



Sifaat Ul Huroof

Part 2: The Qualities Without Opposites

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Outline

Seven Sifaat without Opposites

Ghunna and Its Levels

Strong and Weak Sifaat

How to determine the strength of a letter



The Qualities Without Opposites

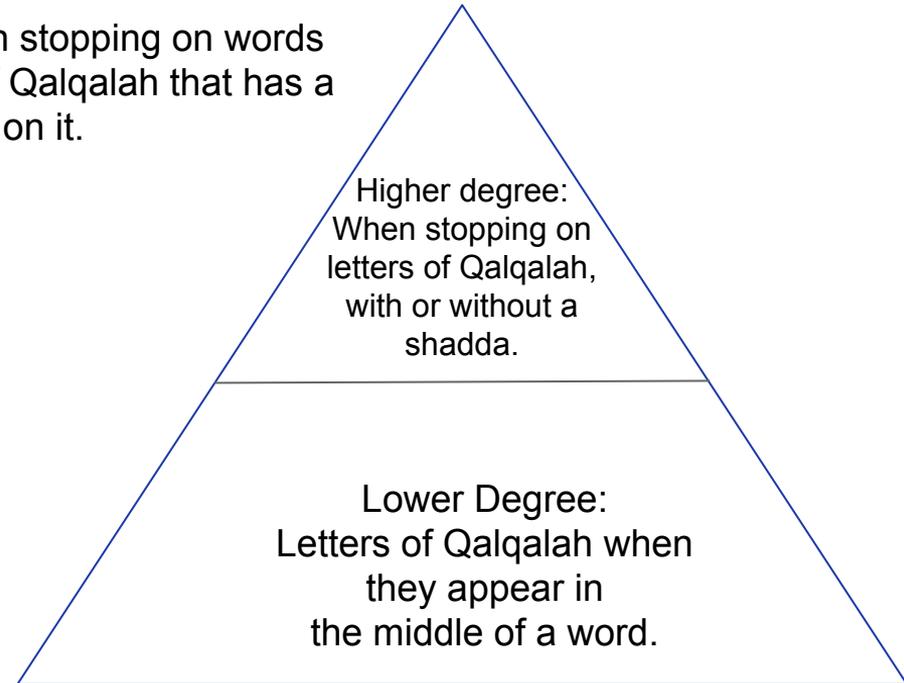
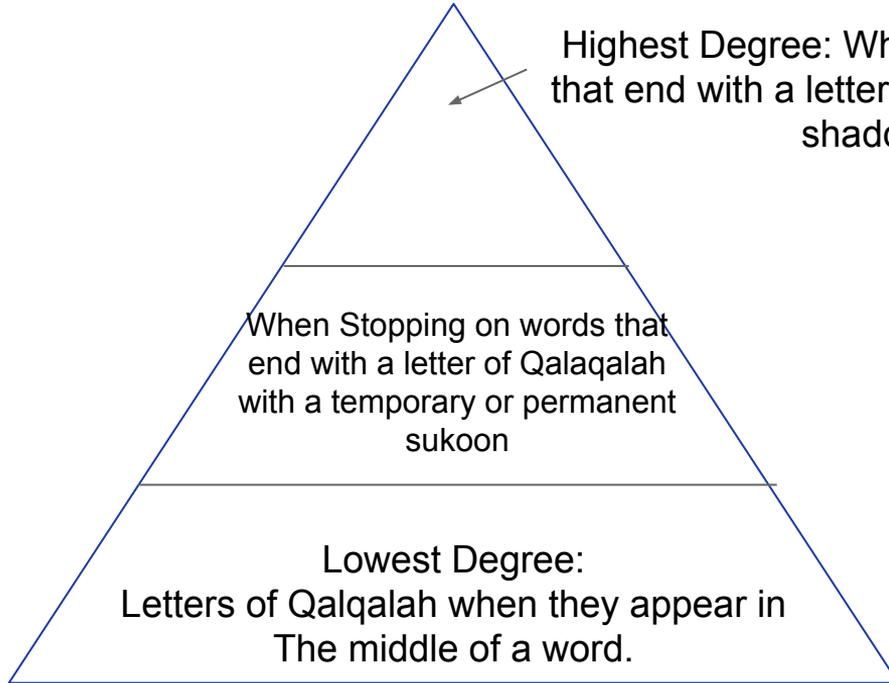
As Safer: Whistling letters ص ز س

This whistling sound is caused by the sound traveling through a constricted passage.

Al Qalqalah: Echo/ Bouncing letter ق ط ب ج د

It is caused by quickly moving away from the makhraj of the letters above. It is not a small fatha.

