

Connect with Quran



FAST Tajweed Intensive Workshop

Rules of Stopping (Waqf)



Rules of Waqf (Stopping at a Letter)



How to stop?

- We break our voice and breath to stop at a word.
- Different signs are used in the Quran to indicate whether or not we should stop.

Signs used in the Holy Quran	What to do?
ذ ص صل لا	Don't stop, carry on reading
س سكته	A quick pause without breaking your breath
ط م ج قف	Do stop
End of verse	Do stop

Rules of Stopping



Stopping at the End of Words

(11)

Words Ending with Tanween Fat-hah

حَسَابًا ← حَسَابَا
أَتْرَابًا ← أَتْرَابَا
مَاءً ← مَاءَا

Changed into Fat-hah on the last letter + Alif Madd

Words Ending with Taa' Marbootah

خَشِيعَةً ← خَشِيعَةُ
الْحَافِرَةَ ← الْحَافِرَةُ
نَخْرَةً ← نَخْرَةُ

Changed into Saakinah, no matter which Harakah is on the Taa' Marbootah

Words Ending with any Harakah other than Tanween Fat-hah

سَيَعَامُونَ ← سَيَعَامُونُ
طَعَامِهِ ← طَعَامُهُ
كَرِيمٍ ← كَرِيمِ
سَجِينٍ ← سَجِينُ
السَّمَاءِ ← السَّمَاءُ

Changed into Sukoon on the last letter

Words Ending with a Mushaddad Letter

If the letter is any letter other than م or ن or Qalqala letters

عَدُوٌّ
Stop with a Sukoon on Both Identical Letters with a small Jerk (Nabr) in the reader's voice

If the letter is Meem or Noon Mushaddad

لَتُسْأَلُنَّ
Stop with no Harakah and make Ghunnah for 2 beats

If the letter is a Qalqala letter ق ط ب ج د

وَالْحَجِّ
Stop with Strong Qalqala

Words Ending with Saakin letter or with Madd letter (ا or ي or و)

وَأَنْخَرُوا
فَكَبَّرُوا
وَعَصَى
وَقَالَ
رَبُّهُ
يُولَدُ
إِنِّي

No change

Stop with (هـ) Haa with Sukoon

Stop with Qalqala

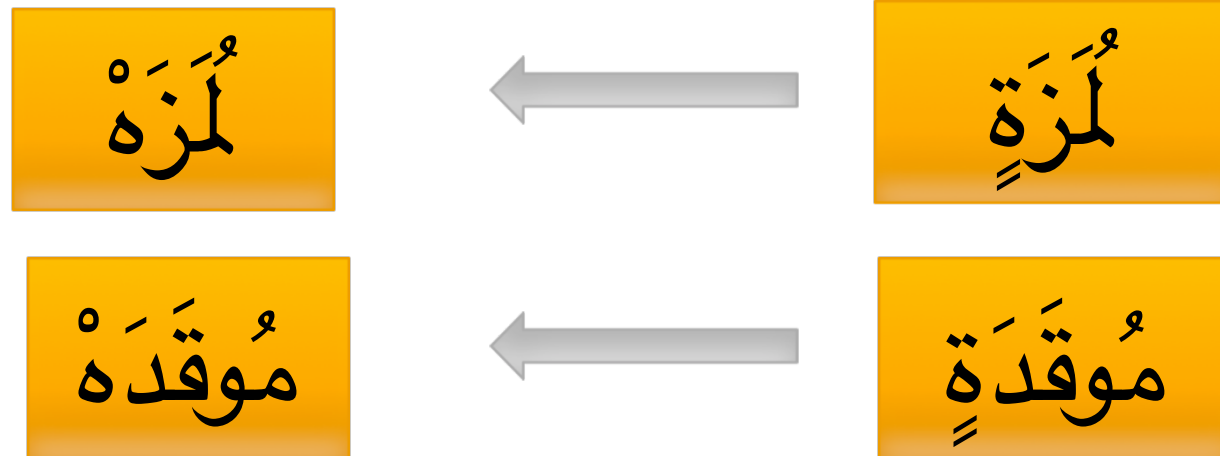
The extra Madd sign at the end of the word, the reader stops on it ignoring this extra Madd sign and make a normal Madd for 2 beats.

¹¹ This is the way the reader should stop on any word while reciting Quran



How to stop?

- When we want to stop at a word, we need to look at the last letter of that word:
- If the last letter is small Ta ت it becomes small Ha Sakinah ه

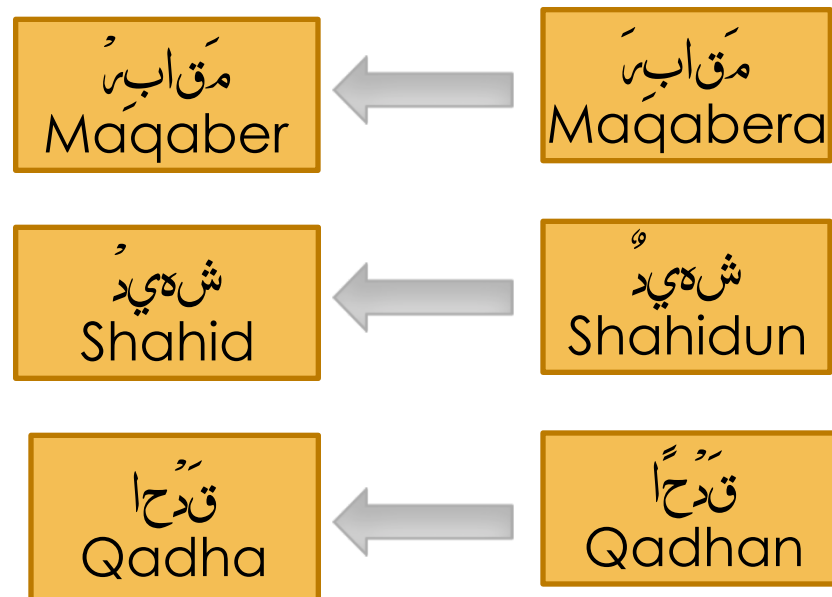




How to stop?

- If the last letter is not small Ta, we look at the Harakah of the last letter:

- For single harakah, such as Fat-hah, Dhammah and Kasrah, change it into Saakinah/Sukun
- For Double Fat-hah and Double Dhammah, change it into Saakinah/Sukun
- For Double Fat-hah, change it into Alif



In short:

**If the last letter has double Fatah, it becomes Alif
Any other harakah changes into Sukun**

How to stop with a Shaddah letter?



- When you stop on a letter with Shaddah ّ, read that letter with force:

أَيْنَ الْمَفْرُ

يَوْمِذِ نِ الْمُسْتَقَرُّ



How to stop at سكتہ sign?

- When we see the سكتہ sign after a word, we need to have a short pause at that word, then continue with the recitation WITHOUT breaking out breath.
- When we keep the pause, we must not break our breath.
- Examples:

وَقِيلَ مَنْ سَكْتَهٗ رَاقٍ

لَعَلَّ أَبْل سَكْتَهٗ رَانَ



Recitation Practice Time 😊

Let's Hear it!