

### Why Study Qur'anic Arabic?

- Ultimate goal is to read Holy Qur'an properly & increase good deeds (Ajr).
- Qur'anic Arabic text remains the standard of excellence in literary Arabic. It's authority continues to be decisive for many linguistic disputes.
- The gentle & majestic Arabic style in the Qur'an penetrates deep into a person's heart stimulating age old human values & wisdom.
- Qur'anic divine text brings out the outstanding characteristics of Arabic language, which is the youngest language of the Semitic group...(Hebrew, Aramaic, Syriac.....etc). Therefore, no surprise that most words in the Qur'an provide a number of comprehensive meanings.
- Unique Arabic script & its profusely rich vocabulary, has enriched some languages of the world linguistically such as Persian, Urdu, Turkish, Latin....etc. Moreover, from the time of Arabic language origin up to the present time Arabic importance & richness continues to progress and expand.
- Arabic text depends on root words, as such between 100 to 700 words can be extracted from only ONE root verb.
- Arabic is one of the leading languages of the world and is considered the 6<sup>th</sup> official language of the United Nations.
- Over 1.6 billion Muslims (increasing rapidly...) around the world offer their prayers in Qur'anic Arabic which is the lingua franca of the Muslim world and means to understand foundation of Islam (Qur'an and the Sunnah...).

### **Outlines of This Lesson**

### Letter ( Alif ):

- Formation of the letter
- Al-Harakāt (Diacritic Marks)
- Alphabet & Vowels (Short and Long)
- Makhraj Articulation (Place of Origin)
- Reading Vocabulary Practice
- Writing Letter Script/composition of words
- Homework
- Grammar: Types of Arabic Words
- Guidelines for beginners







### الأبجدية العربية و الحركات – (Harakāt) Alphabet & Vowels (Harakāt)

Arabic Alphabet Consists of <u>28</u> Consonants

> الأبجدية العربية Arabic Alphabet Abjadyah

### <u>Short Vowels</u> Harakāt - حرکات

**<u>3 Three Short Vowels</u>:** 

- 1. فتحة Fathah (a \_ ) as *a* in apple. E.g. أَخَذُ {akhadha = he took}.
- 2. کسرة Kasrah (i ) as i in sit or it. E.g. (iqraa = read).
- 3. ضمة Dammah (u \_ ) as <u>u</u> in bull. E.g.

 $\operatorname{udhun} = \operatorname{ear}$ .

### **<u>3 Three Long Vowels</u>:**

- (<sup>1</sup>) aa/ā/â {If the consonant Alif (<sup>1</sup>) vowelless/quiescent is preceded by a consonant carrying a <u>Fathah</u>. E.g. نار Naar -fire }.
- 2. ( <u>ب</u> ) ii/ī/ î {If the consonant Yaā
   ( <u>ب</u>) vowelless/quiescent is preceded by a consonant carrying a <u>Kasrah</u>. E.g.
   <u>کرن</u>م Kariim generous }.
- 3. ( فُ ) uu/ū/û {If the consonant Waāw
  ( e) vowelless/quiescent is preceded by a consonant carrying a <u>Dammah</u>. E.g.
  ( rophet ).

<u>LongVowels should be</u> <u>stretched to the measure of</u> <u>TWO Harakāt</u>

<u>Long Vowels</u> حروف المد

 The Sukūn (Vowellessness / Quiescent):
 I + N = (in) means if

 A small circle (\_\_) or mini circle (\_\_) indicates a consonant vowel less (short & quiet sound).

 With it a consonant takes the sound of the preceding consonant which carries a short vowel. Eg.



### Makhraj-Articulation (Place of Origin) of Letter (1) <u>Alif (A) / Hamzah ('A)</u> همزة أو ألف (ع = أ)

One of the Gutteral letters (*Al-Huruf Al-Halqiyyah*). The sound comes from the bottom of the throat closest to the chest (Larynx).



