EXERCISE 1 · 12 POINTS

Circle the alif madd

Each row mixes a short fatha (بَ) with an alif madd (بَا). Circle the two long ones.

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EXAMPLE

سَ	سَا	سَا	سَ

Look for the **alif** after the letter. سَا has an alif madd — circle it. سَ is a plain fatha — leave it. Every row has **two**.

1	بَ	بَا	بَا	بَ	2	تَا	تَ	تَ	تَا
3	جَ	جَا	جَ	جَا	4	دَا	دَ	دَا	دَ
5	رَا	رَا	رَ	رَ	6	سَ	سَ	سَا	سَا
7	عَ	عَا	عَا	عَ	8	فَا	فَ	فَ	فَا
9	قَا	قَ	قَا	قَ	10	لَ	لَا	لَ	لَا
11	مَا	مَا	مَ	مَ	12	نَ	نَ	نَا	نَا

EXERCISE 2 · 12 POINTS

Short or long?

Read each one out loud and clap. Tick **one clap** for short, **two claps** for long.

بَ **short** = ba — one clap 👏

بَا **long** = baa — two claps 👏👏

1 مَا ☐ 👏 one ☐ 👏👏 two

2 كَ ☐ 👏 one ☐ 👏👏 two

3 سَا ☐ 👏 one ☐ 👏👏 two

4 نَا ☐ 👏 one ☐ 👏👏 two

5 دَ ☐ 👏 one ☐ 👏👏 two

6 هَا ☐ 👏 one ☐ 👏👏 two

7 فَ ☐ 👏 one ☐ 👏👏 two

8 طَا ☐ 👏 one ☐ 👏👏 two

9 رَ ☐ 👏 one ☐ 👏👏 two

10 بَا ☐ 👏 one ☐ 👏👏 two

11 حَ ☐ 👏 one ☐ 👏👏 two

12 زَ ☐ 👏 one ☐ 👏👏 two

TIP Say each one out loud and clap. If you see an **alif** ا after the fatha, hold the sound for **two** claps. No alif? Just one.

EXERCISE 3 · 14 POINTS

Match syllable → sound

Draw a line from each Arabic syllable to the sound it makes. Every sound ends in a long “aa” — that’s the alif madd!

SET 1 — LETTERS THAT SHARE A SHAPE

1	بَا	●	●	faa A
2	مَا	●	●	maa B
3	نَا	●	●	yaa C
4	تَا	●	●	baa D
5	ثَا	●	●	thaa E
6	يَا	●	●	naa F
7	فَا	●	●	taa G

SET 2 — SOUNDS FROM THE THROAT AND THE HEAVY ONES

8	جَا	●	●	qaa H
9	حَا	●	●	khaa I
10	خَا	●	●	ṣaa J
11	عَا	●	●	jaa K
12	غَا	●	●	ghaa L
13	صَا	●	●	ḥaa M
14	قَا	●	●	ʻaa N

EXERCISE 4 · 6 POINTS

Read the 6 words

Each word starts with an alif madd. Put the pieces together and read real Arabic words!

HOW TO

Read the pieces from **right to left**. The gold box has the **alif madd** — hold it for 2 beats. The last piece is a short fatha, 1 beat. Then say the whole word and write the sound in English letters.

1

قَالَ

لَ | قَا

I read: _____

☆ slowly → ☆ faster → ☆ by myself

2

نَامَ

مَ | نَا

I read: _____

☆ slowly → ☆ faster → ☆ by myself

3

كَانَ

نَ | كَا

I read: _____

☆ slowly → ☆ faster → ☆ by myself

4

سَارَ

رَ | سَا

I read: _____

☆ slowly → ☆ faster → ☆ by myself

5

صَامَ

مَ | صَا

I read: _____

☆ slowly → ☆ faster → ☆ by myself

6

جَاءَ

ءَ | جَا

I read: _____

☆ slowly → ☆ faster → ☆ by myself

FOR PARENTS & TEACHERS

Answer key

Check together, then go back to the alif madd chart for any letter that was tricky.

1 Circle the alif madd (boxes counted from the right)

1 بَا 2nd & 3rd	2 تَا 1st & 4th	3 جَا 1st & 3rd
4 دَا 2nd & 4th	5 رَا 3rd & 4th	6 سَا 1st & 2nd
7 عَا 2nd & 3rd	8 فَا 1st & 4th	9 قَا 2nd & 4th
10 لَا 1st & 3rd	11 مَا 3rd & 4th	12 نَا 1st & 2nd

2 Short or long? (6 are long)

1 مَا two	2 كَ one	3 سَا two
4 نَا two	5 دَ one	6 هَا two
7 فَ one	8 طَا two	9 رَ one
10 بَا two	11 حَ one	12 زَ one

3 Match syllable → sound

1 بَا D baa	2 مَا B maa	3 نَا F naa
4 تَا G taa	5 ثَا E thaa	6 يَا C yaa
7 فَا A faa	8 جَا K jaa	9 حَا M ḥaa
10 خَا I khaa	11 عَا N ʻaa	12 غَا L ghaa
13 صَا J ṣaa	14 قَا H qaa	

4 Read the 6 words

1	قَالَ	qaala	*he said*
2	نَامَ	naama	*he slept*
3	كَانَ	kaana	*he was*
4	سَارَ	saara	*he walked*
5	صَامَ	ṣaama	*he fasted*
6	جَاءَ	jaaʼa	*he came*

Points: 12 (one per row, both found) + 12 + 14 + 6 = **44**. Got 36 or more? Three stars — next up: the long “ū” and “ī” with wāw and yā’.

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