

Arabic Alphabet Reference

Letter	Start	Middle	End	Name	Phonetic Sound	Quranic Word Examples
ا	ا	ا	ا	Alif	“a” (long “aa”)	آية (Āyah - verse), الله (Allāh - Allah)
ب	ب	ب	ب	Bāʾ	“b”	بسم (Bism - in the name), البيت (Al-Bayt - the house)
ت	ت	ت	ت	Tāʾ	“t”	تَعْبُدُ (Taʿbudu - you worship), تَقَبَّلْ (Taqabbal - accept)
ث	ث	ث	ث	Thāʾ	“th” (as in “think”)	ثُمَّ (Thumma - then), ثَوَاب (Thawāb - reward)
ج	ج	ج	ج	Jīm	“j”	جنة (Jannah - paradise), جَدُّكَ (Jadduka - your majesty)
ح	ح	ح	ح	Ḥāʾ	“h” (deep “h”)	الحمد (Al-Ḥamd - the praise), حَمِيدٌ (Ḥamīd - praiseworthy)
خ	خ	خ	خ	Khāʾ	“kh” (like “ch” in “Bach”)	خَيْر (Khayr - good), خَلَقَ (Khalaqa - He created)

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د	د	د	د	Dāl	“d”	دِين (Dīn - religion), دُعَاء (Du‘ā’ - supplication)
ذ	ذ	ذ	ذ	Dhāl	“dh” (as in “this”)	ذُرِّيَّتِي (Dhurriyyatī - my descendants), ذَلِكَ (Dhalika - that)
ر	ر	ر	ر	Rā’	“r” (rolled)	رب (Rabb - Lord), رحمة (Raḥmah - mercy)
ز	ز	ز	ز	Zāy	“z”	زَكَاة (Zakāh - charity), زُور (Zūr - falsehood)
س	س	س	س	Sīn	“s”	سلام (Salām - peace), صِرَاط (Ṣirāṭ - path)
ش	ش	ش	ش	Shīn	“sh”	شَيْء (Shay’ - thing), شَهِيد (Shahīd - witness)
ص	ص	ص	ص	Ṣād	“ṣ” (emphatic “s”)	صَالِحِينَ (Ṣāliḥīn - righteous), صَدَقَةٌ (Ṣadaqah - charity)
ض	ض	ض	ض	Ḍād	“ḍ” (emphatic “d”)	ضَالِينَ (Ḍallīn - astray), ضَرٌّ (Ḍurr - harm)
ط	ط	ط	ط	Ṭā’	“ṭ” (emphatic “t”)	طَيِّبَات (Ṭayyibāt - good things),

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						طَاغُوت (Tāghūt - false deity)
ظ	ظ	ظ	ظ	Zā'	“z” (emphatic “dh”)	ظَلَمَ (Zulm - injustice), ظَاهِر (Zāhir - apparent)
ع	ع	ع	ع	'Ayn	“'” (throat sound)	عِبَاد ('Ibād - servants), عَلَيْكُمْ ('Alaykum - upon you)
غ	غ	غ	غ	Ghayn	“gh” (gargled “g”)	غَفِير (Ghafīr - forgiving), غَيْر (Ghayr - not)
ف	ف	ف	ف	Fā'	“f”	فِي (Fī - in), فَضْل (Faḍl - grace)
ق	ق	ق	ق	Qāf	“q” (deep “k”)	قَلْب (Qalb - heart), قُلْ (Qul - say)
ك	ك	ك	ك	Kāf	“k”	كَمَا (Kamā - as), كُفُوءًا (Kufuwan - equivalent)
ل	ل	ل	ل	Lām	“l”	لِلَّهِ (Lillāh - for Allah), لَكَ (Laka - to You)
م	م	م	م	Mīm	“m”	مُحَمَّد (Muḥammad), مِنْ (Min - from)
ن	ن	ن	ن	Nūn	“n”	نَعْبُدُ (Na'budu - we worship), نَسْتَعِينُ (Nasta'in - we ask for help)

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ه	هـ	هـ	هـ	Hā'	“h”	هُوَ (Huwa - He), هَدَى (Hadā - He guided)
و	و	و	و	Wāw	“w” or “ū”	وَاللَّهُ (Wa-Allāh - and Allah), وَرَحْمَةً (Wa-Raḥmah - and mercy)
ي	يـ	يـ	يـ	Yā'	“y” or “ī”	يَوْمَ (Yawm - day), إِيَّاكَ (Iyyāka - You)