

# A Basic Step-by-Step Guide to Improve Your Qur'an Recitation



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Rules Letter Laam  
&  
Rules of Letter Ra

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# Supplications For Knowledge

رَبِّ أَسْرَحْ لِي صَدْرِي ﴿٢٥﴾ وَيَسِّرْ لِي أَمْرِي ﴿٢٦﴾ وَأَخْلِلْ عُقْدَةً مِّن لِّسَانِي ﴿٢٧﴾ يَفْقَهُوا قَوْلِي ﴿٢٨﴾

O my Lord, Open my chest, ease my task, and give me the eloquence in my speech so they understand my message.

Surah TaHa – Verses 25 - 28

رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا ﴿١١٤﴾

O my Lord, increase me in knowledge

Surah TaHa – Verse 114

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنِّیْ اَسْأَلُكَ عِلْمًا نَافِعًا وَ رِزْقًا طَیِّبًا وَ عَمَلًا مُّتَقَبَّلًا

O Allah, I ask you of beneficial knowledge, pure rizq, and acceptable deeds

اَللّٰهُمَّ اَنْفَعْنَا بِمَا عَلَّمْتَنَا وَعَلِّمْنَا مَا يَنْفَعُنَا وَزِدْنَا عِلْمًا (ابن ماجه)

O Allah, benefit us from the knowledge that you gave us and teach us what will benefit us and increase us in knowledge

اَللّٰهُمَّ فَفِّهْنَا فِي الدِّیْنِ

O Allah, grant us the understanding of the Deen

# Today's Topics

This week InSha'Allah we will learn about:

1. Rules of Letter of Laam
2. Solar and Lunar Letters
3. Pronouncing the Letter Laam - Heavy or Light
4. Rules of Letter Ra

# Definite & Indefinite Nouns

## مَعْرِفَةٌ وَ نَكِيرَةٌ

Nouns can either be indefinite نَكِيرَةٌ or definite مَعْرِفَةٌ

To make an indefinite noun into a definite noun, we add “al” ( ال ) to the beginning of the word.

كِتَابٌ ← الْكِتَابُ      طَالِبٌ ← الطَّالِبُ      مَسْجِدٌ ← الْمَسْجِدُ

- “ ال ” means “the”
- The definite article “ ال ” appears at the beginning of words
- The letter Laam is preceded by Hamzatul Wasl (which is read with a Fathah)

Sometimes the letter Laam of “ ال ” is pronounced clearly and sometimes it is not pronounced (the alif (or hamza) is merged directly with the letter with Shaddah after the letter Laam).

# Solar and Lunar Letters

Nouns can be divided into two groups:

- Lunar (الْقَمَرِيَّة) - The letter Laam (ل) of ال in Lunar words is pronounced clearly.
  - The letter Laam (ل) of ال will have a Sukoon.
  - There are 14 Lunar letters (حُرُوف الْقَمَرِي)

