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ARABET

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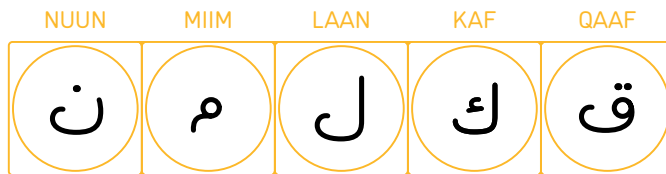
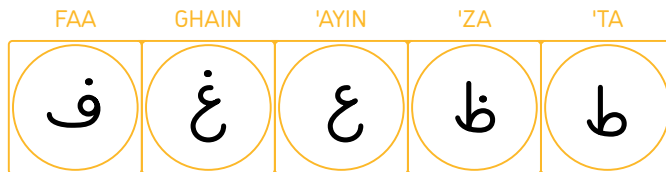
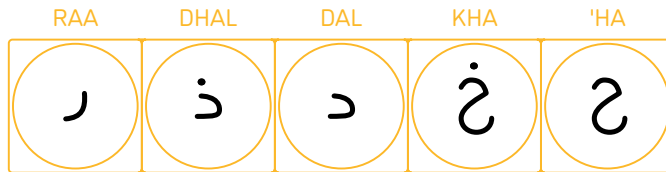
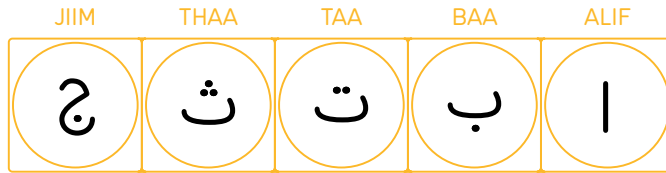


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## ABOUT

This little black book presents Arabic font Arabet together with an introduction to basic Arabic language rules which can help you with learning Arabic.





## ARABET

Is a font that contains elements from handwriting and also carries necessities to be generally legible for beginners for purposes to learn Arabic. It is designed in an easy monolinear style that tends to be geometric yet still derives some characteristics of the author's handwriting.

*Arabic letters with phonetic transcriptions*

ا ا ب ب ب ب ت ت ت ت ث ث ث  
ج ج ج ج ح ح ح ح خ خ خ خ د د د ذ  
ر ر ز ز س س س س ش ش ش ش  
ص ص ص ص ض ض ض ض  
ط ط ط ط ظ ظ ظ ظ ع ع ع ع  
غ غ غ غ ف ف ف ف ق ق ق ق  
ك ك ك ك ل ل ل ل لا لا م م م م  
ن ن ن ن ه ه ه ه و و ي ي ي ي

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The base of the Arabic alphabet consists  
of 28 letters and their forms.



ISOLATED SHAPE  
free-standing letters

ا ب ت ث ج ح خ د ذ ر ز س ش ص ض  
ط ظ ع غ ف ق ك ل م ن ه و ي

MEDIAL SHAPE  
letters in the middle of the word

ب ت ث ج ح خ د ذ ر ز س ش ص ض ط ظ ع غ  
ف ق ك ل م ن ه و ي

INITIAL SHAPE  
letters at the beginning of the word

ب ت ث ج ح خ د ذ ر ز س ش ص ض ط ظ ع غ ف ق ك ل  
م ن ه و ي

FINAL SHAPE  
letters at the end of the word

ا ب ت ث ج ح خ د ذ ر ز س ش  
ص ض ط ظ ع غ ف ق ك ل م  
ن ه و ي

Letters usually have four shapes  
depending on the position in the word.

فغ د د شد ظدت فغ ط ز ش ح م م ه  
ز ان ص ح ك ن ضد ث م ظ ر م ه  
س ط ب ضد سد غ خ و و ح د ظ  
و ا ج ق و ظ ش ح ح ق ه ع ص  
ك ا ي ح خ ق ح ح ج ب ج ث  
م ن ف و ل ي ر ب ر ص ف لا  
ز ض خ ث ع ك ع ا س ر ت ج ي  
ه ع الا ف ح ص م ث ط و ف ي  
ط ذ س ت ع ي ل ك غ ق ب



الخط عند من  
هنا  
سلسلة

Both in handwriting and in digital typefaces Arabic is continuous and fluid. It makes the language writing system very unique with every word being more ornamental, particularly to non-Arabic speakers.

خراب

شباب

حفظ

ضعب  
كلب

علي غرار الكلمات والجمل

شرق  
جرس

صالة البديخين

WORD EXAMPLES

الاستعلامات



هذه التجربة هي ثمرة سنوات طويلة من العمل المضني.

هذه التجربة هي ثمرة سنوات طويلة...

هذه التجربة هي ثمرة...

هذه التجربة

*This experience is the fruit of many years of hard work.  
[hadhih altajrabibat hii thamarat sanawat tawilat min alaamal almudni]*

For design purposes, a graphic designer can extend the lines between the letters while preserving the word's legibility.



دباب

دباب - [dabaab]



unilaterally – [min jaanib waahid]

من جانب واحد

areas – [manaateq]

crow – [ghuraab]

مباطق

غراب

crow – [ghuraab]

no comment – [laa taaliq]

شباب

لا تعليق

fire – [naar]

information – [alastaalamat]

نار

الاستعلامات

smoking lounge – [salat altadkhiin]

صالة البدخين

pyramid – [haram]

attract – [jadhab]

set – [thabata]

هرم

جذب

ثبت

ق ف م و ط

س ق ص ي

ش ل ض ن

ض

ص

ق

ط

ع غ ج ح خ

ق ف م و ه

ك ب ث ف ت

Similar letter shapes – in many letters you can find uniform elements. This makes the Arabic alphabet harder to learn.



INTRODUCTION



دب

كلب

*bear [dab] (on the left); dog – [kalb] (on the right)*

An important rule that beginners can find very confusing – Arabic is written from right to left. The dots (accents) are usually written last.



FINAL ISOLATED

○ ○

د د

FINAL MEDIAL INITIAL ISOLATED

○ ○ ○ ○

ج ج ج ج

*DAL & DHAL (on the left), JIIM (on the right)*

Every letter has its form depending on its position in the word. Isolated (single letter), initial (beginning of the word), medial (middle of the word), and final (end of the word). However, there are few exceptions for certain letters which have only isolated and final form.





