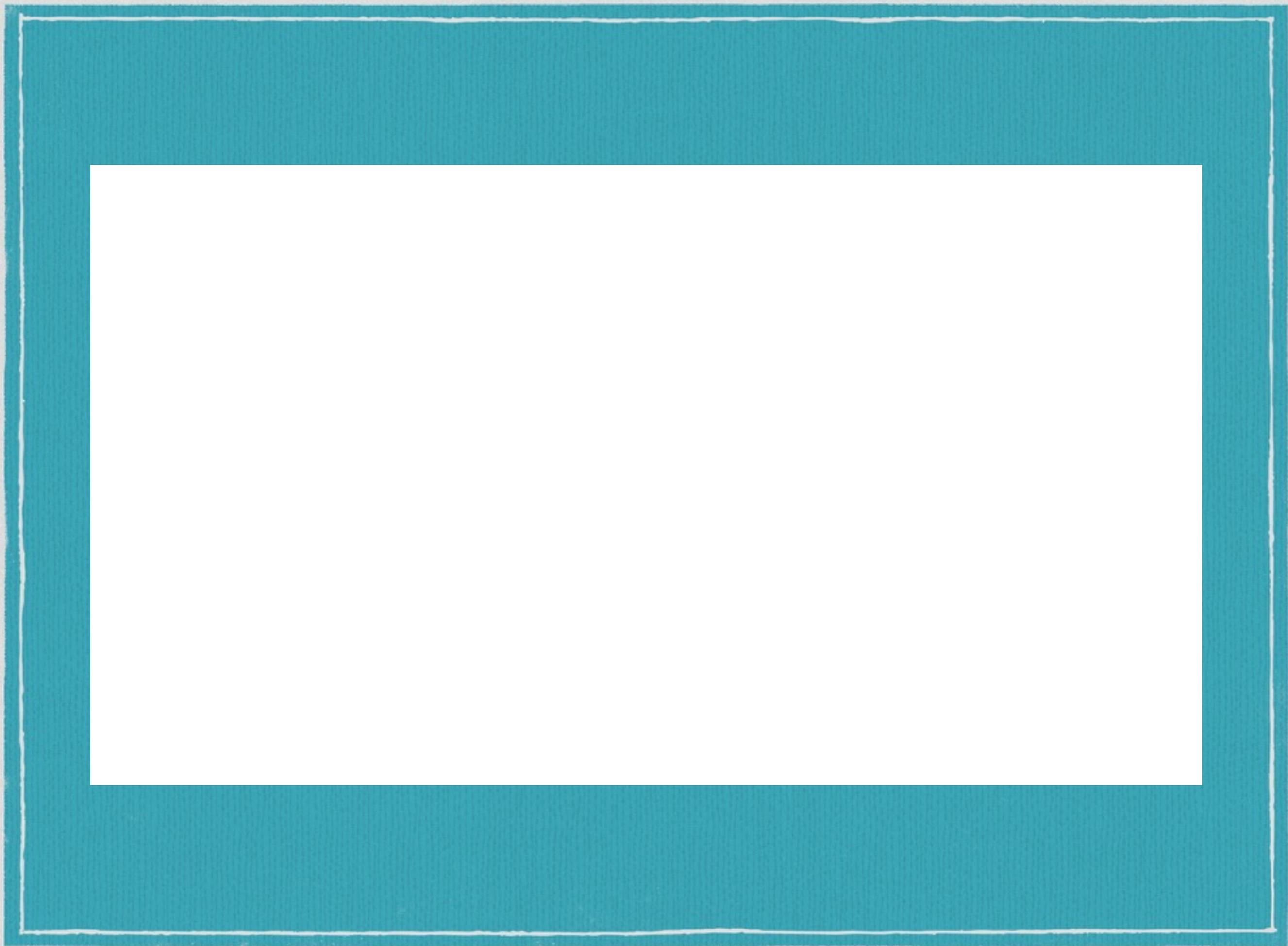


Do Now

List at least one difference between the Arabic and English alphabet.

ا ب ت ث ج ح خ د ذ ر
ز س ش ص ض ط ظ ع غ
ف ق ك ل م ن ه و ي





Introduction to Arabic

Pronouncing the Consonants of the Alphabet

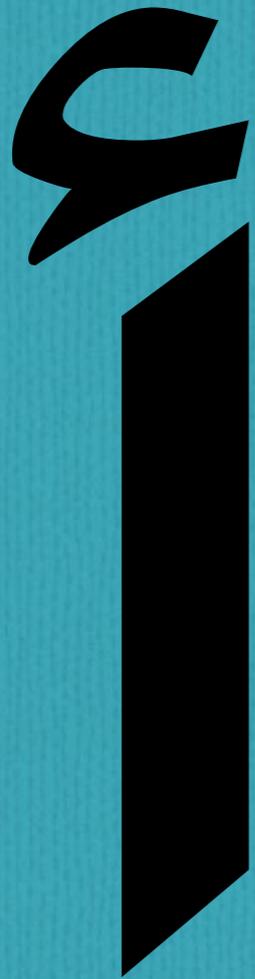
Essential Question:

How does learning the pronunciation of each Arabic consonant help with pronouncing Arabic words correctly?

