Madd tabii: the natural madd of 2 counts

Madd tabii (natural) is the basic lengthening: you stretch a vowel for 2 counts. Without it, the word changes meaning.

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1 Understand

There are 3 madd letters: the alif after a fatha (بَا), a sakin waw after a damma (بُو), a sakin ya after a kasra (بِي). Remember them with “nuhiha”.

2 Spot it

Madd tabii happens when no hamza or sukun follows the madd letter. The small dagger alif (ٰ) counts too: ٱلرَّحْمَٰنِ.

3 Read it

Length: exactly 2 counts. It is the unit for all other madd types, which add to it.



The madd letters

madd tabii (2 counts)

هَٰرُونَ أَخِى

Surah 20, verse 30

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إِلَٰهِ ٱلنَّاسِ

Surah 114, verse 3

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كِتَٰبٌ مَّرْقُومٌ

Surah 83, verse 9

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وَنَرَىٰهُ قَرِيبًا

Surah 70, verse 7

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كِرَامًا كَٰتِبِينَ

Surah 82, verse 11

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وَجَنَّٰتٍ وَعُيُونٍ

Surah 26, verse 134

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Previous rule · The tafkhim letters: the 7 heavy letters **All rules** **Next rule**

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