*Three different letters – BAA, TAA & THAA*

Some of the letters have dots (below or above them). Those dots (accents) are integral parts of the letters. They are the only way to distinguish similar-looking letters.





Sukun

No vowel, just the sound 'b'.  
It is usually not written.



Kasra

Letter sounds like 'b + i = bi'



Damma

Letter sounds like 'b + u = bu'



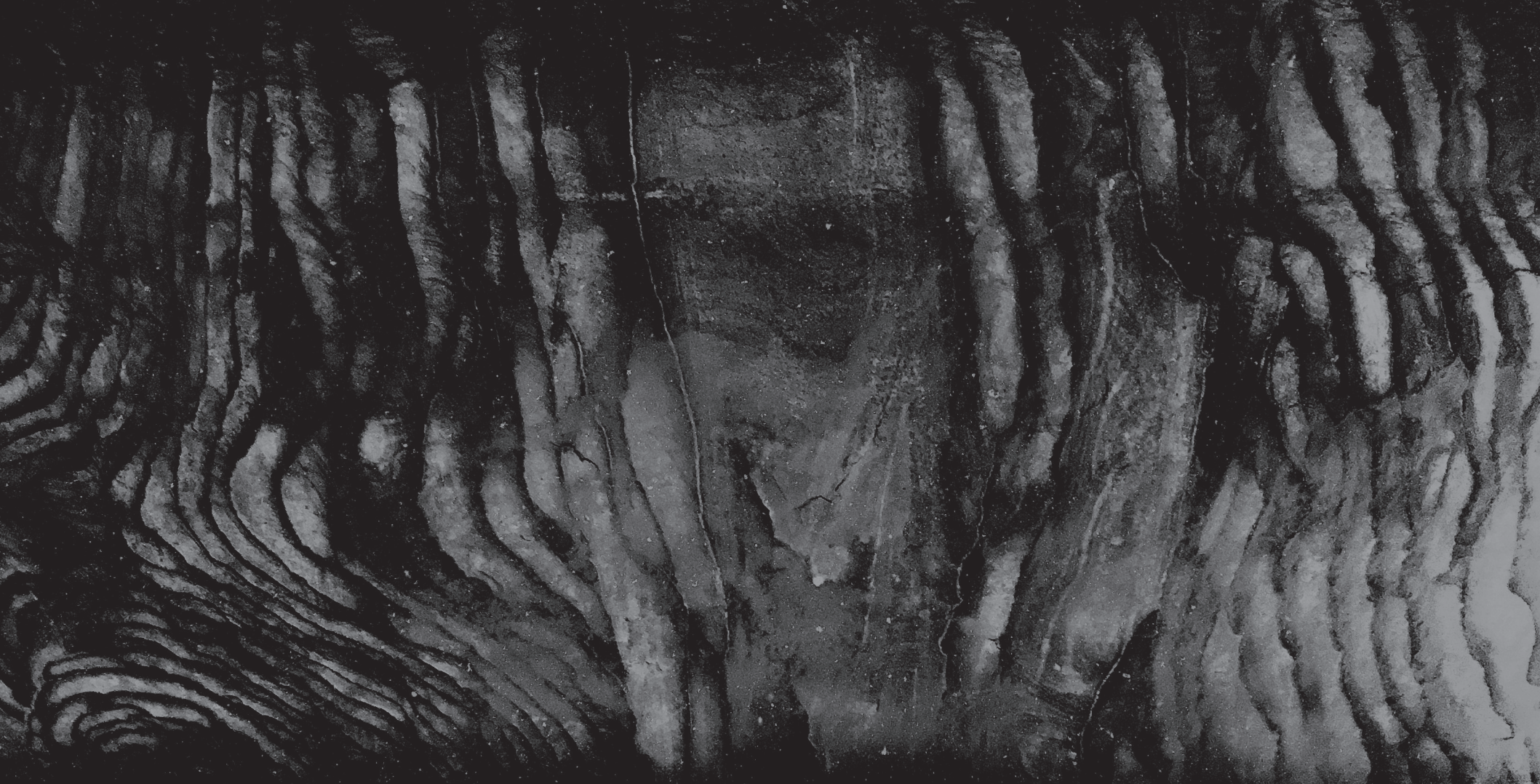
Fatha

Letter sounds like 'b + a = ba'

The letters also have vocalizations marks. Not all the vowels are included in the Arabic written language. Arabic readers are expected to deduce the vowels in the word with experience and context. Still, they are written in books for kids, etc.

See the example above with the letter BAA – (sounds like 'b' in the English word 'bat').





Don't rush yourself!

Arabic is sometimes easy and sometimes very hard. Try just a few letters a day. The best way to practice is to learn basic words and to record yourself when you pronounce them.

Good luck with your Arabic journey!





LETTERS

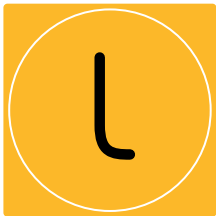


# Letter ALIF

final    isolated



isolated – final



Alif is the first letter of the Arabic alphabet and represents the long vowel 'aa'. It's only joinable from the right side – that means there are only two forms of the letter – isolated and final.

Letter BAA

final    medial    initial    isolated



Handwriting practice lines consisting of four sets of horizontal dashed lines. The first set contains the four letter forms from the previous block. The second and third sets are empty. The fourth set contains the word 'باب' (baab) with the label 'door - [baab]' to its left.

isolated – initial – medial – final



It is pronounced like 'b' in the English word 'bat'. Pay attention to the dot position.