Brief Overview of Arabic

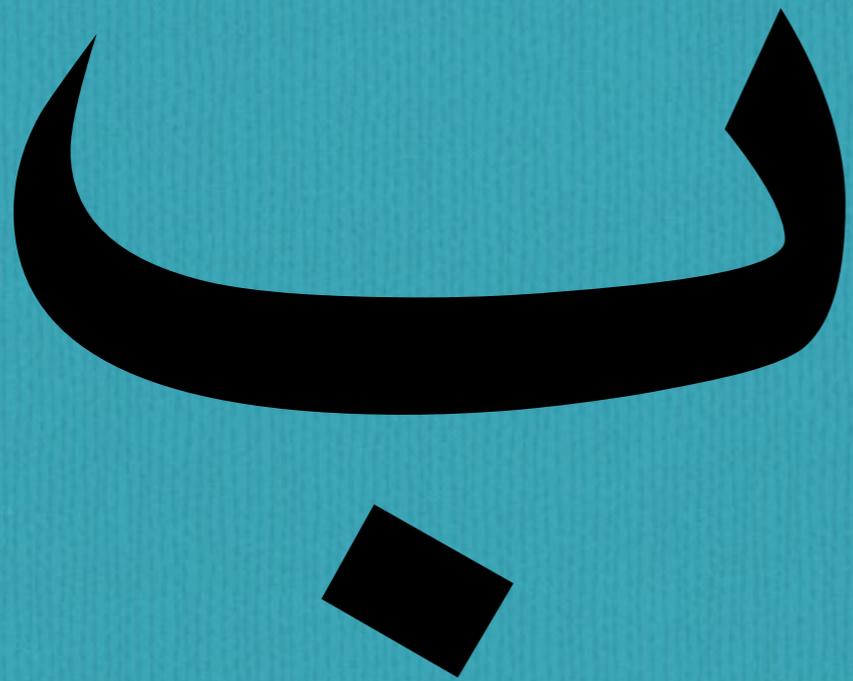


- The Arabic language is spoken today by over 250 million people in the Middle East and North Africa.
- Arabic is also used as a religious language by the world's Muslims, who total around one billion people.



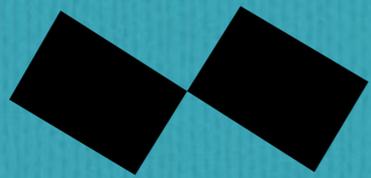
ah

Sounds like the “a” in “apple”



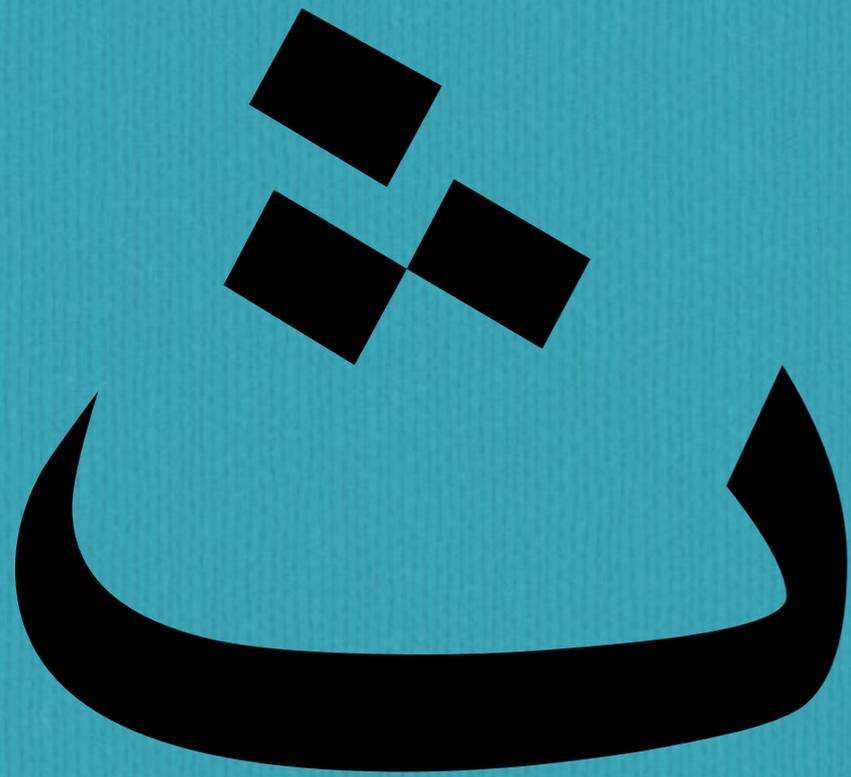
ba

Sounds like the “b” in “boy”



