ALI 665: Quranic Arabic, Level 1, Session 8 (nov 14, 2023)

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Description: Quranic Arabic helps Muslims understand the language of the Quran. In this course, we will learn simple Quranic vocabulary and grammar. Students will need to put in an average of three hours a week to work on the course. In this semester, we will identify nouns and their different forms, a few verbs, and particles from the oft recited Quranic Sūras. We will us Qur'anic Language Made Easy by Hafiza Iffath Hasan as the main text. During the class, we will often refer to The Qur'an: With a Phrase-by-Phrase English Translation by Ali Quli Qarai Occasionally we may take passages from *Access to Our'anic Arabic* by AbdulWahid Hamid.





Beautiful Du'ā for before the class

Translation of the Du'ā before the class

In the name of Allah, the All-beneficent, the All-merciful. O Allah, bless Muhammad and the family of Muhammad. O Allah, grant us success in (thinking, saying and doing) that which You love and are pleased with. And never leave us to ourselves for the blink of an eye.

O Allah: remove from us the darkness of doubt (and error) and favor us with the light of understanding. O Allah: open for us the doors of Your mercy and unfold for us the treasures of Your knowledge. O Allah, bless Muhammad and the family of Muhammad.

In every class, we request one of the students to begin the class with this Du'ā. Let us begin in alphabetical order. Sisters who are not comfortable should let the instructor know, in advance.

Detached and attached pronouns

Bismillāh. Please note the differences and similarities between the two.

plural	dual	singular	quantity/ person
هُمْ ا _هُمْ	هُمَا _هُمَا	هُوَ هُ	3 rd m
هُنّ _هُنّ	هُمَا هُمَا	هِيَ _هَا	3 rd f
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How to copy and paste Quranic passages?

Bismillāh. We may wonder how to paste Quranic passages on MS Word document or on PowerPoint. The Arabic text often gets mixed up and the students face challenges separating Arabic from English. Follow the following six step process:

- 1. Use any website from which you can copy the Arabic text of Quran.
- 2. Open a blank MS Document and give it a title.
- 3. Under Paste select Text only and paste the passage on it.
- 4. Go to the next line. Click on \P < (Right-to-Left Text Direction) which is found in the Ribbon Display Options on top under pull-down menus.
- 5. Change the font to Traditional Arabic sized 24 or 28.

Words that have property of preposition

appears in HQ	meaning	Word like preposition	Appears in HQ	meaning	Word like preposition
18	With/from	لَدُنْ\لَدَى	157	some	بَعْضُ
164	With	مُعَ	376	sll/every	گُلُّ عُ
197	Near/at	عِنْدَ	15	Around	حَوْلَ
1	Before	اَمَامَ	242	Before	قَبْلَ
20	Behind	خُلْفَ	199	After	بَعْدَ
266	Between	بَيْنَ	24	Behind	وَرَآءَ
41	Above/ over	فَوْقَ	144	Other than	دُوْنَ
51	Under/ beneath	<u>څ</u>	147	Other than	غَيْرَ مِنْ دُوْنِ

Other important points about prepositions – part 1

- 1. When *alif* does not have any of the vowel signs (fatha, kasra or damma) then it automatically carries a sākin on it, even if it is not marked. An alif with sākin is known as *hamazat al-wasl*. The alif of definite article 'al' (JI), for e.g, is hamzat al-wasl.
- 2. When preposition min (فرن) is followed by a word beginning with hamzat al-wasl, then preposition min will change to mina (فرن). The meeting of two letters with sākin is known as iltiqā' alsākinayn. Know that pronouncing two letters with sākin is difficult on the tongue. Therefore, min becomes mina. For e.g.:

فَتَكُونَا مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ (35)، فَأَنزَلْنَا عَلَى الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا رِجْزًا مِّنَ السَّمَآءِ (59) وَبَاءُوا بِغَضَبٍ مِّنَ اللَّهِ أَ (61)

Other important points about prepositions – part 2

- 3. Majority of prepositions are written separately except for li() and li() these are prefixed to the word they precede. For e.g., لِأَهْل، لِخَمْسَةٍ، بِرَحْمَةٍ، بِالْغَيْبِ
- 4. If preposition li (الله) is prefixed to a word with definite article al (الله), then the alif of the article is dropped and the two lām are joined. For e.g., when we prefix li to a definite word al-'ibād (الله), it will be written as lil-'ibād (الله)) instead of li al-'ibād (الأله). Similarly, we write lillāhi (الله)) instead of li-allāhi (الأله).