Letter TAA



isolated – initial – medial – final



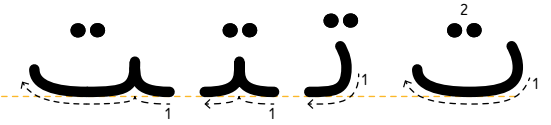
It is pronounced like 't' in the English word 'tap'. Pay attention to the position of the dots – it is the only difference between TAA and BAA letters and other similar letters.

final

medial

initial

isolated



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type – [tab]



Letter THAA



isolated – initial – medial – final



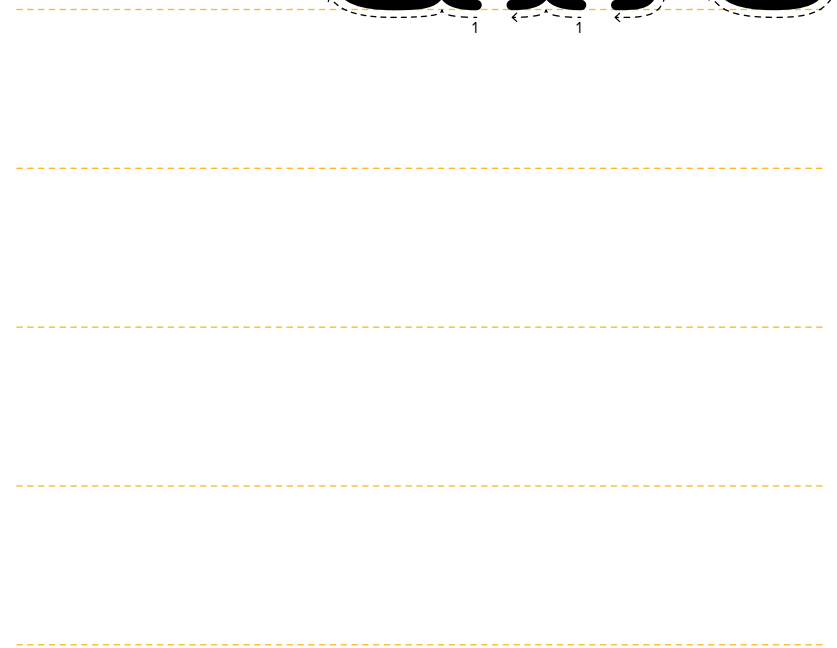
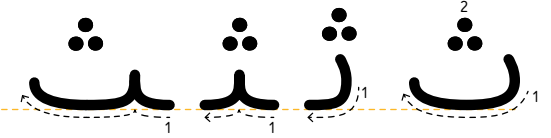
It is pronounced like 'th' in the English word 'thin' or 'thesis'. Pay attention to the letters BAA, TAA, and THAA and where the dots are positioned.

final

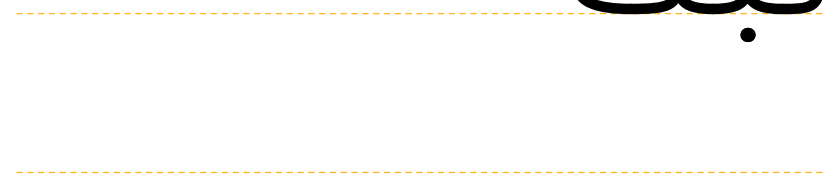
medial

initial

isolated



belay - [thabat]





Letter JIIM

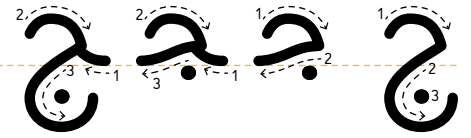


isolated – initial – medial – final



It is pronounced like 'j' in the English word 'juice'. It has other possible pronunciation (but less common) used for example in Egyptian Arabic – it is like 'g' in the English word 'gap'.

final      medial      initial      isolated



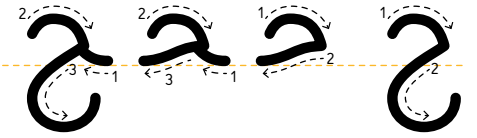
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crown – [taaj]



Letter 'HA

final    medial    initial    isolated



Four sets of horizontal dashed lines for handwriting practice, corresponding to the four forms of the letter 'HA' shown above.

love - ['hub]



isolated – initial – medial – final



There is no sound equivalent in English for this letter. It sounds like a strong breathy 'h'. Try to pronounce it from the back of your throat.

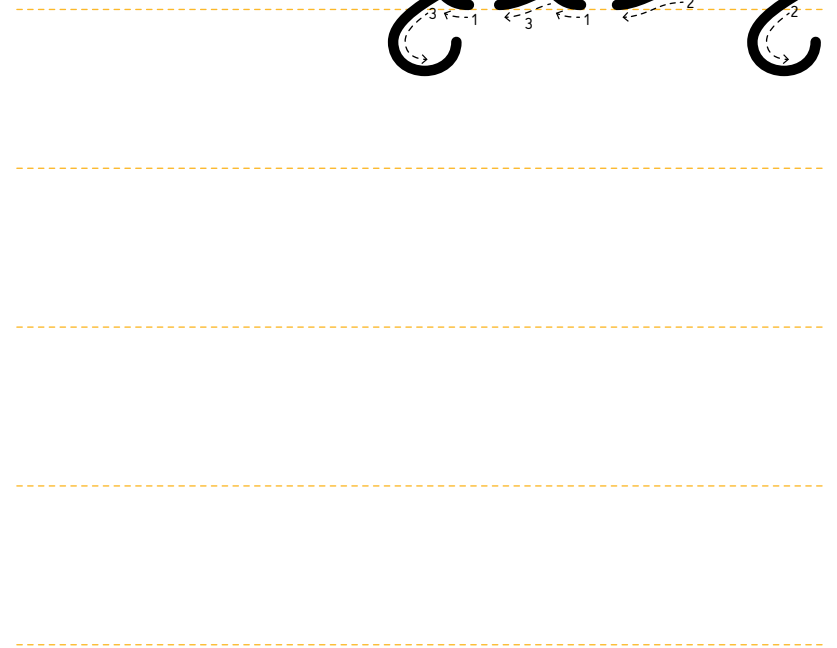
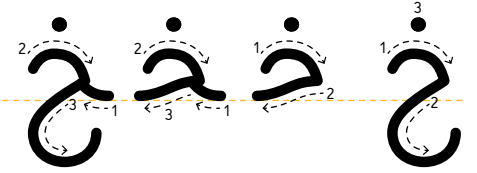
Letter KHA



isolated – initial – medial – final

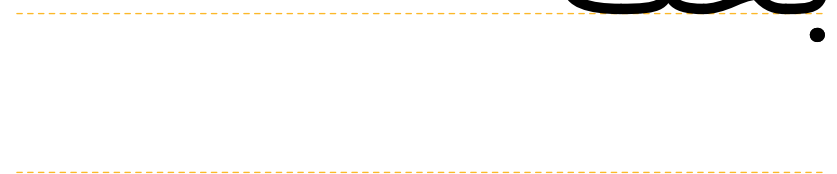
It sounds like 'ch' in the English pronunciation of music composer 'Bach' or like Scottish 'Loch Ness'. Pay attention to the letters JIIM, 'HA, and KHA.

