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THE MOTHER'S

Tajweed Manual

Essential Tajweed Rules for Busy Mothers

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CHAPTER 6

Laam Qamariyyah & Laam Shamsiyyah

Learning Objectives

By the end of this section, you will be able to:

- Understand the difference between *Laam Qamariyyah* and *Laam Shamsiyyah*
- Identify Sun letters and Moon letters
- Pronounce words beginning with “Al-” correctly and confidently

Introduction

In Arabic, many words begin with the definite article **“Al-” (ال)**.

However, the **Laam (ل)** in "Al-" is not always pronounced the same way:

- Sometimes it is **merged into the next letter**
- Sometimes it is **clearly pronounced**

Understanding this distinction is essential for accurate and fluent recitation.

What Is Laam Shamsiyyah?

Laam Shamsiyyah (Sun Laam) means that the **Laam is not pronounced**.

Instead, it **merges into the following letter**, which then takes a **Shaddah (ّ)**.

Sun Letters

The Sun letters are the letters of the **tip of the tongue** (see Chapter 3), in addition to ض and ش. There are fourteen of them:

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They are gathered in this phrase, where the first letter of every word is a Sun letter:

طِبْ ثُمَّ صِلْ رَحِمًا تَفُزْ ضِفْ ذَا نِعَمٍ دَعْ سُوءَ ظَنٍّ زُرْ شَرِيفًا لِلْكَرَمِ

ت، ث، د، ذ، ر، ز، س، ش، ص، ض، ط، ظ، ل، ن

◆ Examples of Laam Shamsiyyah

الشمس | الناس | الصلاة | الرَّحْمَنِ

◆ Practice Exercise

Pay attention to the doubled letter (Shaddah):

الشَّمْسِ | الناس | الرَّحْمَنِ

◆ What Is Laam Qamariyyah?

Laam Qamariyyah (Moon Laam) means that the **Laam is pronounced clearly**.

This occurs when "Al-" is followed by one of the **Moon letters**.

◆ Moon Letters

All the remaining letters are Moon letters. There are fourteen of them, gathered in this phrase:

اِبْغِ حَجَّكَ وَخَفْ عَقِيمَهْ

ا، ب، ج، ح، خ، ع، غ، ف، ق، ك، م، هـ، و، ي

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◆ Examples of Laam Qamariyyah

القمر | الكِتاب | الحمد | الْفَلَقِ

◆ Practice Exercise

Read slowly and clearly, making sure the Laam is fully pronounced:

الْقَمَرِ | البيت | الْهُدَى

◆ Comparison

- **Laam Shamsiyyah:** Laam is silent and merged into the next letter
- **Laam Qamariyyah:** Laam is pronounced clearly

! Common Mistakes

- Pronouncing the Laam in Sun letters
- Skipping the Laam in Moon letters
- Ignoring the Shaddah

◆ Applied Examples from the Qur'an

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ
قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ النَّاسِ

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Listening carefully and practicing regularly will make this distinction feel natural.

> *Correct pronunciation begins with attentive listening.*

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