

Sun and Moon Letters

- Definite nouns in Arabic begin with **أل**
- The way the definite article is pronounced in Arabic is determined by the letter after it.
- If the letter after the definite article is a sun letter – the letter is merged into the definite article
- If the letter after the definite article is a moon letter – the Laam of the definite article is pronounced.

Pronounce the
sun letter clearly

The Sun Letters

ت ث د ذ ر ز س ش ص ض ط ظ ل ن



Examples: الطُّيُورُ الشَّمْسُ التَّاجُ

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Examples: الجَمَلُ القَلَمُ البَابُ

Exercise (1): Read the following words out loud and identify which words contain the sun letter or moon letter. Write down your answer underneath the word.

السَّرِيرُ المِسْكِينُ التَّعْلِيمُ الأُسْرَةُ الكِتَابُ

العَظِيمُ النُّورُ المَائِدَةُ الرَّحِيمُ الدُّعَاءُ

Exercise (2): From memory, circle the sun letters below.

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