



ALI 707: Quranic Arabic & Knowledge, Level 2

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Description: Imam Muhammad al-Baqir (a) has said: Learn Arabic, for it is the word of Allah with which He speaks to His creation [in the Holy Quran]. In this online course, specially tailored for past and present Madrasah teachers, we will discuss simple Quranic vocabulary and grammar. To make it interesting, occasionally we will cover short stories and historical events in the Quran and their application in our daily lives. In this level, we will identify nouns and their different forms, a few verbs, and particles from Surahs Numbers 108 to 114 of the Quran.

Texts: *The Phrase-by-Phrase English Translation* of the Quran by Syed Ali Quli Qarai, and *Qur'anic Language Made Easy* by Hafiza Iffath Hasan.

Surat al-Fatihah/ al-Hamd

سُورَةُ الْفَاتِحَةِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ﴿١﴾ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٢﴾
الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ﴿٣﴾ مَالِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ ﴿٤﴾ إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ
وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ ﴿٥﴾ اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ ﴿٦﴾ صِرَاطَ
الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ

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Fadhīlat (excellence) of al-Fatihah

- Only surah named on account its position/location in the Quran. It is al-Fatiha because it is the opening chapter of the Quran, as well as the opening of the prayers.
- Only surah to be revealed twice, once in Makkah and then in Madinah
- only surah in which *basmalah* is counted as part of the surah. *Basmalah* is the name of the opening verse (بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ) of all but one sūrahs of the Quran
- One of its names *al-Sab‘ al-mathani*, i.e., the seven oft repeated verses. It termed so because it was revealed twice, and it is recited twice in every prayer.
- Prophet has said that for prayers to be valid, al-Fatihah must be recited in it.
- Prophet ﷺ: God, the Almighty informed me, “I have divided the Fatihat al-Kitab between me and my servants; half of it is for Me and half of it is for My servant, and my sevant shall receive whatever he asks for.”
- Surah al-Fatihah is the only surah which is obligatory upon every Muslim to recite at least ten times daily in his five obligatory prayers.

House keeping items

- Thank you for registering for the course.
- Let us pray that Allah ﷻ grants us success
- Ensure to revise your lesson before the class
- Keep Qarai translation of the Quran with you
- Connect with a fellow classmate
- Feel free to ask questions during Q & A time. I will stay back at the end of the class.
- Contact your classmate buddy about thrice a week to revise the lesson and for homework marking.
- Encourage family and friends to join this course.

(سُورَةُ الْفَاتِحَةِ) Sūrat al-Fātihah

ب- سَمِ اللّٰهَ الرَّحْمٰنَ الرَّحِيْمَ ﴿١﴾ الْحَمْدُ لِ- اللّٰهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِيْنَ ﴿٢﴾
الرَّحْمٰنَ الرَّحِيْمَ ﴿٣﴾ مَا لِكَ يَوْمَ الدِّيْنِ ﴿٤﴾ اِيَّا-كَ نَعْبُدُ و- اِيَّا-كَ
نَسْتَعِيْنُ ﴿٥﴾ اِهْدِ- نَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيْمَ ﴿٦﴾ صِرَاطَ الَّذِيْنَ اَنْعَمَ-
تَ عَلٰى- هُمْ غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوْبِ عَلٰى- هُمْ و- لَا الضَّآلِّيْنَ ﴿٧﴾

1, color coding the words in three main categories: **nouns**, **verbs** and **particles**.
Note for now we have put all proper nouns, pronouns, adjectives under nouns.
In future, we will iA categorize them further.

2, we have added hyphen to words which have multiple categories.

3, listen to the *madd* of long vowels at the end of verses and the *madd* of *walad-dallīn* by different reciters at www.tanzil.net

Attached pronoun with noun رَبُّ

Question: should we spell 'lord' with capital or small 'l'?

Plural	Dual	Singular	person
رَبُّهُمْ Their lord	رَبُّهُمَا Their lord	رَبُّهُ His lord	3 rd , masculine
رَبُّهُنَّ Their lord	رَبُّهُمَا Their lord	رَبُّهَا Her lord	3 rd , feminine
رَبُّكُمْ your lord	رَبُّكُمَا Your lord	رَبُّكَ Your lord	2 nd , masculine
رَبُّكُنَّ Your lord	رَبُّكُمَا Your lord	رَبُّكِ Your lord	2 nd , feminine
رَبُّنَا Our lord	رَبُّنَا Our lord	رَبِّي My lord	1 st . M & F

Attached pronoun with noun عَبْدٌ

Compare your answer with this table. Any differences between the two?
'abd can also be rendered as servant.

Plural	Dual	Singular	person
عَبْدُهُمْ Their slave	عَبْدُهُمَا Their slave	عَبْدُهُ His slave	3 rd , masculine
عَبْدُهُنَّ Their slave	عَبْدُهُمَا Their slave	عَبْدُهَا Her slave	3 rd , feminine
عَبْدُكُمْ Your slave	عَبْدُكُمَا Your slave	عَبْدُكَ Your slave	2 nd , masculine
عَبْدُكُنَّ Your slave	عَبْدُكُمَا Your slave	عَبْدُكِ Your slave	2 nd , feminine
عَبْدُنَا Our slave	عَبْدُنَا Our slave	عَبْدِي My slave	1 st . M & F

Homework for session 1

- 1, classify the words in Sūrahs al-‘Asr and al-Kawthar between *ism* (noun), *fi‘l* (verb) and *harf* (particle). Use www.quranbw.com to find meanings of each word in an Ayat.
- 2, listen to Al-Fatihah from three qaris (reciters) at www.tanzil.net
- 3, write another three names of al-Fatihah.

Learning Quranic Arabic: other resources

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2. Jones, Alan. *Arabic Through the Qur'an*, The Islamic Texts Society, PB, xviii + 331 pp, Cambridge: 2005
3. Karya Bestari SDN, *Al-Quran al-Karim: Color Coded Word-by-Word al-Quran*; HB, 633 pp, Malaysia: 2021
4. Khattab, Mustafa. *The Clear Quran Dictionary*, Al-Furqan Foundations.
5. Parekh, Sh. Abdul Karim. *The Easy Dictionary of the Qur'an*, Farid Book Depot, HB, xxii + 242 pp, Delhi: 1998.
6. Younes, Munther. *The Routledge Introduction to Qur'anic Arabic*, Routledge Taylor & Francis Group, PB, xv + 338, NY: 2013.

The texts for the course

our past courses are available at <https://academyofislam.com/quranic-arabic/>

Ali Quli Qarai	Hafiza Iffat Hasan	AbdulWahid Hamid
<i>The Qur'an: with a phrase-by-phrase English translation</i>	<i>Qur'anic Language Made Easy</i>	<i>Access to Qur'anic Arabic</i>

