

Arabic Alphabet Reference

Letter	Start	Middle	End	Name	Phonetic Sound
ا	ا	ا	ا	Alif	“a” (long “aa”)
Examples					<p>Start: أَنْعَمْتَ (An‘amta - You blessed), أَحَدٌ (Aḥad - One), أَعْلَى (‘A‘lā - Highest), أَيُّهَا (Ayyuhā - O), أَمَرَ (Amara - He commanded) Middle: مَلِكٌ (Māliki - Master), صِرَاطٌ (Ṣirāṭa - path), نَعْبُدُ (Na‘budu - we worship), رَحْمَنٍ (Raḥmāni - Most Gracious), جَنَّاتٍ (Jannātin - gardens) End: رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ (Raḥmatu-llāh - mercy of Allah), بِحَمْدِكَ (Biḥamdika - with Your praise), غَيْرُ الدِّينِ (Ghayru - not), (Ad-dīni - the religion), الْأَعْلَى (Al-a‘lā - the Highest)</p>
ب	ب	ب	ب	Bā’	“b”
Examples					<p>Start: بِسْمِ (Bismi - In the name), بَارِكْ (Bārik - bless), بَعْدَ (Ba‘da - after), بَيْتٍ (Bayta - house), بَلَى (Balā - yes) Middle: رَبِّ (Rabbī - my</p>

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					<p>Lord), عِبَادٍ ('Ibād - servants), تَعْبُدُ (Ta'budu - you worship), أَرْبَابٍ (Arbābin - lords), تَبَارَكَ (Tabāraka - blessed)</p> <p>End: رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي (Rabb-ighfir lī - Lord, forgive me), مُقِيمِ (Muqīma-ṣ-ṣalāti - establiher of prayer), كَتَبَ (Kataba - He wrote), حَسِبَ (Ḥasiba - He reckoned), ذَهَبَ (Dhahaba - he went)</p>
ت	ت	ت	ت	Tā'	“t”
Examples					<p>Start: تَعَالَى (Ta'ālā - exalted), تَقَبَّلَ (Taqqabbal - accept), تَبَارَكَ (Tabāraka - blessed), تَوَكَّلْ (Tawakkal - trust), تُوبُوا (Tūbū - repent)</p> <p>Middle: مُسْتَقِيمٍ (Mustaqīm - straight), أَنْعَمْتَ (An'amta - You blessed), إِيَّاكَ (Iyyākat - You), مَتَاعٍ (Matā'a - enjoyment), بَعَثْنَا (Ba'athnā - We sent)</p> <p>End: الطَّيِّبَاتُ (Aṭ-ṭayyibātu - good things), رَحْمَةً (Raḥmatu - mercy), جَنَّاتٍ (Jannāt - gardens), مَرْحَمَةٍ (Marḥamatin - compassion), مَوْعِظَةٍ</p>

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					(Maw'izatin - admonition)
ث	ث	ث	ث	Thā'	“th” (as in “think”)
Examples					<p>Start: ثُمَّ (Thumma - then), ثَوَابٌ (Thawāba - reward), ثَقِيلَةٌ (Thaqīlātan - heavy), ثَلَاثَةٌ (Thalāthata - three)</p> <p>Middle: مَثَلٌ (Mathalu - example), مِثْلٌ (Mithla - like), أَثْقَالٌ (Athqāla - burdens), مَثَابَةٌ (Mathābatan - place of return)</p> <p>End: حَدِيثٌ (Ḥadīth - narration), بَعَثَ (Ba'athā - You sent), مَبْعُوثٌ (Mab'ūth - sent), مَخْدُوثٌ (Maḥdūth - created)</p>
ج	ج	ج	ج	Jīm	“j”
Examples					<p>Start: جَنَّةٌ (Jannata - paradise), جَعَلَنِي (Ja'alnī - make me), جَدُّكَ (Jadduka - Your majesty), جَاءَ (Jā'a - he came), جَزَاءٌ (Jazā'a - recompense)</p> <p>Middle: مَجِيدٌ (Majīd - Glorious), رَجَالٌ (Rijāl - men), مُجْرِمُونَ (Mujrimūna - criminals), أَجْرٌ (Ajra - reward)</p> <p>End: مُحَمَّدٌ (Muḥammaj - Muhammad), أَحَدٌ (Aḥaj</p>

