The letter ra: heavy (tafkhim) or light (tarqiq)

The ra is a letter that changes its sound. With fatha or damma it is heavy; with kasra it is light. When it is sakin, look at the letter before.

Content being reviewed by a teacher: please confirm with your own teacher.

1 Understand

Voweled ra: fatha or damma → heavy (رَ، رُ); kasra → light (رِ). Examples: رَبِّ (heavy), رِزْقًا (light).

2 Spot it

Sakin ra: look at the vowel of the letter before. After fatha or damma → heavy (يَرْجِعُونَ). After kasra → light (فِرْعَوْنَ).

3 Read it

Cases to see with a teacher: a sakin ra after a kasra followed by a heavy letter in the same word (قِرْطَاسٍ) or some words when stopping. Here we study the simple cases.

ر

The ra

ra, heavy (tafkhim)

ra, light (tarqiq)

ٱلرَّحۡمَٰنُ

Surah 55, verse 1

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وَٱلطُّورِ

Surah 52, verse 1

Listen (Mishary Al-Afasy)

ثُمَّ نَظَرَ

Surah 74, verse 21

Listen (Mishary Al-Afasy)

وَٱلۡفَجۡرِ

Surah 89, verse 1

🔊 Listen (Mishary Al-Afasy)

وَحُورٌ عِينٌ

Surah 56, verse 22

🔊 Listen (Mishary Al-Afasy)

وَٱلْعَصْرِ

Surah 103, verse 1

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