

# shadda



“the emphasizer”

# What is it?

- shadda is a pronunciation marker.
- It doubles the length of a consonant *in pronunciation*.
- This doubling changes both the *pronunciation* and the *meaning*.
- shadda is usually omitted in unvoweled texts.

# How does it affect pronunciation?

- For fluid consonants (e.g. ز، ث، ذ، ج، ح، خ، ر), a shadda means you hold the sound for twice as long as a consonant without shadda.
- For other sounds (e.g. د، ب، ت), you begin to say letter, then pause in the middle of it briefly.
  - You can imagine seeing two of the letter. The first would have a sukuun, and the second would carry its vowel.

# Remember...

- A syllable with shadda will carry the stress of the word.
- When functioning as consonants, و & ي can also take the shadda.
- A medial sukuun is always followed by a vowel.
- Shadda + kasra has two options.

# Now, let's practice.

- Drill 1 with whiteboards.
  - Step ١: Listen to the word.
  - Step ٢: Write 'Yes' if you hear it, 'No' if you don't.
  - Step ٣: Compare your answer with your partner.
- Listening Exercise 2.
  - Distinguishing between long vowels and shadda.