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					- One), مَسْجِدٍ (Masjid - mosque), مَوْجُودٍ (Mawjūd - existing)
ح	ح	ح	ح	Hā'	“h” (deep “h”)
Examples					<p>Start: حَمْدٌ (Ḥamdu - praise), حَمِيدٌ (Ḥamīd - praiseworthy), حَيَاةٌ (Ḥayāta - life), حَقٌّ (Ḥaqqun - truth), حَرَامٌ (Ḥarāmun - forbidden)</p> <p>Middle: رَحْمَةٌ (Raḥmah - mercy), مُحَمَّدٌ (Muḥammad - Muhammad), أَحَدٌ (Aḥad - One), مِحْرَابٌ (Miḥrāb - niche)</p> <p>End: السَّلَامُ (As-salāmu - peace), رَبِّيَ الْعَظِيمِ (Rabbiya-l-'azīm - my Lord, the Mighty), مَرْجِعٌ (Marḥi' - return), مَفْتُوحٌ (Maftūḥ - open)</p>
خ	خ	خ	خ	Khā'	“kh” (like “ch” in “Bach”)
Examples					<p>Start: خَلَقَ (Khalaqa - He created), خَيْرٌ (Khayra - good), خَافَ (Khāfa - he feared), خَاصَّةً (Khāṣṣatan - especially)</p> <p>Middle: مَخْلُوقٌ (Makhlūqa - created), تَخْشَى (Takhshā - you fear), مُخْلِصُونَ (Mukhlīṣūna - sincere)</p> <p>End: مَلِكَةٌ</p>

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					(Maḷā'ikah - angels), مَمْلُوكٍ (Mamlūk - owned), مَمْنُوعٍ (Mamnu' - forbidden), مَخْرُوجٍ (Makhrūj - expelled)
د	د	د	د	Dāl	“d”
Examples					Start: دِينَ (Dīni - religion), دُعَاءٍ (Du‘ā’i - supplication), دَعَا (Da‘ā - he called), دَارٍ (Dāra - abode), دَرَجَةٍ (Darajatan - degree) Middle: مَدِينَةٍ (Madīnah - city), عَبْدُهُ (‘Abduhu - His servant), قَدِيرٍ (Qadīr - All- Powerful), مُذَكِّرٍ (Muddakir - reminder) End: مُحَمَّدٍ (Muḥammad - Muhammad), أَحَدٍ (Aḥad - One), مَشْهَدٍ (Maṣḥhad - scene), مَوْلُودٍ (Mawlūd - born)
ذ	ذ	ذ	ذ	Dhāl	“dh” (as in “this”)
Examples					Start: ذُرِّيَّتِي (Dhurriyyatī - my descendants), ذَلِكَ (Dhālīka - that), ذَنْبٍ (Dhanba - sin), ذِكْرِي (Dhikrā - reminder) Middle: مُذَكِّرٍ (Mudhkir - reminder), مَذْكُورٍ (Madhkūr - mentioned), أَذْنَبَ (Adhnaba - he

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					sinned) End: مَوْعِظَةٌ (Maw'adhah - admonition), مُنِيبٍ (Muṇīdh - repentant), مَذْهَبٍ (Madhhab - way), مَرْغُوبٍ (Marghūdh - desired)
ر	ر	ر	ر	Rā'	“r” (rolled)
Examples					Start: رَبِّ (Rabbī - my Lord), رَحْمَةً (Raḥmah - mercy), رَسُولٌ (Rasūlu - Messenger), رَزَقَ (Razaqa - He provided), رَجَعَ (Raja'a - he returned) Middle: أَمَرَ (Amra - command), بَرَكَاتٍ (Barakah - blessing), مَرْحَمَةٍ (Marḥamah - compassion), قَدِيرٌ (Qadīr - All-Powerful) End: غَفُورٌ (Ghafūr - Forgiving), نَصِيرٌ (Naṣīr - Helper), مُنْتَشِرٌ (Muntashir - scattered), مَشْكُورٌ (Mashkūr - thanked)
ز	ز	ز	ز	Zāy	“z”
Examples					Start: زَكَاةً (Zakātah - charity), زَوْجٍ (Zawja - spouse), زَيْنٌ (Zayyana - He adorned), زُرْ (Zur - falsehood) Middle: أَزْوَاجٌ (Azwāj -