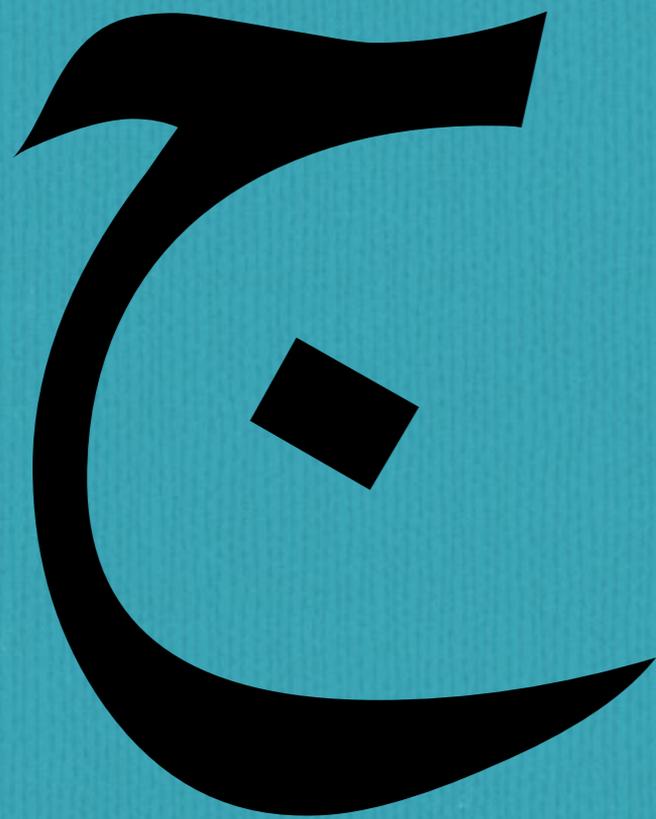
ta

Sounds like the “t” in “table”



tha

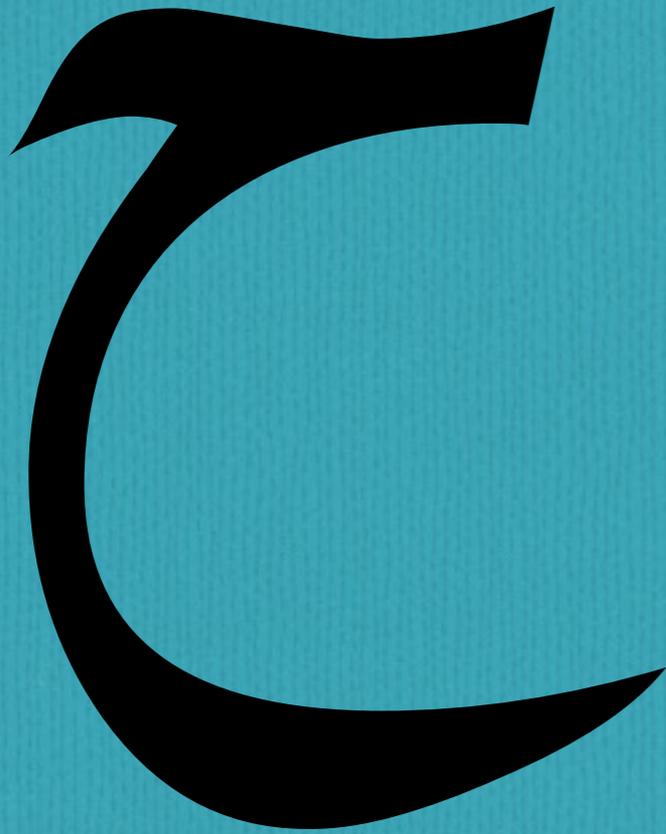
Sounds like the “th” in “think”



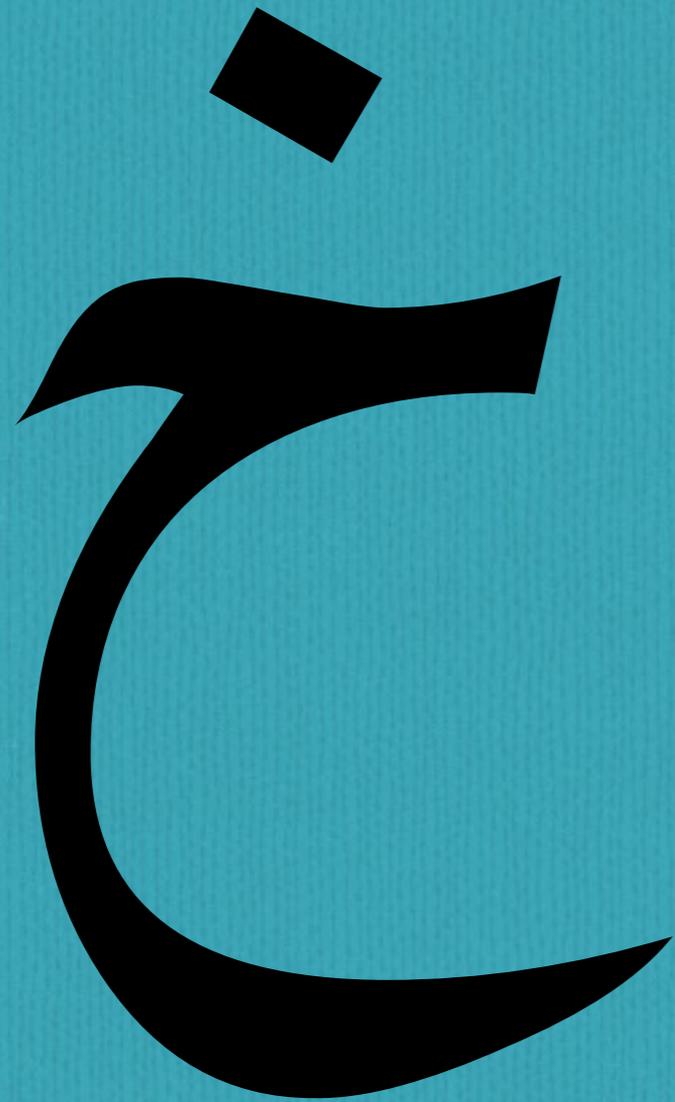
Ja

Sounds like the “j” in “measure”

