

TRANSLITERATION TABLE

- The key given below represents the sound and not the name of a letter. For example, m represents the sound of letter م; the name of the letter is Meem. Some words in Arabic do not have any direct equivalent in English. A double star (***) is placed next to such words in the Example column. You have to learn their pronunciations from a teacher.
- The sign of hamzah is (’), as used in English at the end of a quotation. The sign for ‘ayn (ع) is (‘), as used at the start of a quotation. Bold r and l letters imply Tafkheem (full-mouth or thick pronunciation).**
- Any word repeated represents Tashdeed are shown as with a dash in between them (ex. b-b, l-l, etc.). They should be repeated with a double force. Double m (mm or m-m) and double n (nn or n-n) should be pronounced with a gunnah (long sound from the nose).

BASIC TABLE			ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT NOTES		
Arabic letter	Transliteration	Example (** means no direct equivalent in English language)	Arabic letter	Transliteration	Example
أ، إ، ء	’	*** (Hamzah) ’Allah: اللهُ	ـَ	a	fathah (zabar) sound as in ba = بَ
ب	b	bless	ـِـ	aa	fathah followed by alif; baa = بَا
ت	t	*** tawbah: تَوْبَةٌ	ـِـ	i	kasrah (zair) sound as in bi = بِي
ث	ṣ	*** kaw-ṣar: كَوْصَرٌ	ـِـيـ	ee	kasrah followed by yaa; bee = بِي (as in keen; seen)
ج	j	just	ـُـ	u	Dhamma (pesh) sound as in bu = بُ
ح	ḥ	*** raḥeem: رَحِيمٌ	ـُـوـ	oo	Dhamma followed by waaw; boo = بُو
خ	kh	*** maa khalaq: مَا خَلَقَ			Madd
د	d	*** (french d) Al-Ḥamdu lillaahi: الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ	~	aaa	(madd sound): ḍaaalleen: ضَالِّينَ
ذ	ḏ	A’oozu billahi: أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ	~	eee	(madd sound): feece’aa-zaani-him فِي آذَانِهِمْ
ر	r	(spanish r) Ar-raheem: الرَّحِيمِ	~	ooo	(madd sound) رَسْمٌ
ز	z	zoo			Note this carefully!
س	s	sit	ـُـوـ	aw	kaw-ṣar: كَوْصَرٌ (the sound should like than in SOUTH)
ش	sh	show	ـِـيـ	ay	rayba: رَيْبٌ; As per the rules above rayba should be pronounced as ryeba. ray = ry; ra (‘) + y = ray; may should be pronounced as my and kay as ky.
ص	ṣ	*** Siraat: صِرَاطٌ			
ض	ḍ	*** wa laḍ-ḍaaalleen: وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ	أَ	’a	Hamzah with fathah; ’Allah: اللهُ
ط	ṭ	*** Siraat al Mustaqeem: صِرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمِ	إِ	’i	Hamzah with kasrah; ’ila = إِلَى
ظ	ẓ	*** zulm: ظُلْمٌ; ’aẓlama: أَظْلَمَ	أُ	’u	Hamzah with dhamma; ’unzila = أَنْزَلَ
ع	‘	*** ‘alaa: عَلَى; ja-‘ala: جَعَلَ; ra-‘d: رَعَدَ;			Be careful with ‘ayn !!!
غ	g	*** Gayril magḍubi: غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ	عَ	‘	ta’budoon: تَعْبُدُونَ; ta’lamoon: تَعْلَمُونَ
ف	f	fit	عَ	‘a	‘alaa: عَلَى; ja-‘ala: جَعَلَ
ق	q	*** qur’aan: قُرْآنٌ	عِ	‘i	‘ilm: عِلْمٌ
ك	k	king	عُ	‘u	fil’uqad: فِي الْعُقَدِ
ل	l	lamp	عَا	‘aa	‘aabidoon: عَابِدُونَ
م	m	man	عِي	‘ee	‘eed mubarak: عِيدٌ مُبَارَكٌ
ن	n	night	عُو	‘oo	A’oozu billahi: أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ
و	w	water			Ikhfaa Rules for noon & meem.
ه	h	health	ـُنـ	ñ	noon with ikhfaa (Tajweed); noon needs to be suppressed) miñ-sharr مِنْ شَرٍّ
ي	y	yatch	ـَمـ	ñ	meem with ikhfaa (Tajweed); tarmeehiñ-bi-hijaarah: تَرْمِيهِمْ بِحِجَارَةٍ