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					spouses), مَزِيدٌ (Mazīd - more), مُزْدَجِرٌ (Muzdajir - deterrent) End: عَزِيزٌ ('Azīz - Mighty), غَنِيٌّ (Ghanīz - Rich), مَفْرُوزٌ (Mafrūz - separated), مَمْنُوزٌ (Mamnuz - prohibited)
س	سـ	سـ	سـ	Sīn	“s”
Examples					Start: سُبْحَانَ (Subḥāna - Glory be), سَلَامٌ (Salāmu - peace), سَمِعَ (Sami‘a - He hears), سَبِيلٌ (Sabīla - way), سَجَدَ (Sajada - he prostrated) Middle: مُسْتَقِيمٌ (Mustaqīm - straight), رَسُولٌ (Rasūlu - Messenger), أَنْفُسٍ (Anfus - souls), مَسْجِدٌ (Masjid - mosque) End: جَنَّاتٍ (Jannāt - gardens), أَنْفُسٍ (Anfus - souls), مَجْلِسٍ (Majlis - assembly), مَحْبُوسٍ (Maḥbūs - imprisoned)
ش	شـ	شـ	شـ	Shīn	“sh”
Examples					Start: شَيْءٍ (Shay‘in - thing), شَهِيدٍ (Shahīdin - witness), شَرِيعَةٍ (Sharī‘atan - law), شَمْسٍ (Shamsa - sun), شَكَرَ (Shakara - he thanked)

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					Middle: مُشْرِكُونَ (Mushrikūna - polytheists), عَشْرَةٌ (‘Ashrata - ten), مَشْهَدٌ (Mashhad - scene), مُشْتَرٍ (Mushtar - buyer) End: مَعَاشٍ (Ma‘āsh - livelihood), مُنْتَشِرٍ (Muntashir - scattered), مَحْبُوسٍ (Maḥbūsh - confined), مَشْكُوشٍ (Mashkūsh - uncovered)
ص	صد	صد	ص	Ṣād	“ṣ” (emphatic “s”)
Examples					Start: صَلَاةٍ (Ṣalāti - prayer), صَالِحِينَ (Ṣāliḥīna - righteous), صَدَقَةٌ (Ṣadaqata - charity), صَبَرَ (Ṣabara - he was patient), صَرَفَ (Ṣarafa - he turned away) Middle: مُصِيبَةٌ (Muṣībah - calamity), نَصِيرٌ (Naṣīr - Helper), مَصِيرٌ (Maṣīr - destination), مُصْطَفًى (Muṣṭafā - chosen) End: مَفْصُولٍ (Maḥṣūl - detailed), مُقْتَصِدٍ (Muqtaṣid - moderate), مَخْصُوصٍ (Maḥṣūṣ - specified), مَقْبُوضٍ (Maqbuṣ - seized)
ض	ضد	ضد	ض	Ḍād	“ḍ” (emphatic “d”)

