Quran Book

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Arabic Alphabet With Alif Madd

When a letter with a **fatha** is followed by an **alif** ا, the "a" sound is stretched: **2 beats instead of 1**. Clap twice as you read each card: **baa**, not ba.

بَا

The **red alif** stretches the fatha.
baa — two beats: 👏👏

هٰذَا **The small alif.** A tiny standing alif ٰ above a letter is read just like a full alif — 2 beats. *hādhā*, "this".

آمَنَ **Alif with a wavy line** آ = a hamza and an alif in one: a long "'aa" from the throat. *āmana*, "he believed".

Light letter · Heavy letter (read it fuller) — Raa too · * see the note below · Start at the top right ←

7 خَا **khaa** Khaa	6 حَا **ḥaa** Ḥaa	5 جَا **jaa** Jeem	4 ثَا **thaa** Thaa	3 تَا **taa** Taa	2 بَا **baa** Baa	1 آ **'aa** Hamza *
14 صَا **ṣaa** Ṣaad	13 شَا **shaa** Sheen	12 سَا **saa** Seen	11 زَا **zaa** Zaay	10 رَا **raa** Raa	9 ذَا **dhaa** Dhaal	8 دَا **daa** Daal
21 قَا **qaa** Qaaf	20 فَا **faa** Faa	19 غَا **ghaa** Ghayn	18 عَا **'aa** 'Ayn	17 ظَا **ẓaa** Ẓaa	16 طَا **ṭaa** Ṭaa	15 ضَا **ḍaa** Ḍaad
28 يَا **yaa** Yaa	27 وَا **waa** Waaw	26 هَا **haa** Haa	25 نَا **naa** Noon	24 مَا **maa** Meem	23 لَا **laa** Laam *	22 كَا **kaa** Kaaf

7 **Heavy letters keep a full "aa".** خ ص ض غ ط ق ظ + alif sound deep and round: khaa, ṣaa, ḍaa, ghaa, ṭaa, qaa, ẓaa. Remember them with خُصَّ ضَغْطٍ قِظْ.

ر **Raa is heavy here too.** It isn't one of the 7, but رَا is read full and heavy — just like رَ. Every other letter keeps its long "aa" light and open.

* **Two special cards.** A hamza + alif is written as one shape: آ ('aa). And ل + alif join into one shape too: لَا (laa) — it's still two beats.

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