

ALI 638: Quranic Arabic, Level 4

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Description: In this ONLINE course of seven sessions via Zoom, we will *InshaAllah* go through passages from the Quranic surahs to learn the vocabulary and look at simple rules of Arabic grammar covered in Lessons 18 to 26 in the main text *Qur'anic Language Made Easy*. During the class, we will often refer to *The Qur'an: With a Phrase-by-Phrase English Translation* by Syed Ali Quli Qarai.

The Course is open to all Muslims who can recite the Arabic text of the Quran. Students are expected to put an average of 2 – 3 hours per week to work on lessons and assignments. Those who missed joining Levels 1 to 3 of the course can still register for Level 4 as they can access to the slides and recordings for Levels 1 to 3 at <https://academyofislam.com/course-archives/> Also, the instructor will answer questions about the previous lessons in the last few minutes of class sessions.

Du‘ā before Tilāwah

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ * اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ
اللَّهُمَّ بِالْحَقِّ أَنْزَلْتَهُ وَبِالْحَقِّ نَزَلَ، اللَّهُمَّ عَظِّمْ رَغْبَتِي فِيهِ،
وَاجْعَلْهُ نُورًا لِبَصْرِي، وَشِفَاءً لِبَدْرِي،
وَذَهَابًا لِهَمِّي وَحُزْنِي، اللَّهُمَّ زَيِّنْ بِهِ لِسَانِي،
وَجَمِّلْ بِهِ وَجْهِي، وَقَوِّبْهُ جَسَدِي،
وَارْزُقْنِي حَقَّ تِلَاوَتِهِ عَلَى طَاعَتِكَ،
أَنَاءَ اللَّيْلِ وَأَطْرَافِ النَّهَارِ،
وَاحْشُرْنِي مَعَ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ الْأَخْيَارِ الْأَبْرَارِ - عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ

Du‘ā before Tilāwah - translation

Bismillāh and salawāt.

O Allah, in truth You sent it down and in truth it descended (Q 17:105).

O Allah increase my desire for it,

make it a light for my sight,

a cure for my chest,

and a cause for removing my worries and grief.

O Allah through it: adorn my tongue, beautify my face,

and strengthen my body.

[O Allah] grant me the ability to recite it,

following its rights in Your obedience,

in the moments of night and the ends of the day;

[O Allah] raise me with Prophet Muhammad and his progeny- the chosen, the righteous – peace be upon them.

House keeping items

- Alhamdu lillah we have 13 registrants from 8 cities.
- *Shukran* for the registration and a few paid donations
- May Allah ﷻ accept our efforts of understanding the Quran
- Please revise past lessons during your free time
[www.academyofislam.com/ali-607 .../ali-620.../ali-635](http://www.academyofislam.com/ali-607.../ali-620.../ali-635)
- Use Quli Qarai translation or www.quranwbw.com for tilawa.
- We will *inshaAllah* give homework at the end of every class. Please try to submit the homework by Mondays. If you get late, then submit the home after the class on Wednesdays.
- It is never late to register; encourage family & friends to also benefit from this course.

Essential definitions of grammatical words

A **noun** is a name of any living being, object or idea. A **pronoun** (*dhamīr*) is a word used instead of a noun. It can be attached (*muttasil*) or detached (*munfasil*).

An **adjective** is a word which describes a noun.

An **adverb** adds information about a verb, an adjective or another adverb. In the sentence *speak slowly*, ‘slowly’ is an adverb informing us how to speak, thus telling us more about verb.

Harakāt (singular *harakah*) are the vowel signs (damma, fatha and kasra) that are placed on letters of nouns, verbs and particles. Adding a harakah on the last letter based on grammatical rules is known as putting an **i‘rab** (اِعْرَاب).

Nouns and adjectives having the i‘rab of **damma** are said to be in the **nominative** case (*marfū‘un*). In sound plurals the nominative is indicated by ‘waw & nun’, as in مُسْلِمُونَ، مُؤْمِنُونَ.

Nouns and adjectives having the i‘rab of **fatha** are said to be in the **accusative** case (*mansūbun*). In sound plurals the accusative is indicated by ‘yā & nun’, as in مُسْلِمِينَ، مُؤْمِنِينَ.