Surat Luqmān, Verses 1 - 7

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بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمَٰنِ الرَّحِيمِ * الم ﴿ اللهِ تِلْكَ آيَاتُ الْكِتَابِ الْحَكِيمِ ﴿٢﴾ هُدًى وَرَحْمَةً لِلْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٢﴾ الَّذِينَ يُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُونَ الزُّكَاةَ وَهُم بِالْآخِرَةِ هُمْ يُوقِنُونَ ﴿ ٤﴾ أُولَئِكَ عَلَىٰ هُدًى مِّنْ رَّبِّعِمْ اللَّهُ كَانَ وَهُم وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ ﴿ وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَشْبَرِي لَمُو الْحَدِيثِ لِيُضِلَّ عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللهِ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمِ وَيَتَّخِذُهَا هُزُوًا ۚ أُولَئِكَ لَهُمْ عَذَابُ هُ عِينٌ ﴿ ٢﴾ وَإِذَا تُتَلَىٰ عَلَيْهِ آيَاتُنَا وَلَّىٰ مُسْتَكْبِرًا كَأَن لَّمْ يَسْمَعْهَا كَأُنَّ فِي أَذْنَيْهِ وَقُرَاطِ فَبَشِرْهُ بِعَذَابٍ أَلِيمِ ﴿ ٧﴾

Surat Luqmān, Verses 8 - 14

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إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتُ النَّعِيمِ ﴿ ٨﴾ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ط وَغُدَ اللّهِ حَقّاء وَهُو الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿ ٩ ﴿ حَلَقَ السَّمَا وَاتَ بِغَيْرِ عَمَدٍ تَرَوْنَهَا مِنَ وَعُلَا مَنَ الْأَرْضِ رَوَاسِيَ أَن تَمِيدَ بِكُمْ وَبَتَّ فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ دَابَّةٍ وَأَنزَلْنَا مِنَ وَأَلْقَىٰ فِي الْأَرْضِ رَوَاسِيَ أَن تَمِيدَ بِكُمْ وَبَتَّ فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ دَابَّةٍ وَأَنزَلْنَا مِنَ وَأَلْقَىٰ فِي الْلَارْضِ رَوَاسِيَ أَن تَمِيدَ بِكُمْ وَبَتَّ فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ دَابَّةٍ وَأَنزَلْنَا مِن السَّمَآءِ مَاءً فَأَنبَتنَا فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ زَوْجِ كَرِيم ﴿ ١ ﴾ هٰذَا خَلْقُ اللَّهِ فَأَرُونِي مَاذَا خَلَقَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ دُونِهِ ، بَلِ الظَّالِمُولَ فِي أَضِلًا لِ شَّبِينِ ﴿ ١١ ﴾ وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا لُقْمَانَ الْحِكْمَةَ أَنِ اشْكُرْ لِلَّهِ } وَمَنْ يَشْكُرْ فَإِنَّمَا يَشْكُرُ لِنَّفْسِهِ مِهِ وَمَنْ كَفَر فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَنِيٌ حَمِيدٌ ﴿ ١٢﴾ وَإِذْ قَالَ لَقْمَانُ لِإَبْنِهِ وَهُوَ يَعِظُهُ يَا بُنَىَّ لَإِ تُشْرِكُ بِاللَّهِ سِ إِنَّ الشِّرْكَ لَظُلْمٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿ ١٣ ﴾ وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ حَمَلَتُهُ أَمُّهُ وَهُنَا عَلَىٰ وَلَوَالِدَيْكِ اللَّهِ الْمُصِيرُ ﴿ ١٤ ﴾ وَلَوَالِدَيْكَ إِلَى الْمَصِيرُ ﴿ ١٤ ﴾ وَفُونَ وَفِصَالُهُ فِي عَامَيْنِ أَنِ اشْكُرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيْكَ إِلَى الْمَصِيرُ ﴿ ١٤ ﴾