hhaa

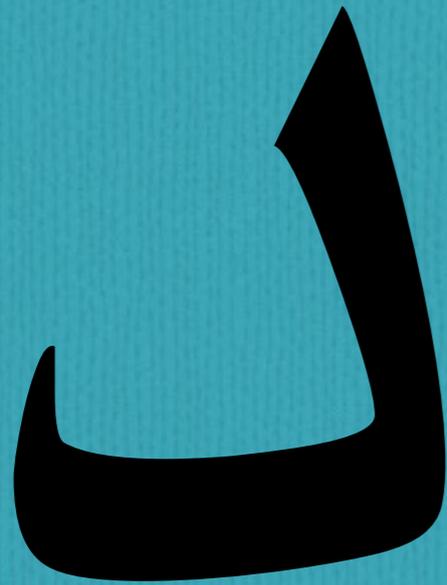


**No equivalent in English;
imagine the sound you
make when you want to blow
on your reading glasses to
clean them; that soft, raspy
noise that comes out is the
letter Haa'.**



khaa

Sounds a lot like “Bach” in
German or “Baruch” in
Hebrew



da

Sounds like the “d” in “deer”

ث

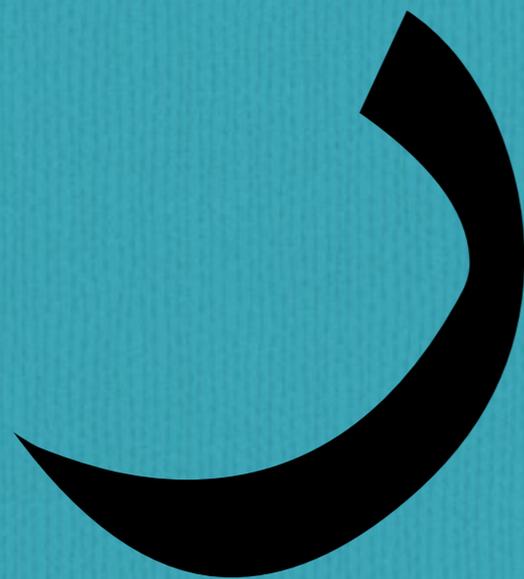
tha

Sounds like the “th” in “there”

ra

Sounds like the “r” in
“Ramadan”

Like the Spanish “r,” rolled
really fast





za

Sounds like the “z” in “zebra”

س

sa

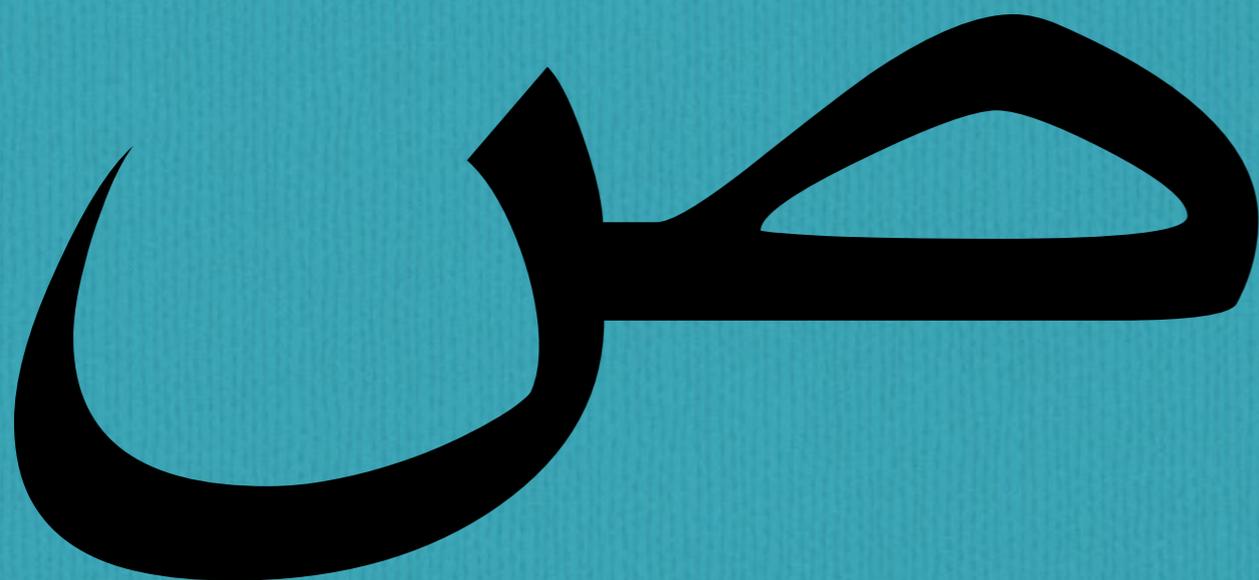
Sounds like the “s” in “sit”

