

ا

alif

Sound: long a, as in father; also the seat for hamza

ل

Final

ل

Medial

ا

Initial

ا

Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

ا ا ا ا ا ا ا ا ا ا

ل ل ل ل ل ل ل ل ل ل

Practice words

أنا

anā · I

أنا أنا أنا

باب

bāb · door

باب باب باب

نار

nār · fire

نار نار نار

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last. alif is one of the six letters that never join to the letter after them, so its initial form is its isolated form and its medial form is its final form.

bā'

Sound: b, as in book

Final

Medial

Initial

Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

Practice words

بيت

bayt · house

كتاب

kitāb · book

باب

bāb · door

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last.

tā'

Sound: t, as in ten

Final

Medial

Initial

Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

Practice words

tamr · dates

kitāb · book

bint · girl

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last.

thā'

Sound: th, as in think

Final

Medial

Initial

Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

ث ث ث ث ث ث ث ث ث

ثث ثث ثث ثث

Practice words

ثلج

thalj · snow

ثلج ثلج ثلج

مثل

mithl · like

مثل مثل مثل

ثوب

thawb · robe

ثوب ثوب ثوب

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last.

ج

jīm

Sound: j, as in jam

ج

Final

ج

Medial

ج

Initial

ج

Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

ج ج ج ج ج ج ج ج ج ج

ج ج ج ج ج ج ج ج ج ج

Practice words

جمل

jamal · camel

جمل جمل جمل

رجل

rajul · man

رجل رجل رجل

ثلج

thalj · snow

ثلج ثلج ثلج

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last.

ḥā'

Sound: a breathy h from the throat; no English equivalent

Final

Medial

Initial

Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

Practice words

حب

ḥubb · love

بحر

baḥr · sea

صباح

ṣabāḥ · morning

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last.

خ

khā'

Sound: ch, as in Scottish loch

خ

Final

خ

Medial

خ

Initial

خ

Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

خ خ خ خ خ خ خ خ خ

خ خ خ خ خ خ خ خ خ

Practice words

خبز

khubz · bread

خبز خبز خبز

نخلة

nakhla · palm tree

نخلة نخلة نخلة

أخ

akh · brother

أخ أخ أخ

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last.



dāl

Sound: d, as in door

Final

Medial

Initial

Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

د د د د د د د د د د

د د د د د د د د د د

Practice words

دار

dār · home

دار دار دار

ولد

walad · boy

ولد ولد ولد

يد

yad · hand

يد يد يد

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last. dāl is one of the six letters that never join to the letter after them, so its initial form is its isolated form and its medial form is its final form.

ذ

dhāl

Sound: th, as in this

ذ

Final

ذ

Medial

ذ

Initial

ذ

Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

ذ ذ ذ ذ ذ ذ ذ ذ ذ ذ

ذ ذ ذ ذ ذ ذ ذ ذ ذ ذ

Practice words

ذهب

dhahab · gold

ذهب ذهب ذهب

هذا

hādhā · this

هذا هذا هذا

لذيذ

ladhīdh · delicious

لذيذ لذيذ لذيذ

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last. dhāl is one of the six letters that never join to the letter after them, so its initial form is its isolated form and its medial form is its final form.



rā'

Sound: a tapped or rolled r

Final

Final

Medial

Medial

Initial

Initial

Isolated

Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

ر ر ر ر ر ر ر ر ر ر

ر ر ر ر ر ر ر ر ر ر

Practice words

رأس

ra's · head

رأس رأس رأس

قمر

qamar · moon

قمر قمر قمر

نار

nār · fire

نار نار نار

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last. rā' is one of the six letters that never join to the letter after them, so its initial form is its isolated form and its medial form is its final form.

zāy

Sound: z, as in zoo

Final

Medial

Initial

Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

Practice words

زيت

zayt · oil

موز

mawz · bananas

خبز

khubz · bread

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last. zāy is one of the six letters that never join to the letter after them, so its initial form is its isolated form and its medial form is its final form.

س

sīn

Sound: s, as in sun

س

Final

س

Medial

س

Initial

س

Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

س س س س س س س س س

س س س س س س س س س

Practice words

سمك

samak · fish

سمك سمك سمك

درس

dars · lesson

درس درس درس

شمس

shams · sun

شمس شمس شمس

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last.

ش

shīn

Sound: sh, as in ship

ش

Final

ش

Medial

ش

Initial

ش

Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

ش ش ش ش ش ش ش ش ش

ش ش ش ش ش ش ش ش ش

Practice words

شمس

shams · sun

شمس شمس شمس

مشمش

mishmish · apricots

مشمش مشمش مشمش

شاي

shāy · tea

شاي شاي شاي

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last.

ṣād

Sound: a heavy s, said with the tongue pulled back

Final

Medial

Initial

Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

ص ص ص ص ص ص ص ص ص ص

ص ص ص ص ص ص ص ص ص ص

Practice words

صديق

ṣadīq · friend

صديق صديق صديق

قصر

qaṣr · palace

قصر قصر قصر

قميص

qamīṣ · shirt

قميص قميص قميص

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last.