Nouns and adjectives having the i‘rab of **kasra** are said to be in the **genitive** case (*majrūrūn*). In sound plurals the genitive is indicated by ‘yā & nun’ – same as accusative case.

What is Quranic Arabic & how is it special?

Know that QURANIC ARABIC course focuses on learning Arabic words, phrases, sentences, grammar rules and other concepts which are found in the Holy Quran. The idea is to learn the Arabic language so as to comprehend the Divine message contained in the Holy Book. The course will NOT cover speaking or conversational Arabic nor will we learn how to write Arabic. Most of the examples used to understand Arabic will be drawn from the Holy Quran. Occasionally, we may use a few Hadiths and passages from common Du'ās (supplications) received from the Holy Fourteen Ma'sūmīn (a).

The course is both important and essential because it helps us understand the Final Message from Almighty Allah swt to humanity, that was received by the Holy Prophet (s) directly for the guidance of Muslims and non-Muslims in the form of the Quran. Since its revelation, the Muslims have preserved the Message through memorizing, learning and studying its tafāsīr (commentaries).

أَسْمَاءُ الْإِشَارَةِ – Demonstrative Pronouns

These are nouns to point to something near (*qareeb*) or far (*ba'eed*). For near are:

Plural	Dual	Singular	Gender
هَؤُلَاءِ	هَذَانِ \ هَذَيْنِ	هَذَا	مُذَكَّر
These (all)	These (two)	This	Masculine
هَؤُلَاءِ	هَاتَانِ \ هَاتَيْنِ	هَذِهِ	مُؤَنَّث
These (all)	These (two)	This	Feminine

Demonstratives are used either as pronouns or adjectivally. In the Quran *hādhā* and *hādhīhi* are used frequently as adjectives.

Adjectival use: The demonstrative precedes the noun and is linked to it by the definite article. E.g., *hādhā al-Quran*, *hādhīhi al-nār*.

Note that all the above begin with letter *hā* (ه).

Let us look at Quranic references- 3:51, 4:51, 6:76, 6:153, 6:155, 11:64, 12:108, 16:103, 16:116, 18:98, 20:63, 26:54, 28:27, 29:64, 44:22, 50:2, 53:56, 61:6.

Demonstrative pronouns for far (ba'eed)

Bismillah

Plural	Dual	Singular	Gender
أُولَئِكَ	ذَانِكَ ذَيْنِكَ	ذَلِكَ	مُذَكَّر
Those (all)	Those (two)	That	Masculine
أُولَئِكَ	تَانِكَ تَيْنِكَ	تَلْكَ	مُؤَنَّث
Those (all)	Those (two)	That	Masculine

Note that all the above end with كَ.

Homework 2: Here are the Quranic verses containing demonstrative pronouns for far:

Check if any of these have been translated as being from near due to its greatness of importance? Q 2:1, 2:5, 2:252, 2:253, 3:108, 3:114, 4:70, 8:74, 10:1, 10:3, 12:37, 14:18, 18:64, 22:70, 28:32, 28:83, 42:22, 70:35, 74:9.

Homework for last session: Question 1

A few words which are simultaneously masculine and feminine:

صَبُورٌ، طَرِيقٌ، سِكِّينٌ، سَوَّاقٌ، لِسَانٌ، خَمْرٌ، سِلَاحٌ، إِصْبَعٌ

Find which of the above words appear in the Quran? Are they used as masculine or feminine?