ء ه ع ح غ خ ق ك ج ي ب ف م و

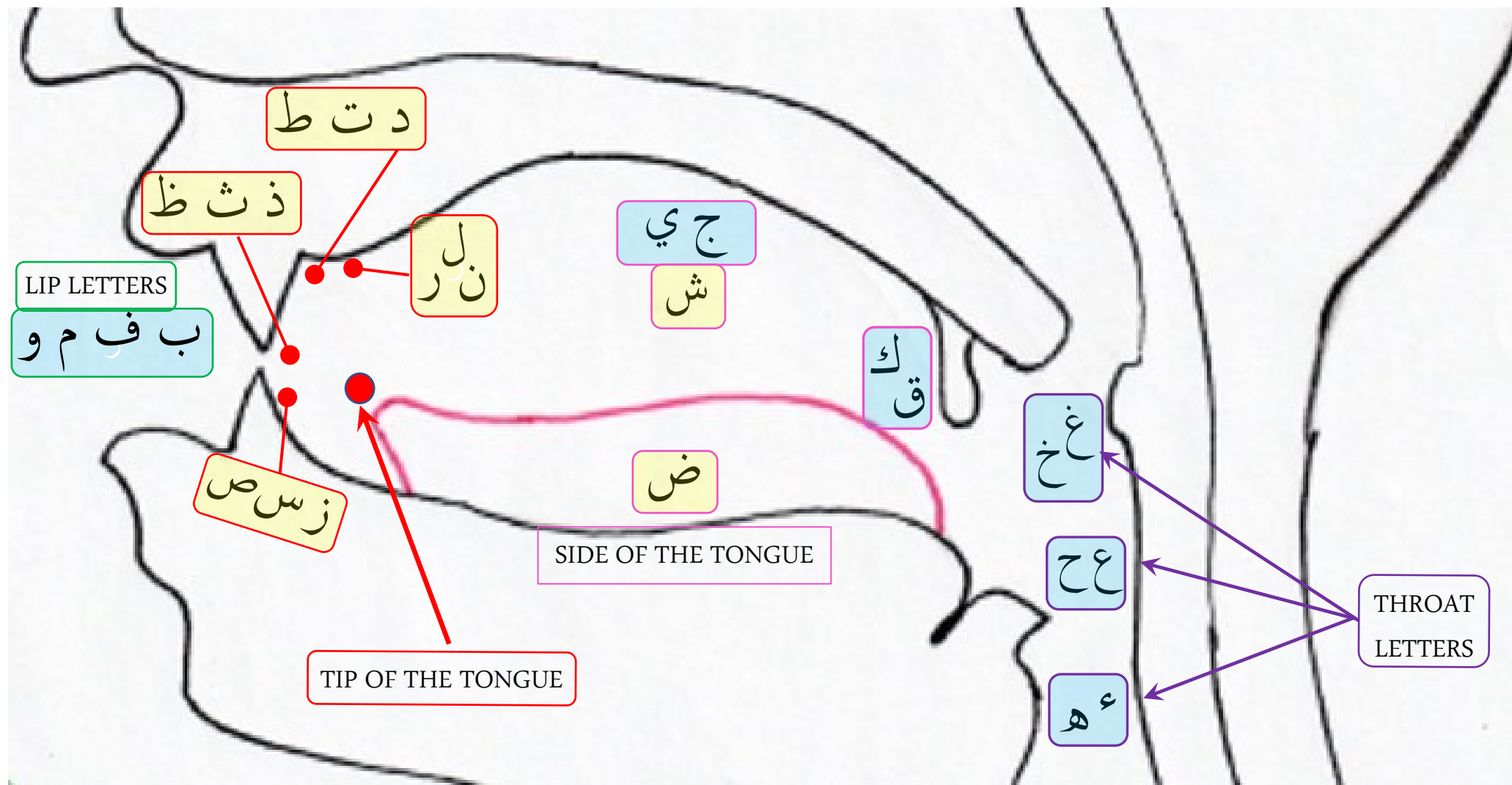
- Solar (الشَّمْسِيَّة) - The letter Laam (ل) of ال in Solar words is not pronounced.
  - The letter Laam (ل) of ال will not have any sign on it.
  - The letter after the letter Laam will have a Shaddah on it.
  - There are 14 Solar letters (حُرُوف الشَّمْسِي)

ش ض ل ن ر ت د ط ث ذ ظ ز س ص

# Solar and Lunar Letters

14 Solar Letters (حُرُوفُ الشَّمْسِي)

14 Lunar Letters (حُرُوفُ الْقَمَرِي)



# Rules of Letter Laam

## Solar Letter Examples



Example	Letter	Example	Letter
الطُّورَ	ط	الشَّجَرَةَ	ش
الثَّمَرَاتِ	ث	الضَّالِّينَ	ض
الدِّلَّةَ	ذ	الَّيْلِ	ل
الظَّالِمِينَ	ظ	النَّاسِ	ن
الزَّكَاةَ	ز	الرَّحْمَنِ	ر
السُّفَهَاءِ	س	التَّوَابُ	ت
الصِّرَاطَ	ص	الدِّينِ	د

## Lunar Letter Examples



Example	Letter	Example	Letter
الْكِتَابُ	ك	الْأَرْضِ	ء
الْجَنَّةَ	ج	الْهُدَى	ه
الْيَوْمِ	ي	الْعَلِيمِ	ع
الْبَرْقِ	ب	الْحَمْدُ	ح
الْفُرْقَانَ	ف	الْغَمَامَ	غ
الْمُسْتَقِيمَ	م	الْخَاسِرُونَ	خ
الْوَصِيَّةَ	و	الْقَرْيَةَ	ق



## Fat Letters

## حُرُوفُ الْمُفَخَّمَةِ / الْمُسْتَعْلِيَّةِ

خ	ص	ض	ط	ظ	غ	ق
خا	صاد	ضاد	طا	ظا	غين	قاف
Khaa	Saad	Dhaad	Taa	Zhaa	Ghay-n	Qaa-f

## Throat Letters

## حُرُوفُ الْحَلَقِيَّةِ

ء	ه	ع	ح	غ	خ
همزه	ها	عين	حا	غين	خا
Hamzah	Haa	Ay-n	Haa	Ghay-n	Khaa

# Occasional Fat Letters

ر	ل	ا
را	لام	الف
Raa	Laa-m	Alif

The Madd letter Alif – extends the sound of Fathah

The letter Laam when it appears in the word “Allah” (under some conditions)

The letter Raa – several instances of it being heavy (under some conditions)

# Pronouncing the Letter Laam - Heavy or Light ?

The letter Laam is sometimes pronounced Heavy and sometimes it is pronounced Light.

