

Phonetic Codes for Arabic

Lexical Stress and Pacing

Lexical Stress	Description
Long vowels	<i>aa, ii or uu</i>
? / همزة	Glottal stop - Often used to separate two vowels
–	Generates a small pause

Symbols for the Arabic Consonants

	stop (plosive)	fricative	nasal	flap	lateral
labial	b	f, v	m		
alveolar	t, d	s, z	n	r	l
alveolar velarized		s.			
palatal		S, Z			
velar	k, g	x, G			
glottal		h			
pharyngeal		X, H			
dental		T, D			
dental velarized	t., d.				
interdental velarized		z.			
uvular	q				

Phonetics Codes for Arabic: Consonants

Phonemes	Letters	Examples	English Translation
b	baa?	كلبي / kalbi	my dog
t	taa?	تلاوة / tilawa	reading book
T	thaa?	تعليب / TaHlab	a fox
Z	jiim	جمال / Zamal	beauty
X	Haa?	حرب / Xarbun	a war
x	khaa?	خرج / xaraZa	he went out
d	daal	دخل / daxala	he entered
D	dhaal	ذهب / Dahaba	he left
r	raa?	رجل / rajulun	a man
z	zayn	يزور / yazuru	he visit
s	siin	سمك / samaka	a fish
S	shiin	شجرة / SaZara	a tree
s.	Saad	سبق / s.a.baqa	he passed
d.	Daad	يضهر / jud.hiru	it hurst
t.	Taa?	محيط / muXit.	sea
z.	Zaa?	مظلوم / maz.lum	unfairly
H	9ayn	علم / Hilmun	knowledge
G	ghayn	غابة / Gabatun	forest
f	faa?	فاز / faaza	he won
q	qaaf	قلم / qalamun	a pencil
k	kaaf	كلب / kalbun	a dog
l	laam	لعب / laHaba	he played
m	miim	مات / mata	he dead
n	nuun	نام / nama	he slept

h	haa?	هجم / haZama	he attacked
w	waaw	ضوء / d.a.w?un	a light
j	yaa?	يلعب / jalHabu	he play
?	hamza	بئر / bi?run	a well

Phonetics Codes for Arabic: Vowels

Letter	Example	Colored Vowels (after /d./ /t./ /z./ and /s./)
a	fatha	a.
i	kasra	i.
u	Damma	u.