*with a smile

ش

sha

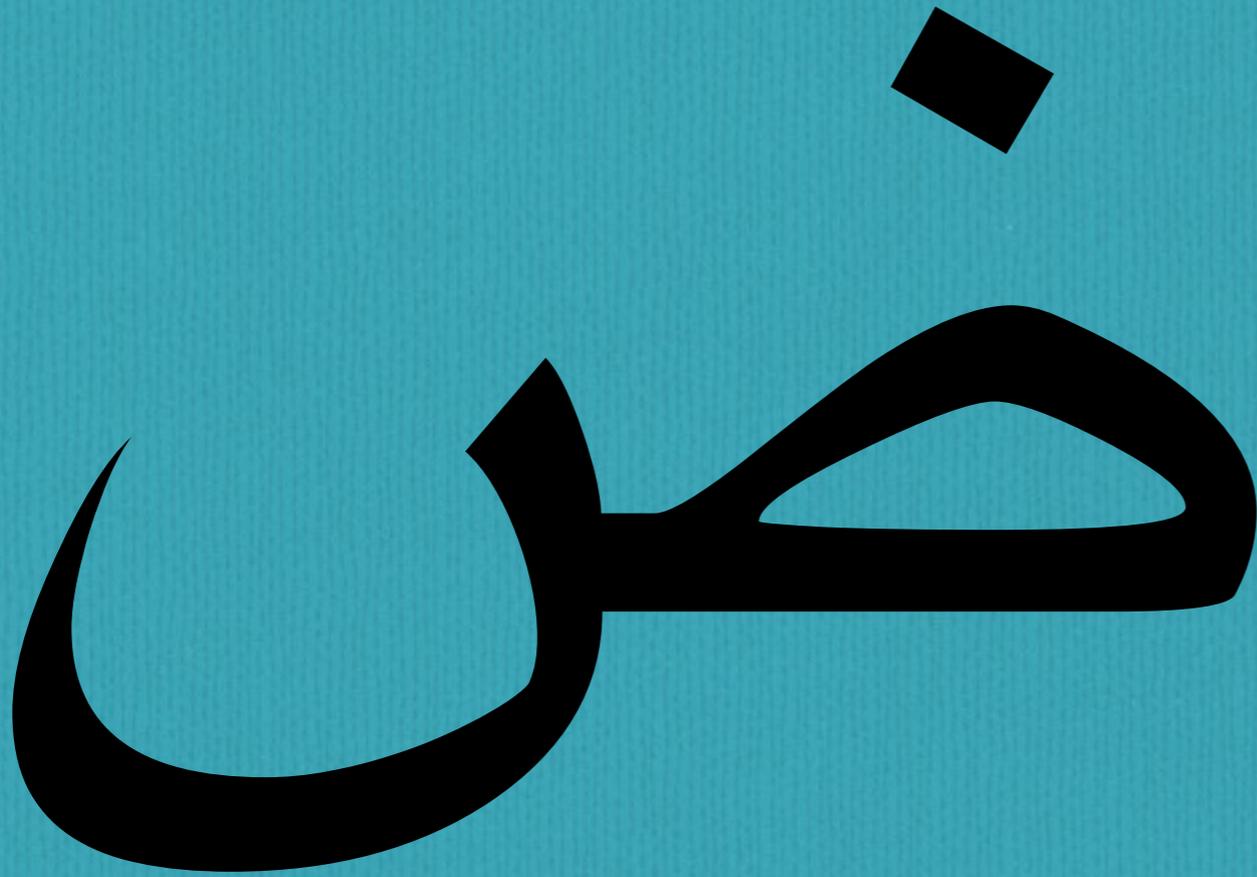
Sounds like the “sh” in “shut”



sau

Sounds like the “sau” in “Saul”

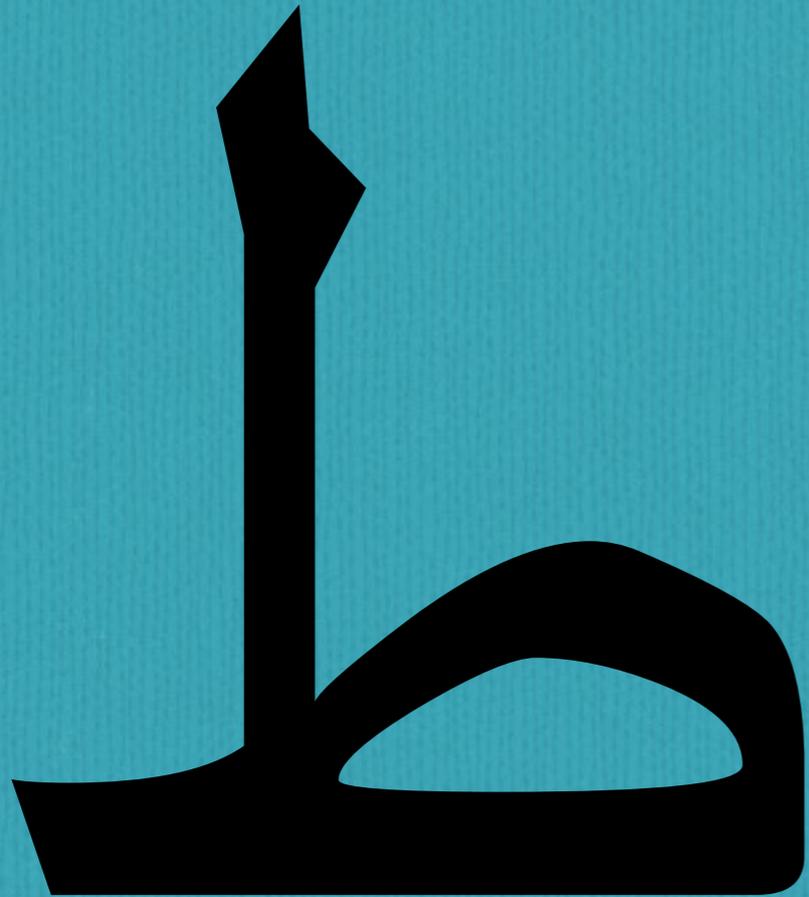
**A very deep “s” sound you can
make if you open
your mouth really wide and lower
your jaw
*without a smile**