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Examples					<p>Start: ضَالِّينَ (Ḍāllīna - astray), ضُرٌّ (Ḍurrin - harm), ضَرَبَ (Ḍaraba - He struck), ضَعْفَ (Ḍa‘fa - weakness), ضَيِّقَ (Ḍayyaqa - he constrained)</p> <p>Middle: مَضَاجِعَ (Maḍāji‘a - resting places), قَاضِيَةً (Qāḍiyah - decisive), مُضِلٌّ (Muḍill - one who misleads)</p> <p>End: مَرَضٍ (Marad - disease), مُهْتَدٍ (Muhtaḍ - guided), مَقْبُوضٍ (Maqbuḍ - grasped), مَفْسُودٍ (Mafsūd - spread)</p>
ط	ط	ط	ط	Tā’	“ٲ” (emphatic “t”)
Examples					<p>Start: طَيِّبَاتٍ (Ṭayyibāti - good things), طَاغُوتَ (Ṭāghūta - false deity), طَهَارَةً (Ṭahāratan - purity), طَلَعَ (Ṭala‘a - he ascended), طَمَعَ (Ṭama‘a - he coveted)</p> <p>Middle: مُسْطَرٌّ (Muṣṭar - written), بَاطِنٌ (Bāṭin - hidden), مَطْلَعٌ (Maṭla‘ - rising place)</p> <p>End: مَمَاتٍ (Maṣmāt - death), مُسْتَقَرًّا (Mustaqṭar - resting place), مَقْبُوضٍ (Maqbuṭ - grasped), مَفْسُودٍ (Mafsūṭ - spread)</p>

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ظ	ظ	ظ	ظ	Zā'	“z” (emphatic “dh”)
Examples					<p>Start: ظَلَمُوا (Zalamū - they wronged), ظَاهِرٌ (Zāhirun - apparent), ظَنَّ (Zanna - he thought), ظَهِيرٌ (Zahīrun - supporter) Middle: مَظْلُومٌ (Maẓlūmun - oppressed), مُظْلِمٌ (Muẓlimun - dark), مَظْهَرٌ (Maẓhar - appearance) End: مَوْعِظَةٌ (Maw‘izah - admonition), مُنْتَظِرٌ (Muntazir - awaiting), مَحْفُوظٌ (Maḥfūẓ - preserved), مَمْنُوزٌ (Mamnuz - observed)</p>
ع	ع	ع	ع	'Ayn	“’” (throat sound)
Examples					<p>Start: عَلَيْكُمْ ('Alaykum - upon you), عِبَادِ ('Ibādi - servants), عَظِيمٌ ('Azīmi - Mighty), عَمِلَ ('Amila - he did), عَاقِبَةٌ ('Āqibata - outcome) Middle: مَعَ (Ma‘a - with), شَعَائِرَ (Sha‘ā'ira - rites), مُعَاقِبٌ (Mu‘āqib - punisher) End: مَوْعِدٍ (Maw‘id - promise), مَسْمُوعٌ (Masmu‘ - heard), مَرْفُوعٌ (Marfū‘ - elevated), مَمْنُوعٌ (Mamnu‘ - forbidden)</p>

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غ	غ	غ	غ	Ghayn	“gh” (gargled “g”)
Examples					<p>Start: غَفِيرٌ (Ghafīrun - forgiving), غَيْرٍ (Ghayri - not), غَفْلَةٌ (Ghaflatan - heedlessness), غَضَبٌ (Ghaḍabun - wrath), غَنِيٌّ (Ghanīyun - Rich)</p> <p>Middle: مَغْفِرَةٌ (Maghfirah - forgiveness), مُغْنِيَةٌ (Mughniyah - enriching), مَغْرُورٌ (Maghrūr - deceived)</p> <p>End: مَمْلُوكٌ (Mamlūgh - owned), مَرْفُوعٌ (Marfū‘ - elevated), مَمْنُوعٌ (Mamnu‘ - forbidden), مَشْغُولٌ (Mashghūl - occupied)</p>
ف	ف	ف	ف	Fā’	“f”
Examples					<p>Start: فِي (Fī - in), فَضْلٌ (Faḍlin - grace), فَتَحَ (Fataḥa - He opened), فَرَضَ (Farada - He ordained), فَسَادٌ (Fasāda - corruption)</p> <p>Middle: أَنْفُسٍ (Anfus - souls), مَفْصُولٌ (Mafṣūl - detailed), مُفْلِحُونَ (Mufliḥūna - successful)</p> <p>End: أَحَدٌ (Aḥaf - One), مُنْتَشِرٌ (Muntafir - scattered), مَشْكُوفٌ (Mashkūf - uncovered),</p>

