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Rules of Meem Sakinah



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- There are three very easy rules of Meem Sakinah. (A Meem without any harakah on it)

Ikhfa Shafawee (اخفاء شفوی)

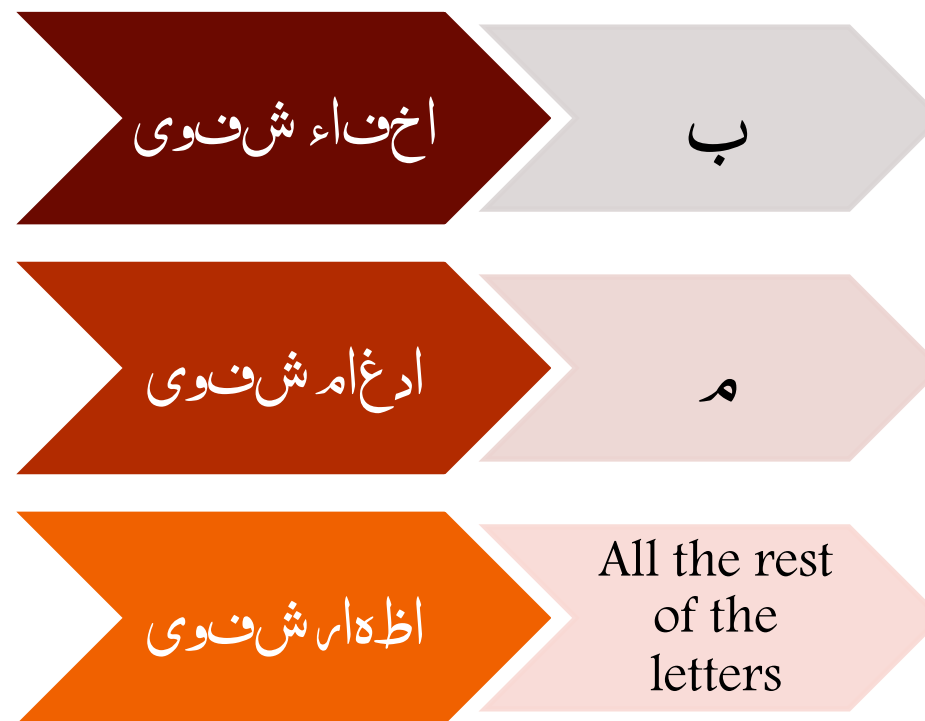
Idgham Shafawee (ادغام شفوی)

Izhaar Shafawee (اظہار شفوی)



Rules of Meem Sakinah

- The word Shafawee (شفوی) indicates the origin of the letter Meem, the lips. Lips are called shafatain (شفتين) in Arabic.
- Just like in the Noon Sakinah rules, the rule applied on Meem Sakinah too depends on the letter following the Meem Sakinah.





اخفاء شفوي

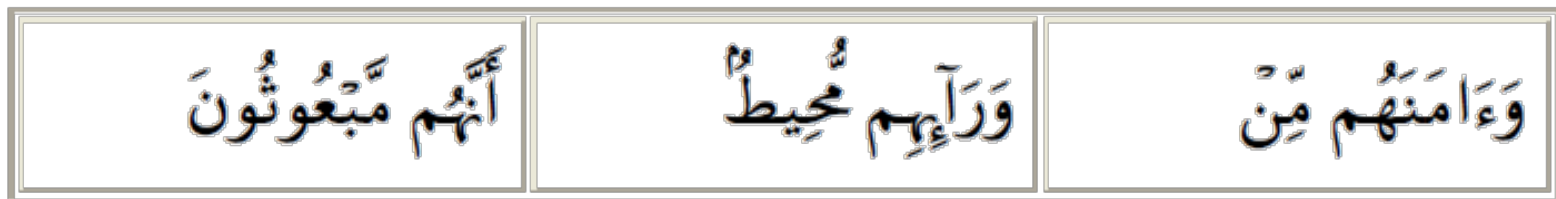
- This means hiding the sound of the Meem.
- When Meem Sakinah is followed by the letter (ب) read the Meem without fully closing your lips, and prolong that sound a little.
- The reading technique is the same as in iqlaab (from Noon Sakinah rules)
- Examples:

رَبُّهُمْ بِذُنُوبِهِمْ	يَعْلَمُ بِأَنَّ	فَبَشِّرْهُمْ بِعَذَابٍ
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ادغام ش فوي

- This is done when Meem Sakinah is followed by another Meem. The two Meems merge together and give the effect of a shadd.
- This is read exactly like ghunna on Meem mushaddad.
- Basically, the mmmm sound is prolonged.
- Examples:





إظهار شفوي

- On all other letters, idhaar is applied, i.e. the Meem is read quickly like a normal Meem.
- This is the default rule for Meem Sakinah UNLESS the letter that follows is (ب) or (م)

أَلَمْ تَجْعَلْ	هُمُّ يُرَاءُونَ	هُمَّ عَن	صَلَاتِهِمْ سَاهُونَ
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⁶ When the Meem is followed by (و) or (ف), the Izhaar should be stronger and it is called "Izhaar Shafawi Ashadd"



Applying the rules of Meem Sakinah

- In the following ayah (96:14), Ikhfaa-e-Shafawee is applied

أَلَمْ يَجْعَلْ مَبِأْنَ اللّٰهِ يَرَىٰ

- In the following ayah (85:20), Idghaam-e-Shafawee is applied

وَأَللّٰهُ مِن وَّرَائِهِمْ مَّحِيطٌ

- In the following ayah (107:5), Idhaar-e-Shafawee is applied

الذّٰيْنَ هُمْ عَنْ صَلَاتِهِمْ سَاهُونَ



Practice!

- Notice that Idghaam-e-Shafawee sounds exactly like Ghunna and Ikhfa-e-Shafawee sounds exactly like Iqlaab. Idhaar-e-Shafawee is just our normal reading of Meem.
- Hence there's nothing really new in these rules, which is why we called them easy!