

## Hamzah

- The *hamzah*, represented by the symbol ء, is a separate consonant that should not be mixed up with the *alif*.
- Another name this symbol is given is *hamzat-ul Qat'* - the cutting *hamzah*.
- The *hamzah* sound is produced by blocking off the air stream at the top of the windpipe, and then releasing it.
- There are different places a *hamzah* sits on in a word:

1. On its own at the beginning or the end of a word.

For example: ءَأَنْتُمْ مَاءَ

2. On the *alif* at the beginning of a word. The *alif* is used as a chair for the *hamzah* if it is the initial letter of a word - ا. If the following vowel is a *kasrah*, the *hamzah* is written beneath the *alif* - اِ.

3. On the *alif* in the middle of a word.

For example: سَأَلَ

4. On the *waaw* و in the middle or the end of a word - وُ.

For example: مُؤْمِنٌ

5. On the *yaa'* ي at the end of a word - يَ.

For example: بَرِيءٌ

6. On a small prop in the middle of a word.

For example: بُسْ

### Note

Whenever a *hamzah* sits on any one of the long vowels, there is to be **NO** extending of the long vowel at all. Remember, the long vowel is only acting as a chair for the *hamzah*.