Degrees of Qalqalah

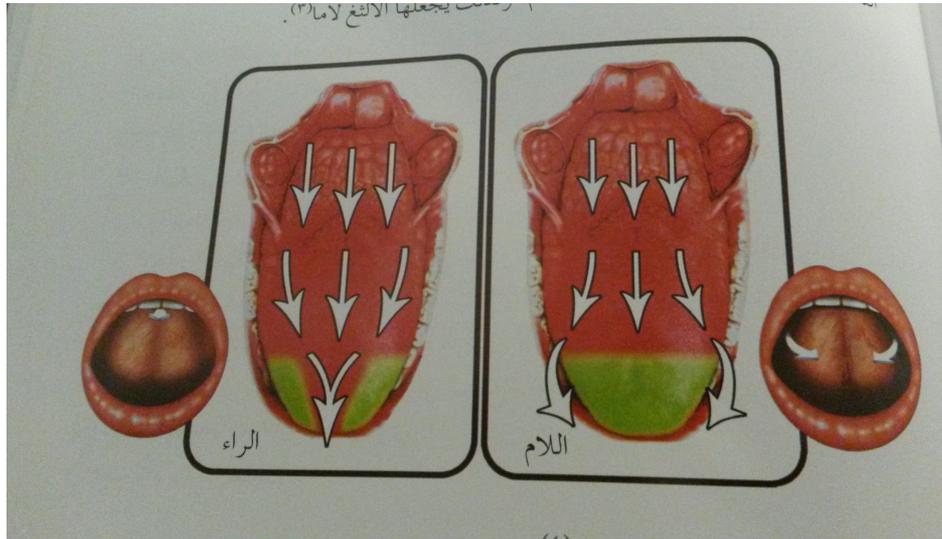


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Al Leen: Ease - وي when they have a sukoon, and are preceded by a fatha

The tongue does not have to make effort to create this sound.

Al Inhiraf: Drifting of the sound of ر ل





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Al-Istitalah: ض

Elongation. It is more apparent when the letter has a sukoon or a shadda. There is an involuntary movement of the tongue towards the front two teeth. However, this should not affect the sound. The sound is elongated due to the quality of Ar-Rakhawah in the ض .

At-Takreer: Repetition or Trilling of the tongue ر

Although this is a quality of the letter ر, it must be controlled when reciting so as not to create the sound of multiple ر.



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At-Tafashee: Spreading - ش

The spreading of the sound of the letter ش until it collides with the plates of the upper front incisors.



Degrees of Ghunna

Ghunna is a quality that is intrinsic to the letters ن and م. It originates from the nasal cavity.

Highest Degree: When it has a shadda, such as in,

Noon and meem mushaddadah

Idgham Kamil between noon and meem, and noon and noon.

Idgham Mithlain between meem and meem

Idgham between ba and meem (Occurs once in Surah Hud for Riwayat Hafs.)

Idgham between laam shamsiyyah and noon



Degrees of Ghunna

Second Degree: Idgham Naqis between Noon Sakinah and waw and ya

Third Degree: Al Ikhfa

1. Al-Ikhfa Noon Sakinah (all 15 letters)
2. Al-Ikhfa Ash-Shafawi
3. Qalb

Fourth Degree:

1. Idhhar Noon Sakinah and Tanween
2. Idhhar Meem Sakinah

Fifth Degree: When Noon and Meem carry a vowel.



Strong Sifaat الصفات القوية

There are 11 الصفات القوية:

1. Al Jahr
2. Ash-Shiddah
3. Al Ist'ilah
4. Al- Itbaq
5. As-Safeer
6. Al-Qalqalah
7. Al-Inhiraf
8. At-Takreer
9. At-Tafashee
10. Al-Istitalah
11. Al-Ghunna



Weak Qualities الصفات الضعيفة

There are 7 qualities that are considered weak:

1. Al Hums
2. Ar-Rakhawah
3. Al Istifaal
4. Al Infitah
5. Al Leen

Qualities That Are Between the Two



The following three qualities are neither strong nor weak.

1. Al Ismat
2. Al Idhlaq
3. At Tawassut



Strong or Weak?

1. Strong: When **all** the qualities of a letter are strong.
2. Strong: When **most** of the qualities of a letter are strong.
3. Between Strong and weak:
4. Weak: When **all** the qualities of a letter are weak.
5. Weak: When **most** of the qualities of a letter are weak.

The letter ط is the strongest letter in the alphabet, as it does not have any weak sifaat.



Review Activity

Let's list the qualities of the following letters, and determine whether they are weak or strong.

ب ن ج ض ف ث