



The Arabic Alphabet

Letter	Name	Approximate English Pronunciation
ا	Alif	long aa
ب	Ba	b
ت	Ta	t
ث	Tha	th as in think
ج	Jim	j as in jam
ح	Ha	strong h
خ	Kha	kh as in loch
د	Dal	d
ذ	Dhal	th as in this
ر	Ra	rolled r
ز	Zay	z
س	Sin	s
ش	Shin	sh
ص	Sad	emphatic s
ض	Dad	emphatic d
ط	Ta	emphatic t
ظ	Za	emphatic z
ع	Ain	deep guttural sound
غ	Ghain	French r sound
ف	Fa	f
ق	Qaf	deep q sound
ك	Kaf	k
ل	Lam	l
م	Mim	m
ن	Nun	n
ه	Ha	soft h
و	Waw	w / oo
ي	Ya	y / ee