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Rules of Ra



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The Rules of Raa

- Raa (ر) is a letter that can be pronounced as either light or heavy, depending on certain conditions.
- The rules change according to whether
 - A) Raa is Sakinah
 - B) Raa is mutaharrik (i.e. it has some harakah on it)



When Raa is Mutaharrik

- If Raa has a Fat-hah or a dhamma on it, then it is **always** pronounced heavy, as in the following examples:

Examples of Heavy Raa
أَدْرَاكَ
رَاضِيَّة
نَارٌ
وَالرُّوحُ



When Raa is Mutaharrik

- If Raa has a kasrah on it, then it is **always** pronounced light, as in the following:

Examples of Light Raa
الرُّبْرِبِةُ
فَالْمُورِيَاتِ
الرُّخَيْرِ



When Raa is Sakinah

- If Raa is Sakinah, then we look at the harakah of the letter before it.
- If the letter before the Raa Sakinah has a Fathah or a dhamma on it, then it is **always** pronounced heavy, as in the following examples:

Examples of Heavy Raa Sakinah

فَأَثَرُنَ

تَرَجُّفٌ



When Raa is Sakinah...Contd.

- If the letter preceding Raa Sakinah has a kasrah on it, then the Raa Sakinah is pronounced light, unless:
 - A) if the Raa Sakinah is coming right after a hamzatul wasl:
 - It will **always** be pronounced heavy, regardless of the harakah on the letter before Hamzat-ul-Wasl

Example of Heavy Raa Sakinah After Hamzatul Wasl

لِمَنْ ارْتَضَىٰ



When Raa is Sakinah...Contd.

- B) If the Raa Sakinah is **followed** by one of the heavy letters ***in the same word***:
- If the heavy letter has a kasrah, the Raa Sakinah is pronounced light
- Otherwise the Raa is pronounced heavy
- See the examples on the following slide
- Heavy letters are:

خُصُّ ضَ غُ طِ قِ ظُ



When Raa is Sakinah...Contd.

Examples of heavy Raa followed by heavy letter and preceded by a kasrah

لَبَّالْمُرُصَادِ

قِرْطَاسٍ

إِرْصَادًا

Example of light Raa followed by a heavy letter and preceded by a kasrah

فِرْقٍ



When Raa is Sakinah...Contd.

- If the Raa Sakinah is preceded by another Sakinah letter (because we have to stop at the Raa Sakinah), then we look at the harakah of the letter before that Sakinah letter.

Example of heavy Raa Sakinah preceded by a Sakinah letter preceded by a letter with a Fat-hah or dhamma on it

عَشْرًا
وَدَوًّا
صَفْرًا

Example of light Raa Sakinah preceded by a Sakinah letter preceded by a letter with a kasrah on it

حَجْرًا



An exception

- An exception to this rule is that a Raā Sakinah preceded by a yaa Sakinah (يُ) is ALWAYS pronounced light, even if the letter preceding that yaa Sakinah has a Fat-hah or dhamma on it, such as:

خَيْرٌ