Surat Luqmān, Verses 15 - 20

Blue are preposition, bold are nouns impacted, red are nouns or pronouns joined to preposition. وَإِن جَاهَدَاكَ عَلَىٰ أَنْ تُشْرِكَ بِي مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ عِلْمٌ فَلَا تُطِعْهُمَا طِوْصَا سَبيلَ مَنْ أَنَابَ إِلَى جَهُم إِلَى مَرْجِعُكُمْ فَأَنْبُعُكُم بِمَا لَ حَبَّةِ مِّنْ خُرْدُلُ فَتَكُن فِي صَخْرَةٍ أَوْ فِي الْسَّمَاوَاتِ بِهَا اللَّهُ } إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَطِيفٌ خَبِيرٌ ﴿ ١٦﴾ يَا بُنَيَّ أَقِم الصَّلَاةَ وَأَمْرُ بِ أَصَابَكَ عِنْ عَزْمِ الْأُمُورِ ﴿ ١٧﴾ أَصَابَكَ عِنْ عَزْمِ الْأُمُورِ ﴿ ١٧﴾ مِنْ صَوْتِكَ ﴿ إِنَّ أَنكُرَ الْأَصْوَاتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَأَسْبَغَ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعَمَهُ ظَاهِرَةً وَبَاطِنَةً قِومِنَ النَّاس مَنْ يُجَادِلُ فِي اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمَ وَلَا هُدِّى وَلَا كِتَابٍ مُّنِيرِ ﴿ ٢٠ ﴾

Note: 'Lām' before 'zulmun' in v. 13 is for emphasis and its not a preposition.

Surat Luqmān, verses 21 - 25

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وَإِذَا قِيلَ هُمُ اتَّبِعُوا مَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ قَالُوا بَلْ نَتَّبِعُ مَا وَجَدْنَا عَلَيْهِ آبَآءَنَا وَأُولُو كَانَ الشَّيْطَانُ يَدْعُوهُمْ إِلَىٰ عَذَابِ السَّعِيرِ ﴿ ٢١﴾ ﴿ وَمَنْ يُسْلِمْ وَجْهَهُ إِلَى اللهِ وَهُوَ مُحْسِنٌ فَقَدِ اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ الْوُتْقَىٰ قِ إِلَى اللهِ عَاقِبَةُ الْأُمُور ﴿٢٢﴾ وَمَنْ كَفَرَ فَلَا يَحْزُنكَ كُفْرُهُ } إِلَيْنَا مَرْجِعُهُمْ فَنُنَبِّعُهُم بِمَا عَمِلُوا ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ ﴿٢٣﴾ نُمَتِّعُهُمْ قَلِيلًا ثُمَّ نَضْطَرُّهُمْ إِلَىٰ عَذَابٍ غَلِيظٍ ﴿ ٢٤ ﴾ وَلَئِنْ سَأَلْتَهُم مَّنْ خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ لَيَقُولُنَّ اللَّهُ وَقُل الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَبَلْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿ ٢ ﴾ ٢ اللَّهِ عَبَلْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿ ٢ اللَّهِ عَلَمُونَ

Surat Luqmān, verses 26 - 30

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أَرْضَ } إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْغَنِيُّ الْحَمِيدُ ﴿٢٦﴾ وَلَوْ أَنَّمَا فِي مِنْ شَجَرَةٍ أَقْلَامٌ وَالْبَحْرُ يَمُدُّهُ مِنُ بَعْدِهِ سَبْعَةُ أَبْحُر مَّا نَفِدَتْ كَلِمَاتُ اللهِ قَالِنَ اللهَ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٢٧﴾ مَّا خَلْقُكُمْ وَلَا بَعْثُكُمْ إِلَّا كَنَفْس وَاحِدَ سَمِيعٌ بَصِيرٌ ﴿٢٨﴾ أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يُولِجُ اللَّيْلَ فِي النَّهَارِ وَيُولِجُ الشُّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ كُلُّ يَجْرِي إِلَىٰ أَجَل شَّسَمَّى وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا خَبِيرٌ ﴿ ٢٩﴾ ذَٰلِكَ بأَنَّ اللهَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ وَأَنَّ مَا يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ الْبَاطِلُ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْكَبِيرُ ﴿ ٣٠﴾

