# Hamzat al-wasl: the alif that disappears when you link

Hamzat al-wasl (ٱ) is an alif pronounced only when you begin reading. When you link with the word before, it disappears.

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**1** **Understand**

Where is it? In the article "ال (ٱلْكِتَٰبُ)", in a few nouns (ٱسْمٌ، ٱبْنٌ، ٱمْرَأَةٌ), and in verbs (3-letter commands: 5 ;ٱقْرَأْ- or 6-letter past tense: ٱسْتَغْفَرَ).

**2** **Spot it**

At the start of reading, it is pronounced with a vowel: fatha for "ال"; damma if the 3rd letter of the verb has a damma (ٱقْتُلُوا); kasra otherwise (ٱسْمٌ، ٱهْدِنَا).

**3** **Read it**

When you link with the previous word, the hamza is not said: وَٱلْفَجْرِ is read "wal-fajr". The opposite of hamzat al-qat' (أ), which is always pronounced.

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ٱقْرَأْ بِٱسْمِ رَبِّكَ ٱلَّذِى خَلَقَ

Surah 96, verse 1

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ٱهْدِنَا ٱلصِّرَٰطَ ٱلْمُسْتَقِيمَ

Surah 1, verse 6

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ٱللَّهُ ٱلصَّمَدُ

Surah 112, verse 2

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إِلَّا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا۟ وَعَمِلُوا۟ ٱلصَّٰلِحَٰتِ وَتَوَاصَوْا۟ بِٱلْحَقِّ وَتَوَاصَوْا۟ بِٱلصَّبْرِ

Surah 103, verse 3

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وَٱلضُّحَىٰ

Surah 93, verse 1

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**Previous rule · Idgham mutaqaribayn: letters with close makharij** **All rules**

**Next rule**

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