final    medial    initial    isolated



Fortune telling - [bukht]

بخت



Letter DAL

final isolated



Four sets of horizontal dashed lines for handwriting practice.

isolated – final



bear – [dub]

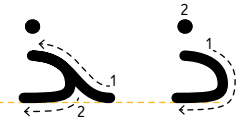


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It sounds like 'd' in the English word 'dad'. It can only connect from the right side – there is only an isolated and a final form.

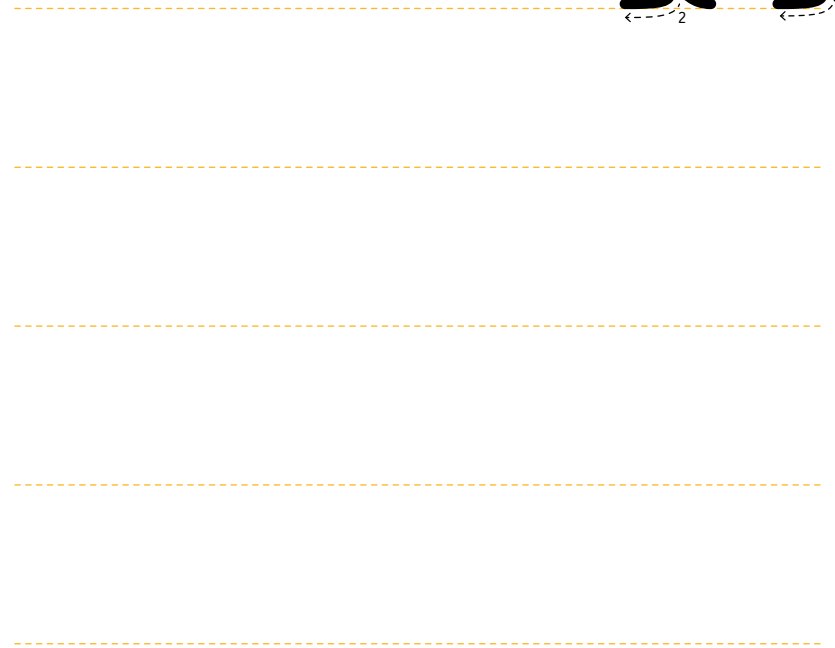
Letter DHAL

final isolated



isolated – final

It sounds like 'th' in the English word 'that'.  
It can only connect from the right side –  
there is only an isolated and a final form.



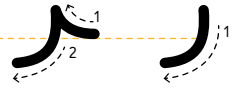
attract – [jadhab] جذب





Letter RAA

final isolated



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isolated – final



neighbour – [jaar]

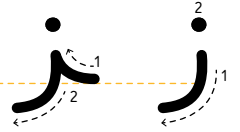


It sounds like 'r' in the English pronunciation of the city 'Rome'. It can only connect from the right side – there is only an isolated and a final form.

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Letter ZAAY

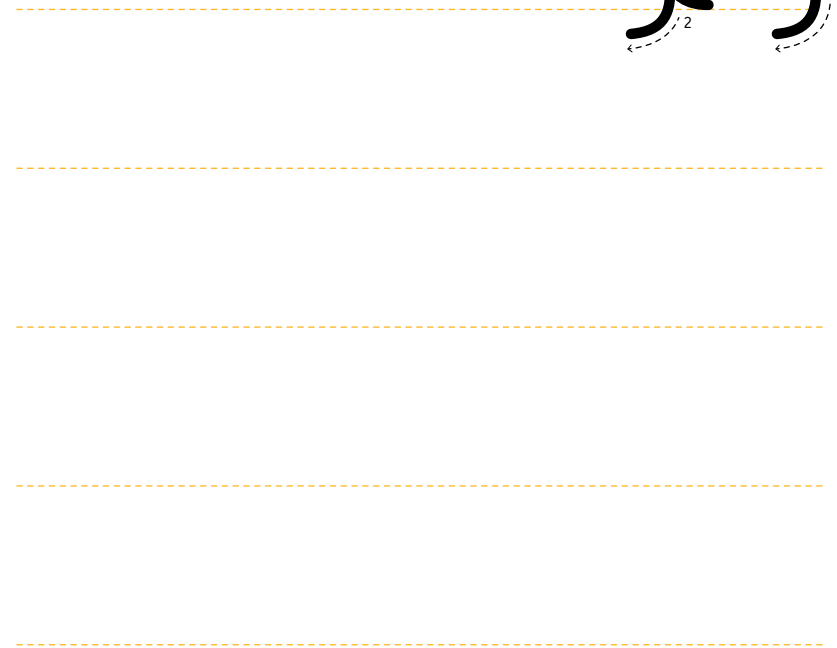
final isolated



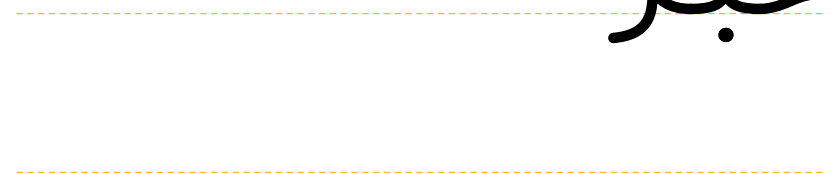
isolated – final



Zaay or zayn sounds like 'z' in the English word 'zebra'. It can only connect from the right side – there is only an isolated and a final form.



bread – [khubz]



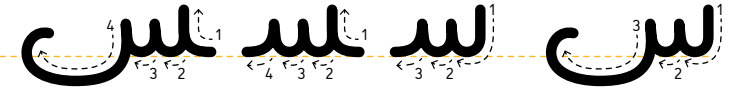
Letter SIIN

final

medial

initial

isolated



Four sets of horizontal dashed lines for handwriting practice, corresponding to the four positions of the letter 'س' shown above.

bell - [jaras]

جرس

Two sets of horizontal dashed lines for handwriting practice, corresponding to the word 'جرس' shown above.



isolated – initial – medial – final

It sounds like 's' in the English word 'sea'.