Surat Luqmān, verses 31 - 34

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أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ الْفُلْكَ تَحْرِي فِي الْبَحْرِ بِنِعْمَتِ اللَّهِ لِيُرِيكُم مِّنْ آيَاتِهِ وَإِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لآياتٍ لِّكُلِّ صَبَّارٍ شَكُورٍ ﴿ ٣١﴾ وَإِذَا غَشِيهُم مَّوْجُ كَالظَّلُلِ دَعَوُا اللَّهَ اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ فَلَمَّا نَجَّاهُمْ إِلَى البَرّ فَمِنْهُم مُّقْتَصِدٌ ، وَمَا يَجْحَدُ بِآيَاتِنَا إِلَّا كُلُّ خَتَّارِ كَفُورِ ﴿٣٢﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمْ وَاخْشُوْا يَوْمًا لَا يَجْزِي وَالِدٌ عَنْ وَلَدِهِ وَلَا مَوْلُودٌ هُو جَازٍ عَنْ وَالِدِهِ شَيْئًا ، إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقَّ عِنْ فَالا تَغُرَّنَّكُمُ الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنيَا وَلَا يَغُرَّنَّكُم بِاللَّهِ الْغَرُورُ ﴿٣٣﴾ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عِندَهُ عِلْمُ السَّاعَةِ وَيُنَرِّلُ الْغَيْثَ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا فِي الْأَرْحَامِ عِوْمَا تَدْرِي نَفْسٌ مَّاذَا تَكْسِبُ غَدًا مِهِ وَمَا تَدْرِي نَفْسُ بِأَيِّ أَرْضِ تَمُوتُ ، إِنَّ اللهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ ﴿ ٢٤ ﴾

Lesson 9: Nouns - Ma'rifah and Nakirah

Nouns can either be Ma'rifah (مَعْرَفَةُ) or Nakirah (نَكِرَةٌ). Ma'rifah means proper noun e.g., کُمُدُّ (Muhammad) or definite noun, e.g., the book), which is done by prefixing the article الْكِتَابُ removing the tanwin. Proper nouns are proper names given to a certain person or place. E.g., مَكَةٌ and أَبْرَاهِيْمُ — Ibrāhīm and Makkah. Note: Proper noun Ibrāhīm here does not carry tanwīn, unlike what we saw with the word گُمّدٌ. It could be a diptote.

Common nouns are names given to living and non-living beings and all of them with double damma (see the table on p. 30 in the Text). See Quranic examples of **ma'rifah** and **nakirah** on p. 31 of the text.

Special spellings in the Quranic Text

Note, Ibrāhīm is spelled differently in the Quran (see p. 31 in the text) compared to what is found in Arabic books or even in Du'as. There is a short alif on 'ra' and independent 'ya' like a superscript between 'hā' and 'mīm.' Similarly, in the word الرَّحْمَان a short alif appears on mīm (الرَّحْمُن) instead of long alif after mīm. Other words which are spelled differently in the Quran are: سُلَيْمُنُ، سُبْحُنَ، الْخُسِرِيْنَ; in all these a short alif appears as a superscript in the Quran. This short alif is known as الْأَلِفُ خَنْجَرِيَة – the dagger alif. When this alif appears over a letter, it has same effect as a long alif, and it has the function of long vowel in pronunciation. The above three words will appear as: سُلَيْمَانُ، سُبْحَانَ، الْخَاسِرِيْن in Arabic books besides the Juran.

Ma'rifah and Nakirah Nouns in Q 89: 1 - 10

Highlight the nouns which are ma'rifah and **bold** those which are nakirah.

Ma'rifah and Nakirah Nouns in Q 89: 11-20

Highlight the nouns which are ma'rifah and bold those which are nakirah.

