Welcome: how this course works

In this lesson you will learn

- What Tajweed means and why it matters
- How the course is laid out
- The routine every lesson follows
- How to practise so it sticks

How to use this sheet. Watch the video for this lesson first if you can. Then work through these pages out loud, at your own pace. Come back to them through the week.

Scan to hear every sound from this lesson, or go to
salehabibi.org/learn/welcome

Who this course is for

This course is for anyone who wants to read the Qur'an properly. Maybe you have never read Arabic before. Maybe you learned as a child and a lot of it has gone. Either way we start from the very beginning with the letters and build up one step at a time.

The course is free. It is shared as Sadaqah Jariyah, so if it helps you, please pass it on. All you need is a few minutes a day.

What Tajweed is

The word Tajweed comes from a root that means to make something excellent. In practice it means reciting the Qur'an the way it was revealed and taught, from teacher to student, ever since.

Mistakes that change the meaning

Swap one letter for a similar one and you can end up with a different word. These are the ones we fix first.

قَلْب qalb, heart *not* كَلْب kalb, dog

Then the polish

Holding a sound for the right length. Giving a letter its proper weight. We cover these too, once the basics are solid.

Where we are heading

This is how Surah Al-Fatihah begins, straight after the Bismillah. By the end of Level 1 you will read these two ayat yourself, letter by letter. Not from memory and not by copying the sound.

ٱلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ ٱلْعَٰلَمِينَ
1:2

ٱلرَّحْمَٰنِ ٱلرَّحِيمِ
1:3

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The course

Level	What you learn	Lessons
1	**Qur'an Reading Foundations.** Every letter, the vowel signs and the main rules. You finish by reciting Al-Fatihah and the last three surahs.	30
2	**Letters and Sounds.** Where each letter comes from in the mouth and throat.	14
3	**Tajweed Rules in Depth.** The rules again, in more detail.	8
4	**Guided Reading.** Twenty surahs, read together step by step.	18

The routine in every lesson

LISTEN Just listen.

YOUR TURN Say it out loud in the gap. Quietly is fine. In your head doesn't count.

It can feel odd talking to a screen at first. That passes quickly. It is also the part that does the most good. On paper the routine is the same: say every letter and every row out loud.

How to practise

- **A little every day.** Ten minutes daily does more than an hour once a week.
- **Always out loud.** Your mouth has to learn the sounds, not just your eyes.
- **Come back to any lesson** as often as you need. Going over a page again is normal.
- **Read to a teacher when you can.** A video can show you the sounds but it can't hear you. Use the course for daily practice and a teacher to check how you're doing.

Practising online

Every lesson has its own practice page at **salehabibi.org/learn**. The video teaches. The website is where you practise: tap any sound to hear it again, go through the routine at your own pace, try a short quiz and read on your own before checking. These printed sheets are the third part, for practice away from the screen.

The way of reciting we follow. The Qur'an has been passed down in a few authentic ways of reciting, all going back to the Prophet, peace be upon him. This course follows **Hafs from 'Asim**, the most widely used today.

My plan. I will practise for _____ minutes a day, at _____ .