

## YOUR TAJWEED MADE EASY

A step by step guide to basic Tajweed rules

**My Alphabet.®**

ج	ث	ت	ب	ا
jeem	thaa	taa	baa	alif
ر	ذ	د	خ	ح
raw	zhaal	dhaal	<u>khaw</u>	<u>haa</u>
ض	ص	ش	س	ز
<u>dhawd</u>	<u>sawd</u>	sheen	seen	zaa
ف	غ	ع	ظ	ط
faa	<u>ghayn</u>	<u>ayn</u>	<u>zhaw</u>	<u>taw</u>
ن	م	ل	ك	ق
noon	meem	laam	kaaf	<u>qawf</u>
ي	ء	ه	و	
yaa	hamza	haa	wow	

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Same colour letters sound similar  
Underlined are sharp from throat  
Full mouth letter

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### A little help

<u>alif</u>	ا	as in <u>a</u> lift	<u>taw</u>	ط	no example
<u>baa</u>	ب	as in <u>bar</u>	<u>zhaw</u>	ظ	no example
<u>taa</u>	ت	no example	<u>ayn</u>	ع	as in <u>E</u> instein
<u>thaa</u>	ث	as in <u>th</u> ank	<u>ghayn</u>	غ	(gargle sound)
<u>jeem</u>	ج	as in <u>je</u> ep	<u>faa</u>	ف	as in <u>f</u> arm
<u>haa</u>	ح	as in <u>h</u> acksaw (sharp)	<u>qawf</u>	ق	as in <u>Q</u> ur'aan
<u>khaw</u>	خ	as in <u>l</u> och (Scottish)	<u>kaaf</u>	ك	as in <u>c</u> alf
<u>dhaal</u>	د	(Indian <u>cu</u> rry)	<u>laam</u>	ل	as in <u>I</u> slaam
<u>zhaal</u>	ذ	as in ' <u>T</u> he'	<u>meem</u>	م	as in <u>m</u> ee <u>t</u>
<u>raw</u>	ر	as in <u>r</u> aw meat	<u>noon</u>	ن	as in <u>n</u> oon
<u>zaa</u>	ز	as in <u>z</u> ap	<u>wow</u>	و	as in " <u>w</u> ow!"
<u>seen</u>	س	as in <u>s</u> een	<u>haa</u>	ه	as in <u>h</u> ard
<u>sheen</u>	ش	as in <u>s</u> heep	<u>hamza</u>	ء	as in <u>H</u> amza
<u>sawd</u>	ص	as in <u>s</u> aw	<u>yaa</u>	ي	as in <u>y</u> ard
<u>dhawd</u>	ض	no example			

### Full mouth letters

خ ص ض ط ظ غ ق  
khaw sawd dhawd taw zhaw ghayn qawf

### Similar sounds

ا ع ء ت ط ث س ص  
a - a - a law - ta saw - sa - tha

ح ه ذ ظ ق ك  
ha - ha dhaw - dha zhaw - za - zha ka - qaw

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## **MY ALPHABET EXPLAINED (MAKHAARIJ)**

**Let us now look at singular letters of the Arabic alphabet and how to say them. We have tried to give an English equivalent where possible but unfortunately for some letters it is not possible.**

There are 29 letters of the alphabet and below is the information on how to pronounce each one.

**ALIF** - from the emptiness of the mouth.

**BAA** – from the inner part of the lips when they meet (moist part), similar to the English word bar.

**TAA** – tip of tongue touches the gums behind the front upper central two teeth (incisors).

**THAA** – tip of the tongue touches the bottom edge of the front upper central two teeth, similar to the English word think, thank, and threw.

**JEEM** – centre of the tongue touches the palate, similar to the English word jeep but with an m on the end.

**HAA** – comes from the centre of the throat pushing air out.

**KHAW** – comes from the top of the throat. This letter is pronounced full mouth.

**DHAAL** - tip of tongue touches the gums behind the front upper central two teeth.

**ZHAAL** - tip of the tongue touches the bottom edge of the front upper central two teeth, similar to the English word the, then, they.

**RAW** – tip of the tongue touches the upper hard palate at the front, similar to the English word raw. This letter is pronounced full mouth and on occasion empty mouth.

**ZAA** – bring your teeth together and release, similar to the English word zap and zoo.

**SEEN** – bring your teeth together and release, similar to the English word seen.

**SHEEN** - centre of the tongue touches the palate, similar to the English word sheet.

**SAWD** – bring teeth together and release, somewhat similar to the English word muscle. This letter is pronounced full mouth (slight whistling sound).

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**DHAWD** - upturned side or sides of the tongue to touch the gums of the upper back teeth (molars). This letter is pronounced full mouth.

**TAW** - tip of tongue touches the gums behind the front upper central two teeth. This letter is pronounced full mouth.

**ZHAW** - tip of the tongue touches the bottom edge of the front upper central two teeth. This letter is pronounced full mouth.

**AYN** – comes from the centre of the throat like the HAA mentioned before, similar to the English word Einstein.

**GHAYN** – comes from the top of the throat like KHAW, similar to a gargling sound. This letter is pronounced full mouth.

**FAA** - bottom edge of the upper front teeth meets the inner bottom lip, similar to the English word farm.

**QAWF** – raising the back end of the tongue touching the palate. This is a full mouth letter.

**KAAF** - raising the back end of the tongue touching the palate similar to QAWF but a little further forward on the tongue, similar to the English word cart.

**LAAM** – tip of the tongue touches the palate, similar to the English word lama (animal).

**MEEM** – joining the outer dry part of the lips together, similar to the word the English word meet.

**NOON** – tip of the tongue touches the palate, similar to the English word noon.

**WOW** – partial meeting of the lips, similar to the English word wow.

**HAA** – comes from the bottom of the throat close to the chest, similar to the word heart.

**HAMZA** – comes from the bottom of the throat close to the chest. This letter is known as hamza but is pronounced as an alif. The best way to remember hamza is to class it as an alif, similar to the English word at.

**YAA** – centre of the tongue touches the palate, similar to the English word yard.

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