The lam of the name Allah: heavy or light

The lam of the word Allah is sometimes read heavy (tafkhim), sometimes light (tarqiq). It all depends on the vowel of the letter just before.

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1 Understand

Spot the name ٱللَّه and look at the vowel of the letter before it, or the start of the recitation.

2 Spot it

After a fatha or damma (or at the very start): the lam is heavy (tafkhim): قَالَ ٱللَّهُ، رَسُولُ ٱللَّهِ.

3 Read it

After a kasra: the lam is light (tarqiq): بِسْمِ ٱللَّهِ، لِلَّهِ.

- lam of Allah, heavy (tafkhim)
- lam of Allah, light (tarqiq)

ٱللَّهُ ٱلصَّمَدُ

Surah 112, verse 2

🔊 Listen (Mishary Al-Afasy)

فَٱسْجُدُوا۟ لِلَّهِ وَٱعْبُدُوا۟ ۩

Surah 53, verse 62

🔊 Listen (Mishary Al-Afasy)

بِسْمِ ٱللَّهِ ٱلرَّحْمَٰنِ ٱلرَّحِيمِ

Surah 1, verse 1

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قُلْ هُوَ ٱللَّهُ أَحَدٌ

Surah 112, verse 1

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Previous rule · Lam qamariyyah: the pronounced lam before moon letters **All rules**

Next rule

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