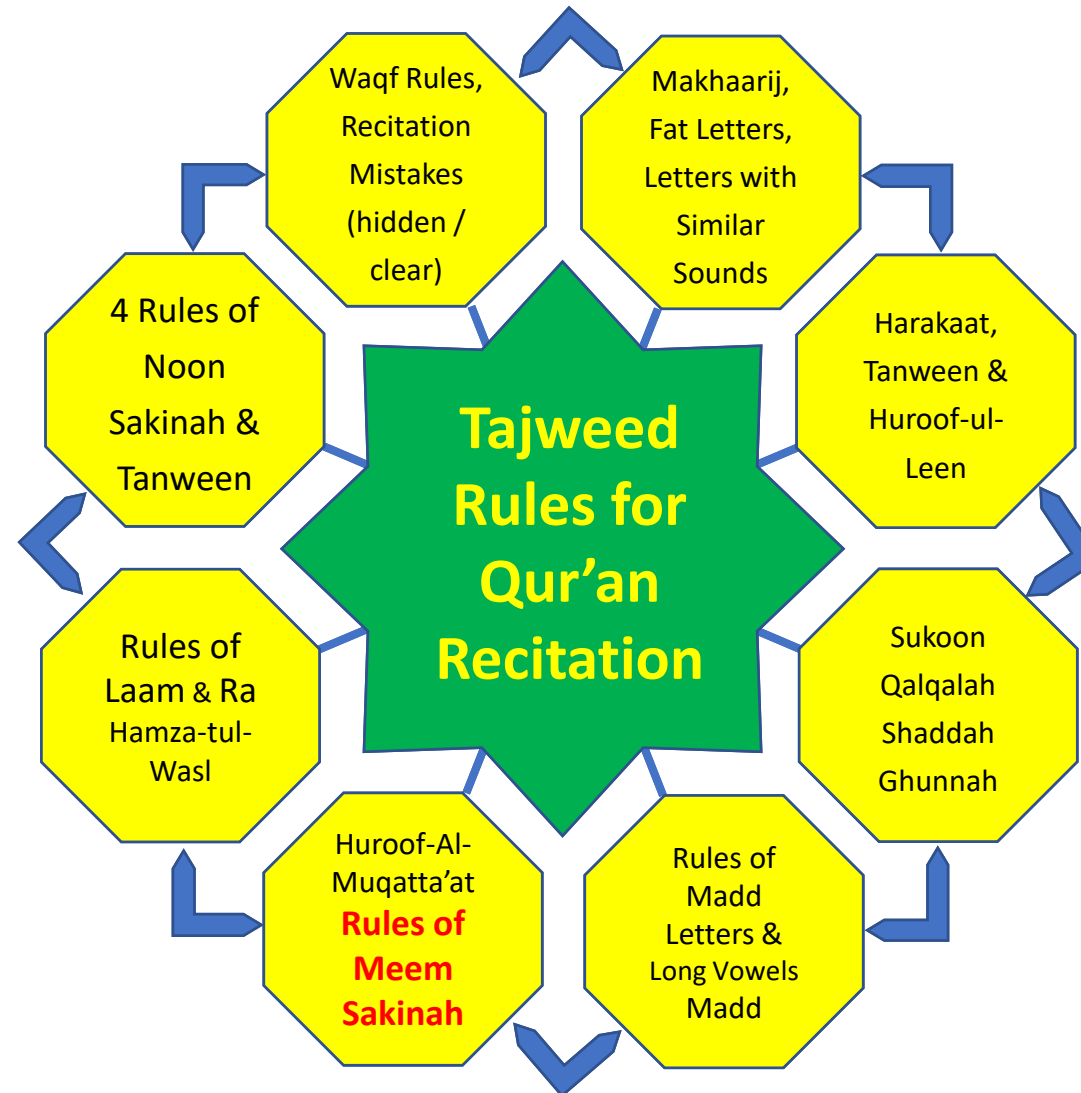


# A Basic Step-by-Step Guide to Improve Your Qur'an Recitation



# 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

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

## Rules of Meem Saakinah

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# Meem Saakinah



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مِيم سَاكِئَة

Meem Saakinah means a letter meem ( م ) that does not have any vowel sign or has a Sukoon on it. The Meem Saakinah can come before any of the 28 letters of the Arabic Alphabet.