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					مَخْلُوفٍ (Makhlūf - created)
ق	ق	ق	ق	Qāf	“q” (deep “k”)
Examples					Start: قُلْ (Qul - say), قَلْبَ (Qalba - heart), قَدِيرٌ (Qadīrun - All-Powerful), قَرِيبٌ (Qarībun - near), قَامَ (Qāma - he stood) Middle: مُقِيمٌ (Muqīma - establisher), تَقَبَّلَ (Taqqabbal - accept), مَقْبُولٌ (Maqbūl - accepted) End: مُحَمَّدٌ (Muḥammaq - Muhammad), مُسْتَقِيمٌ (Muṣṭaqīm - straight), مَخْلُوقٌ (Makhlūq - created), مَقْبُوضٌ (Maqbūḍ - grasped)
ك	ك	ك	ك	Kāf	“k”
Examples					Start: كَمَا (Kamā - as), كُفُوءًا (Kufuwan - equivalent), كَرِيمٌ (Karīmun - Generous), كَتَبَ (Kataba - He wrote), كَفَرَ (Kafara - he disbelieved) Middle: مَلِكٍ (Māliki - Master), مُكْرَمٌ (Ayyuhā - O), أَيُّهَا (Mukram - honored) End: إِيَّاكَ (Iyyāka - You), عَلَيْكَ (ʿAlayka - upon you), مَشْكُوكٌ (Mashkūk - upon you)

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					(Maṣhkūk - doubted), مَمْلُوكٍ (Mamlūk - owned)
ل	ل	ل	ل	Lām	“l”
Examples					Start: لِلَّهِ (Lillāhi - for Allah), لَكَ (Laka - to You), لَيْلَةً (Laylata - night), لَعَلَّ (La‘alla - perhaps), لَمْ (Lam - not) Middle: مَلِكٍ (Māliki - Master), سَلَامٌ (Salāmu - peace), مُقِيمٌ (Muqīma - establisher) End: رَسُولٌ (Rasūl - Messenger), قُلْ (Qul - say), مَمْلُوكٍ (Mamlūk - owned), مَشْكُورٍ (Maṣhkūl - thanked)
م	م	م	م	Mīm	“m”
Examples					Start: مُحَمَّدٍ (Muḥammadin - Muhammad), مِنْ (Min - from), مَلِكٍ (Māliki - Master), مَرْحَمَةً (Marḥamatan - compassion), مَسْجِدٌ (Masjidun - mosque) Middle: أَمْرٌ (Amra - command), مُسْتَقِيمٌ (Mustaqīma - straight), عَمِلَ (‘Amila - he did) End: السَّلَامُ (As-salāmu - peace), الْعَالَمِينَ (Al-‘ālamīna - worlds),

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					مُقِيمٌ (Muqīma - establisher), مَشْكُومٌ (Mashkūm - thanked)
ن	نـ	نـ	نـ	Nūn	“n”
Examples					Start: نَعْبُدُ (Na‘budu - we worship), نَسْتَعِينُ (Nasta‘īnu - we ask for help), نَصِيرُ (Naṣīrun - Helper), نَفْسٌ (Nafsa - soul), نَعَمَ (Na‘ama - He blessed) Middle: مِنْ (Min - from), أَنْعَمْتَ (An‘amta - You blessed), مُنِيبٌ (Munīb - repentant) End: الْعَالَمِينَ (Al-‘ālamīn - worlds), صَالِحِينَ (Ṣāliḥīn - righteous), مُسْتَقِيمٌ (Mustaqīm - straight), مَمْنُونٌ (Mamnūn - grateful)
هـ	هـ	هـ	هـ	Hā’	“h”
Examples					Start: هُوَ (Huwa - He), هَدَى (Hadā - He guided), هَذَا (Hādhā - this), هَلْ (Hal - is?), هَبْ (Hab - grant) Middle: مُهْتَدٍ (Muhtad - guided), رَحْمَةً (Rahmah - mercy), مَهْدٌ (Mahd - cradle) End: اللَّهُ (Allāhi - Allah), **ر

