Ikhfa: concealing noon sakinah and tanween

Ikhfa means “hiding”. The noon sakinah or tanween is neither clear nor merged: it is concealed, with ghunnah, before 15 letters.

Content being reviewed by a teacher: please confirm with your own teacher.

1 Understand

The 15 letters are: ت ث ج د ذ ز س ش ص ض ط ظ ف ق ك. They are all the letters that are not in izhar, idgham, nor ب.

2 Spot it

The noon is not pronounced by touching the palate: you keep only the nasal sound (ghunnah) for about 2 counts.

3 Read it

During the ghunnah, the mouth already prepares for the next letter: lighter before ت, heavier before ق or ص.

ت ث ج د ذ ز س ش ص ض ط ظ ف ق ك

The 15 ikhfa letters

ikhfa

قُمْ فَأَنذِرْ

Surah 74, verse 2

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خَلَقَ ٱلْإِنسَٰنَ

Surah 55, verse 3

🔊 Listen (Mishary Al-Afasy)

وَطَلْحٍ مَّنضُودٍ

Surah 56, verse 29

🔊 Listen (Mishary Al-Afasy)

وَكَأْسًا دِهَاقًا

Surah 78, verse 34

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فِى رَقٍّ مَّنشُورٍ

Surah 52, verse 3

🔊 Listen (Mishary Al-Afasy)

فَأَمَّا مَن طَغَىٰ

Surah 79, verse 37

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Previous rule · Iqlab: the noon becomes a meem before ب **All rules** **Next rule**

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