In the word Allah (الله - لفظ جلاله) or Allahumma (اللَّهُمَّ)

If there is a Fathah **OR** Dhammah on the letter before the word Allah or Allahumma, then the letter Laam in these two words are pronounced heavy

يُخْدِعُونَ اللَّهَ

فَزَادَهُمُ اللَّهُ

سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ

All other instances of the letter Laam are pronounced normal (light).

عَلَى كُلِّ

وَيَعْلَمُ

تُولِجُ اللَّيْلَ

If there is a Kasrah on the letter before the word Allah or Allahumma, then the letter Laam in these two words are pronounced light

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ

بَيَّاتِ اللَّهُ

قُلِ اللَّهُمَّ

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# Rules of Letter Ra (ر)

The letter Ra is sometimes pronounced heavy (full mouthed) and sometimes it is pronounced light.

There are 7 instances where the letter Ra is pronounced heavy.

If the letter Ra has either a:

1. Fathah
2. Fathatain
3. Dhammah
4. Dhammatain
5. Sukoon (and the letter before has a Fathah)
6. Sukoon (and the letter before has a Dhammah)
7. Sukoon (and the letter after is one of the Fat letters)

There are 3 instances where the letter Ra is pronounced light.

If the letter Ra has either a:

1. Kasrah
2. Kasratain
3. Sukoon (and the letter before has a Kasrah)

# Examples of Letter Ra - Heavy

The letter Ra is pronounced heavy in the following cases:

- |        |  |                                 |
|--------|--|---------------------------------|
| 1.     | If there is a Fathah on the letter Ra ( رَ )   | رَسُولٍ صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ رِيبَ |
| 2.     | If there is a Fathatain on the letter Ra ( رَّا )  | طَيْرًا بَشَرًا قَدَرًا         |
| 3.     | If there is a Dhammah on the letter Ra ( رُ )  | رُسُلٍ كَفَرُوا فُرُشٍ          |
| 4.     | If there is a Dhammatain on the letter Ra ( رُ )   | خَيْرٌ ثَمَرٌ نُورٌ             |
| 5 & 6. | If there is a Sukoon on the letter Ra, and the letter <b>before</b> has a Fathah or a Dhammah        | عَرْشٌ مَرْحَبًا أُرْسِلَ       |
| 7.     | If there is a Sukoon on the letter Ra, and the letter <b>after</b> is a fat letter ( خ ص ض ط ظ غ ق ) | قِرْطَاسٍ فِرْقٍ مِرْصَادًا     |

# Examples of Letter Ra - Light

The letter Ra is pronounced light in the following cases:

1. If there is a Kasrah on the letter Ra ( رِ )

وَالْقَمَرِ شَرِبَ كَرِهَ

2. If there is a Kasratin on the letter Ra ( رٍ )

نُذِرٍ بَشَرٍ عَشْرِ

3. If there is a Sukoon on the letter Ra, and the letter **before** has a Kasrah

فَاصِبُرٍ فِرْعَوْنَ إِسْتَغْفِرُ

**Note:** If the letter **after** Ra Saakin is a fat letter, then the Ra will be pronounced heavy even if the letter before has a Kasrah

قِرْطَاسٍ فِرْقٍ مِرْصَادًا

# Homework

For this week:

- Learn the rules of letter Ra.
- Learn the rules of letter Laam.
- Practice all the words in these notes (at least 5 times).
- Review all previous lessons



181 وَسَلَامٌ عَلَى الْمُرْسَلِينَ

And peace upon the messengers.

180 سُبْحَانَ رَبِّكَ رَبِّ الْعِزَّةِ عَمَّا يَصِفُونَ

Exalted is your Lord, the Lord of might, above what they describe.

182 وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

And praise to Allah, Lord of the worlds.

Surah As-Saafaat (37)

سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ أَسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْكَ

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