

Introducing the Arabic Alphabet

ع Hamza – from the back of the throat

خ

Kha – as in Khadijah, from the front of the throat

ح

Ha – from the middle of the throat

ج

Jeem – J sound, from the middle of the tongue

ث

Tha – Th sound, tongue touches the edge of the front upper teeth

ت

Ta – T sound, tongue touches the root of the front upper teeth

ب

Ba – B sound

ا

Alif – A sound

ص

Sawd – S sound, as in “saw” made while exhaling and the tip of the tongue touches the front lower teeth

ش

Sheen – Sh sound, from the middle of the tongue

س

Seen – S sound, made while exhaling and the tip of the tongue touches the front lower teeth

ز

Zay – Z sound, made while exhaling and the tip of the tongue touches the front lower teeth

ر

Ra – R sound, tongue touches roof of the mouth

ذ

Dhal – tongue touches the edge of the front upper teeth

د

Dal – Soft D sound, tongue touches the root of the front upper teeth

ق

Qaf – C sound like cough, from the back of the tongue and throat

ف

Fa – F sound

غ

Ghayn - from the front of the throat

ع

*Ayn – as in Eye, from the middle of the throat

ظ

Zaw – Z sound, tongue touches the edge of the front upper teeth

ط

Taw – tongue touches the root of the front upper teeth

ض

Dawd – Daw sound, side of tongue rests on the side of the molars

ي

Ya – Y sound, from the middle of the tongue

و

Waw – W sound

هـ

Ha – from the back of the throat

ن

Noon – N sound, tongue touches the roof of mouth

م

Meem – M sound

ل

Lam – L sound, tongue touches the front roof of the mouth

ك

Kahf – K sound (calf), from the back of the tongue