

The Arabic Alphabet

Writing the letters in the words

The Arabic alphabet is composed from 28 letters. There are no capital and small letters in Arabic. Arabic letters cannot be written separate as are Latin letters. They must join together when forming a word. More precisely, 22 of the letters are connectors so they can be in the middle between two letters. And 6 letters only cannot followed by any letter (**non connectors**), they are:

ا ، د ، ذ ، ر ، ز ، و

Visit Some one friendly = زُرْ ذَا وَدٍ

The Arabic words are normally written continuously without any spaces, but when one of these non-connected letters comes in the middle of the word a half space is left before starting the next letter. A full space is normally used between two words.

A table illustrating the Arabic letters is attached. Each letter has four rows in the table.

1. The first row represents the form of the letter when it is written alone and a pattern showing how it is written at the beginning of the word, in the middle, and at the end of the word.
2. The second row contains letters of a word separated by spaces. The exercise here is to connect those letters together to form the word as it is written in the third row.
3. The Third row contains the letter of the same word connected. The student should be able to compose the word without looking to this row.
4. The fourth row contains the Pronunciation.
5. The fifth row contains a meaning of the word in English.

Try to memorize these words, in order to increase your vocabulary.

Salam Alaikom, = Peace upon you

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| آخر الكلمة | وسط الكلمة | أول الكلمة | الحرف Letter | |
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| End of the word | Middle of the word | Beginning of the word | Pronunciation Alone | |
| | | | Separated letters | |
| Example | Example | Example | Letters connected in the word | |
| | | | Pronunciation with Latin alphabet | |
| | | | Meaning in English | |
| ا .. ا | . ا ب . | ا ب .. | ا | 1 |
| م ا ، م ا ذ ا | ك ت ا ب ء | أ ك ل | ا | |
| م ا ، م ا ذ ا | ك ت ا ب ء | أ ك ل | ألف | |
| Ma tha , ma | Ke ta B | A ka la | | |
| What | A book | Ate | Alif, Add | |
| ب .. ب | .. ب .. | ب .. | ب | 2 |
| ح ب ء | ي ب ي ت ء | ب ا ت | ب | |
| ح ب ء | ي ب ي ت ء | ب ا ت | باء | |
| Hu bbon | Ya bee tu | Baa ta | | |
| Love | He Spends a night | He Spent a night | Ba' - Bad | |
| ت .. ت | .. ت .. | ت .. | ت | 3 |
| ي ب ي ت ء | ي ت و ب ء | ت ا ب | ت | |
| ي ب ي ت ء | ي ت و ب ء | ت ا ب | تاء | |
| Ya bei tu | Ya tuou bu | Taa ba | | |
| Pass a night (present) | He Repents | He Repented | Ta' - Task | |

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| ث..ث | ث..ث | ث..ث | ث | 4 |
| مُثَلِّثٌ | يُثَابِرُ | ثَابَرَ | ث | |
| مَثَلْتُ | يُثَابِرُ | ثَابَرَ | ثَاء | |
| Mu tha lla th | Yu tha ba ru | Tha ba ra | | |
| Triangle | He Persists | He Persisted | Tha' - thank | |
| ج..ج | ج..ج | ج..ج | ج | 5 |
| ثَلْجٌ | يَجُودُ | جَادَ | ج | |
| تَلَجُّ | يَجُودُ | جَادَ | جِيم | |
| Tha l jon | Ya juou du | Jaa da | | |
| Snow | He gives generously | He Gave generously | Jim –Jamaica | |
| ح..ح | ح..ح | ح..ح | ح | 6 |
| فَارِحٌ | يَحْفَظُ | حَفِظَ | ح | |
| فَرِحَ | يَحْفَظُ | حَفِظَ | حَاء | |
| Fa re ha | Ya h fa thu | Ha fe tha | | |
| He became happy | He Preserves, saves, Memorizes | He Preserved, saved, memorized | Ha' - X | |
| خ..خ | خ..خ | خ..خ | خ | 7 |
| خَوْخٌ | يَخْرُجُ | خَرَجَ | خ | |
| خَوَّخٌ | يَخْرُجُ | خَرَجَ | خَاء | |

