

Arabic Alphabet

- The Arabic alphabet contains 28 letters.
- Arabic is written from right to left.
- Arabic letters change their shape according to their position in a word.
- Arabic letters have a beginning, middle and end form.

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

Consider the following:

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

Exercise (1): Read the Arabic alphabets above paying attention to your pronunciation.

Exercise (2): Write down a noun beginning with each letter of the alphabet.

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