

Arabic keyboard layout

Arabic (101), the standard layout. Windows installs it for Arabic; on a Mac it is the input source called Arabic – PC. Print this page and keep it beside your keyboard until you know the keys.



U Large letter: press the key.

➤ Small character, top right: hold Shift and press the key.

F Grey, bottom left: the key on a US keyboard.

Home row: rest your left index finger on **ف** (F) and your right one on **ج** (J).

Short vowels and marks

اَ	fatha	Shift + Q
اِ	fathatayn	Shift + W
اُ	damma	Shift + E
اُو	dammatayn	Shift + R
اِى	kasra	Shift + A
اِىْ	kasratayn	Shift + S
اَْ	shadda	Shift + `
اْ	sukun	Shift + X
ا	tatweel	Shift + J

Hamza, lam-alif and punctuation

اَ	Shift + H	لاَ	Shift + T
اِ	Shift + Y	لِ	Shift + B
اُ	Shift + N	لُ	N
ع	X	ؤ	M
ئ	Z	،	Shift + K
ق	C	؛	Shift + P
لا	B	؟	Shift + /
لَ	Shift + G		

Turn on the Arabic keyboard

Windows 11

Start > Settings > Time & language > Language & region > Add a language > Arabic. It adds the Arabic (101) keyboard. Switch with Windows key + Space.

Mac

System Settings > Keyboard > Text Input > Edit > + > Arabic, then the input source whose name ends in "PC". Switch with Control + Space.

iPhone, iPad

Settings > General > Keyboard > Keyboards > Add New Keyboard > Arabic.
Switch: touch and hold the globe key.

Android

Gboard: Settings > Languages > Add keyboard > Arabic. Switch: touch and hold the space bar.

Windows set up for Algeria, Morocco or Tunisia adds Arabic (102) AZERTY instead, a different layout: add Arabic (101) to match this chart. Phone keyboards show the Arabic letters on screen, so this chart is for computer keyboards.