Arabic Letter *Forms* Chart

أ ب ت

All 28 letters in every position — keep it beside you while you read.

END MIDDLE START ALONE

Each box reads right → left, like Arabic: the letter alone, then at the start, middle and end of a word.

ا د ذ ر ز و

The six non-joiners. They link to the letter before them, never to the one after — so the next letter starts fresh.

01 Alif *aa* ← START	02 Baa *b*	03 Taa *t*	04 Thaa *th*
ا ـا ـا ا	ب ـب ـبـ بـ	ت ـت ـتـ تـ	ث ـث ـثـ ثـ

05 Jeem *j*	06 Ḥaa *ḥ*	07 Khaa *kh*	08 Daal *d*
ج ـج ـجـ جـ	ح ـح ـحـ حـ	خ ـخ ـخـ خـ	د ـد ـد د

09 Dhaal *dh*	10 Raa *r*	11 Zay *z*	12 Seen *s*
ذ ـذ ـذ ذ	ر ـر ـر ر	ز ـز ـز ز	س ـس ـسـ سـ

13 Sheen *sh*	14 Ṣaad *ṣ*	15 Ḍaad *ḍ*	16 Ṭaa *ṭ*
ش ـش ـشـ شـ	ص ـص ـصـ صـ	ض ـض ـضـ ضـ	ط ـط ـط ط

17 Ẓaa *ẓ*	18 ʻAyn *ʻ*	19 Ghayn *gh*	20 Faa *f*
ظ ـظ ـظ ظ	ع ـع ـعـ عـ	غ ـغ ـغـ غـ	ف ـف ـفـ فـ

21 Qaaf *q*	22 Kaaf *k*	23 Laam *l*	24 Meem *m*
ق ـق ـقـ قـ	ك ـك ـكـ كـ	ل ـل ـلـ لـ	م ـم ـمـ مـ

25 Noon *n*	26 Haa *h*	27 Waaw *w*	28 Yaa *y*
ن ـن ـنـ نـ	ه ـه ـهـ هـ	و ـو ـو و	ي ـي ـيـ يـ

Extra shapes you'll meet

Not counted in the 28 — but on every page of the Qur'an

Hamza	Taa Marbūṭa	Alif Maqṣūra	Laam-Alif	Alif Madda
glottal stop	*t / h at the end*	*long aa*	*laa*	*long 'aa*
ء أ إ ؤ ئ	ة ـة	ى ـى	لا ـلا	آ
Sits alone or rides on a carrier	Only ever at the end of a word	Dotless yaa — end of a word only	Laam + alif fuse into one shape	Alif with a wavy madda on top