duh

Sounds like the “du” in “duck”

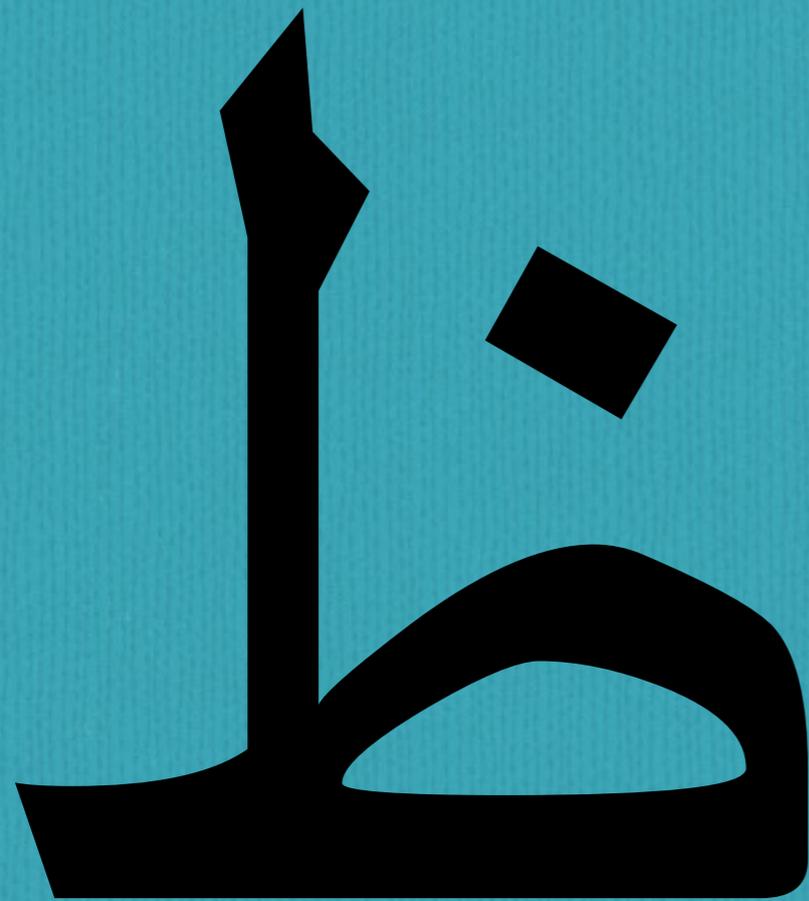
A very deep “d” sound; the exact same sound as a Saad except that you use a “d” instead of an “s”



tuh

Sounds like the “tou” in
“tough”

A deep “t” sound; start off by
saying a regular “t” and then
lower your mouth to make it
rounder



thau

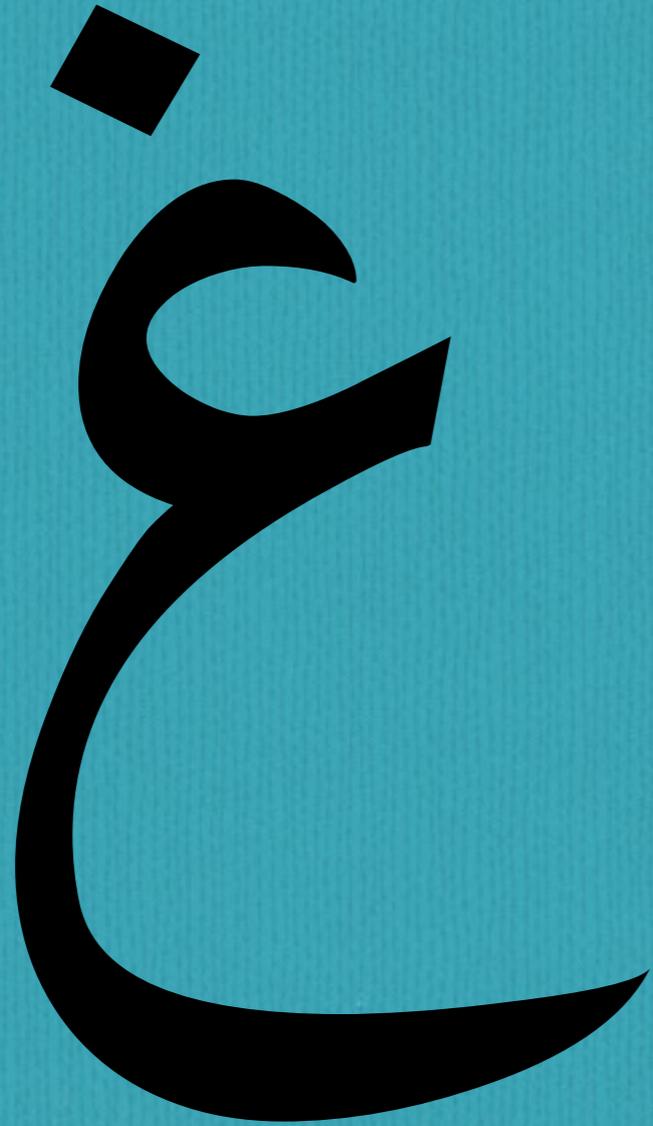
Sounds like the “th” in
“although”

