدْءًا
رَأَى	سُئِلَ	هَؤُلَاءِ	وُضُوءٌ	هُدُوءًا
أَسْأَلُكَ	أَفْئِدَةٌ	خُلَطَاؤُهُ	بَطِيءٌ	هَنِيئًا
مَلَأْتُ	ضَئِيلٌ	اقْرَأْ	يَتَسَاءَلُ	مَاءً
امْرَأَةٌ	فَوَائِدُ	لُؤْلُؤٌ	مُرُوءَةٌ	ابْتِدَاءً

Reading practice

Read the following familiar Islamic phrases and learn their meanings.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ.	In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful.
اَللَّهُ أَكْبَر.	Allah is Greater.
سُبْحَانَ اللَّه.	Glory be to Allah.
مَا شَاءَ اللَّه .	What Allah wishes. (A phrase used to express praise or admiration).
إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّه.	God willing.
اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّه.	Praise be to Allah.(Thanks be to Allah).
أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ.	I ask Allah's forgiveness.
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ.	I testify that there is no god except Allah.
أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ.	I testify that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.
صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّم.	May the blessing and peace of Allah be upon him. (A phrase spoken after mentioning our Prophet's name).
أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ.	I seek protection in Allah from the accursed Shaytan.
جَزَاكَ اللَّهُ خَيْرًا.	(To a boy or man): May Allah reward you greatly.
جَزَاكِ اللَّهُ خَيْرًا.	(To a girl or woman): May Allah reward you greatly.
اَلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ.	May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon you. (Islamic greeting).
وَعَلَيْكُمُ السَّلَامُ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ.	And may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon you too. (Reply to Islamic greeting).

Ninety-nine perfect names of Allah أَسْمَاءُ اللَّهِ الْحُسْنَى

Read the beautiful names of Allah listed below and copy them into your exercise book, separating them into two groups according to whether the letter after the initial 'al-' is a sun letter or a moon letter.

هُوَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ

الرَّحْمَنُ	الْبَارِئُ	الرَّافِعُ	الْغَفُورُ
الرَّحِيمُ	الْمُصَوِّرُ	الْمُعِزُّ	الشَّكُورُ
الْمَلِكُ	الْغَفَّارُ	الْمُذِلُّ	الْعَلِيُّ
الْقُدُّوسُ	الْقَهَّارُ	السَّمِيعُ	الْكَبِيرُ
السَّلَامُ	الْوَهَّابُ	الْبَصِيرُ	الْحَفِيظُ
الْمُؤْمِنُ	الرَّزَّاقُ	الْحَكَمُ	الْمُقِيتُ
الْمُهَيْمِنُ	الْفَتَّاحُ	الْعَدْلُ	الْحَسِيبُ
الْعَزِيزُ	الْعَلِيمُ	اللَّطِيفُ	الْجَلِيلُ
الْجَبَّارُ	الْقَابِضُ	الْخَبِيرُ	الْكَرِيمُ
الْمُتَكَبِّرُ	الْبَاسِطُ	الْحَلِيمُ	الرَّقِيبُ
الْخَالِقُ	الْخَافِضُ	الْعَظِيمُ	الْمُجِيبُ

Ninety-nine perfect names of Allah

الْوَاسِعُ	الْمُعِيدُ	الْآخِرُ	الْجَامِعُ
الْحَكِيمُ	الْمُحْيِي	الظَّاهِرُ	الْغَنِيُّ
الْوَدُودُ	الْمُمِيتُ	الْبَاطِنُ	الْمُغْنِي
الْمَجِيدُ	الْحَيُّ	الْوَالِي	الْمُعْطِي
الْبَاعِثُ	الْقَيُّومُ	الْمُتَعَالِي	الْمَانِعُ
الشَّهِيدُ	الْوَاجِدُ	الْبَرُّ	الضَّارُّ
الْحَقُّ	الْمَاجِدُ	التَّوَّابُ	النَّافِعُ
الْوَكِيلُ	الْوَاحِدُ	الْمُنْتَقِمُ	النُّورُ
الْقَوِيُّ	الصَّمَدُ	الْعَفُوُّ	الْهَادِي
الْمَتِينُ	الْقَادِرُ	الرَّؤُوفُ	الْبَدِيعُ
الْوَلِيُّ	الْمُقْتَدِرُ	مَالِكُ الْمُلْكِ	الْبَاقِي
الْحَمِيدُ	الْمُقَدِّمُ	ذُو الْجَلَالِ ـ	الْوَارِثُ
الْمُحْصِي	الْمُؤَخِّرُ	وَالْإِكْرَامِ	الرَّشِيدُ
الْمُبْدِئُ	الْأَوَّلُ	الْمُقْسِطُ	الصَّبُورُ

سُورَةُ الْفَاتِحَة

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ.
اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ .
الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ. مَالِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.
إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ.
اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ.
صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ
غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلاَ الضَّالِّينَ.

In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful.

Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds,

The Gracious, the Merciful, Lord of the Day of Judgment.

You alone do we worship, and to You alone do we turn for help.

Guide us on the straight path,

The path of those whom You have favoured,

Not the path of those who earn Your anger, nor of those who go astray.

آيَةُ الْكُرْسِيّ

اللَّهُ لاَ إِلَهَ إِلاَّ هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ
لا تَأْخُذُهُ سِنَةٌ وَلاَ نَوْمٌ
لَهُ مَا فِي السَّماواتِ وَما فِي الأَرْضِ
مَن ذَا الَّذِي يَشْفَعُ عِنْدَهُ إِلاَّ بِإِذْنِه
يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ
وَلاَ يُحِيطُونَ بِشَيْءٍ مِنْ عِلْمِه إِلاَّ بِما شَاءَ
وَسِعَ كُرْسِيُّهُ السَّماواتِ والأَرْضَ
وَلاَ يَؤُودُهُ حِفْظُهُمَا وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ.

God – there is no god but Him, the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting.

Neither slumber nor sleep overtake Him.

To Him belong all that is in the heavens and all that is on the earth.

Who is there that could intercede with Him, unless it be by His leave?

He knows all that lies open before men and all that is hidden from them, whereas they cannot encompass anything of His knowledge save that which He wills [them to attain].

His throne extends over the heavens and the earth, and he never wearies of guarding and preserving them, for He is the Most High, the Supreme [in glory].