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Lesson 1: Say AAH! The Doctor Vowel “Fut-ha”

Part I: What You Need to Know

Look at these letters; what is that little line on top of each one?



I am glad you noticed, that little line is called Fut-ha!

As you have learned, the Qur'an has more than just the Arabic Alphabet in it. There are many small **signs** used above and below the letters to teach us how to read each letter correctly. If we did not have these signs, we might make mistakes. These signs (called **Harakaat** or **Tashkeel**) help us to recite the Qur'an correctly by showing us what each letter should sound like. Just like the signs we see on the road that tell us which way to go, the signs in the Qur'an tell us how to read each word correctly.

In this lesson, we will learn about “**Futha**”. Futha is a short line that goes above a letter and makes the letter have an “**aa**” sound at the end.

You can remember Futha by thinking about going to the doctor; just like the doctor, every time you see Futha you have to say “**aa!**”.

Here are some examples of letters with Futha. Color in each letter as you sound it out. Note: The “**aa**” sound should not be too long or too short. If you count using your fingers, the length of the Futha is the time it takes to lift one finger up.



↑ = approx. 1 second

سَ

“Sa”

جَ

“Ja”

مَ

“Ma”

دَ

“Da”

Part II: Identification

Can you find the Futha? Circle each Futha, and the letter it belongs to, then sound each of the letters out that you circled. Remember Futha makes a letter have the “**aa**” sound at the end. The first one is done for you.

تَدْعُوا مَنْ اَدْبَرَ وَتَوَلَّى

“It (the Hellfire) invites he who turned his back (on truth) and went away (from obedience)...” Suratul-Ma'aarij (70: 17)

Part III: Writing Practice

Try it on your own! Now fill in all the missing Futha's, use the ayah above for help.

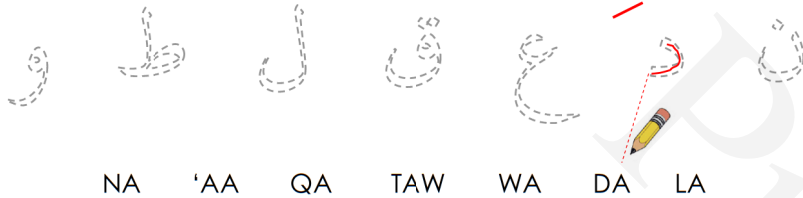
تَدْعُوا مَنْ اَدْبَرَ وَتَوَلَّى

Now write the whole ayah 2 times with all the Futha's below, you can do it! **Note:** start from the right where the pencil is. Help your child identify the lines by saying the blue line is in the sky, the green line is the ground. And the brown line is underground. **Futha is written in the sky**, make sure your Ba is resting on the ground, letters like Noon and Ya touch the brown line that is underground (i.e. dips below the regular writing line).

تَدْعُوا مَنْ اَدْبَرَ وَتَوَلَّى

Part IV: Reading Practice

Let's learn how Futha sounds and review our letters at the same time!
Trace the forms of each letter below, put a Futha on top and then match it to the sound the letter makes. The first one has been done for you.



Part V: Vocabulary Warm-Up

Now practice writing some vocabulary words and writing Futha at the same time. **Note:** Try to help your child memorize or review the meanings of all vocabulary words, as all words are used in the Qur'an and will help your child understand the Qur'an better in the future. Answers are at the bottom of the page.

6. Memorize the meaning

3. Write each word again.
4. Add Futha to each letter.
5. Then sound out the word.

1. Identify the letters.
2. Trace each word.

Forever
(a long time without end)

ابد

He ate
(past tense)

اكل

He took
(past tense)

اخذ

Answers: "A-ba-da", "A-kha-dha", "A-ka-la".

Part VI: Sound It Out!

Now practice sounding out more words. Look at each letter and sound it out with the Futha, then put the sounds together to sound out each word (answers are at the bottom of the page).