Rule: All inanimate words in plural are treated as feminine.

word	meaning	Quranic References
صَبُورٌ	patient	none
طَرِيقٌ	Path/way	4:168, 169f; 20:63f, 77, 104f; 46:30; 72:16f
سِكِّينٌ	knife	12:31
سَوَّاقٌ أَصْوَاقٌ	market	25:7, 20 (only in plural form)
لِسَانٌ	tongue/ language	5:78, 14:4, 16:103, 16:103 , 19:50*, 26:195
خَمْرٌ	Wine	2:219, 5:90,91; 12:36,41; 47:15.
سِلَاحٌ	weapon	None, 4:102 has plural
إِصْبَعٌ أَصْبَاعٌ	finger	2:19; 71:7 (only in plural form)

Homework for the last class: Question 2

On page 68 of our Text, it says: Note that ذَالِكَ and تِلْكَ are also used for things of near distance in order to emphasize the greatness or importance of the object pointed at; as in Q 2:2 and 2:252. Here are the Quranic verses containing demonstrative pronouns for far: Q 2:1*, 2:5, 2:252*, 2:253*, 3:108*, 3:114, 4:70, 8:74?, 10:1*, 10:3, 12:37, 14:18, 18:64, 22:70 x 2, 28:32*, 28:83*, 42:22, 70:35?, 74:9. **Check if any of these have been translated as being from near due to its greatness or importance?**

Answer: those marked with an * are rendered as near by Ali Quli Qarai. The verses which has a ? mark, are difficult to say whether the demonstrative pronoun is for near or far, as the translator has rendered the word أُولَئِكَ as 'they'. You may check other translators at www.tanzil.net to see how has this word been translated.

Relative pronouns – الْأَسْمَاءُ الْمَوْصُولَةُ

Q 2:21 reads: يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اعْبُدُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ وَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

O mankind! Worship your Lord, **who** created you and **those** who were before you, so that you may be Godwary

The highlighted words are relative pronouns. الَّذِي & الَّتِي appear often in the Quran, so, let us memorize them. All masculine relative pronouns have the letter ذ in them; while all the feminine relative pronouns have the letter ت in them, with exception of الَّتِي. Occasionally the words مَنْ (who/whoever) and مَا (what/whatever) are also used as relative pronouns.

Plural	Dual	Singular	Gender
الَّذِينَ	الَّذَانِ الَّذِينَ	الَّذِي	مذكر
Those all who (1059 times)	Those two who (2 times)	The one who/ that which (304 x)	Masculine
الَّتِي الَّتِي	الَّتَانِي الَّتَيْنِ	الَّتِي	مؤنث
Those all who (2 times)	Those two who	The one who/ that which (68 x)	Feminine

Relative pronouns: verses and homework question

Bismillah

Quranic Verses that contain relative pronouns:

2:24, 4:16, 4:23, 6:2, 13:29, 16:96, 21:52, 22:3, 22:13, 41:34, 65:4, & 78:2-3.

Homework on Relative pronouns:

- 1) Identify relative pronouns in verses 41:29, 48:28, 58:2 by **highlighting** them and find out to whom do these relate to?
- 2) Q 41:34 talks about an excellent example in Islamic ethics. Can you recall an incident in the life of Imam al-Hasan (a) who he applied this verse to win an enemy?

Learning Quranic Arabic: other resources

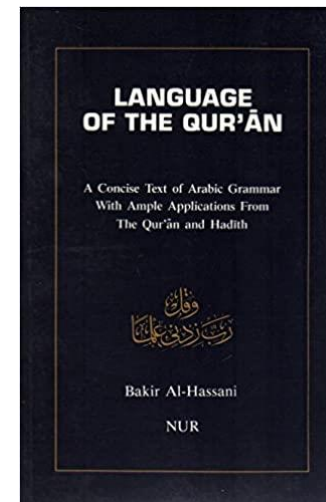
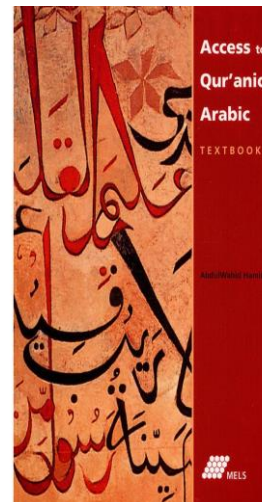
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The texts for the course

Level 1 Slides & Recordings at <https://academyofislam.com/ali-607/>

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Ali Quli Qarai	Hafiza Iffat Hasan	AbdulWahid Hamid	Bakir Al-Hasani
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Online resources for Quranic Arabic

How To Learn Quranic Arabic Fast In 3 Simple Steps

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