<u>Alif Madyah {aa/ā/â } ( َـــَا )</u> <u>The Long Vowel(s)</u>

مخرج الحرف

One of the Areial letters (*Al-Huruf Al-Hawa'iyyah*). Sound comes from the cavity of the mouth & throat (i.e. Air comes from the empty space between the middle of the tongue and the teeth).









"<u>AZZA WA JAL</u>" A commonly used formula said after mentioning the name of Allah meaning: "*Mighty and Majestic is He*"

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إتجاة القراءة باللغة العربية من اليمين إلي اليسار Direction of reading Arabic text is from Right to Left.



# ALLAH AKBAR Allah is Greater



# SOBHAAN Glorify

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# Al-Qur'an



## Water

إِنْ Write - أَكْنُبُ Write إِنْ مَنْ الكُنْبُ

Shape/Writing of Letter Changes Based On Its Location In a Word



The Hamzah ('A -  $\beta$  ), is written in different ways governed by a number of phonological rules to be explained comprehensively in our upper Arabic level classes. Examples  $(-\beta - \beta - \beta)$ .

- 1. <u>Medial Position Letters</u>: When preceded by a non-connecting letter, the letters in the medial position are the same as when they are initial.
- 2. <u>Final Position Letters</u>: When preceded by a non-connecting letter, these letters in their final position are the same as when they are independent.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ (1) الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ (2) الرَّحْمن الرَّحِيم (3) مالِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّين (4) إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ (5) اهدنا الصّرَاطَ المُستَقيمَ (6) صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أنعَمتَ عَلَيهِمْ غَيرِ المَغضُوبِ عَلَيهِمْ وَلاَ الضَّالِينَ (7) سورة الفاتحة عليهم وَلاَ الضَّالِينَ (7) Surat (1) in the Holy Qur'an

### Homework:

- 1-Write one whole column of the letter "Alif".
- 2-Write these words 5 times each (or more).
- 3-Bring one "Surah" name including the letter "Alif".
- 4-Enumerate the number of letter "Alif" in sura "Ikhlas".
- 5-Bring a common Muslim name starting with the letter "Alif".



# Nahhw = Grammar]



أداة / حرف Particle / Letter: Adaat / 7HARF

# 🖁 Guidelines for Beginners 🖁

1. For letter learning try to create Index Cards for each of the (28) Arabic alphabet consonants (one side of the card includes a letter and opposite side includes vocabulary of this letter .....etc...).

- 2. Practical efforts should be made to memorize new letters and accordingly words as soon as learner is acquainted with them.
- 3. Each lesson includes letter(s) & vocabulary. For self assessment of the spelling of words, practice writing by printing out hardcopies of our Level Zero worksheets found on: <u>http://arabicinenglish.com/arabicalphabet/Level0\_subpage.html</u>
- 4. Never memorize the translation of sentences without comprehending the words which the sentence is composed of.
- 5. The selected Qur'anic script will assist beginners in their recitation of the Qur'an according to: "*ilm al-tajweed*" (The science of proper recitation of the Qur'an).
- 6. Always consult a dictionary to learn a wide range of derivations from root words & their meanings. For beginners one of the best dictionaries is: Hans Wehr, "*A Dictionary of Modern Written Arabic*", edited by J.M. Cown, Otto Harrass Owitz, Wiesbaden, 1966.

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<sup>V4</sup>. Supplication for the expiation of sins said at the conclusion of a sitting or gathering...etc

سُبُحانَكَ اللهُمَّ وَبِحَمدِك، أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لا إِلهَ إِلا أَنْتَ أَسَتَعْقِرُكَ وَأَتَوبُ إِلَيْكَ. Sub<u>ha</u>nakal-lahumma wabi hamdik, ashhadu an la ilaha illa ant, astaghfiruka wa atoobu ilayk.

'How perfect You are O All <u>ah</u>, and I praise You . I bear witness that None has the right to be worshipped except You . I seek Your forgiveness and turn to You in repentance.'

# جزاكم الله خيرا Jazakum Allah Khira

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