The sakt: a silent pause without breathing

The sakt is a short stop of about 2 counts, without taking a breath, at a few precise places in the Quran. It is marked by a small ۜ.

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

1 Understand

In the Hafs reading it occurs in four places: after (18:1) عِوَجَا ۜ, after (36:52) مَّرْقَدِنَا ۜ, after (75:27) مَنْ ۜ, after (83:14) بَلْ ۜ.

2 Spot it

You pause for a moment, about 2 counts, without breathing, and carry on without changing the end of the word. The text carries a small ۜ sign.

3 Read it

A fifth sign appears in the Tanzil text after (69:28) مَالِيَهْ ۜ. Specialists treat it separately; ask your teacher how to read it.

● sakt (pause without breathing)

The last example (69:28) carries the sign found in the Tanzil text: check with your teacher.

ٱلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ ٱلَّذِىٓ أَنزَلَ عَلَىٰ عَبْدِهِ ٱلْكِتَٰبَ وَلَمْ يَجْعَل لَّهُۥ عِوَجَا ۜ س

Surah 18, verse 1

🔊 Listen (Mishary Al-Afasy)

قَالُوا۟ يَٰوَيْلَنَا مَنۢ بَعَثَنَا مِن مَّرْقَدِنَا ۜ قلے هَٰذَا مَا وَعَدَ ٱلرَّحْمَٰنُ وَصَدَقَ ٱلْمُرْسَلُونَ س

Surah 36, verse 52

🔊 Listen (Mishary Al-Afasy)

وَقِيلَ مَنْ ۜ رَاقٍ س

Surah 75, verse 27

🔊 Listen (Mishary Al-Afasy)

كَلَّا ۖ صلے بَلْ ۜ رَانَ عَلَىٰ قُلُوبِهِم مَّا كَانُوا۟ يَكْسِبُونَ س

Surah 83, verse 14

🔊 Listen (Mishary Al-Afasy)

مَآ أَغْنَىٰ عَنِّى مَالِيَهْ ۜ س

Surah 69, verse 28

🔊 Listen (Mishary Al-Afasy)

Previous rule · The rules of stopping (waqf) and restarting (ibtida) All rules

Final test: 20 questions

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