Quran Book

Free printable · Lesson 2 of 3 short vowels

Arabic Alphabet With Kasra

Kasra is a small slanted line written **under** a letter. It gives the letter a short **"i"** sound, like the i in *sit*. Read each card out loud: say the sound, not the letter's name.

بِ

The **red line under** the letter is the kasra.
bi — one short beat

☐ Light letter ☐ Heavy letter (read it fuller) ⬚ Raa — light with kasra

Start at the top right ←

7 HEAVY	6	5	4	3	2	1
خِ **khi** Khaa	حِ **ḥi** Ḥaa	جِ **ji** Jeem	ثِ **thi** Thaa	تِ **ti** Taa	بِ **bi** Baa	إِ **'i** Alif / Hamza
14 HEAVY	13	12	11	10 LIGHT	9	8
صِ **ṣi** Ṣaad	شِ **shi** Sheen	سِ **si** Seen	زِ **zi** Zaay	رِ **ri** Raa	ذِ **dhi** Dhaal	دِ **di** Daal
21 HEAVY	20	19 HEAVY	18	17 HEAVY	16 HEAVY	15 HEAVY
قِ **qi** Qaaf	فِ **fi** Faa	غِ **ghi** Ghayn	عِ **'i** 'Ayn	ظِ **ẓi** Ẓaa	طِ **ṭi** Ṭaa	ضِ **ḍi** Ḍaad
28	27	26	25	24	23	22
يِ **yi** Yaa	وِ **wi** Waaw	هِ **hi** Haa	نِ **ni** Noon	مِ **mi** Meem	لِ **li** Laam	كِ **ki** Kaaf

7 **Heavy letters stay heavy.** خ ص ض غ ط ق ظ keep a full, deep sound even with kasra — but the "i" stays short: khi, ṣi, ḍi, ghi, ṭi, qi, ẓi. Remember them with خُصَّ ضَغْطٍ قِظْ.

ر **Raa turns light.** With a fatha رَ is read heavy, but with a kasra رِ it is read **light and thin**: "ri", not "ruh".

Don't mix them up: the dot under بِ is part of the letter — the kasra is the extra slanted **line**.

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