و الَّذِينَ طَغُوا فِي الْبِلَادِ ﴿ ١١﴾ فَأَكْثَرُوا فِيهَا الْفَسَادَ ﴿١٢﴾ فَصَبَ عَلَيْهِمْ رَبُّكَ سَوْطَ عَذَابِ ﴿١٢﴾ إِنَّ رَبُّكَ لَبِالْمِرْصَادِ ﴿ ١٤﴾ فَأَمَّا الْإِنسَانُ إِذَا مَا ابْتَلَاهُ رَبُّهُ فَأَكْرَمَهُ وَنَعَّمَهُ فَيَقُولُ رَبِّي أَكْرَمَن ﴿ ١ ﴾ وَأَمَّا إِذَا مَا ابْتَلَاهُ فَقَدَرَ عَلَيْهِ رِزْقَهُ فَيَقُولَ رَبِي أَهَانَن ﴿ ١٦﴾ كَلَّا أَ بَل لَّا تُكْرَمُونَ ﴿ ١٧ ﴾ وَلاَ تَحَاضُونَ عَلَىٰ طَعَامِ الْمِسْكِينِ ﴿ ١٨ ﴾ وَتَأْكُلُونَ النَّرَاتُ أَكْلًا لَهُمَّا هِمْ الْمُعَالَى خُبًّا جَمًّا هُمَا لَا عَبَّا جَمًّا هُمَا لَا عَبَّا جَمًّا جَمًّا النَّرَاتُ أَكُلًا لَهُمَا لَا عَبَّا جَمًّا جَمًّا جَمًّا جَمًّا عَبْدَ اللَّهُ ال

Ma'rifah and Nakirah Nouns in Q 89: 21 - 30

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كَلَّا إِذَا دُكَّتِ الْأَرْضُ دَكًّا دَكًّا ﴿ ٢١﴾ وَجَاءَ رَبُّكَ وَالْمَلَكُ صَفًّا صَفًّا ﴿٢٢﴾ وَجِيءَ يَوْمَئِذٍ بِجَهَنَّمَ فَ يَوْمَئِذٍ يَتَذَكَّرُ الْإِنسَانُ وَأَنَّى لَهُ الذِّكْرَىٰ ﴿٢٣﴾ يَقُولُ يَا لَيْتَنِي قَدَّمْتُ لِحِيَاتِي ﴿٢٤ فَيَوْمَئِذٍ لَا يُعَذِّبُ عَذَابَهُ أَحَدٌ ﴿ ٢٥﴾ وَلَا يُوثِقُ وَثَاقَهُ أَحَدُ ﴿ ٢٦﴾ يَا أَيَّتُهَا النَّفْسُ الْمُطْمَئِنَّةُ ﴿٢٧﴾ ارْجِعِي إِلَىٰ رَبِّكِ رَاضِيَةً مَّرْضِيَّةً ﴿٢٨﴾ فَادْخُلِي فِي عِبَادِي ﴿٢٩﴾ وَادْخُلِي

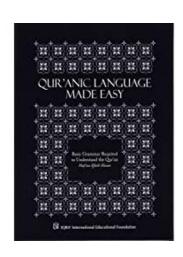
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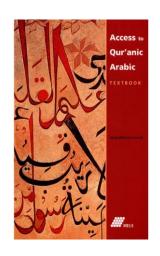
Bismillāh. Arabic is very rich in words. It has over 12,302, 912 words that is 25 times the number of words in English language and 82 times that of French . . . that is why some Quranic terms do not have exact equivalents in English (The Clear Quran Dictionary, p viii). However, to make Quran easy to remember, the Almighty Allah uses only 77,800 words. From these, many words have been repeated in the Quran. The frequently used words make up of 85% of the Holy Quran: 45% of the Quran is made up of 72 words. 20% of the words are made up only 100 words which are nouns. Another 20% of the Quran are made up of 200 words which are verbs. Remaining 15% are what are known as unique words made up of nouns and verbs; for these people use dictionary to find the meanings of these unique words. During the holidays, build your vocabulary of words that appear often in the Holy Quran.

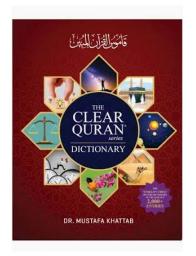
Textbooks for the course

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phrase-by-phrase	Made Easy	Qur'anic Arabic	Quran
English translation			Dictionary









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