

Lam Shamsiya and Lam Qamariya

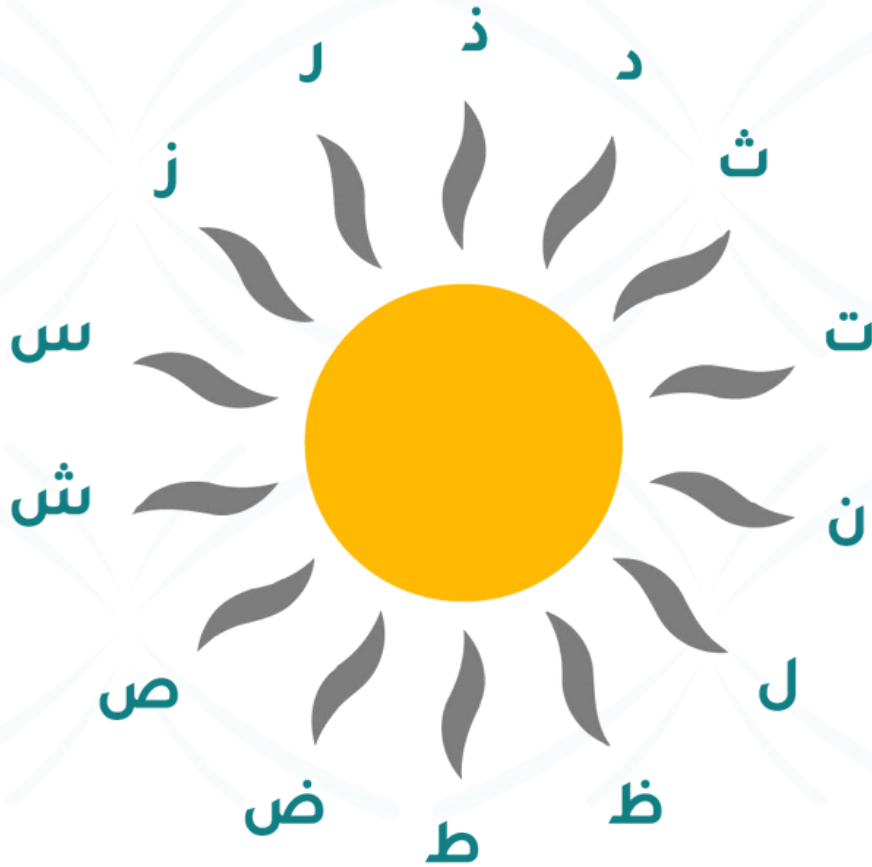
Explained!

Sun and Moon Letters

With Examples



Lam Shaymsiya Letters



“طِبُّ ثُمَّ صِلْ رَجِيًّا تَقْرُ، صِفْ ذَا نِعَمٍ
دَعِ سَوْءَ ظَنٍّ، رُزْ شَرِيفًا لِّلْكَرَمِ.”

Ex: الشمس

Lam Qamariya Letters



ابغِ حَجَّكَ وَخِفْ عَقِيمَهُ

Ex: القمر



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1 Lam Shamsiya and Lam Qamariya

Arab linguists categorize Arabic letters into two groups:

Sun
Letters

Lam Shamsiya

Moon
Letters

Lam Qamariya



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What is Lam Shamsiya?

In Arabic grammar

Sun Letters (the letters of Lam Shamsiya)

refer to

certain letters that cause assimilation when followed by the definite article “al” (ال).

The assimilation involves the “l” sound of “al” merging with the sound of the Sun Letter.



When one of these Sun Letters (اللام الشمسية)

is preceded by “al,” the “l” sound of “al” becomes part of the Sun Letter’s pronunciation, creating a smoother transition in spoken language.

• For example:

• the word

“al-sayf”

(الْ سَيْف)

• becomes

“as-sayf”

(الْسَيْفُ)

• when the Sun Letter “س” is preceded by “al.”



3

What is Lam Qamariya?

In Arabic grammar: Moon Letters (Lam Qamariya)

refer to

certain letters that do not cause assimilation when followed by the definite article “al” (ال).

The pronunciation of the “l” sound in “al” remains distinct from the initial sound of the Moon Letter.



The Moon Letters in Arabic are:

When one of these Moon Letters (اللام القمرية) is followed by “al,” the “l” sound of “al” does not merge with the initial sound of the Moon Letter and both sounds are pronounced separately.

For example:

• the word

“al-bayt”

(الْبَيْت)

• remains

“al-bayt”

(الْبَيْت)

- when the Moon Letter “ب” comes after “al.”



4 The difference between Lam Shamsiya and Lam Qamariya

Lam
Shamsiya

Is always

written

but never

pronounced

Ex :

الشَّمْسُ

And the Letters that come after
it always have a shadda above
them



Lam
Qamariya

Is always

written

Is always

pronounced

Ex :

الْقَمَرُ

Lam Qamariya always has a
Sukoon above it



- How to differentiate between Lam-shamsyah and Lam-Qamaryah ?

Method -1

By memorizing the letters of each

Letters of
Lam Qamariya

The 14 letters collected in
the following sentence:

إِبْنُ حَجَّكَ وَخَفِ عَقِيمَهُ

Letters of
Lam shamsyah

The initial letters of the words
of the following sentence:

“طَبَّ ثُمَّ صِلْ رَحِمًا تَفْزُ، صِفْ ذَا نِعَمٍ
دَعِ سَوْءَ ظَنٍّ، زُرْ شَرِيفًا لَلْكَرَمِ.”



Method -2

Simply,

By noticing the **Sukoon**
above the 'J' of Lam
Qamaryah

Or

The **Mushaddad**
letter following the
Lam-Shamseyah

Ex :

القَمَرُ

Ex :

الشَّمْسُ

The End