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| Kha w khon | Ya kh ru ju | Kha ra ja | | |
| Peach | He goes out, exists | He went out, exited | Kha' - X | |
| د.. | د..ن.. | د..ن.. | د | 8 |
| بَلَدٌ | يَدْرُسُ | دَرَسَ | د | |
| بَلَدٌ | يَدْرُسُ | دَرَسَ | دال | |
| Ba la don | Ya d ru su | Da ra sa | | |
| Country, city | He Studies | He Studied | Dal -Dad | |
| ذ.. | ذ..ن.. | ذ..ن.. | ذ | 9 |
| لَذِيذٌ | يَذْهَبُ | ذَهَبَ | ذ | |
| لَذِيذٌ | يَذْهَبُ | ذَهَبَ | ذال | |
| La th i th | Ya th ha bu | Tha ha ba | | |
| Delicious | He Goes | He Went | Dhal – this | |
| ر.. | ر..ن.. | ر..ن.. | ر | 10 |
| بَحْرٌ | يَرَسُمُ | رَسَمَ | ر | |
| بَحْرٌ | يَرَسُمُ | رَسَمَ | راء | |
| Ba h ron | Ya r su mu | Ra sa ma | | |
| Sea | He Draws | He Drew | Ra' – Rabbit | |
| ز.. | ز..ن.. | ز..ن.. | ز | 11 |
| كَانَ زَرْ | يَزُورُ | زَارَ | ز | |

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| كَزَزَ | يَزُورُ | زَارَ | زاي | |
| Ka na za | Ya z ou ru | Za ra | | |
| He stored; hoarded | He Visits | He Visited | Zay - Zero | |
| ..س | ..س | ..س | س | |
| جَلَّسَ | يَسْمَعُ | سَمِعَ | سين | 12 |
| Ja la sa | Ya s ma u | Sa me aa | | |
| He sat down | He Hears | He Heard | Sin - sad | |
| ..ش | ..ش | ..ش | ش | |
| مُشْمَشٌ | يَشْكُرُ | شَكَرَ | شين | 13 |
| Mu sh mu sh | Ya sh ku ru | Sha ka ra | | |
| Apricot | He thanks | He thanked | Shin - shake | |
| ..ص | ..ص | ..ص | ص | |
| تَمَلَّصَ | يَصْبِرُ | صَبَرَ | صاد | 14 |
| Ta ma lla sa | Ya ss be ru | Sa ba ra | | |
| He dodge | He endures | He endured | SSad - X | |
| ..ض | ..ض | ..ض | ض | 15 |

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| بَعْضٌ | يَضْجَرُ | ضَجَرَ | ض | |
| بَعْضٌ | يَضْجَرُ | ضَجِرَ | ضاد | |
| Ba a <u>dd</u> | Ya <u>dd</u> ja ru | <u>DDa</u> je ra | | |
| Some | He Gets bored with | Got bored, fed up with | DDad - X | |
| ط | ط | ط | ط | |
| قَطٌ | يَطْلُبُ | طَلَبَ | ط | 16 |
| قِطٌ | يَطْلُبُ | طَلَبَ | طَاءٌ | |
| <u>Qe</u> <u>tt</u> on | Ya <u>tt</u> lu bu | <u>TTa</u> la ba | | |
| Cat | He Asks, requests, seeks | He Asked, requested, sought | <u>TTa</u> ' - X | |
| ظ | ظ | ظ | ظ | |
| لَفَظٌ | يَظُنُّ | ظَنَّ | ظ | 17 |
| لَفْظٌ | يَظُنُّ | ظَنَّ | ظَاءٌ | |
| La fa <u>dha</u> | Ya <u>dhu</u> nnu | <u>Dha</u> nna | | |
| He pronounces | He supposes, guesses | He supposed, guessed | DHa | |
| ع | ع | ع | ع | |
| سَمِعَ | يَعْلَمُ | عَلِمَ | ع | 18 |
| سَمِعَ | يَعْلَمُ | عَلِمَ | عين | |
| Sa me <u>aaa</u> | Ya <u>aa</u> la mu | <u>AA</u> le ma | | |
| He heard | He knows | He Knew | 'Ain | |