خَبَتَ	=	تَ	+	بَ	+	خَ
حَمَلَ	=	لَ	+	مَ	+	حَ
وَهَبَ	=	بَ	+	هَ	+	وَ
بَحَرَ	=	رَ	+	حَ	+	بَ
ذَرَ	=	عَ	+	رَ	+	ذَ
بَطَلَ	=	لَ	+	طَ	+	بَ
جَنَبَ	=	بَ	+	نَ	+	جَ
بَعَثَ	=	ثَ	+	عَ	+	بَ
قَلَبَ	=	بَ	+	لَ	+	قَ
جَهَرَ	=	رَ	+	هَ	+	جَ

Answers: 1. kha-ba-ta, 2. ha-ma-la, 3. wa-ha-ba, 4. ba-ha-ra, 5. dha-ra-a'a, 6. ba-ta-la, 7. ja-na-ba, 8. ba-a'-tha, 9. qa-la-ba, 10. ja-ha-ra

Now practice joining the letters by yourself. Read each letter with its Tashkeel and then write the word in the space provided. Use the previous page to check your answers.

خَا	+	بَ	+	تَ	=
حَا	+	مَ	+	لَ	=
وَا	+	هَ	+	بَ	=
بَا	+	حَا	+	رَ	=
ذَا	+	رَ	+	عَ	=
بَا	+	طَ	+	لَ	=
جَا	+	نَا	+	بَ	=
بَا	+	عَا	+	ثَ	=
قَا	+	لَا	+	بَ	=
جَا	+	هَ	+	رَ	=

Advanced Activity: If you think your child needs more of a challenge, use this page to have him write the words by himself by **correctly connecting** all three letters. When he is finished, use the previous page to check his answers. Let him help check as well so that he will learn to constructively evaluate his own work.

خَ	+	بَ	+	تَ	=
حَ	+	مَ	+	لَ	=
وَ	+	هَ	+	بَ	=
بَ	+	حَ	+	رَ	=
ذَ	+	رَ	+	عَ	=
بَ	+	طَ	+	لَ	=
جَ	+	نَ	+	بَ	=
بَ	+	عَ	+	ثَ	=
قَ	+	لَ	+	بَ	=
جَ	+	هَ	+	رَ	=

Part VIII: Search & Find Activity

More Practice! Use the following surah and look for as many Futha's as you can. Each time you find a Futha read the letter that is below it and then sound out the letter with Futha on top. Use tally marks (i.e. /) on the chart below each time you find one. **Note:** Be careful to only count Futha's (the straight short lines above a letter). There are many other signs you will see, but we will learn about the other in the coming lessons, insha-Allah.

قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ الْفَلَقِ ۝ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ ۝ وَمِنْ
شَرِّ غَاسِقٍ إِذَا وَقَبَ ۝ وَمِنْ شَرِّ النَّفَّاثَاتِ فِي
الْعُقَدِ ۝ وَمِنْ شَرِّ حَاسِدٍ إِذَا حَسَدَ ۝

Futha



Answer: twenty-nine

Part XI: Cut & Paste Activity

Even More Practice! **Color** and **cut** out each of the Arabic letters below and **paste** each letter onto the sound that it makes when it has a Futha on top.



RA

SA

MA

LA

HA

'GA

لَ رَ حَ مَ غَ مَ



Part IX: Let's Go Hunting

Hunt through this field of letters to find all the Futha's! **Circle** each letter you find that has a Futha on top and then **sound out** the letter. Remember Futha makes the letter have an "aa" sound at the end.

ن د ع ق ل ط و

ك ج ف ش ب ض ط

ث ي غ س ت ل م

ز ب ق ا ر ح ذ

ح خ ن د ه ع ظ

Lesson 2: Practice-Futha

Part I: Reading

Now it is time to practice what you have learned so far. In the last lesson, you learned about **Futha**. Below you will practice reading all of the letters that have Futha on them. First, **circle** all the letters that have Futha, then **sound out** each letter out (there are 15 altogether)

Remember the sound Futha makes: **Just like the doctor, every time you see Futha you have to say "ad!"** © Don't worry about the other Tashkeel you will see on the letters, we will learn about these later insha-Allah.



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

مَلِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

Part II: Writing

Now trace each ayah to practice, and then write each ayah 3 times in the space provided. Use your best handwriting!