Letter SHIIN



isolated – initial – medial – final



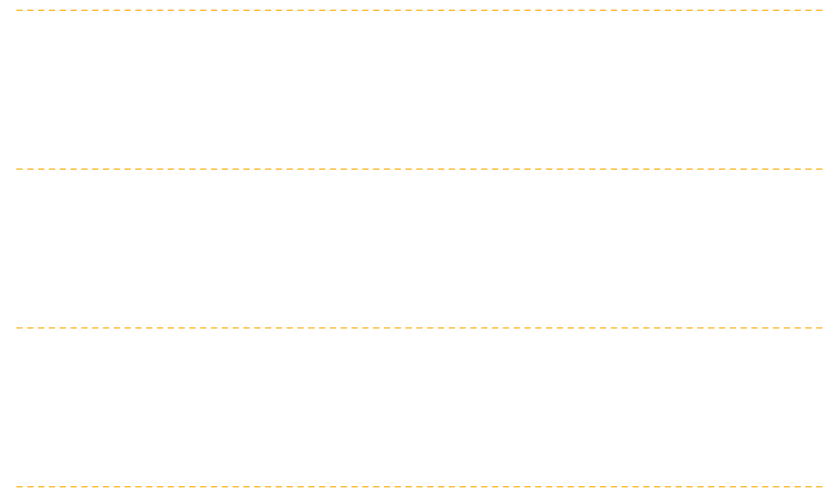
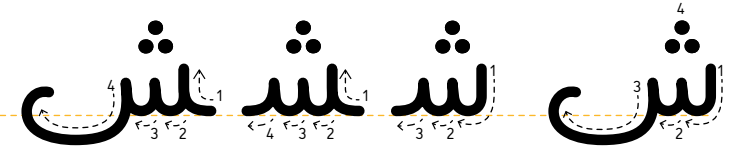
It sounds like 'sh' in the English word 'sheep'.

final

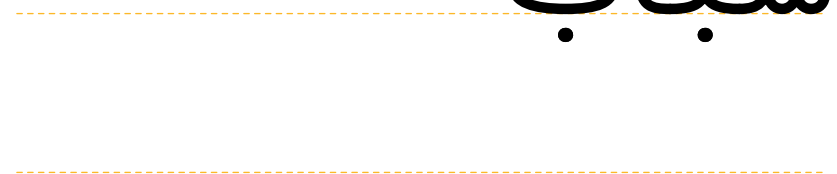
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youth – [shabaab]





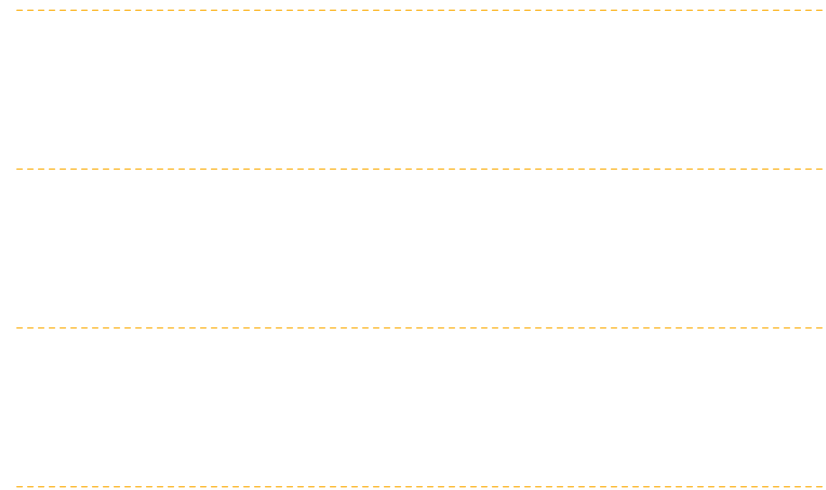
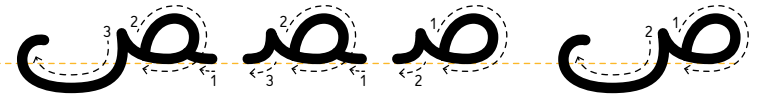
Letter 'SAAD

final

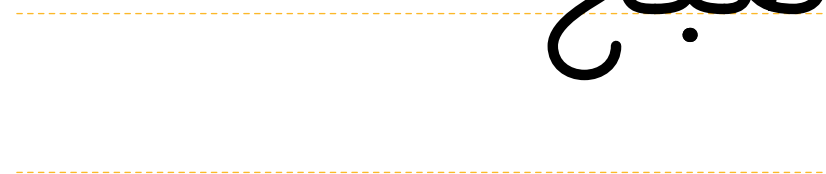
medial

initial

isolated



morning - ['sabaah']



isolated – initial – medial – final



Emphatic letter 'S'. It has no direct equivalent in English. It is pronounced from the back of your mouth. Try to first pronounce the English word 'sun' while stressing the letter 's'. Do not mistake with letter SIIN.