Take the “th” as in
“those” and draw it to
the back of your throat

ayan



No equivalent in any of the Romance languages; produced at the very back of the throat. Breathe heavily and consistently through your esophagus and then intermittently choke off the airflow so that you create a staccato noise



grrrrr

**Sounds like the French “r”
in “rendezvous”; it’s
created at the back of the
throat**

ف

fa

Sounds like the “f” in “fez



ka

**Sounds like the
“qa” in “Qatar”**

**Similar to the letter “k,”
but produced much
farther at the back of the
throat; you should feel
airflow being constricted
at the back of your throat**



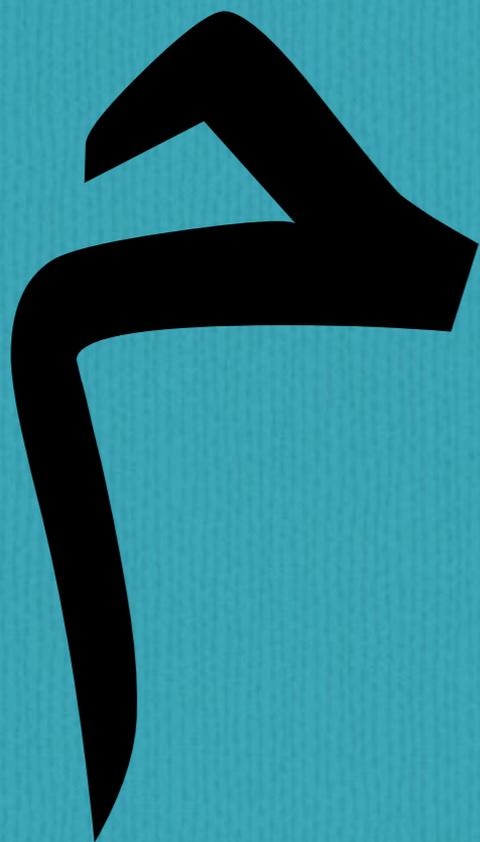
kay

Sounds like “que?” in Spanish



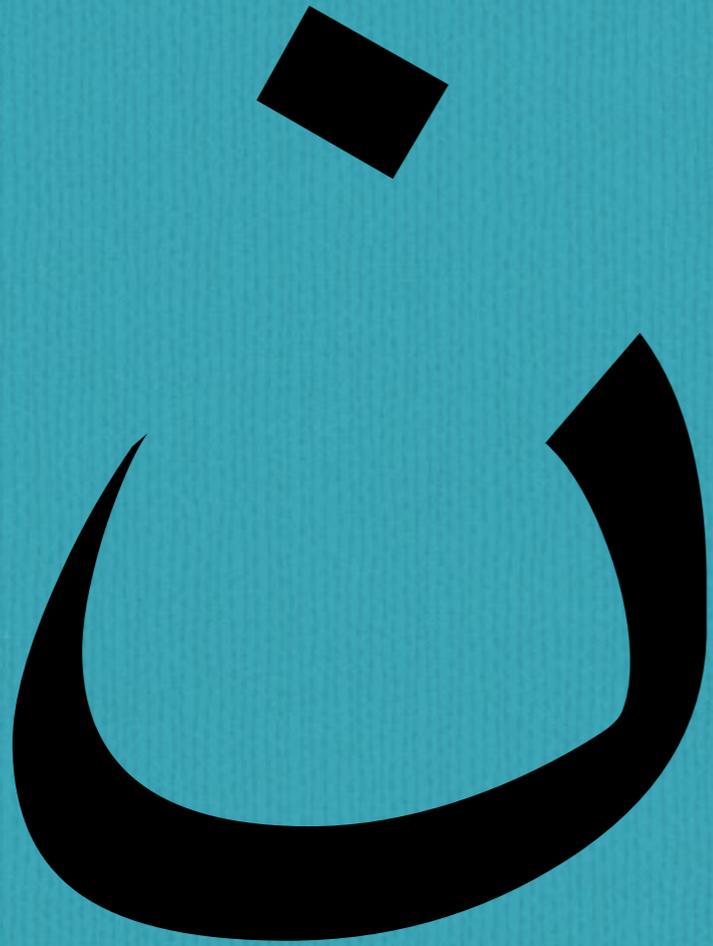
lee

Sounds like the “ll” in “llama”



