Laam Rules in Tajweed (لام لفظِ جلالہ)

The Laam in Allah's Name Has Two Sounds

Heavy Laam

تفخیم

Pronounce the Laam with a full, heavy sound.

After Fatha or Damma, or when starting with Allah's name

QURANIC EXAMPLE

قَالَ ٱللَّهُ

Al-Ma'idah 5:116

Light Laam

ترقیق

Pronounce the Laam with a light sound.

When the sound before Allah's name has Kasra

QURANIC EXAMPLE

بِسْمِ ٱللَّهِ

Al-Fatihah 1:1

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Heavy Laam (تفخيم)

Read the Laam of Allah's Name Heavily

THE RULE

WHEN

The sound before Allah's name has Fatha or Damma. Also when you begin reading directly from Allah's name.

HOW

Read the Laam of Allah's name with a full, heavy sound.

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QURANIC EXAMPLE

قَالَ ٱللَّهُ

Al-Ma'idah 5:116 · After Fatha

QURANIC EXAMPLE

رَسُولُ ٱللَّهِ

Al-Fath 48:29 · After Damma

QURANIC EXAMPLE

ٱللَّهُ ٱلصَّمَدُ

Al-Ikhlas 112:2 · Starting from Allah

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Light Laam (ترقيق)

Read the Laam of Allah's Name Lightly

THE RULE

WHEN

The sound directly before Allah's name has Kasra.

HOW

Read the Laam of Allah's name with a light, thin sound.

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QURANIC EXAMPLE

بِسْمِ ٱللَّهِ

Al-Fatihah 1:1

QURANIC EXAMPLE

لِلَّهِ

Al-Fatihah 1:2

QURANIC EXAMPLE

بِٱللَّهِ

Al-Baqarah 2:8

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