Sila kubra: the pronoun ha before a hamza, 4 to 5 counts

Same pronoun ha as sila sughra, but here the next word starts with a hamza: the lengthening goes up to 4 or 5 counts, like madd munfasil.

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1 Understand

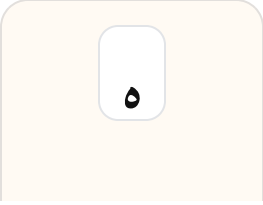
Look for the pronoun ha (ۥ، ۥُ) between two vowelled letters, as for sila sughra.

2 Spot it

Look at the next word: if it starts with a hamza, it is sila kubra: إِنَّهُۥٓ أَنَا.

3 Read it

Length: 4 to 5 counts, the same as madd munfasil. When stopping on the ha, there is no sila.



The pronoun ha

sila kubra (4–5 counts)

اُشْدُدْ بِهِۦٓ أَزْرِى

Surah 20, verse 31

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وَلَا يُوثِقُ وَثَاقَهُۥٓ أَحَدٌ

Surah 89, verse 26

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وَءَاخَرُ مِن شَكْلِهِۦٓ أَزْوَٰجٌ

Surah 38, verse 58

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أَيَحْسَبُ أَن لَّمْ يَرَهُۥٓ أَحَدٌ

Surah 90, verse 7

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يَحْسَبُ أَنَّ مَالَهُۥٓ أَخْلَدَهُۥ

Surah 104, verse 3

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وَأَنَّهُۥٓ أَهْلَكَ عَادًا ٱلْأُولَىٰ

Surah 53, verse 50

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