**There are three rules of Meem Saakinah and these are:**

Idghaam Shafawi إِدْغَام شَفَوِي

Ikhfaa Shafawi إِخْفَاء شَفَوِي

Izhaar Shafawi إِظْهَار شَفَوِي



# Idghaam Shafawi

إِدْغَام شَفَوِي

There is only one letter in this rule: the letter Meem

**Idghaam** means “to join” or “to merge” and **Shafawi** mean “from the lips”.

When a letter Meem with any vowel sign comes after a letter Meem (م) with a Sukoon on it, (*in 2 words*) then both letter Meems are joined together and read as a single Meem with a nasal sound (Ghunnah – stretch for 2 counts).

فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَّرَضٌ شُهَدَاءَكُمْ مِّنْ لَّكُمْ مَا فِي

أَنَّهُمْ مُّلاقُوا أَطْعَمَهُمْ مِّنْ جُوعٍ كُنْتُمْ مُّؤْمِنِينَ

The reason why the sound of Meem Saakinah is merged within the second letter is because both of these letters share the same point of articulation (makhraj). The letter Meem is one of the lip letters.



**Ikhfaa** means to “hide” and **Shafawi** mean “from the lips”.

When the letter Ba (ب) comes after the letter Meem (م) with a Sukoon on it (*in 2 words*) we will hide the sound of the letter Meem within the letter Ba. The sound of the letter Meem is hidden by Ghunnah (nasal sound) and stretched to 2 counts.

وَمَا هُمْ بِمُؤْمِنِينَ      وَهُمْ بِرَبِّهِمْ      هُمْ بِرَزُونِ      إِنَّ رَبَّهُمْ بِهِمْ  
تَرْمِيهِمْ بِحِجَارَةٍ      فَإِذَا هُمْ بِالسَّاهِرَةِ      فَبَشِّرْهُمْ بِعَذَابٍ

The reason why the sound of Meem Saakinah is hidden within the sound of the letter Ba is because both of these letters, although different, share the same point of articulation (makhras). They are both lip letters, hence the name Ikhfaa Shafawi (oral hiding).



**Izhaar** means “clear” and **Shafawi** mean “from the lips”.

When a letter Meem (م) with a Sukoon on it comes before any other letter - *except the letter meem (م) or the letter ba (ب)* then the letter Meem is to be read clearly.

For this rule, any of the Arabic letter with a vowel sign on it, (with the exception of the letter Meem or the letter Ba) can follow a Meem with a Sukoon on it in either:

Two words : (8 letters) ص ذ غ ف ق ج خ ظ

One or two words : (18 letters) أ ت ث ح د ر ز س ش ض ط ع ك ل ن ه و ي

Letters و and ف are highlighted because these are also lip letters and one should be careful not apply the rule of Ikhfaa Shafawi here.





# Izhaar Shafawi

## إِظْهَارُ شَفَوِي

This rule is applied to all letters **except the letter Meem and the letter Ba.**

**Izhaar** means “clear” and **Shafawi** mean “from the lips”.

When a letter Meem (م) with a Sukoon on it comes before any other letter - *except the letter meem (م) or the letter ba (ب)* then the letter Meem is to be read clearly.

عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ أَخَاهُمْ صَالِحًا أَنْعَمْتَ وَتَرْحَمِنَا

وَبِالْآخِرَةِ هُمْ يُوقِنُونَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَمَا يَشْعُرُونَ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ



# Meem Sakinah Summary ميم ساكنة

The following table shows the letter(s) that follow Meem Sakinah for each rule:

No.	Meem Sakinah Rule	Letter(s)
1	Idghaam Shafawi إِدْغَام شَفَوِي	Only one letter: م
2	Ikhfaa Shafawi إِخْفَاء شَفَوِي	Only one letter: ب
3	Izhaar Shafawi إِظْهَار شَفَوِي	Remaining Letters: (أ - إ) ت ث ج ح خ د ذ ر ز س ش ص ض ط ظ ع غ ف ق ك ل ن و ه ي



## Next Class

### Next Regular Class

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM (Toronto time)

- Practice Session (for all):  
Monday evening 5 PM – 6 PM (Toronto time)
- Practice Session (for **sisters** only):  
Monday afternoon 3 PM – 4 PM (Toronto time)

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 وَ أَتُوبُ إِلَيْكَ

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