



# alif

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

Trace, then write your own on the empty line



Practice word

أنا

anā · I

أنا أنا

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

Trace, then write your own on the empty line



Practice word

بيت

bayt · house



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

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

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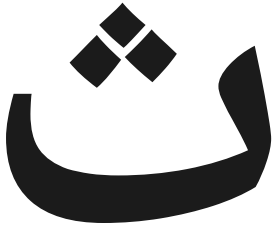
Practice word

تمر

tamr · dates

تمر تمر

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

Trace, then write your own on the empty line



Practice word

ثلج

thalj · snow

ثلج ثلج

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



jīm

Sound: j, as in jam

Trace, then write your own on the empty line



Practice word

جمال

jamal · camel



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

Trace, then write your own on the empty line



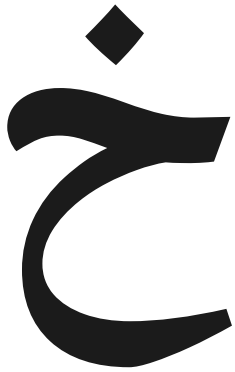
Practice word

## حب

ḥubb · love



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



**khā'**

Sound: ch, as in Scottish loch

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

خ خ خ خ خ

Practice word

خبز

khubz · bread

خبز خبز

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

Trace, then write your own on the empty line



Practice word

دار

dār · home



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# dhāl

Sound: th, as in this

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

ذ ذ ذ ذ ذ

Practice word

ذهب

dhahab · gold

ذهب ذهب

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'**

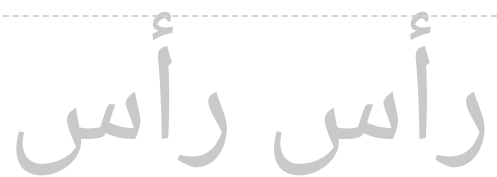
Sound: a tapped or rolled r

**Trace, then write your own on the empty line**

**Practice word**

رأس

ra's · head



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**zāy**

Sound: z, as in zoo

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

ز ز ز ز ز

Practice word

زيت

zayt · oil

زيت زيت

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

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

س س س س س

Practice word

سمك

samak · fish

سمك سمك

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



**shīn**

Sound: sh, as in ship

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

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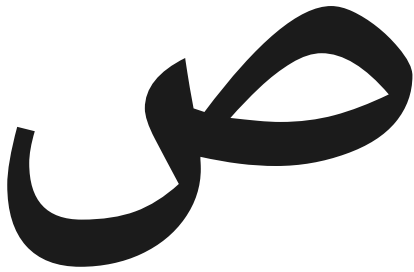
Practice word

شمس

shams · sun

شمس شمس

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

Trace, then write your own on the empty line



Practice word

صديق

ṣadīq · friend



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



**ḍāḍ**

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

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

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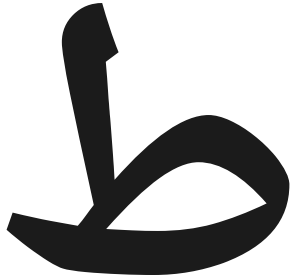
Practice word

ضوء

ḍaw' · light

ضوء ضوء

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

Trace, then write your own on the empty line



Practice word

طير

ṭayr · bird

طير طير

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



ẓā'

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

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

ظ ظ ظ ظ ظ

Practice word

ظهر

ẓuhr · noon

ظهر ظهر

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



**‘ayn**

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

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

ع ع ع ع ع

Practice word

عين

‘ayn · eye

عين عين

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



# ghayn

Sound: a gargled g, like a French r

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

غ غ غ غ غ

Practice word

غرفة

ghurfa · room

غرفة غرفة

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

**fā'**

Sound: f, as in fish

**Trace, then write your own on the empty line**

ف ف ف ف ف

**Practice word****فيل**

fīl · elephant

فيل فيل

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



**qāf**

Sound: a k made far back in the throat

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

ق ق ق ق ق

Practice word

قلم

qalam · pen

قلم قلم

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

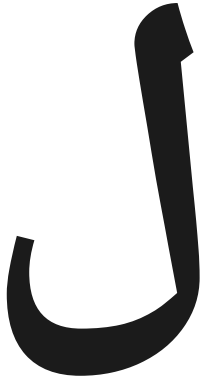
**kāf**

Sound: k, as in kite

**Trace, then write your own on the empty line****Practice word****كتاب**

kitāb · book

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

Trace, then write your own on the empty line



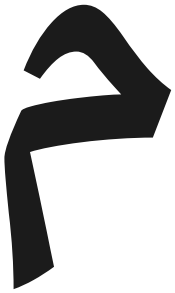
Practice word

ليل

layl · night



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

Trace, then write your own on the empty line



Practice word

موز

mawz · bananas

موز موز

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

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

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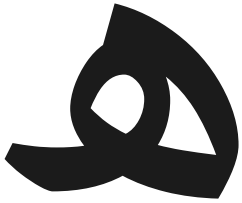
Practice word

نور

nūr · light

نور نور

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

Trace, then write your own on the empty line



Practice word

## هلال

hilāl · crescent

هلال هلال

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



**wāw**

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

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

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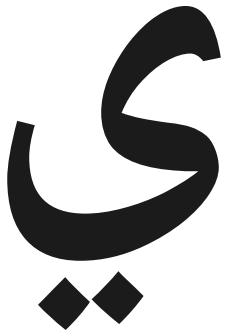
Practice word

ورد

ward · roses

ورد ورد

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yā'

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

Trace, then write your own on the empty line

ی ی ی ی ی

Practice word

يد

yad · hand

يد يد

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