meh

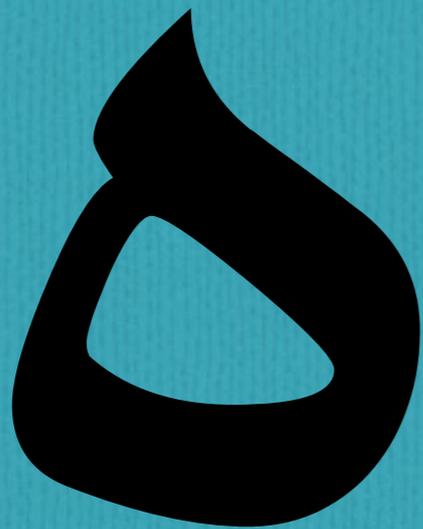
Sounds like the “m”
in “Mary”



neh

Sounds like the “n” in “north”

heh



Created by exhaling heavily; very different from the Haa' earlier in the list. (Think of yourself as a marathon runner who's just finished a long race and is breathing heavily through the lungs to replenish your oxygen.)



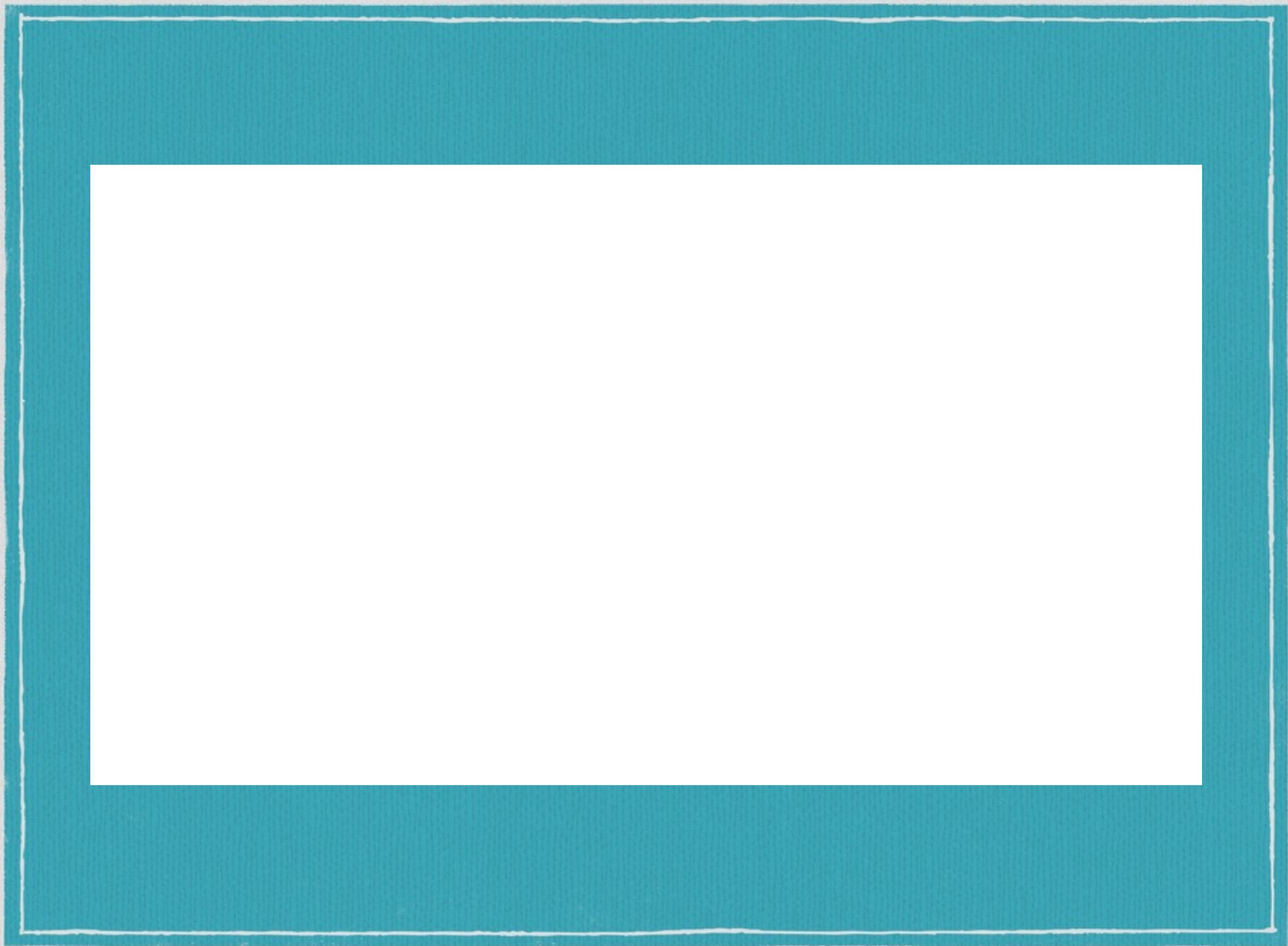
wah

Sounds like the “w” in “winner”



yeh

Sounds like the “Eu” in “Eunice”



Exit Ticket

In complete sentences describe the similarities you found between the English and Arabic alphabets.

Resources

Arabic for Dummies (pdf):

http://www.islamicbulletin.org/free_downloads/other/arabic_for_dummies.pdf

Arabic Without Walls - Culture (website):

http://arabicwithoutwalls.ucdavis.edu/aww/alifbaa_unit1/ab1_culture_history.html

Arabic Alphabet Song - Spiderman & Captain America (video)

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