Letter 'DAAD



isolated – initial – medial – final



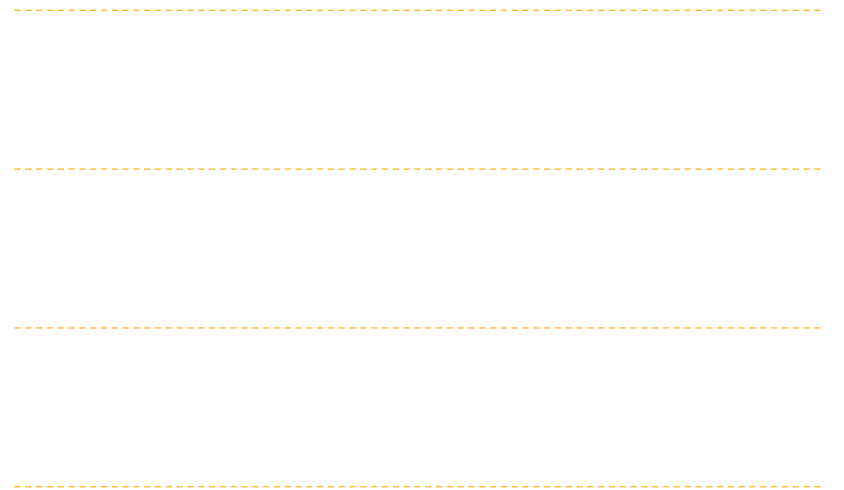
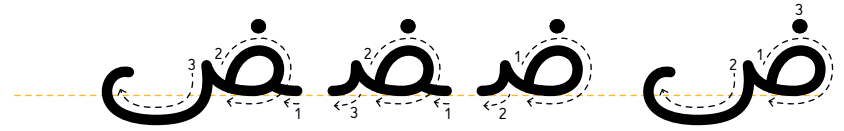
Strong emphatic "D". Try to first pronounce the English word 'dome' with stress on 'd'. Remember that non-emphatic 'd' is for the letter DAL.

final

medial

initial

isolated



fog – ['dabaab]



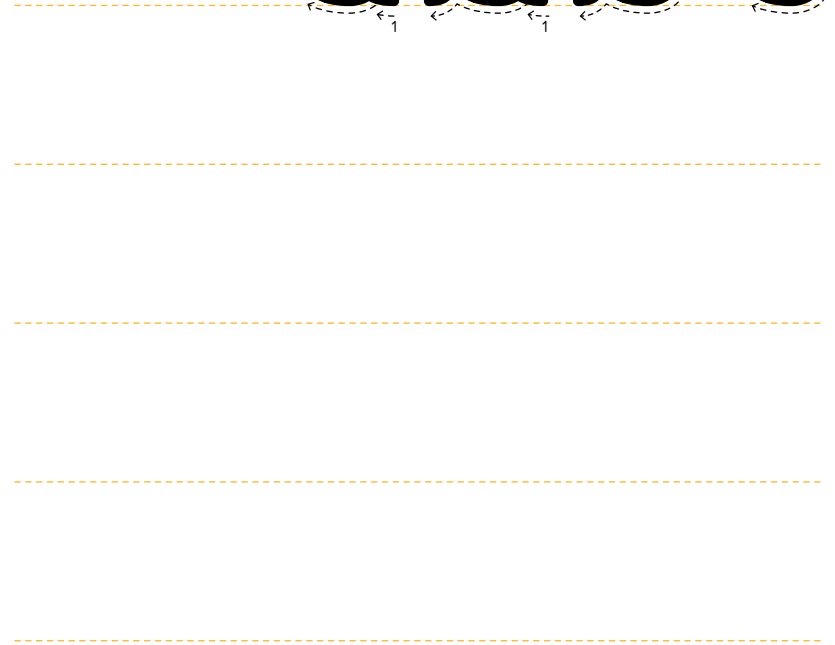
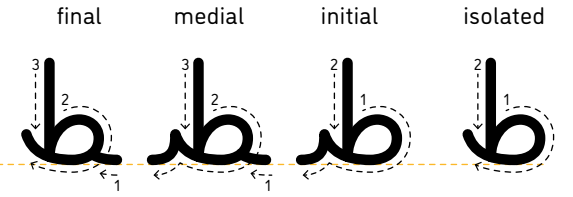
Letter 'TAA



isolated – initial – medial – final



Another emphatic letter – bold stressed “T”.  
Try again to pronounce it from the back of  
your mouth. It is different than the sound of ‘t’  
used for the letter TAA.



cooking – [‘tabakh]



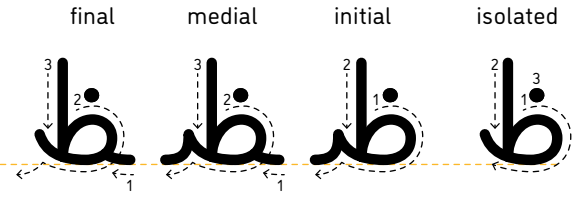
Letter 'ZAA




isolated – initial – medial – final



Emphatic letter "Z" (sounds almost like 'D'). Try again to pronounce it from the back of your mouth. There is a deeper sound of 'z' than in the letter ZAAAY.



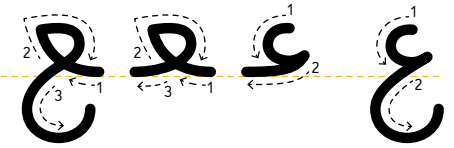
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cooking – ['ha'z] 



# Letter 'AYIN

final    medial    initial    isolated



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difficult - ['saeb]



isolated – initial – medial – final



It has a harsh guttural sound of 'a' – a'yin produced from the back of the throat. It sounds almost like 'ae' with stress on 'e'. There is no sound equivalent in English and it takes a lot of practice to master it.

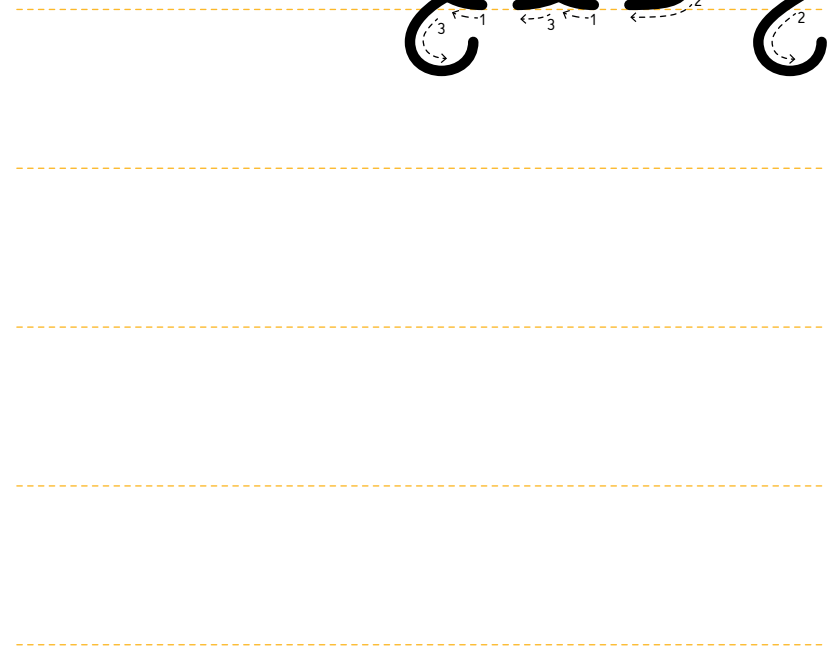
Letter GHAYIN



isolated – initial – medial – final

It sounds almost like French gargling 'r'.