ض

ḍād

Sound: a heavy d, said with the tongue pulled back

ض

Final

ض

Medial

ض

Initial

ض

Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

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ضضض ضضض ضضض ضضض ضضض ضضض ضضض ضضض ضضض ضضض

Practice words

ضوء

ḍaw' · light

أخضر

akhḍar · green

أرض

arḍ · earth

ضوء ضوء ضوء

أخضر أخضر أخضر

أرض أرض أرض

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last.

ṭā'

Sound: a heavy t, said with the tongue pulled back

Final

Medial

Initial

Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

Practice words

طير

ṭayr · bird

بطة

baṭṭa · duck

قط

qiṭṭ · cat

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last.

ظ

ẓā'

Sound: a heavy th, as in this, with the tongue pulled back

ظ

Final

ظ

Medial

ظ

Initial

ظ

Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

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ظظظ ظظظ ظظظ ظظظ

Practice words

ظهر

ẓuhr · noon

ظهر ظهر ظهر

نظيف

naẓīf · clean

نظيف نظيف نظيف

حظ

ḥaẓẓ · luck

حظ حظ حظ

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last.

ع

'ayn

Sound: a voiced squeeze in the throat; no English equivalent

ع

Final

ع

Medial

ع

Initial

ع

Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

ع ع ع ع ع ع ع ع ع

ع ع ع ع ع ع ع ع ع

Practice words

عين

'ayn · eye

عين عين عين

شعر

sha'r · hair

شعر شعر شعر

شارع

shāri' · street

شارع شارع شارع

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last.

غ

ghayn

Sound: a gargled g, like a French r

غ

Final

غ

Medial

غ

Initial

غ

Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

غ غ غ غ غ غ غ غ غ

غ غ غ غ غ غ غ غ غ

Practice words

غرفة

ghurfa · room

غرفة غرفة غرفة

مغرب

maghrib · sunset

مغرب مغرب مغرب

فارغ

fāriḡh · empty

فارغ فارغ فارغ

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last.

ف

fā'

Sound: f, as in fish

ف

Final

ف

Medial

ف

Initial

ف

Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

ف ف ف ف ف ف ف ف ف ف

فف ففف ففف ففف

Practice words

فيل

fīl · elephant

فيل فيل فيل

سفر

safar · travel

سفر سفر سفر

صيف

ṣayf · summer

صيف صيف صيف

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last.

ق

qāf

Sound: a k made far back in the throat

ق

Final

ق

Medial

ق

Initial

ق

Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

ق ق ق ق ق ق ق ق ق ق

قق قق قق قق قق قق قق قق قق قق

Practice words

قلم

qalam · pen

قلم قلم قلم

بقرة

baqara · cow

بقرة بقرة بقرة

صديق

ṣadīq · friend

صديق صديق صديق

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last.

ك

kāf

Sound: k, as in kite

ك

Final

ك

Medial

ك

Initial

ك

Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

ك ك ك ك ك ك ك ك ك ك

ك ك ك ك ك ك ك ك ك ك

Practice words

كتاب

kitāb · book

كتاب كتاب كتاب

سكر

sukkar · sugar

سكر سكر سكر

سمك

samak · fish

سمك سمك سمك

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last.



lām

Sound: l, as in lamp



Final



Medial



Initial



Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

ل ل ل ل ل ل ل ل ل ل

لل لل لل لل لل لل

Practice words

ليل

layl · night

ليل ليل ليل

قلم

qalam · pen

قلم قلم قلم

جمل

jamal · camel

جمل جمل جمل

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last.



mīm

Sound: m, as in moon



Final



Medial



Initial



Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

م م م م م م م م م م

مم مم مم مم مم مم مم مم

Practice words

موز

mawz · bananas

موز موز موز

قمر

qamar · moon

قمر قمر قمر

قلم

qalam · pen

قلم قلم قلم

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last.



nūn

Sound: n, as in net

ن

Final

ن

Medial

ن

Initial

ن

Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

ن ن ن ن ن ن ن ن ن ن

ننن ننن ننن ننن

Practice words

نور

nūr · light

نور نور نور

بنت

bint · girl

بنت بنت بنت

عين

‘ayn · eye

عين عين عين

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last.



hā'

Sound: h, as in hat

Final

Medial

Initial

Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

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ه ه ه ه ه ه ه ه ه ه

Practice words

هلال

hilāl · crescent

هلال هلال هلال

نهر

nahr · river

نهر نهر نهر

وجه

wajh · face

وجه وجه وجه

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last.

و

wāw

Sound: w, as in wet, or a long u

و

Final

و

Medial

و

Initial

و

Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

و و و و و و و و و و

و و و و و و و و و و

Practice words

ورد

ward · roses

ورد ورد ورد

يوم

yawm · day

يوم يوم يوم

دلو

dalw · bucket

دلو دلو دلو

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last. wāw is one of the six letters that never join to the letter after them, so its initial form is its isolated form and its medial form is its final form.

ي

yā'

Sound: y, as in yes, or a long i

ي

Final

ي

Medial

ي

Initial

ي

Isolated

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

ي ي ي ي ي ي ي ي ي ي

ي ي ي ي ي ي ي ي ي ي

Practice words

يد

yad · hand

يد يد يد

بيت

bayt · house

بيت بيت بيت

كرسي

kursī · chair

كرسي كرسي كرسي

Write from right to left. Draw the body of the letter in one stroke first, then add dots and any hamza last.