Madd lazim: the compulsory madd of 6 counts and its 4 kinds

When a madd letter is followed by a permanent sukun or a shaddah, the madd is compulsory and the longest: 6 counts.

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1 Understand

Madd lazim is always 6 counts. Two criteria: a word (kilmi) or an isolated opening letter of a surah (harfi), and the cause: a shaddah (muthaqqal) or a sukun (mukhaffaf).

2 Spot it

Kilmi muthaqqal: ٱلضَّآلِّينَ (shaddah). Kilmi mukhaffaf: ءَآلْـَٰٔنَ (10:51, sukun, a rare case).

3 Read it

Harfi: on the opening letters of surahs. Harfi muthaqqal: الٓمٓ (the lam of “lam” with the meem). Harfi mukhaffaf: قٓ، نٓ، صٓ.

madd lazim (6 counts)

Examples: kilmi muthaqqal (1:7, 6:143), kilmi mukhaffaf (10:51), harfi muthaqqal (2:1), harfi mukhaffaf (50:1, 68:1, 38:1).

صِرَٰطَ ٱلَّذِينَ أَنعَمتَ عَلَيهِم غَيرِ ٱلمَغضُوبِ عَلَيهِم وَلَا ٱلضَّآلِّينَ

Surah 1, verse 7

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ثَمَٰنِيَةَ أَزوَٰجٍۖ مِّنَ ٱلضَّأنِ ٱثنَينِ وَمِنَ ٱلمَعزِ ٱثنَينِۗ قُل ءَآلذَّكَرَينِ حَرَّمَ أَمِ ٱلأُنثَيَينِ أَمَّا ٱشتَمَلَت عَلَيهِ أَرحَامُ ٱلأُنثَيَينِۖ نَبِّـُٔونِي بِعِلمٍ إِن كُنتُم صَٰدِقِينَ

Surah 6, verse 143

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أَثُمَّ إِذَا مَا وَقَعَ ءَامَنتُم بِهِۦٓۚ ءَآلـَٰٔنَ وَقَد كُنتُم بِهِۦ تَستَعجِلُونَ

Surah 10, verse 51

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الٓمٓ

Surah 2, verse 1

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قٓ ۚ وَٱلْقُرْءَانِ ٱلْمَجِيدِ

Surah 50, verse 1

🔊 Listen (Mishary Al-Afasy)

نٓ ۚ وَٱلْقَلَمِ وَمَا يَسْطُرُونَ

Surah 68, verse 1

🔊 Listen (Mishary Al-Afasy)

صٓ ۚ وَٱلْقُرْءَانِ ذِى ٱلذِّكْرِ

Surah 38, verse 1

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Previous rule · Madd munfasil: the separated madd of 4 to 5 counts **All rules**

Next rule

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