final    medial    initial    isolated



crow – [ghurab]

غراب



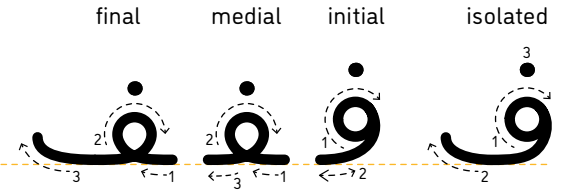
Letter FAA



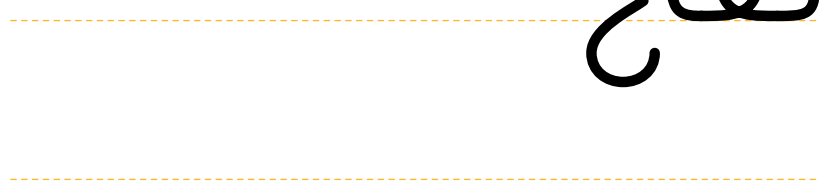
isolated – initial – medial – final



It sounds like 'f' in the English word 'foot'.



apples – [tufaa'h]



Letter QAAF

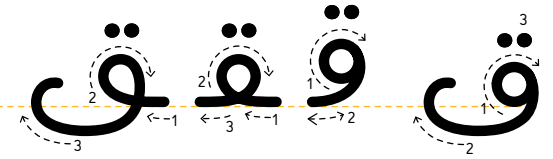


isolated – initial – medial – final



It sounds like 'k' from the back of your throat. Pay attention to the letter FAA and QAAF. QAAF has two dots above and in its isolated and final form, it has a curled ending that goes below the line. FAA has only one dot and lies on the line.

final medial initial isolated



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east – [sharq]

شرق

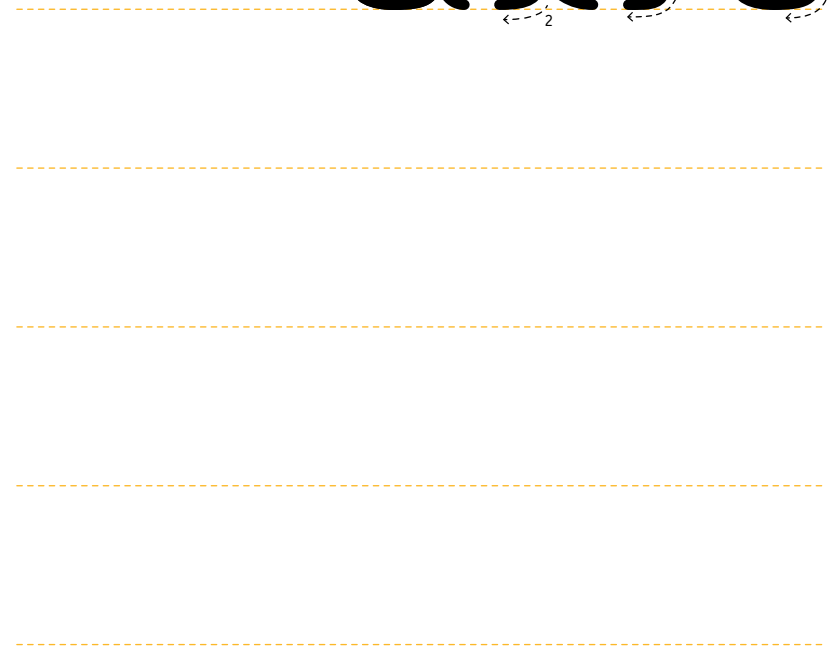
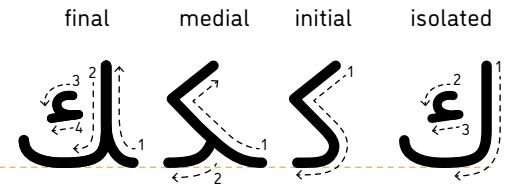
Letter KAF



isolated – initial – medial – final



It sounds like 'k' in the English word 'kable'.



book – [kitaab]

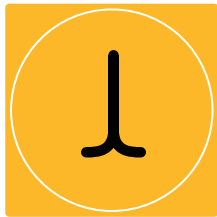




Letter LAAM

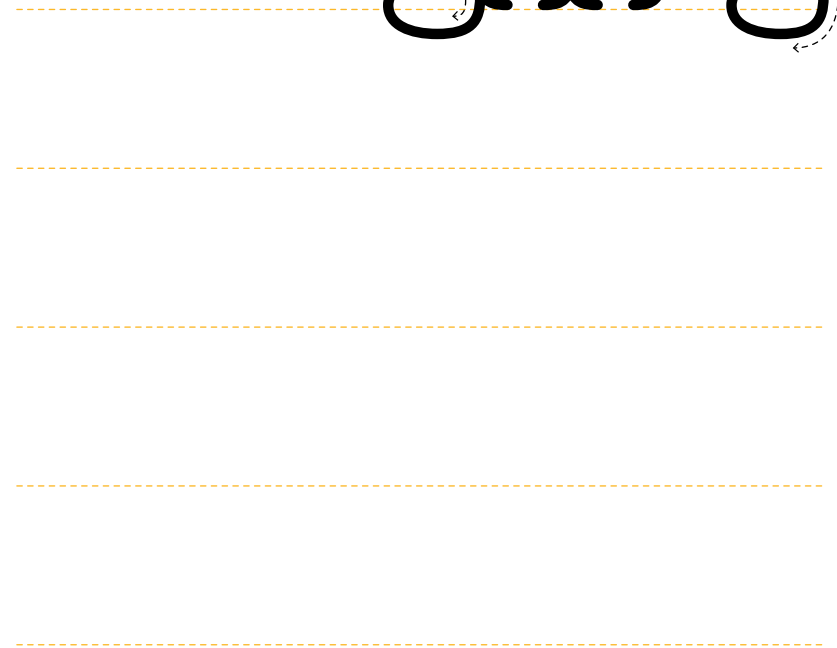
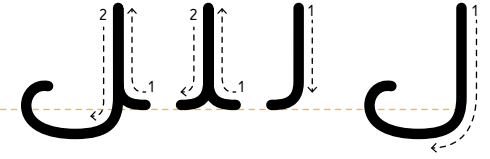


