

Long Vowels

The Basics

- Long vowels *bil3arabii* should be stretched **twice as long** as English vowels.
- Don't be afraid to stretch them too long--it will help you differentiate between short and long vowels.
- Vowel length impacts the meaning of the word, and the listener's ability to understand it.

و waw uu

- Pronounce it like you're delighted: oooooooooo!



FINAL

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waw

uu

ي yaa ii

- Pronounce it like the *ee* in “beep.”
- Initial and medial yaa resembles the initial and medial baa, taa, and thaa.
 - However, the independent and final yaa do not.



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yaa

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Letter Connections

_____ ت + و + ت

_____ ب + ي + ت + ي

_____ ت + و + ب + ي

_____ ا + ب + و + ث + ي

_____ ب + ا + ث + و + ت + ي