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| غ.. | غ.. | ظ.. | غ | 19 |
| بَلَّغَ | يَغِيْبُ | عَابَ | غ | |
| بَلَّغَ | يَغِيْبُ | غَابَ | غَيْن | |
| Ba la gha | Ya ghe bu | Gha ba | | |
| He reached, arrived | He is absent | He was absent | Ghayn | |
| ف.. | ف.. | ف.. | ف | 20 |
| لَطِيْفٌ | يَفُوْزُ | فَازَ | ف | |
| لَطِيْفٌ | يَفُوْزُ | فَازَ | فَاء | |
| La tt I f | Ya fou zu | Fa za | | |
| Kind, nice | He wins | He won | Fa' – For | |
| ق.. | ق.. | ق.. | ق | 21 |
| قَلِقَ | يَقْرَأُ | قَرَأَ | ق | |
| قَلِقَ | يَقْرَأُ | قَرَأَ | قَاف | |
| Qa le_ga | Ya_q ra 'u | Qa ra 'a | | |
| He worried, become worried | He reads | He read | Qaf - X | |
| ك.. | ك.. | ك.. | ك | 22 |
| أَمْسَكَ | يَكْتُبُ | كَتَبَ | ك | |
| أَمْسَكَ | يَكْتُبُ | كَتَبَ | كَاف | |

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| A m sa ka | Ya k tu bu | Ka ta ba | | |
| He held, grasped | He writes | He wrote | Kaf – Candy | |
| ل.. | ل.. | ل.. | ل | 23 |
| طَوِيْلٌ | يَلْبَسُ | لَبَسَ | ل | |
| طَوِيْلٌ | يَلْبَسُ | لَبَسَ | لام | |
| Ta wee l | Ya l ba su | La be sa | | |
| Long, high, tall | He wears | He wore | Lam – Lab | |
| م.. | م.. | م.. | م | 24 |
| مَنَامٌ | يَمِيلُ | مَالَ | م | |
| مَنَامٌ | يَمِيلُ | مَالَ | ميم | |
| Ma na m | Ya mee lu | Ma la | | |
| Sleep; Dream | He inclines | He inclined | Mim – Me | |
| ن.. | ن.. | ن.. | ن | 25 |
| سِنٌ | يَنَامُ | نَامَ | ن | |
| سِنٌ | يَنَامُ | نَامَ | نون | |
| Se non | Ya na mu | Na ma | | |
| Tooth | He sleeps | He slept | Nun – Nap | |
| ه.. | ه.. | ه.. | ه | 26 |
| أَبْلَهٌ | يَهَسُ | هَمَسَ | ه | |

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| أَبْلَهُ | يَهْمِسُ | هَمَسَ | هَاء | |
| A b l a h | Ya h me su | Ha ma sa | | |
| Stupid, idiotic | He whispers | He whispered | Ha' – Hat | |
| و.. | و..ون.. | ون.. | و | |
| يَاتِلُ وَ | يَاوَمٌ | وَجَدَ | و | 27 |
| يَتْلُو | يَوْمٌ | وَجَدَ | واو | |
| Ya t l ou | Ya w m | Wa ja da | | |
| To recite, Follow | Day | He found | Waw- wonderful | |
| ي.. | ي..ي.. | ي.. | ي | |
| يَاتِي | يَمِينٌ | يَسَارٌ | ي | 28 |
| يَأْتِي | يَمِينٌ | يَسَارٌ | ياء | |
| Ya' tee | Ya m i n | Ya sa r | | |
| To come (present) | Right | Left | Ya' – yahoo | |