isolated – initial – medial – final

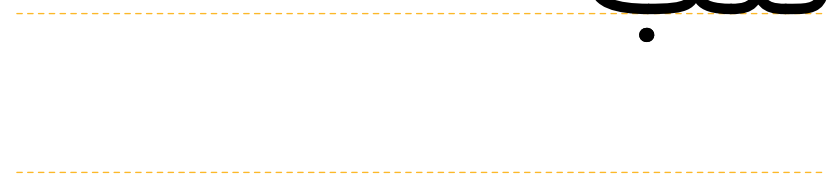


It sounds like a soft 'l' in the English word 'lamp'.

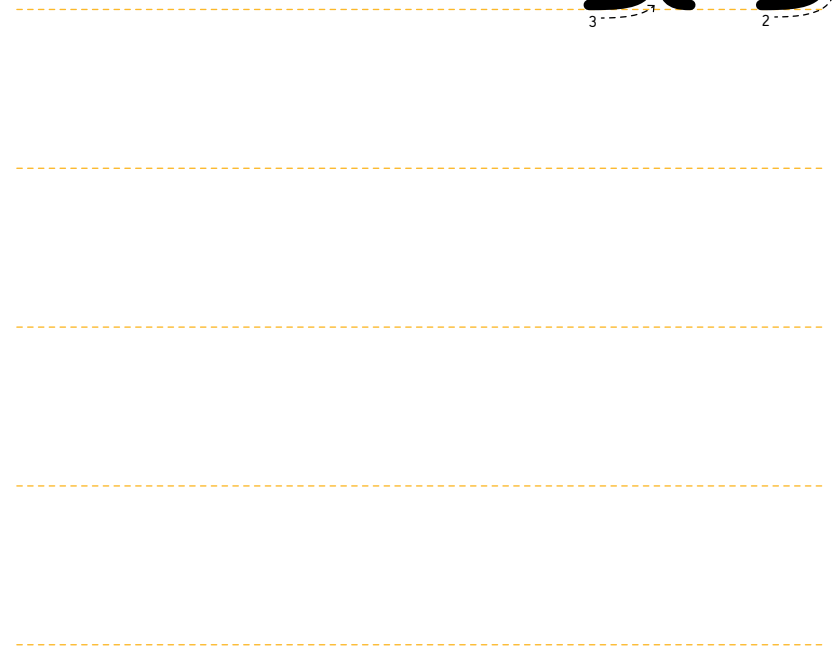
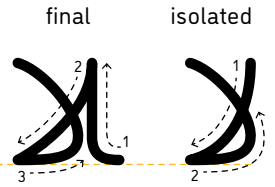
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dog – [kalb]



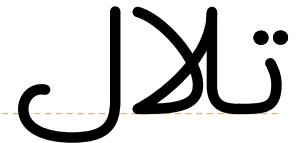
Letter LAAM-ALIF



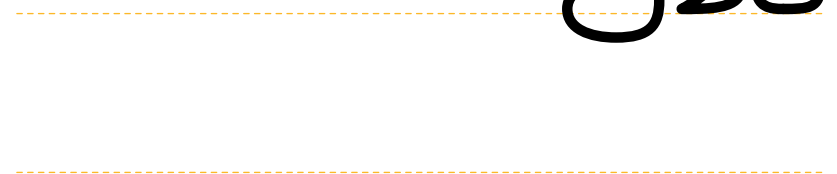
isolated – final



hills – [tilaal]



When the letter LAAM comes before ALIF in a word, it must be written in a new unique ligature form. It's a letter combining two letters LAAM and ALIF.



Letter MIIM



isolated – initial – medial – final



It sounds like 'm' in the English word 'mustard'.

final

medial

initial

isolated



Handwriting practice lines consisting of four sets of horizontal dashed lines. The first set includes the word 'قمر' (qamar) written in Arabic script, with the English translation 'moon - [qamar]' written below it.



Letter NUUN

final    medial    initial    isolated

ن    ن    ن    ن



isolated – initial – medial – final



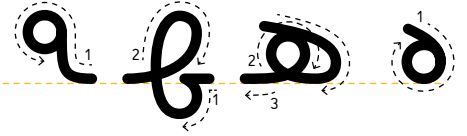
It sounds like 'n' in the English word 'near'.

fire – [naar]

نار

Letter HA

final    medial    initial    isolated



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pyramid - [haram]



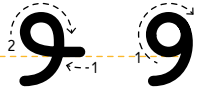
isolated – initial – medial – final



It is pronounced like 'h' in the English word 'house'. Be careful to distinguish the sound from the similar letter 'HA which has a more breathy sound and comes from the back of your throat.

Letter WAAW

final isolated



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isolated – final



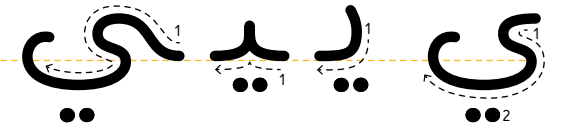
paper – [waraq]



The letter WAAW has two possible pronunciations – like 'w' in the English surprise expression 'wow' or long vowel 'oo'.

Letter YAA

final    medial    initial    isolated



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day - [yoom]

يوم

isolated – initial – medial – final



It is just like the letter WAAW. YAA has two possible pronunciations – like 'y' in the English word 'yet' or long vowel 'ii'.



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