Meem sakinah: the 3 rules

A meem sakinah is a م with no vowel. As with the noon, the next letter decides: there are only 3 rules.

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1 Understand

A meem sakinah is a م with sukun (مْ), inside or at the end of a word.

2 Spot it

If the next letter is ب → ikhfa shafawi. If it is م → idgham shafawi (idgham mithlayn). For the other 26 letters → izhar shafawi.

3 Read it

The word “shafawi” comes from shafah (lip): these three rules are played on the lips.

ب
Ikhfa shafawi

م
Idgham shafawi

ikhfa shafawi · idgham shafawi (meem into meem) · izhar shafawi

فَإِذَا هُم بِٱلسَّاهِرَةِ

Surah 79, verse 14 — 🔊 Listen (Mishary Al-Afasy)

فَأَتۡبَعُوهُم مُّشۡرِقِينَ

Surah 26, verse 60 — 🔊 Listen (Mishary Al-Afasy)

قُمۡ فَأَنذِرۡ

Surah 74, verse 2 — 🔊 Listen (Mishary Al-Afasy)

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