Hamza Rules (همزہ کے احکام)

Two Types of Hamza

Hamzat al-Wasl
همزة الوصل

Read when starting. Skip when joining.

COMMON QURANIC SIGN

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QURANIC EXAMPLE

وَٱلْقَمَرِ

Ash-Shams 91:2

Hamzat al-Qat‘
همزة القطع

Read when starting and joining.

COMMON WRITTEN FORMS

أ إ

QURANIC EXAMPLE

وَإِيَّاكَ

Al-Fatihah 1:5

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Hamzat al-Wasl (همزة الوصل)

Read at the Start - Skip When Joining

THE RULE

WHEN

Hamzat al-Wasl comes at the start of a word.

HOW

Read it when starting from that word. Skip its sound when joining from the word before it.

Its starting vowel depends on the word.

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QURANIC EXAMPLE

ٱلْحَمْدُ

Al-Fatihah 1:2

QURANIC EXAMPLE

وَٱلْقَمَرِ

Ash-Shams 91:2

QURANIC EXAMPLE

ٱهْدِنَا

Al-Fatihah 1:6

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Hamzat al-Qat‘ (همزة القطع)

Read the Hamza at the Start and When Joining

THE RULE

WHEN

The word starts with a Hamza, often written above or below Alif.

HOW

Read the Hamza when starting from the word and when joining it with the previous word.

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QURANIC EXAMPLE

إِيَّاكَ

Al-Fatihah 1:5

QURANIC EXAMPLE

وَإِيَّاكَ

Al-Fatihah 1:5

QURANIC EXAMPLE

أَنعَمْتَ

Al-Fatihah 1:7

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