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ



الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

Part III: Vocabulary Warm-up

Now read the words below, **write** each word in the space provided, and then **memorize** the meanings. Start from the right where the pencil is.

No or Not

And

Answers: "laa", "wa".

Part IV: Meaning

Now **look** for the words (above) in the following ayaat. **Circle** each word when you find it! When you're done, **read** each letter in each ayah that has Futha on it, you can do it!

مَلِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ ﴿٥﴾

إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ ﴿٦﴾

أَهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ ﴿٧﴾

صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا

الضَّالِّينَ ﴿٨﴾

Answers: ayah 5-wa, ayah 7-wa, la


Part V: Vocabulary List

Can you memorize all of the vocabulary words! **Memorize** all of the vocabulary words from **Suratul-Fajr** with their meanings using the chart below. Remember all of these words are used in the Qur'an so each one you memorize will help you understand the Qur'an even more!

Word	Meaning
الْفَجْرِ	the dawn
لَيَالٍ	nights (plural)
عَشْرٍ	ten
الشَّفْعِ	even numbered things
الْوَثْرِ	odd number things

Part VI: Matching

Now draw a line to **match** each vocabulary word to its meaning. Use the previous page to check your answers. The first one has been done for you. **Tip:** Use a ruler to make your lines neat and straight! If you are unsure of how to pronounce each word use the Qur'aan & Arabic Teacher CD to listen to each word pronounced (click on the picture next to the name of the surah to see the vocabulary section).

Word	Meaning
الْفَجْرِ 	nights (plural)
لَيَالٍ	ten
عَشْرِ	the dawn
الشَّفَعِ	odd number things
الْوَتْرِ	even numbered things

Part VII: Rule Review

Now let's review the rule for pronouncing Futha (Futha adds the "aa" sound to a letter). Complete each of the following exercises according to the directions.

Matching: Draw a line to match each letter to the correct sound that it makes.

نَسَ	طَه	دَمَ	لَكَ	سَمَ	تَلَ	جَمَ
da-ma	na-sa	sa-ma	ta-la	tau-ha	ja-ma	la-ka

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer for each question.

- Futha adds which sound to a letter?
 - "ee"
 - "oo"
 - "aa"
- What is the sound that the letter "Meem" makes when it has a Futha on top?
 - Faa
 - Maa
 - Jaa

True or False: Circle True or False for each statement below.

1. Futha adds the "aa" sound to the end of a letter.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Futha is a small circle that is on top of a letter.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Futha is a small line that goes under a letter.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Futha is the only sign (Tashkeel) used in the Qur'an.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Answers (Matching: ja-ma, ta-la, sa-ma, la-ka, da-ma, tau-ha, na-sa) (Multiple Choice: c, b) (True/False: T, F, F, F)

Let's practice **reading** letters that are connected. **Read** each letter combination below. **Tip:** Don't move on to the next page until your child can read these letter combinations comfortably.

أَبَ بَبَ آغَ بَتَ أَرَزَ بَثَ
 أَفَ بَجَ أَشَ بَحَ بَخَ بَدَ
 أَظَ بَرَامَ بَزَ بَسَ بَدَ أَقَ
 بَشَ أَلَ بَصَ أَوَ بَضَ أَذَ
 تَوَ تَلَ تَمَ تَنَ تَهَ

Let's do some more practice reading letters that are connected. **Read** each letter combination below. **Tip:** Don't move on to the next page until your child can read these letter combinations comfortably.

جَبَ جَتَ جَثَ ثَبَ جَحَ
 جَخَ جَدَ ثَرَجَدَ جَرَجَ ثَمَ
 جَزَ ثَجَ جَسَ ثَفَ جَشَ
 ثَكَ جَصَ ثَنَ جَضَ ثَقَ
 جَطَ خَطَ حَنَ حَيَ ثِيَ

Part IX: Fun Page!

You have done a wonderful job on your practice lesson. Let's have some fun now and color the picture below. As you color, remember...

**Just like with your doctor,
every time you see Futha, you have to say "aa!"**

