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وَمَا تَوْفِيقِي إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَإِلَيْهِ أُنِيبُ

To my wife, who helped me every step of the way.
To my family, my main supporter.
To my students, who have always supported me,
and helped me keep going.

Jazākum Allāhu khairan.
May Allāh accept my humble work, and make it
purely for His sake. Āmīn.

To the student

In the name of Allāh, the Most Merciful, the Most Gracious.

I praise Allāh (SWT) the Most High, Most Knowledgeable and send blessings upon the best of creation prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

This book is for Muslims who need help with learning tajweed & the Qur'ān, following the riwāyah of Hafs 'an 'āsim. It is written for you to use without a teacher.

This handbook does NOT claim to replace your Qur'ān teacher, because there is nothing that possibly can. However, this handbook is the first attempt at offering an interactive learning method to learn the tajweed of the Qur'ān for those who cannot find a Qur'ān teacher, and without having to learn tajweed completely on their own. Using this book under the supervision of a teacher is the best option.

The book will be useful for you if you are not sure of the answers to questions like these:

- ▷ What is tajweed? Is it mandatory?
- ▷ How can you perform a proper stop/ resume in the Qur'ān?
- ▷ What is Madd? What are the types of Madd? How long should you extend them?
- ▷ What is Idghām? Iqlāb? Ikh'fā'? What are their rules?
- ▷ How can I deal with letters with no diacritics?

Level

The book is intended mainly for intermediate students (who have already completed **steps 1-3** of their Qur'ān Quest (see chart below). It concentrates on the tajweed rules following the **Riwāyah of Hafs 'an 'āsim**, and how students can apply and use them properly. Some advanced students might find this book useful too, though this book is not intended for advanced students who have a good grasp of the tajweed of the Qur'ān.

The book is *not* suitable for elementary learners who do not know how to read Arabic (literacy), and do not know how to pronounce the special Arabic sounds (makharij).

Please check the chart below to understand how each step of your Qur'ān Quest is built on the foundations of the previous one.





It is, therefore, absolutely imperative that before you start learning a certain step, that you have grasped the step(s) under it.

This handbook represents **step 3** which means that you should be familiar with the special Arabic sounds, and how to pronounce them, this is also known by makhārij al-hurūf مَخَارِجُ الْحُرُوفِ. And this should also mean that you have good knowledge of the Arabic alphabet system, as well as its vowel system, long and short. If that is not the case, or you want to be sure of your knowledge before embarking on this journey, please consider doing a quick revision on the basics of Arabic literacy and pronunciation before getting started. We also offer many free courses that can greatly help you through your journey in shā' Allāh. Visit <https://arabic101.org/>

What is different about this book?

- This handbook does not *only* offer an array of rules, explain what they mean and then give some examples (this has been made many many times before, and you have probably seen that already) but what is different about this book is that it offers a LEARNING METHOD through which you can learn tajweed on your own. This learning method is called the “layer method” which will be discussed further under ‘**How to use this book.**’
- This handbook comes with a **companion app**, which provides the interactive features of this learning method, and using it is very crucial to make the best out of this book, and learn properly.
- Along with this book, there is also a video course that you can follow along with the book to enhance your understanding of a certain topic, and to get to study more examples.
- This book also contains a set of exercises at the end of each chapter, which ensures that you have understood the chapter, and are able to apply the learned information on your recitation.
- At the end of each chapter, there is an info-graphic poster which highlights the most important points mentioned in that chapter, this is a very handy tool to use when applying a certain set of rules that you are trying to learn without having to go through the entire chapter again.

How to use the book

The chapters of the book are in a logical order; they are built on top of one another since they depend on one another. This means that the concepts or terms used in a certain chapter, will have been explained in an earlier chapter so that you don't get lost due to unfamiliar terms of key words. Therefore, it is not intended that you pick and choose which chapters to start with.

The book enables you to follow the “layer method”. This means that each tajweed skill represents a 'layer', which you have to fully understand, practice and master, before you can move on to the next 'layer' (skill). In other words, you will not read through/ study the entire book or several chapters at once, and then try and apply everything you have learned simultaneously. Instead, when you have finished a chapter and are able to automatically apply and use the necessarily skills (and only then) you will be able to move on to the next layer (skill) and continue learning. That is why, at the end of each chapter, you will see that there is a set of exercises that can help you test your ability at following and applying the studied rules. If it turned out that a certain set of rules is not yet automatized, then you should go back and revise them before proceeding.

Here is an example road-map to show you how you can apply this method using this handbook:





Study the Rules

Get to know what the rules of the topic are, understand them, and make your own notes as you go. Note down the new information that you think is important to you.



01

Chapter One

Getting started

Start following the chapters according to their order in the book, do not skip chapters, even if you think you know it.



01a

Theory

01b

Exercises

01c

Practice

Test Yourself

At the end of each chapter, there is a set of exercises. Take them seriously, and answer them fully to the best of your ability. It is better that there is not a long time gap between studying the chapter and taking the exercises.



Recite

Use the newly learned skill to start reciting. (1) Open the relevant info-graphic page, and keep it open. (2) Open your Mus-haf, and start reciting while applying the skill that you have just learned. If needed, use the info-graphic to make sure you are on the right track.

The longer this process takes, the better, and the more automatic your tajweed will become.



Take a break!

Do not learn two topics on the same day, or too close to each other. Give yourself the time to process and practice what you have learned



02

Chapter Two

Repeat

Start again with the same steps at chapter two.



02a

Theory

02b

Exercises

02c

Practice

Remember

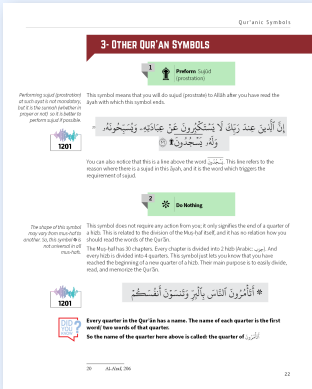
When practicing for chapter two, you should always apply the skills you learned from chapter one. And when doing chapter 3, apply what you learned from chapter one & two, and so on...



Understand the book layout



This book is divided into 16 Chapters. At the beginning of each chapter, you see the main topic discussed in that chapter, along with the main objectives that you will have achieved by the end of this chapter. It is important to go through these objectives before getting started. It is also a quick way to take a peak at the main points of discussion in that chapter in case you are looking to learn/revise a specific skill. It is also good practice to look back at these objectives after finishing the chapter to check if you achieved these goals.



Each page of this book is divided into explanation section, which takes up 3/4 of the page, and on its left, you see page notes, which takes up 1/4 of the page. This page notes section is used to give enriching information about certain points being discussed on the right, and also provide some questions that help you understand the topic even better. This section is also used to give some warnings and points that need more attention, and you will also see the codes of the recordings that you will use to listen to the provided fragments.



The majority of chapters end with a discussion page. This page is meant to be used for exercise to apply the tajweed rules that you have learned through this particular chapter. It is important to read the instructions and follow them through. At the end of this book, you will find an addendum for the answers of these exercises.